

I grew up playing bridge during visits to my grandparents' home. We learned by using an old Charles Goren tablecloth that illustrated the bidding rules. I enjoyed spending time with my grandparents playing the game they loved, but my interest in bridge didn't really start full bore until I reached college.



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Team Testimonial

As a freshman looking for things to do, I joined Northwestern University's bridge club. I think meeting and making friends with other young people who played piqued my interest initially, but soon my fascination with the game itself kept me hooked. I loved the competitiveness, the logic of piecing together a hand both during the bidding and the play, and especially the partnership collaboration that is so necessary for success. I devoted my spare time during my college years to learning to play bridge and loved that each time that I felt that I had mastered one aspect of the game, another area came to light. I don't have as much time on my hands now, but to this day I am still working on my game!

As school wound down and I was looking for a career, I was incredibly lucky to find trading, which allows me to use many of the skills that I developed while learning bridge. Successful traders are constantly weighing risk and reward to reach a positive outcome; think about the decision between bidding a close game versus stopping the bidding low. We strive to make sound decisions over a long period of time; think playing in a long match where one lucky decision or a single unfortunate one is not so significant — rather the team that plays consistently throughout will tend to win.

I was equally lucky to find CTC. This company is the perfect partner for me in my career. I have been working here for almost 20 years, and each day I get to face the competitive arena of options trading with a world class team. We know that it is impossible to get every trading decision right, but we are long-term winners who pick each other up, push each other to improve and never give up. What more could a bridge addict ask for in a career?