



— THE FRIENDLIEST BRIDGE CLUB —

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MEET THE MASTERS



John Petrie

John Petrie has been an avid bridge player since college. Always an enthusiastic player of all card games, he and Al Lasas, a buddy from childhood, discovered the game of the bridge in college. Then, during his sophomore year, they found a duplicate bridge club in Inglewood and became serious players early in their bridge careers. From this start in the late 1960's John has amassed 4,302.56 masterpoints, ranking ninth in the unit.

John explained, "We didn't do well initially but I was blessed to play with and against excellent bridge players at the Inglewood House of Bridge. They tutored

EVENTS DECEMBER 2021

Face-to-Face Games

Monday	12:30 p.m.	Open*	\$10
Tuesday	12:30 p.m.	Open*	\$10
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	0-99	\$5
Wednesday	12:30 p.m.	Open*	\$10
Thursday	12:30 p.m.	Open*	\$10
Friday	12:30 p.m.	Open*	\$10
Saturday	12:30 p.m.	Open*	\$10

* NLM games possible, if enough players participate.

Club Championship-Rated Games 6 - 11 December
Unit Game-Rated Games 13 - 31 December

BBO VIRTUAL GAMES

All-Western – 99ers "Nite Club" Monday-Thursday
Competitive/ACBL Virtual Clubs, Search for VACB905265.
Select 0-99 or 0-20 All-Western 99er NiteClub.

- 6:20 p.m. 19ers.
- 6:30 p.m. 99ers. (0-20 players are welcome too!)
- 8:00ish Zoom "Post-Mortem" for both games



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Dalia Hernandez
Ruby Life Master

me along the way." He initially learned the Kaplan-Sheinwold system of bidding that involved weak NT's and, as he laughingly added, "frequent psych bids." John was quick to add that he almost never psychs now but an occasional interesting board tempts him to make a "creative bid."

John played a lot of bridge during his late 20's and early 30's, earning his Life Master at a time when points were hard to accrue. Marriage, family, and work then took his time so he only played bridge periodically over the next 25 years. Additionally, he got into yoga seriously for 12 years and still practices it today.

After his divorce in 1965, John took a year to travel around the world, spending three months in India and visiting Thailand, Kenya, Japan, and the Canary Islands. He explained, "I visited Europe too, spending over a month in Sweden and time in Morocco, but I wanted to be sure to visit the more exotic locations."

Returning to the United States, John resumed his career in sales of products for materials handling and industrial batteries for machines like forklifts, working

until he retired in 2001. With more time available, he sought out Long Beach Bridge, visited to club, and asked to kibitz a good player. Bob Mault was recommended to him and, after several kibitzing sessions, John started playing regularly at the club.

John's advice to new and developing players is threefold. "Bridge can be frustrating some times but stay with it." He also recommends studying good bridge books. He added, "I really like Terrence Reese's book on play of the hand. He writes so I feel like I'm sitting in his mind as he plays." Finally, John recommends patience with partners, something he himself continues to work on. He explained, "You can be angry with your partner but it doesn't do any good. If I find myself being critical of my partner I ask myself, 'Did I do everything I could for my partner to get it right?'" During safer-at-home, John did play on BBO but didn't enjoy it. "They do insane and stupid things that get in the way of good bridge practice." He hasn't returned to face-to-face bridge because his regular partners haven't. After retiring from his job,

John helped manage his son's properties in Long Beach but they're being sold now so John is entering a second retirement—with even more time for bridge! John added, "I am a very fortunate man. I'm not rich but I have everything I could ever ask for." He also enjoys his time with his three granddaughters. John acknowledged "I can be a jerk at the table sometimes. I'm not doing that any more." We look forward to seeing John face-to-face at the bridge table soon—wearing his signature shorts and sandals, taking frequent smoking breaks, and practicing his new resolution.

by Lillian Slater

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