

# bRidge Bits

The Newsletter of the Rhode Island Bridge Association

March 7, 2019

## Message from the President

What a pleasure it is to greet the bridge players of Rhode Island as President of the Rhode Island Bridge Association! I have met most of you at the bridge table, either at clubs or tournaments, and I look forward to seeing you over the next year. I welcome your thoughts about everything having to do with duplicate bridge in Rhode Island. My email, if you'd like to write me, is [marshallwilliams@mac.com](mailto:marshallwilliams@mac.com).



Maybe it's no surprise to you that I love bridge. My father Henry loved bridge (he never sorted his cards!), and he sat us all down one or two nights a week, when my brothers and sisters and I were pretty young, and he taught us well — strictly Goren (four-card majors, strong 2s). Mom and Dad played in a monthly duplicate game, and when they hosted it we got to make up the boards — I was fascinated by the duplicate boards, and by the concept of duplicate bridge.

I played regularly through college, but after college, like many of us, I didn't get to play much -- but I kept reading the bridge columns, and played when I could find a partner. About fourteen years ago, I was living in Westerly when a friend asked me if I could take his mother to a bridge game — she was in her 80s, and had lost most of her regular partners. Some of you will remember Peg Weber, whom I got to play with for about six years. I'm so grateful to her for bringing me back to the world of bridge!

In Westerly I met Bill Niemi, who was running a game there at the time where I earned my first points with ACBL. Pretty soon I was also playing in Warwick and Narragansett, and Bill became a mentor for me as I learned conventions, read books and built up my game. During this time I also met my wife Meg Gousie, and I've enjoyed partnering with her so many times, around the country and in several other parts of the world.

Some of my regular Rhode Island bridge partners have included Clint Wright, Barry Gilbert, John Urciuoli, and Gloria Manna; and I also learned a good deal (if you'll pardon the pun) from the late Steven Goodman of Upton, Mass. And I've gotten to play with dozens of Rhode Island bridge

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## Bridge Players Giving Back

Each year, the Rhode Island Bridge Association makes charitable donations to one or two Rhode Island non-profit organizations.

Charities are nominated by bridge association members and voted upon by the association board. This year's recipients are the Rhode Island Food Bank and The House of Hope CDC.

In the photo, RIBA Board Member and Charities Chairperson Julie Goulet (R) presents a check for \$1,000 to HOH Executive Director Laura Jaworski.

The House of Hope's mission is to end the personal and social trauma of homelessness. "The House of Hope creates affordable housing, delivered to the homeless along with life-changing services," says Jaworski, "and we work with other advocates to ensure that everyone has a safe, stable home."

Most recently, homeless individuals have enjoyed the services of the Shower to Empower trailer, outfitted with showers and a barber shop, a cooperative effort by the City of Providence, House of Hope CDC and Team Williams LLC.

(see additional photo on page 5)

## RI Bridge Assn. Spring Sectional

**March 16 & 17, 2019**

**Win EXTRA Silver Points on Saturday**

*FREE Lesson: "Suit Preference" by Barton Buffington at 9:00 Sat.*

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

**[www.RIBridge.org](http://www.RIBridge.org)**

## RIBA Officers

President: Marshall Williams  
Vice-President: Meg Gousie  
Secretary: Linda Ahrens  
Treasurer: Joseph Brouillard

## Board of Directors

Linda Ahrens  
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## Newest Rank Achievements

Congratulations to the following members on their rank advancements!

### Bronze Life Master\*

Barbara Roy, Newport

### Sectional Masters (50 MP's)

Daniel Sheinin, East Greenwich

Bobbi Graveline, Cumberland

Philip Wallis, Barrington

### Club Master (20 MP's)

Gary Gallucci, Johnston

Dr Stephanie Chamberlain, Providence

### Junior Master (5 MP's)

Jason Burghouwt, Newport

Mary Kenny, Narragansett

Ellie Smith, Cranston

Patricia Uhlman, Foster

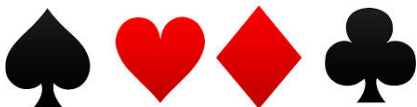
(as of 3/1/2019)

\*500 MP's if a player joined ACBL before 1/1/2010; 750 if a player joined after that

## Bonus for Bakers

We get many compliments on the wonderful food that is served at our tournaments.

Bring something you've made to the March tournament. Baked goods are always a favorite, bonus: you'll get a discount on your entry fee!



Join Us

Prizes, Refreshments & More Prizes

# A Gloriday at the Bridge Table



Suggested  
Minimum  
Donation  
\$50

Sunday • May 19 • 1:00

Rhode Island Country Club

150 Nayatt Road, Barrington RI 02806

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Help us help the **Gloria Gemma Breast  
Cancer Resource Foundation**

## “Break a Leg” -- save it for the theatre

Please be sure to tuck your tote bag and/or purse under the table or your chair or put it between your feet.

Pathways are small when the game is on, and a wayward strap can cause a fall, and has been known to result in a broken leg. The natural inclination is to put your bag next to your chair, chatting and greeting your new opponents, but this casual habit can be dangerous.

Better yet, leave the big bag in the car and just bring in what you need for the game.

Your submissions to and ideas for bRIdge Bits are welcome. Send to Carol McCullough at [christmascarol1999@yahoo.com](mailto:christmascarol1999@yahoo.com). Back issues at [RIBridge.org](http://RIBridge.org) (click on news). Also, tons of great info at [NEBridge.org](http://NEBridge.org)

## Membership Report

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.

### New Members

Albert Lake, Warwick  
Kathleen Lake, Warwick  
Mary Newman, Newport  
Mark Scott, East Greenwich  
Sally Shwartz, Providence  
Lizbeth Tobin, Jamestown  
Joyce Zimmerman, Newport  
Judy Ahern, Warwick  
Susan Lloyd, Westerly  
Nancy Lukasiewicz, Riverside  
Ronald Patenaude, Riverside  
*Total Members as of 3/1/19: 480*

## District News

Submitted by Lois DeBlois, President, New England District 25

It may be cold and dreary here in New England, but bridge games always help to get us through. The district just completed a successful Regional in Cromwell. April will be a busy month. Under the guidance of Sue Miguel (the District I/N Coordinator) and her team the new Gold Mine Regional is gaining interest across the country. Plans have been underway for months to make this the most exciting 4 days of bridge for this very special group of players. If you are a Non-Life Master with 0-750 points, please join us April 11-14 in Sturbridge.

Also the Senior Regional and Cape Cod Sectional will be held in Falmouth from April 24-28 at the beautiful Sea Crest Resort and Spa. Let's move into spring with great bridge!

You can find the flyers for both the Gold Mine and the Senior Regionals at [www.NEbridge.org](http://www.NEbridge.org) – just click on the ADS located on the front page.

District 25 is selling Bridge Vouchers. From now on, when you attend a regional in New England, you don't need cash to play! We will sell you as many \$15 vouchers as you want and you can use your credit card to pay. Just think...get points two-ways - on your credit card and playing bridge.

*[Ed. note: more voucher info on page 5]*

## Upcoming Events

March 16-17 Sectional, Johnston, RI  
April 11-14 Gold Mine Non-Life Master Regional, Sturbridge, MA,  
April 13-14 GNT District Finals, Sturbridge, MA  
April 24-28 Keohane Senior Regional/Cape Cod Sectional, North Falmouth, MA  
June 8-9 Sectional, Johnston, RI  
Sept 21-22 Sectional, Johnston, RI  
Oct 19 RIBA Gala, Johnston, RI  
July 20-30 NABC - Providence, RI (2021)

## 70%+ Games

70%+ Open Pairs games January & February 2019,  
at least 5 tables, at least 20 boards in play

### Bridge Club of Northern Rhode Island

• Val Fay & Sue Fay, January 7, 71.39%

### Narragansett Bridge Club

• Terry Byrne & Joyce Regan, January 2, 72.02%

### Viking Bridge Club

- Judy Giuliano & Ruthann Toback, January 2, 71.88%
- Gregory Klinker & Steven Myerson, January 3, 83.18%
- Neil Toback & Frances Caban, January 23, 70.48%
- Peggy Ellis & John "Pro" Frizzell, January 30, 72.76%
- Mary Dillon & Joyce Haley, February 6, 73.33%

### Warwick Bridge Club

- Terry Byrne & Joyce Regan, January 5, 70.24%
- Gloria Manna & Gloria Golden, January 10, 70.08%
- Bob Potvin & Sylvia Zalkind, February 19, 73.92%

## More about Sturbridge

This is shaping up to be one of the - if not THE - biggest bridge tournament in NEBC history! People are coming from as far away as Honolulu. It's definitely going to be the tournament that awards the hugest amount of GOLD to the largest number of NLM <750 players ever.

FEATURED SUNDAY PAIR GAME Sunday features the EUREKA! PAIRS - two sessions of GOLD POINT pairs. This event is open to any NLM under 750 (no matter where you live). We'll happily accept one-session entries to accommodate folks who might need to head home a little early or sleep a little late.

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM FOR A FREE RAFFLE TICKET Follow "newenglandbridgemaven" on Instagram and we'll give you another free raffle ticket for our GOLD COIN raffle. It's a great place to check out Mine updates.

NEW COMPETITION FOR THE UNDER 100 CROWD Friday is TROPHY DAY! The partnership with the highest combined percentage for the morning and afternoon games will take home a shiny trophy in addition to bragging rights and master points. No matter what your experience level, we're offering a special game just for you. Trophies will be awarded in all our under 100 games:

- 0-5 Rookie game • 0-20 Newcomer game
- 49'ers game • 99'ers game

FREE LESSONS EVERY DAY We're offering a full complement of free bridge lessons. Plan on joining us Thursday-Saturday @ 1:30 and Sunday @ 9:00. Here's the menu:

Thursday ~ Counting with Attitude

Friday ~ You have 5 Choices, Now What?

Saturday ~ Killing Opening Leads

Sunday ~ Winning Swiss Team Tactics

Don't forget .... PARTNERS GUARANTEED. If you don't have a partner, we'll find you one! Just let us know in advance that you are attending.

Speaking of letting us know you're coming... If you haven't emailed us for your FREE RAFFLE TICKET, reply now and let us know you are planning on seeing us in Sturbridge.

*Your Fairy Goldmother,  
Susan Miguel, [TheMine@nebridge.org](mailto:TheMine@nebridge.org)*

## TOURNAMENT WINNERS CIRCLE

### Wonderful Winter Sectional

Jan. 26-27, Johnston, RI

Stratified Open Pairs, Saturday (two sessions)

1st place - John Hrones Jr., Needham, MA & Ken Bloom, Acton, MA

RIBA top finishers

3rd - Barton Buffington, North Kingstown & Alexander Levitsky, Providence

6th - Nancy Rosenbaum, Cranston & Gloria Golden, Cranston

8/9th - William Niemi, Wakefield & Arlene Roberti, North Kingstown

14th - John Maselli, Providence & John Malley, Pascoag

15th - Terry Byrne, Jamestown & Joyce Regan, East Greenwich

16th - Robert Garfinkel, Pawtucket & Ida Farnworth, Lincoln

18th - Linda Ahrens, West Yarmouth, MA & Joseph Brouillard, West Yarmouth, MA

19th - Marcia West, Charlestown & Gloria Manna, Johnston

21st - William Everett, Providence & Catherine Branch, Providence

23rd - Karen Kupersmith, Warwick & Peter Buonfiglio, Cranston

299er Pairs, Saturday (two sessions)

1st place - Stanley Piltch, Needham, MA & Dori Senerchia, North Billerica, MA

RIBA top finishers

2nd - David Malkin, Providence & Nadine Harris, Newport

3rd - Arthur Norman, Providence & Daniel Sheinin, East Greenwich

6th - Gordon Lane, Seabrook, NH & Lynda Wells, Wakefield

7th - Beverly & Stanley Cohen, Pawtucket

Bracketed Swiss Teams 1 (A-X), Sunday

1st - Victor King, Hartford, CT, R Muggia, Andover, MA, Maxim Siline, Hudson, MA, Xiaoqian Liu, Hudson, MA

RIBA top finishers

4th - Gregory Klinker, Tiverton, Steven Myerson, Portsmouth, Daniel Jablonski, Stoneham, MA, Cecilla Borrás, Waltham, MA

Bracketed Swiss Teams 2 (B,C,D), Sunday

1st - Clayton Cox, Millbury, MA, Emily Gardner, Holliston, MA, Bruce Tedford, Northborough, MA, Joe Russo, Slatersville, Clinton Wright, Slatersville

RIBA top finishers

3rd - Donald Rankin, East Greenwich,

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Robert Garfinkel, Pawtucket, Ida Farnworth, Lincoln, Bruce Fischer, Rumford 5th - Peter Buonfiglio, Cranston, Cynthia Mottle, Smithfield, William Shockley, Westerly, Karen Kupersmith, Warwick

299er Swiss Teams, Sunday

1st - Dori Senerchia, North Billerica, MA, Stanley Piltch, Needham, MA, Ivor Kalklins, Brookline, MA, Carole Biewener, Watertown, MA

RIBA top finishers

2nd - Carol Prunk, Narragansett, Carol Howland, Wakefield, Frances Mancini, East Greenwich, Cynthia Wilson, Smithfield

Presidential Regional

Cromwell, CT, Feb. 13 - 18

RIBA First Place Finishers (each bracket) Wednesday Super Point 1st session

1st - Barton Buffington, North Kingstown & Wayne Burt, Pembroke, NH

Wednesday Mid-Flight Pairs, 2 sessions 1st - Paula Najarian, East Greenwich & Lois DeBlois, Warwick

Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs, 2 sessions 1st in B - Mario Briccetti, Kingston & James Shaughnessy, Wakefield

Super Point Series Overalls, 8 sessions 1st/2nd - John Malley, Pascoag & John Maselli, Providence

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## Mini-McKenney 2018 Masterpoint Races

### 0 to 5 MP

Mario Briccetti	36.39
Colette W Schwoeri	32.21
Mr James M Shaughnessy	29.77

### 5 to 20 MP

Philip Wallis	42.62
Kathleen Caron	24.56
Thomas Bendoraitis	12.42

### 20 to 50 MP

Arthur C Norman	59.59
Stephen B Lister	43.80
Beverly J Cohen	30.96

### 50 to 100 MP

Kenneth R Bradford	35.67
Carol F Howland	23.44
Mrs Laura A Yentsch	23.17

### 100 to 200 MP

Mr William R Morgan	86.59
Deborah Norman	67.05
Ms Charleen Christy	54.58

### 200 to 300 MP

Mr Brian P Richards	58.59
Ms Joannie Papazian	46.10
Lynne Fitzpatrick	46.01

### 300 to 500 MP

Dr Rex Y Tien	106.24
Dr Barry Gilbert	66.02
Linda K Travers	59.57

### 500 to 1000 MP

Ms Linda R Ahrens	250.64
Mrs Lois A DeBlois	239.99
Mr Steven G Myerson	230.93

### 1000 to 1500 MP

Ms Paula J Najarian	285.14
Mr Joseph A Brouillard	228.88
Chris Soares	140.29

### 1500 to 2500 MP

Mrs A G Borod	196.30
Mr William W Niemi	162.21
Mr Donald Rankin	128.87

### 2500 to 3500 MP

Mr John Urciuoli	339.22
Mrs Marilyn A Arden	199.57
Mr Gregory L Klinker	186.87

### 3500 to 5000 MP

Mr Barton Buffington	238.55
Mrs Nancy Rosenbaum	146.98
Mr Philip W Lam	129.40

### 5000 to 7500 MP

Mr John M Maselli	285.80
Mrs Sylvia Zalkind	43.84

### 7500 to 10,000 MP

Mrs Joyce Regan	415.13
Mr Terry Byrne	398.61
Mrs Phyllis Chase	366.47

### 10,000+ MP

Mr John R Malley	104.20
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## Serve on our Unit Board!

The RI Bridge Association is seeking one or more volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors.

Any member of Unit 145 is invited to join our board. Volunteers help out with Sectionals (four times a year in Johnston) and the October Gala, write articles for this bRidge Bits newsletter, and help promote the game of bridge around our Ocean State.

In two years we'll be providing support when the NABC (Nationals) comes back to Providence, and you can be a special ambassador for Rhode Island.

Our board meetings are held four times a year on Saturdays at 10:45 AM and presently are held at the Warwick Bridge Club. If you are interested in joining or you have questions about serving on the board, contact a current board member or e-mail najarianp@verizon.net.

## Ace of Clubs 2018 Masterpoint Races

<b>0 to 5 MP</b>	
Mario Briccetti	35.68
Colette W Schwoeri	31.65
Mr James M Shaughnessy	29.77
<b>5 to 20 MP</b>	
Philip Wallis	31.90
Kathleen Caron	17.29
Thomas Bendoraitis	12.42
<b>20 to 50 MP</b>	
Arthur C Norman	49.15
Stephen B Lister	29.14
Beverly J Cohen	23.67
<b>50 to 100 MP</b>	
Kenneth R Bradford	33.29
Ms Claudia Bell	21.86
Mrs Laura A Yentsch	19.88
<b>100 to 200 MP</b>	
Deborah Norman	50.76
Michael Eckenroth	44.94
Dr Edwin S Mehlman	43.66
<b>200 to 300 MP</b>	
Ms Joannie Papazian	40.60
Lynne Fitzpatrick	40.23
Mr Brian P Richards	34.74
<b>300 to 500 MP</b>	
Dr Rex Y Tien	97.41
Dr Barry Gilbert	48.83
Mr Harry Glaser	43.18
<b>500 to 1000 MP</b>	
Mr Steven G Myerson	117.93
Mrs Lois A DeBlois	87.29
Joe Russo	87.09
<b>1000 to 1500 MP</b>	
Ms Paula J Najarian	128.99
Louis M DiOrio	99.57
Mr Matthew A Byrne	85.02
<b>1500 to 2500 MP</b>	
Mrs A G Borod	160.62
Mr William W Niemi	101.27
Ms Gloria M Manna	78.09
<b>2500 to 3500 MP</b>	
Mr John Urciuoli	228.94
Mrs Marilyn A Ardente	161.23
Fred L Randall	143.82
<b>3500 to 5000 MP</b>	
Mrs Nancy Rosenbaum	125.97
Mrs Gloria J Golden	96.92
Mr Philip W Lam	91.68
<b>5000 to 7500 MP</b>	
Mr John M Maselli	181.47
Mrs Sylvia Zalkind	35.46
<b>7500 to 10,000 MP</b>	
Mrs Phyllis Chase	312.52
Mrs Joyce Regan	290.81
Mr Terry Byrne	278.46
<b>10,000+ MP</b>	
Mr John R Malley	40.73



### Accepting Credit Cards

District 25 has begun accepting credit cards to purchase vouchers that can be used to pay entry fees.

The vouchers, which will have a value of \$15 each, will be on sale each day starting one hour before the morning session. They will be sold in Sturbridge in the Hospitality Hub by the district's officials, NOT the directors. Players can purchase in one credit card transaction any number of vouchers. Of course, cash and personal checks will also be accepted.

The vouchers can then be used to pay the fees to the directors who are selling entries. This is similar to the process used when purchasing and redeeming ABCL Bridge Bucks at NABC events. Bridge Bucks, cash, and checks can still be used for entry fees as well.

If the entry fee is less than \$15, change will be given in cash. For example, players will receive \$2 back from the director if the entry fee is only \$13.

The vouchers have no expiration date. They cannot be replaced if lost.

Vouchers also make great gifts for your favorite partner.

*NEBC treasurer Joe Brouillard*



Shower to Empower trailer, story on page one

### Bridgemate Maintenance

Part of your membership dues allowed RIBA to provide Bridgemates for scoring to all our clubs. This eliminated the travelers and made the games move along more quickly and the scores show accurately. Now some of those expensive Bridgemates have developed some quirks that make them work not quite perfectly. Board members Julie Goulet and Meg Gousie have volunteered to visit all the clubs to give the Bridgemates a good internal cleaning and help them to last a long, long time. Please be careful to not spill anything on the Bridgemates. Only you can prevent Bridgemate blow-out.

## Learning Better Bridge

This year the Rhode Island Bridge Association is committing itself to attracting new duplicate bridge players around the state, and helping to promote teaching efforts and new player events by clubs. All of the bridge clubs in Rhode Island offer various kinds of instruction. If you're a bridge player and you know anyone who might be interested in learning bridge or trying a duplicate game, you can steer them to any of the clubs and club directors.

Clint Wright, director of the Bridge Club of Northern Rhode Island, has been offering a non-sanctioned instructional game on Friday evenings for six years now, with consistent attendance by interested bridge players. A number of people now playing duplicate at Rhode Island clubs began with this hands-on-the-cards experience.

The first half hour of each session is devoted to a brief review of selected hands, the introduction of a new convention, and general bridge questions to get people started. Then, everyone, novice and up, plays bridge with a teaching supervisor. Any player is allowed to ask any question about the bidding, play of the hand, or defense, during this time.

"For new players, this really helps develop their confidence," says Clint Wright, "and it de-mystifies the game in a non-threatening environment. It has the benefit of improving the play of beginner to intermediate players, and in some cases we've found that it drives new players to the sanctioned day games."

The non-sanctioned game is held at Slatersville Congregational Church, 25 Greene St., North Smithfield, on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. For information contact Clint Wright at [cwright1717@gmail.com](mailto:cwright1717@gmail.com).

We invite all club directors to submit more detail about their opportunities for learning for us to publish in future issues of BridgeBits. Send to [christmascarol999@yahoo.com](mailto:christmascarol999@yahoo.com) or [MarshallWilliams@mac.com](mailto:MarshallWilliams@mac.com)

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

• The Bridge Place  
401 Elmgrove Ave, Providence  
Dwares Jewish Community Center  
Mr Barton Buffington  
401-390-9244  
[abarton295@aol.com](mailto:abarton295@aol.com)  
Note: guided play is held Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

• Ocean State Bridge Club  
1215 Main Rd, Tiverton  
Michael J McDonald  
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[mcdonaldmj46@hotmail.com](mailto:mcdonaldmj46@hotmail.com)

• Warwick Bridge Club  
436 Buttonwoods Ave, Warwick  
Mr Robert Garfinkel  
401-739-0481  
[director@warwickbridgeclub.com](mailto:director@warwickbridgeclub.com)

Also note: Bridge instructor Walter Morgan runs a non-sanctioned game in Barrington, Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the Peck Center, below Barrington Town Hall and Barrington Library. Information: [www.morganbridge.club](http://www.morganbridge.club)

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players through the years, which is one of the treats of playing duplicate and getting out to clubs and tournaments, sometimes without a partner.

I joined the board of RIBA in 2014 and have worked with past presidents Lois DeBlois, Maureen Fahey and Paula Najarian; many thanks to them for involving me in this local bridge world, and guiding me along this year. I am pleased to help promote duplicate bridge in Rhode Island.

There are two things on my mind which I'd like to concentrate on while serving as your President. The first and foremost is bringing new people to the game, and I'll especially welcome your ideas on how we might do that. I would recommend to all of you that it can be so rewarding to play with a newcomer, and help get them used to the world of duplicate. We'll be exploring ways of bringing new players into the game around the state, and I applaud all our clubs for helping to do that.

The second thing on my mind is that the national tournament, the NABC, is returning to Providence in just two years — July 2021. It will be here before we know it, and all of us, as members of the Rhode Island Bridge Association, can help as ambassadors to the hundreds of bridge-playing visitors we'll see in a couple of years. Many of us on the board of RIBA will be volunteering to support the tournament, and our own Joe Brouillard and Lois DeBlois are the Tournament Co-Chairs. In these pages we'll keep you posted on news about the Providence NABC, and ways you can participate as a volunteer - as well as by playing in national bridge events in our own back yard!

Thank you all, and I look forward to seeing you at the clubs and tournaments.

*Marshall Williams*

*2019 President, Rhode Island Bridge Association*

This is the **MUST GO TO** Regional of 2019!



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This **EXCITING NEW TOURNAMENT** coming to Sturbridge - April 11-14 - is designed just for you! We know you need more **GOLD POINTS** and would like to become a Life Master and **The MINE** is the place to make that happen.

THE MINE is a unique opportunity to play only against other Non-Life Masters (who all have fewer than 750 master points). We also have special games for folks with under 100 master points. You'll have three sessions of **GOLD POINT** events to choose from every day.

**Pairs-Teams-KOs and special mini-games in the evenings.**

### **PARTNERS GUARANTEED!**

If you don't have a partner, we'll find you one! Just let us know in advance you are coming.

This **ONE OF A KIND** event demands **ONE OF A KIND HOSPITALITY.**

Your four days will be filled with fun and surprises. Here's a sneak peak at just a few:

- We're giving away **1 REAL AMERICAN EAGLE GOLD COIN** each day. All you have to do is play and you are entered to win.
- We're also giving away a **REAL AMERICAN EAGLE GOLD COIN** to the player who travels from the farthest distance to play.
- Free lessons everyday
- New England's legendary hospitality every session
- Multiple prizes and surprises every session but we have to keep some things a secret until then.



We hope you join us for **THE MINE!**

It'll be the **BEST TIME** you've ever had at the bridge table.

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