



## *Welcome to Summer 2015!*

In this issue, you'll meet our new members, learn the dates of special events which are coming up, remember our bittersweet celebration of the Myers' move to Florida, and read other news about our members. Please remember, if you know of any significant milestones reached by any of our members or if you have any comments or suggestions about the newsletter, please share them with us at [puritanbridge@verizon.net](mailto:puritanbridge@verizon.net).

### MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

#### HYANNIS WINNERS

At the recent Keohane Senior Regional Tournament in Hyannis several of our members did very well. In various Senior Choice Pair competitions, **Gautam Merchant** and **Bill Ruth** placed 3rd winning 10.24 gold, **Gautam Merchant** and **Bill Hannon** placed 13th winning 5.28 gold, **Betsy Hines** and **Jenny Koenecke** placed 8th winning 6.14 gold, **Judy Goranson** and **Jenny Koenecke** earned 3.19 gold and **Pat Cotta** and **Nora Schneider** placed 8th winning 1.2 gold. In the B Round Robin Team competition, **Maureen Yachemski**, **Pat Cotta**, **Maureen Berggren** and **Nora Schneider** placed 3rd winning 1.83 gold. Congrats to all!

#### Congratulations to our members who have advanced in status.

**Elaine Madden**, **Dorothy Smith**, and **Maureen Westgate** have advanced to Junior Master, **Maureen Cullen**, **Arlene Saperstein**, **Arthur Keefe** and **Herb Miller** have advanced to Club Master, **Susan Lincoln** has advanced to Sectional Master, **Ralph Desmond** to NABC Master, and **Pat Cotta** to Life Master.

### ELLIOTT AND FAY MYERS



We honored Fay and Elliott Myers with a potluck lunch as they leave us for sunny Naples, Florida. We can't thank them enough for all they did for our Club. Each of them served on the Board in various capacities, Elliott directed games, Fay watered our plants, cleaned our kitchen, and tried to

keep us green. But, it is their warm and friendly personalities that we will miss the most. We can't wait to see them back playing at our Club once their move is complete.

### SAVE THE DATES

**STaC Week – June 29 to July 4.**

**Swiss Teams on Wednesday, July 1.**

Win those silver points!

**The Mark Batchelder/Henry Daley Barbecue Saturday, July 25.** Look for sign-up sheets at the Club. There will be hamburgers and lots of other goodies to eat and extra points to win. Charge is an extra \$5 per person. Proceeds go to the Batchelder/Daley Fund.



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## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to introduce our newest members. . . **Welcome!**  
We hope you'll enjoy many happy years of playing bridge at our Club.



Dorothy Smith



Peg D'Onofino



Sue Lincoln



Pat Rosanna



Judy Crosby



Maureen McDonnell



Jacqueline Garceau



Will Toschos



Dimitry Vedensky



Jill Fleming



Jeremy Shen



Eric Throop



Peter Griff



Ed Oakes

Elliot Feiner



Wayne Dwyer



Sue & Herb Miller



Barbara & Jack D'Entrement



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## Marybeth Lombardi

**Marybeth Lombardi** grew up in Lake Forest, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. As a child she would hear her parents arguing over a bridge hand and decided she would never play “that game.” She went to Manhattanville College in New York, double majoring in math and Russian and spending summers in Middlebury Language School. She received a scholarship for a masters program in secondary education at Harvard.

Friends of her parents, fearing that she would be overeducated and thus never marry, introduced her to a Navy lieutenant from Boston, a BU educated lawyer stationed in Illinois, and the older half-brother of Leon Lombardi. During her year at Harvard, her long-distance romance blossomed. Soon thereafter, Marybeth got married and spent the next 25 years in Lake Forest raising their six children while living in the house in which she was raised (featured in the film, *ORDINARY PEOPLE*).

For the last 6 of those 25 years, she finally used her Harvard degree and taught math at a girls’ high school - all this, while her husband practiced law at her father’s firm.

Then her husband decided to retire early and return to Massachusetts to manage a family business which had been a dairy farm that, over the years, (while still in Illinois) he had converted to a golf course. Today Easton Country Club is thriving and still managed by her children. About 21 years ago, some of Marybeth’s tennis friends convinced her to take up bridge. When her husband died, she stayed in Easton and continued to pursue her interests in downhill skiing, golf, tennis, and bridge.

While on a trip, she met fellow traveler, Don Swart, in Berlin. Don was a widower and retired veterinarian from western NY. They had a lot in common, including “jumping”: Marybeth bungee jumped while on a trip to New Zealand and Don was a parachute jumper while in the Army. They married and he took up her interests except she discouraged trying bridge. One day Don wanted to kibitz and Bob Boyd said to him, “So you want to be miserable like the rest of us.” That’s all it took.

## Final Notes

Thanks to Judy Goranson, we will be hosting bridge lessons at our Club on eight Monday mornings in the Fall as part of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at U Mass Boston. Henry Daley will be the teacher for most of the sessions. If you know of a senior who wants to learn (or relearn – remember we used to open four card majors?) bridge, please tell them they need to register on the U Mass website. Space is limited. We look forward to meeting lots of new bridge players and potential Club members!



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