

2023 Hall of Fame Award Recipients Kay and Randy Joyce

Kay and Randy Joyce were selected as winners of the Unit 191 Hall of Fame Award for 2023. They are one of the most successful wife and husband bridge partnerships over the past 40+ years. In Unit 191, they have the highest career masterpoint totals of any current members. Randy has more than 30,000 and Kay has more than 29,000 masterpoints. In District 7, Randy ranks 3rd and Kay ranks 6th over all players and 1st amongst women players. In the ACBL worldwide, Randy is 57th and Kay is 70th overall. Now that is success! They are very consistent players and each have more than 200 blue ribbon qualifications earned by having come in first or second in a regional event. These days they play mostly in sectional or regional tournaments but you will see them a few times a month at a local club game. In 2023 Kay Joyce earned the most points of any player in the ACBL at sectional tournaments. She played in 13 sectionals (all in North Carolina) and earned 304 masterpoints that year. That is a lot of tournaments! Over the years, Kay has ranked amongst the ACBL's top 500 masterpoint winners every year since 1971. Randy has done so as well since 1972. This past March, they earned another distinction by winning the Mixed Senior Pairs event at the Louisville NABC, thus becoming Grand Life Masters! Congratulations!

Kay and Randy both started playing competitive bridge while in college at UNC but didn't become life partners or bridge partners until later. They have now been married for 43 years. Both are North Carolina natives and have been members of Unit 169, Unit 119 and in recent years they are members of our own Unit 191 based in the Durham/Chapel Hill area.

In addition to their success at the table as competitors, they have also been great leaders in the ACBL. Both are ACBL Goodwill Ambassadors. Kay earned this distinction in 1978 and Randy earned it in 1990. These awards are given to individuals who contribute greatly to the game and the ACBL organization at various levels.

Both Kay and Randy have served as bridge teachers sharing their skills with others and mentoring small groups and individuals over the years. Randy can often be seen discussing interesting boards with his students at sectionals or after club games. Both Kay and Randy are gracious competitors at the table and are also willing to give their perspective on bidding and the play of the hand when asked. Randy served as a writer for our Alert Newsletter providing countless presentations and discussions about bidding and play to us all each month. If you look back through the Alert Archives on the Unit 191 website you will find many of his articles that provide valuable relevant information for all bridge players. Check them out! We are so thankful for their efforts to help fellow ACBL members develop their game skills.

Congratulations to Kay and Randy Joyce - our 2023 Unit 191 Hall of Fame Award winners!