



Welcome to the District 9 website.

As the Education Liaison, my belief is the heart and soul of any educational effort lies with the area bridge clubs. If you want to learn about the game and start playing, I encourage you to find and contact a local club to get information about their learning opportunities. Check out our club list under the *Units & Clubs* section to get started. All clubs offer various game schedules, many, if not most, offer games at varying levels.

Bridge is approaching 100 years of popularity. Bridge offers intellectual stimulation, provides analytical challenges, is proven to lower blood pressure, assists in enhancing cognitive function and offers opportunities for social interaction for all ages and all levels of players. Dwight Eisenhower, Omar Sharif, Agatha Christie, Bill Gates, Martina Navratilova, and Warren Buffet are a few of the notables who cherish the world's greatest game.

Bridge is played all over the world and is a common link between various countries and cultures. The community of bridge players are among the most altruistic, friendly, and giving individuals. Every year members of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars to charities around the world.

Our website provides links to the ACBL main site, our affiliates, local clubs, and has tournament information. In addition, we are adding content for developing players and articles of interest for all bridge players. I encourage you to explore District 9's new website!

It amazes me when I realize that I began playing bridge over 50 years ago! I cannot imagine my life without playing the game I love. Join me and other bridge enthusiasts. I promise you it's worth the effort and you will make friendships that last a lifetime.

If you need assistance or have questions, please email me at: d.r.bridge@hotmail.com.

Join us and *Let's Play Bridge!*

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