

bRidge Bits

The Newsletter of the Rhode Island Bridge Association

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Rhode Island Players Achieve 10,000 Milestone



Message from the President

Greeting from Bangalore, India. As I write I am at the Tuesday Evening Bridge Club, where a lesson has just ended and a Regular game will soon begin--20 -25 tables, they say. I always love playing someplace new!

So, my message will be brief. I know we had a very successful Tournament in Johnston while I was away. I send thanks to Cindy Mottle for putting this edition of bRidgeBits together. And I look forward to Spring and Summer when we will have special events for newcomers and "younger" players.

In the meantime- "Namaste!"

Marshall

Marshall Williams
President

[Photos : Marshall Williams]

Our local stars of the January Bridge BULLETIN were Phyllis Chase [Left] from Providence and Joyce Regan [Right] from Warwick. They are now Platinum Life Masters.

Both play at various RI clubs, and are well known by the local players, with their great professional demeanor at the table.

RI Bridge Association Spring Sectional

March 14 & 15, 2020

Win EXTRA Silver Points on Saturday

FREE Lesson: "Weak 2 Bids" by Barton Buffington at 9:00 Sat.

**Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Avenue
(Route 6A), Johnston, RI**

<http://www.ribridge.org/>

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Membership Report

Submitted by Paula Najarian, RIBA Membership Chair

Greetings! The Rhode Island Bridge Association extends a Hearty welcome to all new members and to all members who recently transferred into our unit! Be sure to check your e-mail for regular mailings from RIBA. The clubs in RI are known for friendliness and sociability and we are confident that you will find bridge games relaxing and mentally stimulating.

To see New Members and Transfers, Please click on the link <http://www.ribridge.org/members/> and then click on the 5th item: *In/Out & Rank Changes*.

Mini-McKenney 2019 Masterpoint Finals

See results by clicking on the link below:
<http://web2.acbl.org/As400/mpraces/unit/2019/mm145.htm>

Ace of Clubs 2019 Masterpoint Finals

See results by clicking on the link below:
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Upcoming Events

March 19 – 29 NABC, Columbus OH
April 15 – 19 Gold Mine Regional, Sturbridge MA
April 29 – May 3 Senior Regional, Hyannis MA
May 2- 3 GNT Teams, Hyannis MA
June 6 – 7 Sectional, Johnston RI
June 23-28, Granite State Regional, Nashua, NH
September 26-27 Sectional, Johnston RI
July 20-30 NABC - Providence, RI (2021)

Rank Achievements June 2019 – January 2020

Thanks to Paula Najarian who compiled this list for bRidgeBits! Please click on the link below, <http://www.ribridge.org/members/> and then click on the 5th item: *In/Out & Rank Changes*.

In Memoriam June – January

Irwin Levy
Gerald Brenner
Muriel Shedd
Sylvia Zalkind

Providence
Cumberland
Warren
Providence

Birthday Memories



The Warwick Bridge Club celebrated Sylvia Zalkind's 100th birthday last year. She placed 1st with her partner, Bob Potvin [right] that day. [Photo: Megan DiOrio]

Nancy Rosenbaum Attains Diamond Life Master

Another Rhode Islander has passed the 5000 mark, and was warmly congratulated by her fellow bridge players at the Warwick Bridge Club for her achievement.

Nancy has taught bridge in various locations, and most recently made a long-anticipated trip to Israel.

The sparkle in her eyes matches her recent change in ranking.



Bridge in Rhode Island

Helping the Director:

During the Game: When the next round is called, North (or her/his designee) should pass the boards to the previously numbered table (8 passes down to 7; 1 passes to the highest numbered table [for example] 8). If the last board is still in play at the table, any completed boards should be passed in order to provide them for the players at the correct table.

After the Game: When the game is over, it is very helpful to the director if players would help pick up the boards, guide cards and scoring terminals and gather them where the director designates. The director will show you what to do with the guide cards and terminals. The boards need to be separated and sequenced so they are ready for the dealing machines to prepare hands for the next game. None of these are difficult or time consuming but they take a big load off the directors.

We invite club directors to submit more detail about their events or education opportunities for us to publish in future issues of Bridge Bits. Send to Cindy Mottle at mottle@swcp.com or Marshall Williams at marshallwilliams@mac.com,

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The Bridge Place

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Note: guided play is held Thursdays at 1:30 p.m

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Note: game for new players Wednesdays at Noon. We start off with about a 1/2 hour lesson and follow-up with a great duplicate game. We have a coaching staff available to answer questions and provide support.

Warwick Bridge Club

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District News

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

The District showed its amazing strength when, less than 2 weeks after our host hotel in Cromwell closed, we were all set in a new venue. We are grateful to the Sturbridge Hotel and Sally Kirtley, our Tournament Manager who saved this event from being cancelled.

Coming up in April are two special Regionals. The Senior Regional held at the Cape Cod Resort and Conference Center and the Gold Mine, Non-Life Master Regional held in Sturbridge.

But, the BIG NEWS comes in Nashua. We start day one with a Kick-off KIKO, an event that allows everyone to compete at their own level. Check out the schedule for the number of pair and team games designed for all players. If you are a recent Gold Rush graduate that feels you have no place to play, this tournament is for you.

As always, I encourage you to use the District website www.nebridge.org as a resource for news, the calendar and flyers.

I am no longer the District President but am a member of the Executive Committee for two more years. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, ideas, or willingness to volunteer!

Seasonal REMINDER:

At this time of year, so many people are coughing and exhibiting other signs of a cold/illness.

If you are not feeling well, PLEASE stay home.

This is not for your comfort, but for the health of our fellow players.

Bitsey's * Tips

DECLARER PLAY—BEFORE/WHEN DUMMY COMES DOWN

1. Review the bidding and the contract.
2. Guess the lead.
3. Memorize that lead—what does it mean?
4. Then look at dummy.
5. Count both winners and losers.
6. When the lead comes down, take 3 minutes to plan the hand: Really good players are studying the end position of the hand.
7. If we are playing IMPs, our main consideration is to make our contract; at matchpoints there are many other things to think about.
8. How good is our contract?
 - A. Is it **ideal**? If so, we want to play it as safely as possible
 - B. Is it **normal**? Then we are willing to take risks for overtricks if the odds favor us. The object is to outscore all other players in this contract.
 - C. Is it **poor**? Then we have to hope to find a distribution that will allow us to beat the players in the normal contract. Or we have to take chances to induce an error by the opponents.
9. Make a plan for the play of the hand. Often our logic is based on placing certain cards where they have to be for us to succeed.
10. If we have a guess to make (which way to take a finesse, for example) we want to gather as much information as possible before making the guess.
11. Update the plan as the play goes along.

TIP: When you are dummy, and you lay down your cards, **say nothing--ever!** You may destroy your partner's concentration.

* Meet Bitsey!



She is one of the few animals that can play 'Double-Dummy' (Click on <https://bridgefeed.acbl.org/double-dummy/>) all by herself!