

UNIT 125 MEMBER OF THE YEAR – May 19, 2019

As a member of the committee, it is my pleasure to present the Unit 125 Member of the Year award. This award was created to recognize a member that exemplifies the following characteristics:

- Integrity and ethical behavior
- Actively promotes bridge in our unit
- Friendly and courteous to other players
- Longevity as a player

The first awards were presented in 2009 and our current recipient is as deserving as all the previous winners. This member started his bridge career in Cleveland over 40 years ago and was one of the youngest Life Masters at that time. He played with many other young players and was known as part of the “Junior League” in the Bobb Hardies bridge column. Over the years, he has served the Unit as President three times, board member for several terms, chair of the Vichill League, lecturer and teacher for many Whist Club events.

This member plays bridge at all levels and is recognized across the country for his high ethical standards and fine play. He represented Unit 125 repeatedly in the Grand National Pairs and Grand National Teams events. He has won the Unit 125 Bobb Hardies award numerous times.

This year’s winner has dedicated his life to teaching and playing bridge, always elevating the experience of his students, partners and opponents. To this day, he continues to be an active member of the Unit, attending many local club games and tournaments to promote bridge within the Unit.

The 2019 Unit 125 Member of the Year is Phil Becker.

Thanks to Sharon Fairchild who was the chair of the Member of the Year Committee and to Barbara Bacon who was a member of the committee.