

## **My Story – District 11 Rank Promotion Perspectives**

Here are the stories of our members as they reflect on a recent rank promotion.

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### **Gregory Cislak – ACBL Junior Master**



Hi Larry,

It has taken me two years to move beyond Rookie status. I used to play bridge in high school with a regular group of friends, but it was rubber bridge and we didn't have much instruction. My wife did not enjoy playing bridge so I didn't play until my neighbor invited me to the Indianapolis Bridge Center for an 8-week series of beginning bridge lessons. My schedule allowed me to play Sunday afternoon (0-50) on a regular basis, but I didn't have a regular partner.

Recently, I reconnected with one of my good friends from high school who played bridge with me. He was interested in playing again so he started to take the beginning bridge classes at the Indianapolis Bridge Center. A few weeks ago, we started playing together on Sunday afternoons and placed first the last two Sundays. Those games put me over the threshold for Junior Master.

I am hoping my new partner will continue to play with me so we can advance together.

The local club has excellent teachers and I always gain new insights into the game whatever class I try. They have offered some free beginners' classes that have been well received and brought in many new players. I probably could have advanced quicker if I had been able to find someone to play with regularly.

Loving bridge!

Kind regards,  
Greg