

Roy Olson

It's perhaps somewhat unsettling to hear someone with a doctorate degree in **mathematics** say he doesn't always see the need for so many fancy, complicated conventions in duplicate. But, **ROY OLSON's** feelings are apropos to bridge's complexity. Over the years, Roy has casually played bridge in social situations - with college friends, at family get-togethers, etc. - but he didn't begin **duplicate** until friend Bill White brought him into the Olympia Bridge Club about five years ago. Roy then commenced **Easy Bridge** lessons with Brad Kalweit on Saturdays.



Roy lived his first ten years in San Francisco but is a graduate of Analy High School in Sebastopol, **California**. After obtaining his **B.A. in math** from Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, California, he then earned an **M.S.** from the University of Idaho, followed by his **Ph.D.** from the University of Washington in Seattle. Then ensued several years of **teaching** on the college level, including three years in Washington, two years in Hawaii, and two years at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. After realizing "They weren't buying what I was selling," Roy underwent a career change and became an **actuary**. Taking a position with the Washington State Insurance Commissioner in 1988, Roy retired after 23 years there in 2011.

Besides duplicate, Roy says he has "dabbled in various things," although he admits to having had an "attitude adjustment" in life. Not as competitive as in his younger years, Roy enjoys a **variety of interests**, including being a member of **Toastmasters**, where he has reached the Competent Communicator level in presentations. He is also a former **Mountaineers** member and enjoys **cooking and canning**. His most recent interest is **genealogy**. Here Roy has uncovered many "surprises and mysteries" that have exceeded his expectations, including two apparently risqué grannies in his family! *(-Nan Hittmeier, October 2019)*

