



Welcome to Summer 2016!

In this issue, you'll meet our new members, learn the dates of special events which are coming up, and read other news about what's happening at The Puritan Club. 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.

OLD BUILDING, BIG EXPENSES AND GENEROUS MEMBERS

Every year the Braintree Building Inspector comes to inspect our building and issue our permit, which allows us to operate the Club.

This year, due to changes in the building code requirements we did not pass the inspection. We had to have a new alarm system installed at a cost of over \$16 thousand dollars.

The new system is up and running, but the expense made a big dent in our operating budget. We want to thank our generous members who have already donated over \$1,800 to help defray the cost. Another \$1,750 has been pledged. Thanks to **Henry and Donna Daley, Gino and Pat Di Sciullo, Judy Goranson, Maureen Yachimiski, Peter and Mimi Roos, Bill Hannon, Jim Vierra, Jenny Koenecke,** our tenant, **Curtain Call Theater,** and three other anonymous donors.

If you would like to make a donation, it would be much appreciated!

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Our Club has funded an annual scholarship at the Braintree High School for years. This year we increased the amount from \$500 to \$750. Those extra point game fees designated "local charity" used to go to outside charities. This year they went towards the scholarship fund. Together with some generous donations by two members, those fees almost completely covered the scholarship.

Congratulations to our members who have advanced in status.

Dan Cotta, Larry Kellem, Astrid Peisch, Bill Firla, and Jen Reidy have advanced to Junior Master; and **Ron Bender and Allyson Smith** to Sectional Master.

SAVE THE DATES

First two Fridays in August, the 5th and 12th, 8:30 to 10 am

Henry Daley will be teaching a two-part class on defense (intermediate level, but all are welcome). \$10 per person per session. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Saturday, September 17th we will have our Annual BBQ. Signs will be posted for sign-ups.



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MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

We are at our highest number of members in many years, 175.

Welcome! We hope you'll enjoy many happy years of playing bridge at our Club.



Bob Kostka



Bob DeLaar



Adrienne Dubois



Allyson Smith



Barry Reynolds



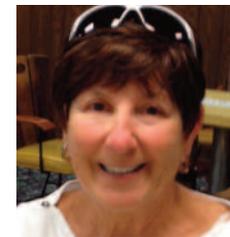
Sue Haley



Jackie Braga



Andrea Miller



Theresa Murphy

WELCOMING NEWBIES

This Fall, we will once again be teaming up with UMass Boston's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) and the ACBL to offer an 8-week ACBL program for adults who are either beginning or returning to bridge. Classes will be held in our classroom on 8 consecutive Fridays at 10:30 to 12:30, beginning September 9th.

Maureen Bitler and Elaine Sheeran will run the program. Maureen, a Bronze Life Master, is in her first year of teaching bridge with current teaching gigs for beginners at the Quail Ridge Country Club in Acton and the Recreational Department of the Town of Lexington.

Elaine, a retired school principal, has been teaching bridge to beginners for over a year with gigs in Plymouth and Marshfield. Elaine is an ACBL certified instructor and Maureen will be certified by September. Registration is through OLLI: <https://www.umb.edu/olli>.

To encourage all newbies to continue playing we will run a Newcomer Game (under 25 master points) every Thursday, starting September 8th. In addition, we are working with EMBA to host the **Learning Bridge in a Day** program. Details will be posted at the Club.



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Bob Boyd

Bob Boyd started playing bridge at home with his parents as a teenager. His early dates with Ann were often attending whist parties. He continued playing social whist and bridge all through his forty year career at a fish processing plant in Boston from 1945 through 1985. Then serendipity stepped in.

One of Bob and Ann's neighbors was Mary Foley, a then member of Puritan Bridge Club. Their mail carrier would sometimes mix up their mail and that was how Bob found out about Puritan. He began by taking lessons at Puritan with Charley Muse in 1990. Bob did that for about three months before graduating to the "big room". By then his failing eyesight kept him from driving, so he walked everywhere, including to the Club. He was not playing in tournaments because none were within walking distance. Then fate stepped in again.

Bob and Ann went on a little vacation to Las Vegas in 1998 with Pat McSweeney and Dick Buckley. They played some bridge there, and Bob won 18 gold masterpoints. That started his quest. Once home, he had Ann drive him to tournaments, getting the rest of his gold in Newton at the individual tournaments. By 2000 he made Life Master.

Today Bob has about 2,000 masterpoints. His advice to new players:

"Have fun, and don't take yourself too seriously."

Sadly, this past June Bob said a final farewell to his beloved Ann after 64 years of marriage and lots of happy card playing. Ann will be greatly missed by all of her many friends.

Membership Directory

Thanks to the generous volunteer efforts of Mimi Roos, we will soon have a new membership contact directory. Thank you, Mimi.

Reminder: Bring a Friend

Bring a new player to our club and you and each new player receives a slip for a free play. If this new player becomes a member, then each of you will receive another free play!



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