

bRidge Bits

The Newsletter of the Rhode Island Bridge Association

JUNE 2021

Warwick Bridge Club Reopens



Bart Buffington, Ida Farnworth, and Phyllis Chase share some pleasantries before the Friday May 28th game began.



The smile on Bob Garfinkel's face tells it all: the club reopening, with games offered Monday through Saturday, is attracting both new and regular players to 436 Buttonwoods Avenue.

Thanks to the May 21st Reopening Rhode Island Guidelines and the increase in game participants, the requirements of masking and calling the club before playing have been lifted, as all players are required to submit proof of vaccination completion.

Game fees remain at \$7.50.

Message from the President



A very happy June to you all as we emerge from our "Covid cocoons" — it's been so exciting to see places opening up and Rhode Island coming back to normal — one step at a time. Let's all hope these trends continue.

The Rhode Island bridge world is beginning to open up as well. The Warwick Bridge Club is now running its regular schedule of games, and when I went to play on a recent Saturday there were four tables of happy bridge players, all getting used to holding real cards in their hands, using bidding boxes, making alerts, managing boards, and moving from table to table — all those things we got used to doing a different way!

There were also a number of people, I realized, who had not tried online bridge and were playing again for the first time in fifteen months - to all of you I send a special "welcome back." It's great to see everyone.

In some ways the world of bridge has changed permanently, of course — the online games will continue into the future, offering lots of playing opportunities we wouldn't have otherwise, and many bridge clubs will set up a "hybrid" of face-to-face and virtual games over the next few months. This should be a good thing for everyone — more chances to play.

There will be announcements through the summer about newly re-opened clubs and tournaments, so keep an eye out for this news.

And we have another special feature to look forward to in June; once again bridge players will have a chance to support Alzheimer's Disease research by playing in The Longest Day games. Sue Miguel and the Viking Bridge Club will sponsor an online "marathon" of games, Saturday, June 19, from 10 am to 10 pm - 12-board games (that will last just over an hour) at 10 am, noon, 2 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm. Warwick Bridge Club will hold Longest Day games as well. Watch for announcements — and once again there is a Rhode Island Kings & Queens Team Page on The Longest Day website — you can log onto this to join the team, make a donation and raise money from family and friends. Over the past ten years we've helped raise thousands of dollars toward Alzheimer's research! Please join me in supporting The Longest Day effort, and I hope I'll see you all at the bridge table sometime soon - that will be quite a treat.

All my best,

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District 25 News

By Lois Deblois, District Executive Committee

2022 PROVIDENCE NABC: Mark your calendar for July 14-24, 2022! Plans for the rescheduled 2021 Providence NABC have restarted. Over the next several months Joe and I will be meeting with the NABC Committees and updating needs for 2022. Volunteers will be an important part of the success of this event. A formal request will go out later this year, but let us know at any time if you are interested.

REGIONALS: The District Tournament Committee has received approval from the ACBL to hold the Ocean State Regional in Warwick, which is scheduled for Tuesday, August 31 – Sunday, September 5. This approval is conditional ONLY if the situation with this virus changes and cancellation is necessary.

Click on <http://www.nebridge.org/> for updates on this topic.

Bridge in Rhode Island

In-Person Clubs

The Warwick Bridge opened for in-person games on May 17th. See the Bits Front Page for more details.

Virtual Clubs

Sue Miguel is responsible for the Viking Bridge Club. To view days and times availability and for special events, click on

<https://www.vikingbridgeclub.com/home->

Upcoming Events

Jun 19 Virtual RIBA Marathon

Jun 19 -20 Virtual Longest Day

For more info on the above, click on <http://www.ribridge.org/>

Aug 31 – Sep 5 Warwick Regional—see **District 25 News** above.

Jul 14 – 24 2022 Providence NABC

Your submissions to and ideas for bRidge Bits are welcome. Send to Cindy Mottle at mottle@swcp.com.

Back issues at <http://www.ribridge.org/> (click on "News").

Unit 145

Membership Report

March 9, 2021 – May 31, 2021

Transferred Members

We welcome back our winter snowbirds to Unit 145. We encourage them to remain in Unit 145 as year-round members.

Carol S Finkelman	Providence
Livia D Greenberg	Warwick
Irene C Hynes	Narragansett
Jean C Lieberman	Cranston
Peter W Lieberman	Cranston
Joannie Papazian	Smithfield
Lee E Rodman	Saunderstown
Ronda L Smith	West Warwick
Ann R Baker	Saunderstown
Janice M Baker	Chepachet
Kenneth R Bradford	Hope Valley
Leilani L Brenner	Newport
Christine H Carr	Barrington
William G Carr	Barrington
deLancey M Converse	Jamestown
Elizabeth B Crosby	Westerly
John B Crosby Jr	Westerly
Marcia B Greenberg	Jamestown
Lois Hopfenberg	Newport
Martha Hutchinson	Tiverton
Donna Kublin	Bristol
Naylon G Leapley	Wyoming
Howard Merriman	Little Compton
Patricia A Mureebe	Charlestown
John D Peters	Narragansett
Barbara Ritter	Jamestown
John Schieffelin	Middletown
G Winston	Providence

New Members

Mary Suttell	Little Compton
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Deceased Members

Bill Driscoll	Warwick
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Total Members as of 5/31/21: 468

See next page for continuation of report.

Ace of Clubs 2021 Masterpoint Finals

See results by clicking on the link below:

<https://web2.acbl.org/as400/mpraces/unit/2021/ac145.htm>

Mini-McKenney 2021 Masterpoint Finals

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Bill Driscoll



By Marshall Williams

We report with great sadness the death of longtime bridge player Bill Driscoll of Warwick, early Saturday morning May 22, 2021 at a hospice center in Naperville, IL with his three children at his side. He was visiting his son when a stroke unexpectedly hit. His wife of 53 years, Carolyn, passed away in December, over which Bill felt profound grief. Bill was a retired Warwick fireman and a much-loved "regular" at Narragansett Bridge Club, Warwick Bridge Club and other clubs. He will be much missed.

RIBA Officers

President: Marshall Williams
Vice-President: Megan DiOrio
Secretary: Maureen Fahey
Treasurer: Joseph Brouillard

Membership Report (continued) Life Master Milestones

Bronze

Roxann M Maloney	Cranston
Rex Y Tien	Warwick

Life

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Rex Y Tien	Warwick

NABC

Beatrice A Martini	N Providence
Neal Toback	Portsmouth

Sectional

Brooke R Cote	Charlestown
Maurice E Gauthier	Tiverton

Club

Edith Fletcher	Newport
Susan Heffner	Jamestown
Mary F Kenny	Narragansett
Cady Lyons	Little Compton

Junior

Robert N Klein	Saunderstown
Karin McCormick	Westerly
Lea O Angell	Little Compton
Verna Gabellieri	Cranston
Judy Guiliano	Middletown
Laura F Taylor	Little Compton

Board of Directors

Linda Ahrens	Julie Goulet
Joseph Brouillard	Meg Gousie
Bart Buffington	Cindy Mottle
Charlene Christy	Don Rankin
Lois DeBlois	Chris Soares
Megan DiOrio	Marshall Williams
Maureen Fahey	Stanley Williams
Barry Gilbert	