



OUR LIFE MEMBERS

Besides full year and half year members, we have a third class reserved only for those very few who have kept our Club thriving through their years of dedication and hard work **these are our Life Members.**



First given to **Henry Daley** about fifty years ago when he was the Club's Manager, Treasurer, and game director. **Mark Batchelder** followed next after years of taking care of our property as House Manager and game director. **Paul Walorz** followed next. And our most recent Life Member is **Bob Prevoir** who served in numerous Board positions, taught classes and directed games for many years.

Thanks to our Life Members for their precious legacy which is the Puritan Bridge Club today.

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to our members who have advanced in status.

Jane Ferris, Suzanne Merna, Libby Nilsen and Margaret Butteriss
TO JUNIOR MASTER

Ken Einstein, Jane Tondorf, Judy Crosby, Dan Cotta, Karen Shapiro, & Adrienne DuBois TO CLUB MASTER

Jon Kasdan, Astrid Peisch, Peter Griff, Herb Miller, Sue Miller, & Muriel Hoffman
TO SECTIONAL MASTER

Ann Keegan, Arthur Keefe, Laura Pearlstein, & Paul Ranaghan
TO REGIONAL MASTER

Pat Kelleher TO NABC MASTER

Robert DeLaar TO LIFE MASTER

Kathy Aubrey and Paul Manganello
TO BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Jenny Koenecke TO SILVER LIFE MASTER

Richard Palmer and Mark Batchelder
TO GOLD LIFE MASTER

Helen Flanagan TO SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

SAVE THE DATES **Two Parties**

Tues. June 13 - Potluck Bridge Brunch

Sat. September 9 - Annual Barbecue

Both extra points games. Look for signs with details

DOUBLE FUN DAYS:

Tuesday – Barbu
Wednesday – Mah Jong

After the regularly scheduled bridge game, we are hosting Barbu on Tuesdays and Mah Jong on Wednesdays. Games will start 1:45ish. All are welcome. For info about Barbu, just ask Gautam.



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BERMUDA PARTY



Betsey Paige, Ruth Weston, Richard Palmer and the EMBA contingent from Cape Cod celebrate the January, 2017 Bermuda Regional.

PHOTO: An impromptu party hosted by Rena Lieberman in her room after the Championship Pairs event.

GAME DIRECTORS NEEDED

We are looking for a few players to train as Game Directors.

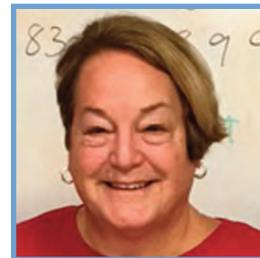
You do NOT need to be a long time player or have any special masterpoints. Game Directors are paid for each game they direct and play for free in all games.

To qualify, you must familiarize yourself with the materials and take an 'Open Book' test.

If interested, please see a Game Director for more information or to shadow a Director during a game.

CLASSES

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!



Jim Vierra will be teaching play of the hand techniques in five short lessons every Thursday in June. Lessons are at intermediate and above level, but all are welcome. Sessions will start after that day's game (at approximately 1:45) and run less than an hour. Learn about squeezes, stripping the hand, end plays, setting up a second suit, and maybe a bit about defending against a strong No Trump.

Jim is volunteering his time **And Classes are FREE!**

Thanks to the efforts of **Elaine Sheeran**, we will once again be offering bridge for beginners at our Club this Fall through the OLLI program at UMass Boston. Tell your friends interested in learning bridge to register through UMass Boston. Any questions, just ask Elaine or anyone on the Board.



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Wally Loewer



Wally grew up in Baltimore in a non-card playing family. He stayed away from the bridge players at college out of fear he might play too much and not study. Then, in his 30s he accepted a job with the US Army Corps of Engineers in Saudi Arabia. He knew there would be no TV, radio, or movies, so he decided to learn the only game in town - bridge. During the three months before moving to Saudi Arabia, he took some lessons, bought Watson's Play of the Hand, and started playing social bridge.

From 1978 until 1982 Wally was busy at work helping to build two navy bases for the Saudi government. In his non-working hours, he played bridge. Wally and his wife regularly played bridge with friends over a few cocktails. He also played in duplicate games. In 1982, Wally came back to the States, eventually settling in Santa Maria, California where he lived and worked at the Vandenberg Air Force Base until 1993. He continued playing bridge, joined the ACBL, and won his first gold masterpoints. He tells an amusing story about that event – just ask him how two beers led to gold.

After retiring from the Corp Wally did some consulting work around the area, and was not able to play much bridge. Then a friend from Saudi recruited him for a 2-year job on a big road project in Boston, and all of that changed. In 2008 he saw an article in a local paper about a bridge club in Braintree and how a blind man, Bob Boyd, played there. The bridge bug had bitten him again. Wally found our Club, rejoined the ACBL, and started playing again. He initially played in Mary Kelly's newcomer games. Today, he has over 300 masterpoints and is working on getting his gold for Life Master. You will always know when Wally is at the Club. He has a very distinctive laugh, and he's laughing all the time when he's playing his favorite game of bridge.

Final Notes

On a sad note we said a final farewell to long time member, Cal Goldberg, who recently passed away. Please remember, if you know any significant news of any of our members or if you have any comments or suggestions about the newsletter, please share them with us at:

puritanbridge@verizon.net.



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