



**LEDA FIELDS WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THE MIDWEST STATES OF MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN WHERE HER MOTHER, WHO WAS AN AVID BRIDGE PLAYER, OFTEN DRAFTED HER CHILD AS A FOURTH IN HER GAMES.**

**SHE GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE AND MARRIED JOHN FIELDS IN 1984. HER SON WAS BORN IN 1986. LEDA AND JOHN THEN MOVED TO CALIFORNIA IN 1987 AND HAD A DAUGHTER IN 1988.**

**BEFORE COMING TO CALIFORNIA, SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAD JOINED THE WAUKEGAN BRIDGE CLUB WHERE THEY TOOK LESSONS. LEDA HAD ALSO TAUGHT SPANISH, BUT ONCE IN CALIFORNIA, HER TWO SMALL CHILDREN TOOK UP MOST OF HER TIME.**

**LATER, LIVING IN ARROYO GRANDE AND WITH THE CHILDREN GROWN, LEDA BEGAN PLAYING DUPLICATE BRIDGE IN SAN LUIS OBISPO. IN 2010, SHE REJOINED ACBL AND TOOK LESSONS WITH HER SON FROM TORRE HOULGATE-WEST WHO SOON BECAME HER GOOD FRIEND AND MENTOR.**

**LEDA HAD ONLY TEN MASTER POINTS WHEN TORRE INVITED HER TO GO WITH HER TO A BRIDGE- TEACHING CLASS IN LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN. SHE AGREED TO GO BECAUSE SHE HAD FAMILY AND OLD FRIENDS TO VISIT IN THE AREA.**

**VERY HOME AND FAMILY-ORIENTED, LEDA OFTEN PLAYS IN TOURNAMENTS WITH HER HUSBAND AND SON. IN JUNE, 2013, PLAYING WITH HER SON IN LAS VEGAS, SHE BECAME A LIFE MASTER.**

**HER SON, JOHN, IS NOT FAR BEHIND.**

**GENEROUSLY, LEDA IS ON THE BOARD OF THE SLO BRIDGE CLUB AND TEACHES AND MENTORS NOVICE BRIDGE PLAYERS.**