

**John Keck**

**Albuquerque Unit 374**

**Nominated by Neil Hunter**

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John, a strong presence at the bridge table, with his 6'4" frame, is actually a soft spoken, pleasant guy. He was born in Oklahoma, but moved to Farmington when he was young, and spent his school years there. After high school, he spent three years in the Army, with one year in Vietnam. After that, he attended NMSU receiving his BA in Information Systems. He then joined the Air Force, where he spent the next 18 years traveling and working in information systems and communications. He also attained a Masters in Finance at this time.

After retirement, he settled in Albuquerque and worked as Chief Technical officer at Kirtland Federal and 10 years as a statistical economist for the state of New Mexico.

John's first introduction to bridge was at an adult education class in California, while he was stationed there. As a total novice, he played in a tournament with an 80-year old party bridge player (no master points) and they came in first. But after that, work and life got in the way and he didn't play again until he retired. After taking beginner classes in Albuquerque, he started playing in the Wednesday night group and has done that for many years. He'd like to play more when time allows – he has started playing Monday afternoons with Alan Goldman as his partner/mentor.

John has two daughters and he's raising two grandchildren – ages 13 and 15. He's a busy man, but likes it that way and enjoys teaching the beginners because they're interested and enthused about the game. With the help of Rick Weigle, he plans to keep the beginner classes going and hopes to help them "graduate" to Duke City play.