

bRidge Bits

The Newsletter of the Rhode Island Bridge Association

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Upcoming Events?

Check the RIBA website: www.ribridge.org
and District calendar: calendar.nebridge.org for
updates.

All events in June and July have been cancelled. You
will be notified when the status of the following
events is determined.

Sep 1 – 6, Ocean State Regional, Warwick
Sep 26-27 Sectional, Johnston RI

Message from the President



I hope that you all are staying healthy, safe, and happy in this strange world we now live in. I look forward to the day I'll see you all again at the bridge table!

We can only wait for further state guidance on public

gatherings before announcing our next Sectional or the annual Gala.

In the meantime, perhaps you're satisfying your love of Bridge by playing online in one way or another. I find that it's a second-best alternative to the real thing, but I'm so glad to see that two Rhode Island clubs, Viking Bridge Club and Bridge Club of Northern Rhode Island, have successfully started online games at Bridge Base Online. More information on these 'virtual' games on page two.

I'd like to thank Cindy Mottle and our Board of Directors for getting this newsletter together and putting it out to everyone. It's a nice way for me to feel at least some connection with you. I miss seeing you all.

All My Best, *Marshall*

RI Bridge Association

Summer Sectional

June 6 & 7, 2020

CANCELLED

Virtual Games – Tips and Hints



As you can see by the smile on Joyce Haley's face, she is enjoying playing at home but hopes to get back to the bridge club soon.

Many of our RI members are playing in these games on Bridge Base Online (BBO). www.bridgebase.com

An easy way to get started is to play in the free 'Robot' games, which are offered at all times except between 11 am – 4 pm Eastern.

Once you've tried those, you can move up to BBO, ACBL, and club Virtual Games. Both ACBL and Club games offer ACBL points if you place high enough after the game.

To get started, think of several possible names (User ID) and a password.

1. To create a BBO account, visit www.bridgebase.com and click **Login/Register** (upper right corner). Then, click "**Become a member (free)**". [Screens may vary on a smart phone.]
2. Under "PLAY OR WATCH BRIDGE", click on "Solitaire", then click on "Just Play Bridge (Free)". You can play and practice online as long as you wish.
3. Click on the blue "HOME" button at the top of your screen to go back to the main BBO page.
4. Under "FEATURED AREAS", click on "ACBL World". Here you will see "UPDATE YOUR ACBL NUMBER" should you wish to add/change it.
5. Back on Main Page under "FEATURED AREAS", you can click on "Virtual Clubs" to play on RI club games.
6. Click on the "BB\$" button to add \$\$ to your account. BBO dollars are needed to pay entry fees for pay tournaments on the site. Most tournaments are free, but if you wish to play games that issue masterpoints, you will need BB\$ to pay the entry fee.

Currently, RI Games are offered by Northern RI (Clint's Game) www.bridgeclubofnorthernri.com, the Viking Bridge Club (Pairs Viking Bridge) www.vikingbridgeclub.com, and Barton Buffington at The Bridge Place (call 401-390-9244).

Below are Bev and Stan Cohen (L/M) and Ruthann Toback (R).

Thanks to Sue Miguel (Viking Bridge Club) for these pics of our happy and relaxed players.



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 email for regular mailings from RIBA. While the RI clubs are closed, please support our clubs by playing in Virtual Club Games on Bridge Base.

New Members or Transfers

Grace Bramley-Simmons	Providence
Kaushik Nimmagadda	Providence
Drake Rebman	Providence
Calvin Weaver	Providence
Phillip Xu	Providence
Maxine Fienman	Riverside
Ann Hamm	Saunderstown
Jarvis Lambert	Providence
Cady Lyons	Little Compton
Nancy Osborn	Little Compton
Jack Vanderbeck	North Kingstown
Jennifer Dunning	Jamestown
Edward McPherson	Middletown

Total Members as of 5/1/20: 482

Life Master Milestones

Ruby Life Master

Timothy Yentsch	Jamestown
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Silver Life Master

Ida Farnworth	Lincoln
Michael Kauffman	Cranston
Graeme Bell	Vero Beach, FL

Bronze Life Master

Ann Broomfield	Pawtucket
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NABC Master

Janet Fernie	North Kingstown
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Regional Master

Martha Lucia	Cranston
Arthur Norman	Providence
Colette Schwoeri	Newport

Sectional Master

John Frizzell	Portsmouth
James Shaughnessy	Wakefield

Club Master

Timothy Churchill	Hope Valley
Robin Coffin	Wakefield
Maurice Gauthier	Tiverton
Shelia Hagan	Little Compton
Ruthann Toback	Portsmouth
Tania Clark	Westerly
Albert Gerheim	Westerly

Junior Master

Edith Fletcher	Newport
Albert Gerheim	Westerly
Alvin Buffington	North Kingstown
Robert Cornett	Newport
Ann Holmes	Saunderstown
Kevin Jin	Providence
John Moran	Little Compton
Samual Small	Tiverton

Deceased members

Lilian Holmsen	Kingston
Susan Kahn	Providence
Marilyn Mora	Wakefield
David Prentiss	Providence



From Marshall Williams:

I learned of the death of David Prentiss, a member of the board of Rhode Island Bridge Association, in March. I don't have many details about his death, but "Dr. Dave" was a much-liked bridge player, and a former professor of philosophy at URI and Rhode Island College. He grew up in Brookline, Mass., graduating from Brookline High School in 1971. He earned a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts/Boston, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in philosophy from Brown University. He lived on Smith Street in Providence. David will be much missed at RIBA meetings and at the bridge table.