



Welcome to the second issue of our newsletter. **Thank you** for your comments and feedback to the first issue. Since then, we've gotten some new members, had some visitors, thrown a party, and lots more. Please remember, if you know of any significant milestones reached by any of our members or if you have comments or suggestions about the newsletter, please share them with us at puritanbridge@verizon.net.

Member News



Congratulations to **Bob Carvin** and **Betsy Hines** for their wins at the New England Summer Regional in Nashua. Each participated in two events (Bob in team events and Betsy in pairs). Bob won 22.01 gold and Betsy won 3.46.

Maureen Cullen and **Peg Silsby** have advanced to Junior Masters. **Richard Eisner** has advanced to Club Master, **Joan Leitzes** to Sectional Master, **Ralph Desmond** to Regional Master, and **Brenda Hussey** and **Anmarie Stanton** to Bronze Life Master. Congratulations to all!



Carolyn Johansson returned to our Club for the summer barbecue on Saturday, July 26th after a very difficult recovery from her auto accident last December. She's doing very well. In fact, she and Bob Prevoir had a 62.8 percent game, taking first place for North-South. She's ready to play more bridge. Please call her to set up a date: 617-481-1401.

She's not driving, so she'll need a ride. She lives at Riverbay Club, off the Southern Artery in Quincy.

Upcoming Special Games

Be sure to check our calendar for extra point games. We have two Inter Club Championship games coming up: Monday, August 11 (open to all) and Tuesday, September 2. Almost every day in September is an extra point game.

Invitational Mentor Games are usually the second Monday of every month, unless the second Monday is a holiday or the day of a special game, when the mentor game moves to the third Monday. So, the Mentor game in August is the third Monday.

This Fall we're hosting special **Swiss Team Games**. We have scheduled three Sunday Swiss team games: September 14, November 9, and December 14. Game time will be 1 PM. We hope to schedule more in 2015 depending on how well the games are attended. In October we will have a Wednesday Swiss team game. Check our calendar for that date.

Special Visitors

On Thursday, June 5, Londoners, David and Jill Graham visited our Club. They are on a mission: play bridge at an ACBL sanctioned club in every state in the US. Last summer they played in 23 states in 28 days. This year they want to add another 15 states to their list. Both are Life Masters. Jill is a physician, working 6 weeks on and 6 weeks off primarily substituting for other physicians. David plans all of the logistics for their US travels.



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We are pleased to introduce our newest members.

One additional new member, **Nancy Manzillo**, will appear in a future newsletter.

We now have 155 members, 80 of whom are women. When the club was first formed, in 1920, we were a men-only organization. Although women were allowed to play bridge at the Club, it was not until 1983, when women were welcomed as members.



For more information about the history of our club, go to www.puritanbridge.org and visit "About Us".

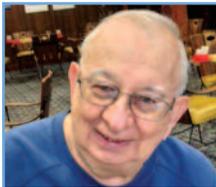
MEET OUR DIRECTORS

We currently have nine members who serve as our directors. We thought you would enjoy knowing a little more about them, including what each had to say when asked to share one piece of advice about bridge:



Mark Batchelder does not have a regular directing assignment, filling in when needed. He has played bridge for about 73 years and directed for 15 years. He has about 2,200 Masterpoints. His primary occupation was structural engineer.

His advice: "Never lie."



Henry Daley also fills in when needed. He has played bridge for about 66 years and directed for 40. He has about 3,760 Masterpoints. His primary occupation was chemistry professor.

His advice: "Enjoy the game. Do not let others ruin it for you."



Norm Guivens directs the Newcomer game on Thursday mornings. He has played bridge for about 15 years and began directing this year. He has about 460 Masterpoints. His primary occupation was computer simulations used in missile defense systems.

His advice: "Focus on more disciplined bidding, better declarer play, and more effective defense, NOT more or fancier bidding conventions."



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Jenny Koenecke directs the Tuesday morning game. She has played bridge for about 50 years and directed for 23. She has about 800 Masterpoints. Her primary occupation is Mom, Grandma, and antiques dealer.

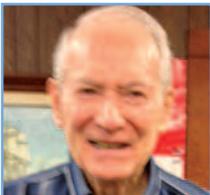
Her advice: "Compliment your partner often on their bidding and play and do your best to be a good partner."



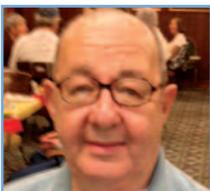
Ken McNeill directs the Wednesday morning game and teaches the class immediately preceding it. He has played bridge for about 30 years and directed for 22. He has about 2,550 Masterpoints. His primary occupation was shipper/receiver. **His advice:** "Trust your partner. He/she is trying to help the partnership make the right decision."



Hal Merzon directs the Monday morning game and teaches the class immediately preceding it. He has played bridge for about 40 years and directed for 2. He has about 1,200 Masterpoints. His primary occupation was project manager for a book company. **His advice:** "The more you play the more you learn. The only difference between an A player and a C player is experience."



Elliott Myers directs the Thursday morning game when he's not wintering in Florida. He has played bridge for about 50 years and directed for 19. He has about 2,100 Masterpoints. His primary occupation was mechanical engineer. **His advice:** "It's easy to fall in love with bridge and the camaraderie and the competition that comes with the game. But, all the while, remember to retain the ability to laugh at yourself."



Bob Prevoir directs the Monday evening and Friday morning games. He has played bridge for more than 50 years and directed for about 30. He has about 2,910 Masterpoints. His primary occupation was bank manager.

His advice: "Structure and discipline are the foundations of this game."



Jim Vierra directs the Saturday afternoon game. He has played bridge for about 40 years and directed for 5. He has about 2,309 Masterpoints. His primary occupation was math teacher. **His advice:** "Don't judge how well you have played by the number of points you win. You should judge your game by how well you played for your level. Don't be afraid to ask how you might have done better. Most players love to help others improve."

New Tournament The ACBL just announced the first of its kind Regional Tournament, dubbed THE EGG... (the golden egg). It is a special tournament, especially for players with fewer than 2500 points. It will be held in Sturbridge on October 8-12 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. Check the ACBL website for more details.



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