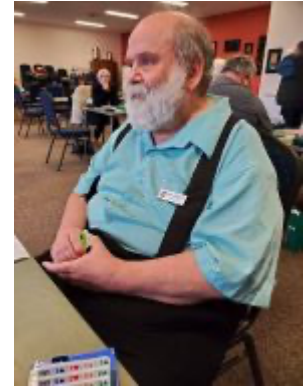


If you show up at the Oly bridge club without a partner, chances are good you'll be playing with affable standby [STAN DELDUCCO](#). Stan began learning bridge at the University of Washington in the mid-1970s with a dorm mate and a bridge book. They went on to play at the Magnolia Bridge Club in Seattle and competed in ACBL tournaments in the area. He recalls tourneys were quite different back then: no bidding boxes, and regionals often had a banquet license. "The dummy often got the drinks."

After graduating from the University of Wahington with degrees in math and physics, Stan worked at a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Mammal Lab in Seattle before being hired by Boeing in 1979 as a typical "cocky young computer programmer." His mantra was "I can do anything, given enough time and money!" Stan, who worked for Boeing for 34 years before retiring, advises that Boeing "turns employees into old curmudgeons." Not necessarily a bad thing, he further notes.



Having grown up in Olympia, Stan returned following his retirement to be near his brother and sister. Sister Carla, who was taking lessons, brought him to the Olympia bridge club in 2014. Carla and Stan both enjoy plant cultivation, a carryover from having worked at Olympia Greenhouses, their family's well-loved business, for many years. Sister Phyllis moved to Olympia in 2024 to be closer to family and grandchildren and is also learning bridge.