# bRIdge Bits

The Newsletter of the Rhode Island Bridge Association

#### SEPTEMBER 2020

# Message from the President



Dear Friends,

I hope that everyone is faring well and playing as much bridge as you can! Bridge is still "online only", but maybe that situation will change a bit over the next few months.

Some things about our new life don't seem to change much.

Over the summer I was very pleased to be able to help a friend achieve Life Master status, and to help raise money for the Alzheimer's Association through The Longest Day events. While we didn't raise quite as much this year playing 'Virtual Bridge', we had a "Marathon" on Bridge Base Online (BBO) with one-hour games from 10 am to 10 pm, and raised \$2263 to contribute to Alzheimer's research. That was very rewarding, and many thanks go to Sue Miguel for setting those games up on BBO.

Now we're making plans for a Virtual Annual Meeting and Gala to take the place of one of our most popular events. The plans are to have all of you Rhode Island players join us for a game on BBO on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 12:30 pm - yes, that's Halloween! After the game, at about 2:30 pm, we'll invite you to our Annual Meeting to be held via Zoom, the online meeting site. We'll have election of officers, announcement of Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards, and other business - as well as a chance to get to "see" each other for an hour or so. I look forward to it.

In the meantime, please keep in touch!

All my best, Marshall Williams RIBA President

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# The ACBL has cancelled all sectional, regional and NABC tournaments for the remainder of 2020.

There will be no Warwick Regional or Sectionals in September and January 2021.

# Rhode Island Bridge Association Annual Meeting & Gala

Saturday October 31 @ 12:30 pm Watch for Flyer in early October

Sue Miguel will host a Virtual Game on BBO, so **now** is the time to start looking for a partner to play in this event. The Annual Meeting will follow shortly after the game has ended at approximately 2:15 pm.

# RIBA 2020 Directory Needs Your Help

We want to publish the 2020 Directory with the most up-to-date information.

In order to provide you with the best possible publication, we ask that you log on to the ACBL Website, <a href="https://www.acbl.org/">https://www.acbl.org/</a>, click on 'MyACBL', and log into your account.

Click on 'Update My Information', then click on 'Update My Contact Information'.

Be sure all of your details: Name, Address, Phone Number(s), and Email, are correct.

We will be publishing an electronic directory (email) only this year, so we appreciate your help with this!

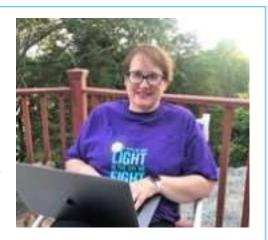
Thank you,

Your Rhode Island Bridge Association Board (RIBA)

# Longest Day a Success!

Submitted by Sue Miguel, Director

RIBA hosted its first ever Bridge Marathon to support The Longest Day. Sue Miguel directed the day-long virtual event and Marshall Williams served as team captain and head cheerleader. Over the six sessions, 58 tables joined in the fun on Saturday, June 20. We played our way to \$2,263 for the fight against Alzheimer's! CONGRATS TO: Pro Frizzel, Greg Klinker, Colette Harrington, Beverly Nill, Valerie DePadre, Marshall Williams and Janice Baker who played every session.



#### **District News**

Submitted by Lois DeBlois, Executive Committee, New England District 25

With the June notification that the Fall 2020 NABC and all face-to-face events were cancelled through the end of the year, the ACBL is all-in with BBO virtual games running a number of virtual events. As Chairs of the 2021 NABC Committee, Joe Brouillard and I are looking toward March for the St. Louis NABC. If that National can run, we will be full steam ahead for Providence in July. The District Board has been communicating via emails and we expect to have a virtual meeting in the near future.

# Membership Report June – July 2020

Submitted by Paula Najarian, Membership Chair

#### **New Members**

Carol Hansen **Pawtucket** Bill Henry East Greenwich Jean Kopp Westerly Catherine Lathrop Westerly Lea Angell Little Compton Lucinda Barnard Little Compton Amy Chafee Little Compton Marjorie Hellman **Central Falls** Joshua Ott Little Compton Carlota Taylor Little Compton Mary Marinelli North Kingstown Debra Ouellette Middletown **Carol Rooney** Johnston

Total Members as of 8/1/20: 488

#### **Life Master Milestones**

Gold Life Master

Sue Miguel Tiverton

Ruby Life Master

Linda Ahrens West Yarmouth, MA Lois DeBlois Warwick

#### Bronze Life Master

Janice Baker Chepachet

NABC Master

Richard Fernie North Kingstown

Regional Master

Beverly Cohen Pawtucket
Stanley Cohen Pawtucket
John Dinapoli Middletown
Laura Yentsch Jamestown

Sectional Master

Sandra Barnes Newport
Craig Caldwell Providence
John Fitzpatrick Warwick
Vivian Malloy Providence
William Rusch Middletown
Gary Galucci Johnston

Club Master

Peter Ripp Bristol
Ayse Gokaslan Barrington
Joan Keger Saunderstown
Karen Lidman Tiverton

Junior Master

Virginia Merriman Little Compton Donna Kublin Bristol

Stephen Linder East Providence

### Ace of Clubs 2019 Standings

See results by clicking on the link below:

http://web2.acbl.org/As400/mpraces/unit/2020/ac145.htm

### Mini-McKenney 2019 Standings

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## Bridge in Rhode Island

Currently the only way to score ACBL points is to play online. To view another Bridge Base tutorial, go to <a href="http://www.ribridge.org/">http://www.ribridge.org/</a>, then click on the BBO Tutorial link in the first paragraph in the center of the page.

For those who would like an advanced tutorial on playing with the robots, contact Cindy at <a href="mottle@swcp.com">mottle@swcp.com</a>. Please put 'Robots' in the **Subject** heading so I can reply quickly to your request.

#### Virtual Clubs

Sue Miguel is now responsible for Clint Wright Pairs and Viking Bridge Club. To view days and times availability, click on <a href="https://www.vikingbridgeclub.com/home-">https://www.vikingbridgeclub.com/home-</a>.

Sue reports that GOLD points games will be offered in September.

#### **RIBA Officers**

President: Marshall Williams Vice-President: Meg Gousie Secretary: Maureen Fahey Treasurer: Joseph Brouillard

#### **Board of Directors**

Linda Ahrens
Joseph Brouillard
Barton Buffington
Charleen Christy
Lois DeBlois
Megan DiOrio
Maureen Fahey
Julie Goulet
Meg Gousie
Cindy Mottle
Paula Najarian
Don Rankin
Chris Soares
Marshall Williams
Stanley Williams