

When and Where I've Played or Directed Bridge Games

Social or Duplicate

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So far, 26 states and D.C., not to mention a few oceans.

1. **Missouri, 1964**

It was also here about 8 years later that I played in my one and only duplicate game (too much smoke!). I did not play duplicate again until 2001.



2. Ohio 1975

A few social games with fellow interns with P & G living in U. of Cincinnati student housing. See Alaska 1997, it was one of those fellow interns, Fay, that we went to visit and played bridge while there. Fay's ability to play bridge is what brought us together as friends in the first place and that friendship continues to this day!

3. Kansas 1983

First playing in a social bridge group, Ladies of Charity Bridge Marathon. Later playing duplicate at the KC Bridge Studio beginning in 2003.

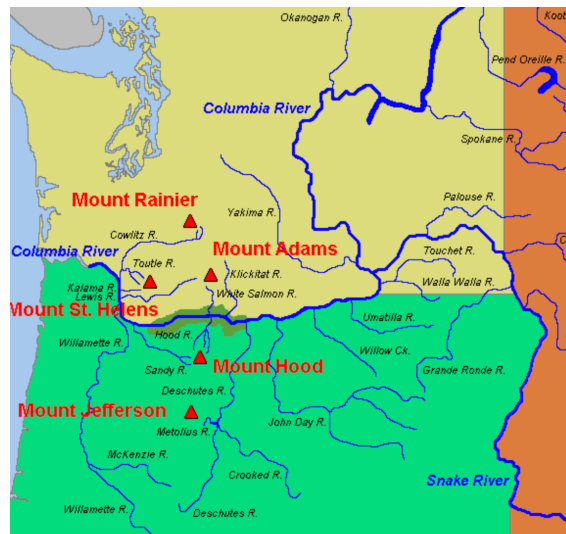
4. Alaska 1997

I played social bridge in a friend's living room (with whom I also played bridge in Ohio back in 1975) in Anchorage while on a family vacation. Our husbands played. My Mom and I taught my husband Gene to play in 1978. Below is a picture of my younger son Paul pointing to the Mendenhall Glacier while in Alaska.



5. Washington 2000

I played social bridge while on a stern wheeler cruise on the Columbia River. One pair was from Israel. The quality of play was pretty good. I played with my son Eric, whom my mom and I had taught to play a couple of years earlier. Eric played his first duplicate game a couple of weeks before I took it up again at the end of 2001.



6. Michigan 2002

My first silver points won here at a STaC while visiting a new bridge friend, Denise. She's still a good friend. That's the best part of the game of bridge, all the friends you make and hold onto through the years. My son Paul and I took this trip to Michigan for a variety of reasons, as a bike riding trip, so I could see Denise again and so Paul could attend a summer camp. He didn't like the summer camp, so I pulled him out early and we spent a few days exploring Copper Harbor and Lake Superior. I met Denise at a TAP (Teacher Accreditation Program) where we were both students getting certified to teach bridge. That class was held in November 2001 in Las Vegas at the Fall NABC (North American Bridge Championships) but I did not play duplicate, just went for the class. I was back in Michigan in 2008 for the North American Pairs Flight C with Krisi whom I started playing with in 2005, we made it into the 2nd day and picked up some masterpoints.



7. Louisiana 2003

My first tournament experience other than the STaC, was playing at the New Orleans Fall NABC in flight Ax of the open pairs, while I held only 15.43 masterpoints and my partner, a woman I had known since childhood, had over 2000 masterpoints. Rosie was a sweetheart to play with me! We weren't last!



8. Iowa 2004

Nebraska Regional, if you're a duplicate player from around here you understand this! Here I am at that same Regional in 2011 with a few of my students, not the guy at the right!!



9. Colorado 2005

I taught my younger son Paul how to play bridge while on a ski vacation in 2001, but didn't really play here until 2005 when my older son Eric and I won the National 99ers!

Mother-son duo tops 99er Pairs

Kathy and Eric Rolfe, a mother-son partnership from Kansas City MO, had a monster game in the first session of the National 99er Pairs, then held



Kathy and Eric Rolfe

on to win the event by a board over Ronald and Barbara Bunnell of Phoenix AZ.

The Rolfes have been playing duplicate about four years, but they don't get to many tournaments. He has been studying engineering at the University of Missouri. She is a quality assurance manager for a company in Olathe KS. In her spare time, she teaches bridge in local elementary schools.

In the first session, the Rolfes had a 69.05% game, more than four boards above average. They were only average in the second session, but it was more than enough.