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I started to play weekly at our local club, but that still wasn't enough, so I decided to play with real people on BBO. I like the "speedball" tournaments because they start on the hour and are finished within an hour. I also prefer to play "independent" rather than pairs. It can be a bit challenging to play with random people, but I feel that it is also more fair. And, it pushes me to be a better player since those games are not handicapped.

My bridge journey started at 10 years old when mother taught me how to play bridge, so I could fill in if she needed a fourth. About 20 years ago, mom retired and lived nearby, and I tried to play social bridge with her at least once a month. After mom died, I found out she had earned 0.88 masterpoints and I was impressed that ACBL kept track of those points through the years!

I continue to play online ACBL tournaments during COVID-19. I have also introduced several local duplicate players to BBO and some of them have also started playing ACBL tournaments online.