



Welcome and Happy Fall! Lots of news to report: new members, two new board members, a fond farewell, parties, special games, 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.



**CONGRATULATIONS
to Rudi Brautigam
and Jon Guttmacher**

Playing with two others whom they met that day, Rudi & Jon won the Gold Rush Swiss Team 76 Table competition on Oct 8th in Sturbridge, each winning 18.89 gold. That was enough to make each a Bronze Life Master. **Wowsers!**

Congratulations also to our other members who have advanced in status. **Nancy Mullen** has advanced to Club Master, **Michael Chapman** to Regional Master, **Nora Schneider** to Life Master, and **Maureen Berggren** to Bronze Life Master.

**UPCOMING
Classes & Special Games**

Jim Vierra will conduct a **free class on defense** at 11:30 (prior to the game) on Sat., November 22nd. Be sure to check our calendar for extra point games.

We have two special **Swiss Team Games coming up on Sundays at 1 pm:** November 9 and December 14. We hope to schedule more in 2015 depending on how well the games are attended.

**NEW PROGRAM
NEWS FOR NEW PLAYERS**

MENTORS AVAILABLE - Monday Mornings
Would you like to play with a mentor?

Just sign up at the club.

We bid a fond farewell to **Don Levy** who is moving to Tamarac, Florida. Don has been a member of our Club since 1970 (when it was men only) and EMBA Treasurer for 5½ years.



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

At our Annual Meeting in October, our members elected two new members to our Board of Directors.

Jeffrey Sweeney - President and
Nancy Mullen - Membership Committee

Others include Fay Myers and Judy Goranson (Vice Presidents) Nora Schneider (Treasurer), Pat Cotta (Secretary), Hal Merzon (House), Betsey Paige (Entertainment), Jenny Koenecke (Bridge Chair), Bill Hannon (Auditor), and Brenda Hussey (Past President).

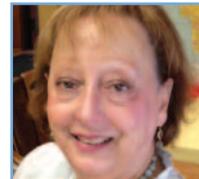


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We are pleased to introduce our two newest members

Nancy Manzillo and **Arthur Keefe**. We now have 161 members, the highest number in recent history! Others, who will appear in our next newsletter, include Dorothy Smith, Peg D’Onofino, Shyla & Dick Settles and Wayne Dwyer.



COMMON BONDS

Besides a love of bridge, some members have other things in common. We thought it fun to share a few of them.

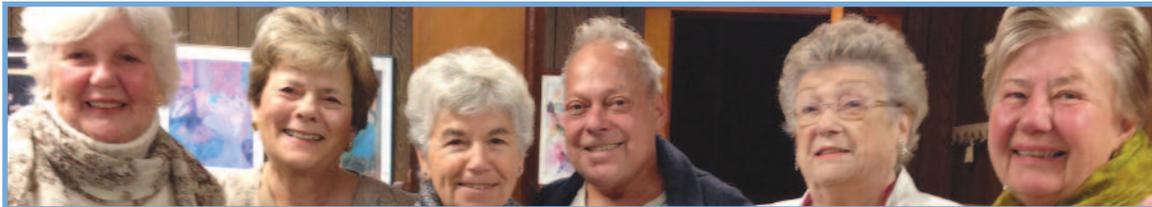


In 1996, **Ken McNeill** and **Richard Palmer** both made Life Master both made Life Master playing together, but at different times!

Ken pushed Richard over the line in Bermuda, when they won a Stratified Pairs event worth 31 gold points (Richard needed 11.8). Later that year, Richard helped Ken earn the silver he needed.



Ken McNeill, Jim Vierra, Elaine Sheeran, Pat Cairns & Mark Batchelder, all have had parents who played at our Club.



Betsey Paige, Ruth Weston, Fay Myers, Donna Daley and Betsy Hines all get their hair styled by our own **Eddie Kelly**. Ed’s first patron, **Annemarie Stanton**, is missing from the picture.

Puritan Holiday Plans

Special Parties
for you in the upcoming season!

Hanukkah Party
& Game Dec. 16
10:15 am

Christmas Party
& Game Dec. 20
12 noon

Pizza Supper
and Game
New Year’s Eve 6:pm



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Loretta Shea LePori

Loretta is our Club's longest standing female member. In 1983, she and three other women (Joan Jackson, Evelyn King, and Mary Foley) were the first women to ever become members of the Puritan Bridge Club.

Loretta's mother introduced her to bridge in the 1960s. Her mother would come to Loretta's house with two friends and while Loretta's children napped, Loretta played bridge. Eventually, she started going to Westwood to play and take lessons. Marty Cohen was one of her first teachers. In the 1970s she discovered our Club and began playing here regularly, choosing Puritan because she found the people "so lovely."

In the late 1970s when her children went off to college, Loretta began her 20 year career as a human resource specialist at large CPA firms. She continued to play bridge but, at that time, only at night. Back then our Club had night games on Wednesday and Friday. She kept up this routine until she retired in 1997 when she married Henry. He was not a bridge player, but soon took it up saying that if he didn't he would never see Loretta.

One of the changes Loretta has noticed over the years is the introduction of more and fancier conventions. When she first started playing bridge, folks were better players than bidders.

Today, Loretta plays bridge at our Club in the summer. She winters in Florida, where she golfs and plays canasta and bridge. She even gets to play with her old friend and bridge partner, Ken McNeill, when he's in Florida visiting his parents.

To Loretta, her kids come first. She has 3 children, 11 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

Asked to share some bridge advice, she said, "**NEVER OVERCALL A BAD SUIT.**"

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

Bring a Friend

We want to remind you to take advantage of our "Bring a Friend" policy. If you bring a new player to our Club, you and each new player receive a slip for a free play. If this new player becomes a member, each of you will receive another free play.



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