

bRidge Bits

The Newsletter of the Rhode Island Bridge Association

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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, <https://www.acbl.org/>, 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 <http://www.ribridge.org/>, 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 mottle@swcp.com. 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 <https://www.vikingbridgeclub.com/home-> .

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
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