

Bridge Marriage Secret



Did you ever know a married couple that simply could not play bridge together? Well, Unit 109's bridge playing couple, Bill and Estelle Rowland, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on December 24, 2009 and play together weekly. They have been playing bridge together for over half a century! Bill and Estelle are 96 and 94 years young, respectively.

The places they have played bridge together over the decades include the clubs around their homes in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Virginia. They have played in the Bermuda Regional twice and received 24 of the required 25 gold points at one open pairs game in a Connecticut regional by placing second overall!

In addition to playing during the week in Richmond, Estelle and Bill played all three days in the Unit 109 August 2010 sectional including the all day Sunday Swiss! Whenever they play in a pairs game they play East-West so they can move around more! How can a couple play together and stay wed for 70 years? Estelle shares with other bridge players her secret for a long, happy marriage: love, patience, perseverance and shots of bourbon – not necessarily in that order.