



Bob Chambers

Bob directed duplicate games at the Senior Activity Center and the Northwest Recreation Center for thirteen years, averaging over 200 tables per month. The games at the SAC usually ran over 16 tables and often had 20 or so. For a few years he had the only truly Novice Games (0-20mps) in Austin (one at each Center), preceding each game with a free 30-minute lesson. Back in the days when clubs awarded points based on six factors, his clubs awarded the maximum possible because he met all the required criteria. He also started Duplicate games at Westwood Country Club, Lakeway Country Club and the Delmar Recreation Center.

He directed three bridge cruises to: Alaska, Caribbean, Hawaii/South Pacific Islands.

He taught bridge at five recreation centers, four country clubs, two schools, and dozens of private homes around Austin. He was recognized three times in the Bridge Bulletin: being the first in the nation to teach over 100 students thru the "Club" text; then bringing over 100 students through each of the "ACBL-series" texts; finally, being the first to have taught 1000 through the combined "series" books.

He published a monthly newsletter about club and tournament events; and filled the pages with informative, educational notes on various laws, courtesies and administrative procedures. Even after resigning as a director, the Unit commissioned him to continue these highly requested publications.

For a Regional Tournament he composed a quiz of 50 Bridge Riddles which was widely enjoyed. In 2008 he was awarded the "Texas Star Award" for extraordinary service by Austin's Unit 207.

In April 2008 he moved to Lufkin, Texas to be within a few hours of all of their children. They immediately enlisted Bob to teach five classes. They had just organized a Duplicate Club there after a 30-year hiatus.

All total, he has had over 4300 students (several taking multiple classes) during a 25-year span. Over 250 of his students have attained Life Master. Through all of these opportunities, he enlisted over 700 players into ACBL rolls, at least for a 6-month membership.

Although he seldom had time for tournament-level play, he attained Silver Life Master (with 80% + of his nearly 1500 MP's earned at the club-level and thus awarded 10 Ace-Of-Clubs certificates). He remembers over 150 people with whom he as played as a partner.

He retired as a Major after 20 year in the USAF - attaining four enlisted and four officer ranks. That career was served in various fields of intelligence which took him to two tours overseas and fourteen locations around the United States. He directed music part time in Baptist Churches everywhere he lived for over thirty years and has composed over 80 church songs.

He and his wife, Lois have five children and fifteen grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Ten of the adults (counting daughters-in-law) are Baylorites.