

Local player becomes Grand Life Master!

*Congratulations to Jeff Edelstein,
a member of District 9 and ACBL National Recorder!*



Mr. Edelstein attained the needed 10,000 points on Sunday, September 25 and his achievement will be recognized by the ACBL on Thursday, October 6. He and his partner, Matthew Weingarten won the North American Pairs at the Nationals in Memphis 2019 to secure one of the major requirements for Grand Life Master honors.

Jeff began his bridge career as a teenager in Staten Island, NY and was the second runner up in the 1986 King of Bridge. He graduated from Florida State Law School in 1993 and juggled playing bridge while working for major companies such as Princeton Review in Istanbul and Samsung in Korea. Upon returning to the United States, he settled in Tampa and was a major force within his local clubs. He was exceptionally generous in sharing his knowledge about the game with his fellow players as well as starting a learn bridge program at a local Boys and Girls Club. A teacher by nature, he taught numerous lessons at his local clubs, gave pre- and post-game recaps to standing room only crowds and taught seminars at Unit 128 Regionals.

In addition, Mr. Edelstein held a variety of bridge governance positions. He served on The Tampa Bay Bridge Center board for five years and was President from 2019 to 2020. Additionally, he was on the District 9 and Unit 128 boards. During his tenure, he held two different officer positions. He was Vice President for District 9 from 2015 – 2019 and Vice President for Unit 128 from 2019 until he began working for the ACBL as the National Recorder.

In April of 2022, Jeff was appointed National Recorder by the ACBL and has been working diligently in that capacity. As National Recorder, he has been responsible for streamlining the process for identifying, investigating, and taking action against players who violate the Bridge Code of Ethics.

The membership of District 9 and Unit 128, wholeheartedly congratulate Jeff on his achievement of Grand Life Master! We look forward to seeing you at a regional very soon to offer our in-person congratulations!!

