

Robert Thorstad

Robert was born in the Washington, D.C. area, but grew up in North Carolina. An identical twin Robert played chess in school but learned bridge during college at Haverford College. Robert is a graduate student in Psychology at Emory University.

Robert was introduced to competitive bridge during his time, after undergraduate school, working in a research lab at UNC Chapel Hill. The bridge team there was very strong, and both the members of the bridge team and local expert community, helped Robert and the other members improve their bridge. With the UNC team, Robert made the final of the Collegiate National Championship (where they lost to Berkeley). Robert also won the C Flight North American Pairs at the Reno NABC, playing with Ben Kompa, also from UNC.

Robert enjoys playing with new players (particularly juniors). His advice to advancing players would be to focus on the basics, especially card play, as well as never stop asking questions about why a position should (or should not) be played a certain way. If the person you are playing with can't answer those questions, then find someone who can!

Outside of bridge, Robert is an avid soccer fan, part of a Supporter's Group for the Atlanta United team. He attends every game and roots for the team.