

bRidge Bits

The Newsletter of the Rhode Island Bridge Association

November 1, 2016

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Treasurer: Joe Brouillard

New Officers (2017-2018)

President: Paula Najarian
Vice President: Marshall Williams
Secretary: Linda Ahrens
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*In photo, L to R, front: Ahrens, Najarian;
rear: Brouillard, Williams*



Board of Directors

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Many thanks to all who contribute baked goods for the hospitality table for all the Sectionals and the Gala! If you would like to bake (or buy!) for our January Sectional, contact Lois DeBlois

Message from the President

I want to thank all of the players in Rhode Island, Unit 145, for giving me two great years as your unit president. I most especially want to thank all of the board members as they make this job so easy. Our tournament attendees have no idea how much work the board does, especially Lois DeBlois, to make the tournaments such a success. I wish Paula Najarian the best of luck next year and I look forward to seeing you all at the bridge table.

Maureen Fahey

Ace of Clubs Winners for 2015

0-5 Craig Cayer • 5-20 Pat Bailey • 20-50 Tina Yu • 50-100 Elaine Kallio
100-200 Lydia Haley • 200-300 Maurice Chesney • 300-500 Mary Gagnon
500-1000 Matthew Byrne • 1000-2500 John Urciuoli • 2500-5000 Nancy Rosenbaum
5000-7500 Terry Byrne • 7500-10000 Joyce Regan • 10,000+ John Malley

Mini-McKenney Winners for 2015

0-5 Craig Cayer • 5-20 Laura Yentsch • 20-50 Tina Yu • 50-100 Elaine Kallio
100-200 Lydia Haley • 200-300 Maurice Chesney • 300-500 Marshall Williams
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Zero Tolerance

As a low level player (yes, I still have fewer than 299 points!) I expect the higher ranked players to be occasionally impatient when they have to explain a bid or when I ask if that was 2 over 1.

I have often thought if I was a better player, they would not be so impatient. But having talked to directors, I now know that sometimes that behavior crosses the line.

On one occasion I was playing and asked for an explanation, and when the hand was complete I realized I was given an incorrect explanation, and the partner had not corrected it prior to my lead. When I said that the opponent did not correct the explanation, I was told that I was not going to get another trick, so it did not matter. I am not sure if I would have gotten another trick, but I am sure that I would have led a different card. I mentioned that to a director later, and he said I should have called him.

Zero Tolerance means just that. The following are some examples of behavior which will not be tolerated:

- Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidations, profanity, threats or violence.
- Negative comments concerning opponents' or partners' play or bidding.
- Constant and gratuitous lessons or analysis at the table.
- Loud and disruptive arguing with a director's ruling.

The directors absolutely want you to call them if you have any questions or feel that someone has said something inappropriate. We all want to feel comfortable when we play.

Maureen Fahey

In Memoriam

Lee Rodman, Beverly MA
Kenneth Smith, West Kingston
Carole Goldman, Cranston
Robert Najarian, Cranston
Elaine O'Neill, Coventry
George Robbio, Providence
Judith Dobbrow, Ashaway
Murray Goldberg, Longboat Key FL
Neal White, Warwick, RI

Upcoming Events

Regional Mansfield, MA November 9-13
NABC Orlando, FL Nov 24-December 4
Sectional Watertown, MA December 9-11

Save these dates for 2017!
Sectional Johnston, RI January 28-29
Regional Cromwell, CT February 15-20
Sectional Watertown, MA Feb 24-26
NABC Kansas City, MO March 9-19
Sectional Johnston, RI March 25-26
Sectional Watertown, MA Mar 31-April 2
Sr Regional Falmouth, MA April 26-30
Sectional Auburn, MA May 6-7

Sectional Watertown, MA May 26-28

Sectional Johnston, RI June 10-11
Regional Nashua, NH June 20-25
Regional Warwick, RI Aug 29-Sept 3
Sectional Johnston, RI September 16-17
Sectional Watertown, MA October 6-8
Regional Danbury, CT October 9-15
Sectional Auburn, MA October 14-15
Annual Gala Cranston, RI October 21

Life Masters

Mary Gagnon
Filomena Walsh
Frederick Rogler
Barbara Barrette
Alice Forry
Bronze Life Masters
John Lombardo
William Shockley
Filomena Walsh
Barbara Barrette
Frederick Rogler
Alice Forry
Mary Gagnon
Silver Life Masters
Grace Goldberg
Joseph Brouillard
Barbara Bauchspies
Chris Soares
Kathy Thornton
Justine Greenwell
Paula Najarian
Marcia West
Ruby Life Masters
Joan Additon
Dorothy Allen
Diana Ames
Marilyn Ardente
John Baringer
Hoda Baron
Joan Ceglarski
Judith Clark
Elizabeth Crowther
Vincent Fournier

Ruby Life Masters (cont.)

Patricia Kent
Alexander Levitsky
Gloria Manna
Susan Miguel
Helen Modelane
Marilyn Mora
Walter Morgan
Josephine Murray
William Niemi
Joan O'Connell
George Robbio
Lee S Rodman
Barbara Salvadore
Fredric Suzman
Joyce Tesler
John Urciuoli
Donald Rankin
Arlene Roberti
Gold Life Masters
John Urciuoli
Fredric Suzman
Sapphire Life Masters
Ann Basilico
Barton Buffington
Joseph Giard
Gloria Golden
Tina Jameson
Clint Kornegay
John Maselli
Pauline Mullins
Nancy Rosenbaum
Doris Salvadore
Sylvia Thompson

Your submissions to and ideas for bRidgebits are welcome. Send to Carol McCullough at christmascarol999@yahoo.com. Please include your info in the text of an email, as if you were saying hello, not as an attachment - except for photos, which should be jpg attachments.

Or call her at (401) 647-7148. A schedule of upcoming bRidgebits and deadline information will be in the next issue.