

## NEW PBC Members Edition II



Linda Morrell and her bridge partner, George Hillow, are recent members of the PBC. Tom Fukawa recently wrote about George in his Hot News email. Now it is time to learn more about Linda.

Linda is a native of Richmond, VA, attended Henrico High School and graduated from Mary Washington College with a Math degree and continued her post graduate studies at Virginia Tech in Educational instruction with a concentration in Statistics.

After graduating from VT and working for Wheat First Securities, Linda applied for a teaching position in Richmond on a whim. She was offered a job with the Richmond City schools. Her career now spans teaching in Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Virginia with the majority of her time in the last two states. Linda taught Math ranging from pre-Algebra to Advanced Placement Statistics. She also taught computer programming and is well versed in Pascal and Basic computer languages plus has been a resource teacher, department head and administrator before retiring in 2016.

Her first introduction to bridge was playing in a lunchtime game while working at a bank before entering college. However, it was not until Linda moved to Williamsburg in 2018 where her sister lives that she was introduced to duplicate bridge at lessons taught by Jim Davis. When Linda learned that George also was interested in bridge, a partnership was formed and they attended Paul DeMarsh's bridge lessons and joined our club.

Linda is looking for her first masterpoint and believes playing with the same partner provides consistency to bridge play. As a new player, she finds trying to bid at the right level is a challenge but recognizes that comes with being new at the game. Her goal is to have fun, be competitive, improve and play in a bridge tournament.

In addition to bridge, Linda enjoys other card games: Train, Solitaire, Yahtzee, Backgammon, Boggle, Hand and Foot and Canasta. The list does not stop there, however, as Linda sews, crochets, quilts, kayaks and gardens. She also has recently started biking and has a new Cruiser. Volunteering at Habitat for Humanity and doing taxes for the AARP also keep her busy.

Traveling is another passion as Linda has been to 28 states, London and Paris. Her bucket list was temporarily interrupted by Covid but hopes to go to Italy and Australia in the future.

Linda has one daughter who is married and lives in NYC. No grandchildren yet!

You will see Linda and George often at our Monday PBC games.

That masterpoint will come soon!



Sue Carruth, who lives in Williamsburg with her husband, Mike, joined the PBC in 2022.

Sue is originally from corn country, Sioux City, Iowa (although she is not fond of corn). After graduating from high school, Sue and her parents moved to Arkansas where she enrolled at the University of Conway. After two years she met and married Mike, an industrial salesman. They moved to Little Rock where Sue enrolled in St. Vincent Infirmary, School of Radiologic Technology, adding additional college credits to her resume.

From Little Rock, the family moved to Baton Rouge, LA then to Irvine, CA. Sue then enrolled at Orange Coast College and graduated with an Associate Degree in Ultrasonography. Mike's job then took them to San Ramon, CA and in 1990 to Williamsburg.

In 1993, Sue began working part-time in civil service at Medivac, Fort Eustis and returned to college to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in Radiologic Technology earning those needed 11 credit hours by taking her remaining courses at Thomas Nelson College, CNU and William and Mary.

Sue retired from Fort Eustis in 2016 and friends suggested she learn to play bridge, in 2017, she enrolled in Jim Davis' bridge lessons and loved the game. When COVID shut down face to face, Sue started playing online and now plays online every day

with a partners in Rhode Island, Minnesota and two friends in Honolulu when she is not playing at the f2f PBC game. She now has amassed 170 mps.

What Sue enjoys most about bridge is the challenge of the game and the social aspect. However, finessing is sometimes an issue at the moment.

Sue and Mike have two daughters, a grandson and two granddaughters. Sarah, the older daughter, lives in Northern Virginia where she is a professor at Georgetown University and a supervisor at D.C. Children's Hospital. The younger daughter, Carrie, is married and resides in Williamsburg with her husband and the three grandchildren.

Sue's other major interests are golf, baking and gardening. Actually, Sue is a Master Gardener.

Welcome to the PBC, Sue.