

<p><b>We're coming to see you. . .</b> By Bob Erwin</p>	<p><b>Tournament Manager's Report</b> by Bob Erwin</p>
<p>We are planning to have members from the Board of Directors visit all of the clubs in RIBA by the end of this year.</p> <p>The intent is to provide the membership an opportunity to discuss your concerns or just ask questions of the Board for RIBA.</p> <p>In an attempt to improve relationships with all of the clubs in Rhode Island, we are going to schedule meetings with clubs (that would like to provide this opportunity to their members to hold such a meeting).</p> <p>We will bring soda and cake and arrive an hour before your club's start time on a date to be scheduled with your club director /owner. After answering your questions and providing status on the unit, we will stay and see if we can lose gracefully.</p> <p>If this works out well, we will continue this effort on a yearly basis. Looking forward to seeing you all!</p> <p>Bob Erwin 683-4168</p>	<p>It has been an interesting year in managing RIBA tournaments. Following our January sectional in Warwick, we were notified in early February that we would no longer be able to hold our sectionals at Buttonwoods. We spent Feb.-July looking for a new site. We had insufficient time to get a new site for the St Patrick's Day weekend. I had to recommend to the board that we cancel our March tournament.</p> <p>In June, we went to Patrick's Pier One and enjoyed holding our sectional in a beautiful facility. Apart from a very slow elevator and a difficult layout, we received many wonderful comments on the sectional.</p> <p>In July, Joe Brouillard located a long-term facility in Johnston. It is a new building with outstanding facilities, access, and parking. We hope it will be our site for the foreseeable future. Join us there for our fall sectional on 27/28 October. The unit gala is scheduled again in Cranston. Please join us for the best deal in bridge!</p> <p>Joe Brouillard is now sharing responsibilities as Tournament Manager for the unit. Please bring your comments and concerns to our attention.</p>

<p><b>ON THE WEB</b> by Joe Brouillard</p>	
<p>As we move further and further into the electronic age, the life blood of information dissemination has become the personal computer and the internet. While we have our own unit website, <a href="http://www.RIBridge.org">www.RIBridge.org</a>, the ACBL also has their official website, <a href="http://www.acbl.com">www.acbl.com</a>, which is packed with great information for bridge players of every level. I strongly encourage every RIBA member to provide the ACBL with their email address. You will receive email notices about local and regional tournaments and secondly it is the easiest way for the RIBA to obtain your email address. As printing and postage costs continue to increase, we need to increase more RIBA information electronically. We can send information via the internet much faster than the US Post Office and at a fraction of the cost.</p> <p>How do you access your ACBL membership online? With your ACBL membership number in hand go to the RIBA website, <a href="http://www.RIBridge.org">www.RIBridge.org</a>, go to the LINKS page and simply click on "My ACBL" or you can enter <a href="http://www.acbl.com/myacbl">www.acbl.com/myacbl</a> in your web browser.</p> <p>On your first visit you will have to create a user account. Under</p>	<p>the blue "Submit" button you will see "Click here" in red. Click on that link and you will be asked to enter your email address, and membership number for verification. When finished, click on "Register" and you will be sent a temporary password. Check your email in a minute or so and go back to the MY ACBL link and signon using your membership number and the temporary password from your email. You can now gain access to your ACBL membership information. Once you're registered, you will have access to all of your personal membership information and we will receive your email address from the ACBL. It's that easy!</p> <p>Want to check on your Masterpoints? Click on "Check My Masterpoints" and it will not only show your total Masterpoint but point count in each color. Have you moved and need to change your address? Click on "Change My Address" and your all done. Need to renew your membership? Don't bother to write a check an mail it, simply click on "Renew My Membership" and your done in 2 minutes.</p>

### On the Web (cont'd)

This is just a sample of the great information for bridge players at the ACBL website. Take a few minutes someday and stop by the ACBL website and see everything that is available for players.

Another Website of interest:  
District 25: [www.nebridge.org](http://www.nebridge.org)

And read about the Nationals coming to Boston in Fall 2008! Yes, an NABC close by! This will be held November 20-30. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to support this event, please let us know. It will be a great way to get an insider's look at an ACBL National event!

### Mentoring

Contact the following people for information, if you desire to be a mentor, or have ideas or interest in bridge mentoring:

South County Bridge Club  
Bill Niemi 783-3118  
[wniemi@verizon.net](mailto:wniemi@verizon.net)  
Narragansett Bridge Club  
Joan O'Connell 364-0607  
[jmoc34@cox.net](mailto:jmoc34@cox.net)  
Bridge Club of RI  
Dave Regenstein 621-0323

### RIBA 2007 Unit Gala

The unit gala will be held on October 6th, 2007, at the RI Shriners Imperial Room located at 1 Rhodes Place in Cranston, RI. (See website for map/directions)

For RIBA members, tickets are \$20 per person for either one or two sessions of bridge and dinner. The cost is \$25 per person for those who are not RIBA members.

The schedule is as follows:  
10:30AM First session begins  
2:00 Dinner  
3:00PM Second Session begins

### RIBA Schedule

#### 2007 Sectional:

27 October/28 October  
Johnston Senior Center

#### 2007 GALA:

6 October  
RI Shriners' Imperial Room

#### 2008 Sectionals:

January 19/20  
March 8/9  
June 7/8  
September 28/29  
\*\*All at Johnston Senior Center\*\*

## BRIDGE BITS - UNIT 145 Newsletter Rhode Island Bridge Association

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### From the President:

Another year is winding down and we have continued to have changes within RIBA.

We have had some shifting of officers during the year, but we have a dedicated board who have helped greatly in the management of our unit. Since this is my last year as the president of RIBA, I would like to thank all of the members of the Board of Directors for their time and support during the last two years. I would also like to specifically thank two members of the board in Joe Brouillard and Cathy Sallar. --- Joe, our vice president, has been outstanding in supporting our search for a new site, running the unit web site, and also doubling as the unit treasurer from January 2006-June 2007. ---Cathy, our hospitality chair, for the outstanding job she has done in managing and supporting unit hospitality since March 2005. She has put in many hours in support of our sectionals, and I am deeply grateful to her for her efforts and dedication.

I would encourage our membership to consider serving on the

unit board and becoming involved in making bridge in Rhode Island better. I would also thank all of you for your trust, friendship, and support in our efforts over the last three years.

Very respectfully, Bob Erwin

### Unit Officers and Board of Directors

There have been some changes and additions to the board and officers of the unit. The below list is based on the May 2007 Board of Directors meeting:

President: Robert Erwin

Vice-President:

Joseph Brouillard

Secretary: Suzanne Erwin

Treasurer: Brenda Iemma

#### Board of Directors:

Judy Biegner

Louis DiOrio

Suzanne Erwin

William Lang

William Niemi

Nancy O'Donnell

Kevin Pilkington

Fred Rogler

William Shockley