



President's Corner

Hello to all Maine Bridge Players,

First, I wish to express what a pleasure it is to be playing our favorite game face – to – face again. Since June 1, 2021, clubs have been conducting games, for the first time in a long time, all over Maine. Welcome back!

A BIG THANK YOU to Kate Hewett who has worked diligently as the Treasurer and Secretary of Maine Bridge for many years. She has retired, and will be greatly missed.

Also a BIG THANK YOU to Steve Dyer, for directing the Bridge Base Online Unit 189 games.

Friday (June 25) I had an opportunity to participate in the Oxford area "Longest Day" event. A great turnout for both sessions, good food and an incredible job in raising funds for Alzheimer's research. Congratulations to all those who participated!

Shortly after I became president of MBA I was approached by the person who maintains our website and asked if I could write a bridge book review. From talking to others she had learned what an extensive library of bridge books and literature I have accumulated, over the years, and thought members might find it interesting to hear about those books that were most important.

Well, I admit I never got to this project, but something happened at the bridge table (something that I don't believe has ever happened to me in over 50 years of playing this game, something that could never occur in online bridge) that could be the source of one of Victor Mollo's incredible stories.

Who is Victor Mollo? Victor Mollo lived in England born in 1909 died 1987. He was one of the best-loved authors to write about bridge. He wrote a number of excellent "how to" books on the game but it was as a humorist and the author of

Bridge in the Menagerie (first published in 1965) and its sequels, that he will be remembered.

The hands that Mollo constructed for these stories are truly incredible. It should also be noted that he was an incredible player, frequenting the highest stakes money bridge games in London, and walking away a winner. Over his playing career he won four national championships in England.

I would highly recommend the original, but would also invite you in joining me and laughing at all the stories Mollo published in various bridge magazines around the world which were collected into four additional books which are:

The Hog Takes to Precision (2011)
Diamonds Are the Hog's Best Friend (2013)
Swings and Arrows (2014)
Last Call in the Menagerie (2015)

It was from these experiences, and all the people he met at various clubs, that the characters in *Bridge in the Menagerie* took shape. Feature of the book is that all the characters have animal references in their names which also reflect their personalities. It is not only the "Hideous Hog", a master, but the "Rueful Rabbit" too -- in his own estimation the second worst player in the world -- who executes all manner of brilliant plays, guided by a guardian angel whose magic turns every blunder to his protégés advantage.

In order for you to understand that this was my "Rueful Rabbit" moment, you need to know some characteristics of the Rueful Rabbit. The following, slightly edited, is how R. R. is described in an introduction to the second book: "the Rueful Rabbit is gentle, generous, always ready to help – more especially his opponents. Highly ethical, R.R. would never dream of taking advantage. He rarely knows what he is doing or why is doing it, but his guarding angel waves a magic wand and the ugly duckling play or bid turns into a bird of paradise. In many stories it is noted that he incessantly munches on almond biscuits and sips cherry brandy while his mind wanders everywhere except to the task at hand at the bridge table.

The setting is the Portland Duplicate Bridge Club two Wednesdays ago. Everything begins as normal, I pull my hand from the board, count my cards, quickly scan my hand counting my points (I had 12) and place my suits red, black, red, black. Without looking at my hand again I open a weak NT (12 – 14). Left-hand opponent passes and partner bids 2 spades which is to play. I now reopen my hand and suddenly come to the stark realization that **both my red suits are diamonds!** Rather than having a 3343 shape I actually have a 3073 shape. What to do? I begin to blush. My mind is racing, but I come to the realization that the only right thing to do is to pass and take my medicine for my initial blunder. So, I pass

and my left-hand opponent balances with three hearts which my partner doubles.
Down three vulnerable tricks.

After the round my partner, quite understandably, asked me never to do that again. I apologized, explained what happened and assured him that if many more "Rueful Rabbit" moments started popping up it was probably time for me to find a different game. The victims in this story of course are our poor opponents (Mollo's character who would narrate the story from my left hand opponent perspective would be "Karapet the unlucky"). To them I also apologize but hope they can see the humor in this crazy situation.

Sheepishly or should I say ruefully submitted,

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BBO – Maine Bridge Unit 189 Virtual Games

Tuesday	12:30 pm	
Tuesday	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	7:00 pm	
Thursday	12:30 pm	
Sunday	12:30 pm	Newcomers less than 399 points

Bridge Base Online has finally made Swiss Teams Stratified like Regular pairs.
As of August 1st Swiss Teams can be made up of any combination of players.
No longer 8 is Enough!!

Swiss Teams are the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month at 6:00PM

**Indian Summer Sectional
Portland, Maine
September 11 & 12, 2021**

Proof of COVID Vaccination Required

Woodfords Club, 179 Woodford St. Portland, ME

Saturday Events

Two-session stratified open pairs

- Strats – A: 1500+, B: 750-1500, C: 0-750
- single session entries accepted

Two single-session 299'er pairs games

Sunday Event

Swiss teams, stratified by team MP average

A: 1500+ B: 500-1500 C: 0-500

10:30 AM start each day, 2nd Sat. session starts 2:30 PM

***\$10 per player per session on Saturday. \$20 per player on Sunday.
Additional \$4 per session for lapsed ACBL members.***

Lunches will be available for purchase on both days.
Free coffee/tea and donuts/bagels/fruit cups.

For help forming a team or finding a partner, contact:
Russ Glidden 207.839.6096 freestyle04098@msn.com

For more tournament information, contact:
Roger Guerin 207.468.0860 rguerin967@gmail.com

Eastern Maine Sectional

October 16 & 17, 2021

Reeds Brook Middle School
28 Main Road, South Hampden, ME

Proof of COVID Vaccination Required

Saturday events

Two-session stratified open pairs

- Strats – A: 1500+, B: 750-1500, C: 0-750
- single session entries accepted

Two single-session 299'er pairs games

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Lunches will be available for purchase on both days.

Free coffee/tea and grab-and-go snacks.

For help forming a team or finding a partner, contact:

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For more tournament information, contact:

Bill Halteman 207.866.3075 halteman@maine.edu

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Life Master Milestones

Essie Dondis, Rockland
David Offer, Hallowell

Life Master
Life Master

Essie Dondis, Rockland

Bronze Life Master

Essie Dondis, Rockland
Charles Stringham, Ocean Park

Silver Life Master
Silver Life Master

Stephen Kolkhorst, Portland
Patricia Damon, Winslow

Ruby Life Master
Ruby Life Master

Dorothy Kelleher, Westbrook

Platinum Life Master

Dottie is the 2nd Platinum Life Master (10,000 points) in Maine!!!

Also Congratulations to Dottie, #321 in the Barry Crane top 500 for 2020!!

Maine Bridge Web Sites

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/unit189/>

Unit 189

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/dirigo/>

Bangor Games

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/rockland/>

Rockland Games

Mainely News

Cape Carders Bridge Club

Monday 12:00 Noon, Woodford's Club, 179 Woodford St., Portland, Maine
Director: Dorothy Kelleher (207-854-2482) or cell (207-329-3176)
Email dotpeppie@aol.com Please call if you need a partner.

Special Games Winners:

July 12 th	Club Champs	Larry Barbour and Chuck Stringham
July 19 th	NAOP	Dottie Kelleher and Audrey Thirkell

Upcoming Games:

Club Championships	August 16, 30 September 6, 20 October 4 November 1, 29 December 13
Club Appreciation	October 18
Holiday Party	December 13

Sadly it is hard to find the words to say how much we miss our bridge friends who passed during our months away. You are still with us in spirit.

I want to thank the board of Woodfords Club who worked hard to allow us to re-start the games. Sonja and Horace Gower were also very helpful for me.

Thanks to all the faithful players who continue to support our games.

Midcoast Duplicate Bridge Club

Thursday 10:00 AM, Masonic Hall, 65 Baribeau Drive, Brunswick, Maine

Director: Dottie Kelleher Home: 207-854-2482 Cell : 207-329-3176

E-mail dotpeppie@aol.com

Please call ahead if you need a partner.

Special Games Winners:

July 1 st	Club Champs	Dottie Kelleher and Dan Morgenstern
July 8 th	Club Champs	Jim Matson and Lee Schepps
		Dottie Kelleher and Dan Morgenstern
July 15 th	NAOP	Tricia and George Bernstein
July 29 th	Club Champs	Carol and Dennis Padron
August 5 th	NAOP	Dottie Kelleher and Dan Morgenstern

Upcoming Games:

Club Championship Games	August 12, 19
	September 2, 16, 30
	October 21, 28
Club Appreciation	October 5

Sadly it is hard to find the words to say how much we miss our bridge friends who passed during our months away. You are still with us in spirit.

I want to thank all of the faithful players who come as often as they can. I especially give thanks to Dan Morgenstern for all his help.

Due to our games currently being so small; I will be closing this game down at the end of October and open up again in March.

Ellsworth Duplicate Bridge Club

Thursday 6:30 PM (shutdown until at least September)
Moore Senior Center, 115 State Street, Ellsworth, Maine

Wednesday 1:00 PM June through September
The Neighborhood House, 1 Kimball Road, Northeast Harbor, Maine

Director: Michael Povich (207-667-8934) (Cell: 207-461-8934)
E-mail mepda@myfairpoint.net

As I turned off the lights, and locked the doors at the Bryant E. Moore Senior Center on March 12, 2020, little did I know that there would not be a live duplicate bridge game in this club until June 23, 2021. Many players transitioned to BBO and many may have faded away.

In any event, with the Ellsworth game at the Moore Senior shut-down to at least September, the Northeast Harbor game went live on June 23rd. Our new venue is The Neighborhood House, 1 Kimball Road, Northeast Harbor and the game is being held on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM. And, as with the library, the Neighborhood House is not charging us a facility fee.



Ellsworth Duplicate Bridge Club – Continued

As for the Games:

June 23, 2021: The Longest Day Game (8 tables)

Hannah Sistare/Tim Clark.

One Thousand Dollars was remitted to the Alzheimer's Association

July 7, 2021: Club NAP game (11 tables)

Callie Brauer/Michael Povich

July 14, 2021: Charity Club Championship (10 tables)

Walter Rudd/Kathryn Tillson.

July 21, 2021: Club NAP game (10 tables)

Nancy Stewart/Lili Andrews

July 28, 2021: Super Welcome Back Game (10 tables)

Mimi Heckman/Adrienne Maxwell

August 4, 2021: Club NAP game (9 ½ tables)

Madolon Brogdon/Phil Heasley.

Going forward, on August 11, 2021 there will be a Charity Club Championship game with all proceeds going to The Neighborhood House. In addition this game will be in memory of Jack Maxwell, Jr. who died on January 1, 2020 at the age of 91 and Bill Wister who died on November 23,,2019 at the age of 86---outstanding bridge players and loyal supporters of this club.

And that fellow bridge players, is all The News from the Mudflats.

Want to play in one of Maine's Sectional Tournaments and need help finding a partner or team.

Contact our Partnership Coordinator: Russ Glidden -
207.839.6096, freestyle04098@msn.com

It is easiest to find you a partner or pair if you call a couple weeks or more in advance.

Deer Isle Bridge

Wednesday 12:30 PM Semi-Monthly June through November
Second and Fourth Wednesdays of the Month
Island Men's Christian Fellowship Building,
652 North Deer Isle Road, Deer Isle, Maine
Club Manager: Paula Colwell (207-348-6061) tompaula28@gmail.com

Partners are not available, but we always try to accommodate someone who is in need if you send an email to Paula (tompaula28@gmail.com) in advance.

Deer Isle Bridge resumed face to face play on July 14th at the site located at 652 North Deer Isle Road in Deer Isle. Surprisingly we had 6 full tables and a stress free game. The second game was two weeks later on the 28th of July with 7 & ½ tables, but not stress free!

Not ever claiming to be computer literate, I struggled to set up the game and in fact resorted to the old "paper" method when several problems arose that I knew I could fix but not in the "heat of the moment." We are, however, back on track after chatting with Steve Dyer and look forward to problem free games for the rest of the season.

July 14th - Howell Game

1 st	Will Taylor & Marcia Tompkins	61%
2 nd /3 rd	Tom & Paula Colwell / Mary Newman & Bob Lasky	58%

July 28th - Mitchell Game

North/South

1 st	Tom & Paula Colwell	67%
2 nd	Mary Newman & Mimi Gerstell	56%
3 rd	Bill & Barbara Whitman	54%

East/West

1 st	Nancy Greene & Lou Cooper	63%
2 nd	Steve Bralove & Bob Lasky	56%
3 rd	Bob Walker & Ann Ebeling	55%

Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club

Friday 9:15 AM, Rec Center, 221 King Street, Oxford, Maine

Directors: Mike Quinn (207) 461-2866 mikebquinn23@gmail.com

Pat Quinn (207) 461-5788 bridgeiscool23@gmail.com

Parking in the rear. Partner guaranteed if you arrive 10 minutes before start time.

Oxford Hills Bridge Club reopened on Friday, June 4th and has met regularly at 9:15 am each succeeding week.

All vaccinated individuals are welcome at 223 King St. in Oxford.

Our local players have returned to the table and summer people are arriving.

We held the Club Championship on July 9th, winners were:

1. Hazel Glazier and Marta Clements
2. Dottie Kelleher and Mike True
3. Jim Dickens and Denny Raymond
4. Nancy Farmer and Mike Quinn

There was a 3 way tie for B and C levels:

B.J. and Steve Cavicchi
Georgette Jewell and Pat Soule
Diana and Frank Ferland

Congratulations to all!

THE LONGEST DAY BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

On Friday, June 25th, the Oxford Hills Bridge Club held their ninth annual bridge tournament to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association along with the American Contract Bridge League which includes bridge clubs from all over North America.

The club raises money by donations and bridge fees. We wish to thank all who supported this worthy cause. This year our club members brought in over \$10,500 which goes directly to Maine Alzheimer's in Scarborough.

The winners of this year's event were Dick Allen and Paul Clements who were gifted with original prints by our local artist and bridge player Misha Tomic who kindly volunteered the prizes.

We had about 50 people who came to play in our two games in Oxford. Most from Maine and a group from Vermont as well, who usually join us while they're vacationing in the state.

Lunch was provided between games donated by local pizza stores. It is most heartwarming to feel the generosity of our local donors who contribute to help find a cure and support those suffering from this insidious disease.



Overall Winners
Dick Allen, Pat Quinn and Paul Clements
Prints provided by Misha Tomic



Winners of First Session
Ken Harvey, Pat Damon, Rollie Miller, Misha Tomic,
Dan Townsend and David Offer

Dirigo Bridge Club

Monday 12:30 PM and Wednesday 12:30 PM

Tuesday 6:00 PM - Game **on Hold**

Mad Kat & Company Bar and Grille 393 N. Main St. Brewer ME. 04412

Director: Steve Dyer (207-884-7413), notrumpking@midmaine.com

Website: <http://bridgewebs.com/dirigo>

For a partner call Fran Loring 942-0545 or

Email Steve at notrumpking@midmaine.com

Tuesday night a partner is guaranteed, Monday & Wednesday a partner is required.

Please note the Thursday game has moved to Wednesday and the Tuesday game is currently on hold.

Also please note the new location the Mad Kat & Company Bar and Grille located 393 N. Main St. Brewer Maine.

Games will be in the Back room; 2600 Square feet of space to "socially distance" in. Vaccines REQUIRED!! Coffee, tea and hand sanitizer provided. No masks required while playing because everyone will be vaccinated. You can still wear one if you want (You have to wear a mask while walking through Bar & Grille).

Bar will be open.

Our overall winners since June 7th are:

1st Van Raymond, 2nd John Ellery 3rd Ed Spear.



Mainely News – Clubs Opening in September

Lewiston Bridge Club

Tuesday 9:00 AM

Seniors' Room Lewiston Armory, 65 Central Avenue, Lewiston, Maine

Directors: Mike Quinn (207) 461-2866 mikebquinn23@gmail.com

Pat Quinn (207) 461-5788 bridgeiscool23@gmail.com

Lewiston will be starting on the first Tuesday in September!!

Looking forward to seeing you all back at the bridge tables!!!

Capital City Duplicate Bridge Club

Wednesday games begin at 1:00 PM **Wednesday Games on Hold**

Granite Hill Estates, 60 Balsam Drive, Hallowell, Maine

Thursday games begin at 6:30 PM Game Start September 2nd

Kennebec Plaza, 20 Willow Street, Augusta, Maine

Director: Janet Arey, Phone 207-485-2530 E-Mail: jarey3@yahoo.com

Partner is always guaranteed - **if you are coming without a partner, the club requests that you try to arrive ten minutes early to facilitate partner selection.**

CLUB NEWS:

YEAH!!

We will be resuming Thursday evening Bridge Games in Augusta beginning on September 2nd – same place, Kennebec Plaza, 20 Willow Street - same time, 6:30 PM.

ALL PLAYERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF BEING VACCINATED AGAINST COVID THE FIRST TIME YOU COME TO PLAY.

Unless there is a change in CDC protocol, masks are optional.

We are still unable to resume Wednesday games at Granite Hill – we are hoping to be able to play there soon!

Missing in Action

The following clubs did not make a report for this issue, but are included for your convenience.

The Idle Rich Duplicate Bridge Club

Monday, 9:30 AM, American Legion Post #1, 335 Limerock Street, Rockland, Maine
Director: Lance Bukoff, Phone: 207 542-4852 lance.bukoff@tds.net
Website: www.bridgewebs.com/rockland

Brunswick Bridge Club

Tuesday's 12:30 American Legion Post 20, 1 Columbus Drive, Brunswick, Maine
Director: Horace Gower (207-865-4850) hgower@comcast.net
Partner Guaranteed

Knox County Duplicate Bridge Club

Wednesday, 9:30 AM, American Legion Post#1, 335 Limerock Street, Rockland, Maine
Director: Lance Bukoff, Phone: 207 542-4852 lance.bukoff@tds.net
Open Club, Walk-ins welcome, Partner Guaranteed.
Website: www.bridgewebs.com/rockland

Greater Portland Bridge Club

Wednesday at 12:00 Noon
Woodford's Club, 179 Woodford Street, Portland, Maine
Director: Horace Gower (207-865-4850) hgower@comcast.net
We guarantee a partner if you are there before game time.

Harbor Duplicate Bridge Club

Wednesday, 6:30 PM Rotary Club Hall,
66 Montgomery Road, Boothbay Harbor, Maine
Director Susan Blagden, (207) 882-5203 susan@wiscasset.net

Yarmouth Neighborhood Bridge Club

Wednesdays 7:00 PM Invitational,
179 Woodford Street, Portland Maine
Director: Sally Magee (207-712-2334) sallydmagee@gmail.com
Dave Magee (207-712-2441) dmagee1@maine.rr.com

Blue Hill Bridge

Thursday 12:30 Semi-Monthly
First Congregational Church, 22 Tenney Hill, Blue Hill, Maine
Club Manager: Will Taylor (207-374-5101) WCT1313@gmail.com **Salt Bay Duplicate**

Bridge Club

Friday, 9:30 AM (June – October)
Alna Anchor Lodge, 529 Main Street, Damariscotta, Maine
Director Susan Blagden, (207) 882-5203 susan@wiscasset.net

Clubs Currently Closed Due to Covid

10 No Trump Club

Tuesday 11:00 Union Congregational Church, 18 Church Street, York Beach, Maine
Please contact club director Charlie Felton at 207-439-3435 if arriving without a partner.
Game features electronic scoring. Full hand records, both printed and online are provided.

Kennebunk Duplicate Bridge Club

Tuesday 12:00 Noon from June through September
Wells-Ogunquit Senior Center at Moody, 300 Post Road (Rte1), Wells, Maine
Director: Alan Walters Cell: 781-801-3187 home: Email: orioleal@gmail.com

Kittery Bridge Club

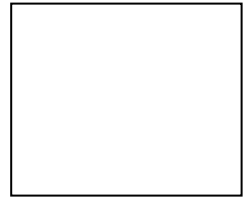
Wednesday 11:00AM Eliot United Methodist Church, 238 Harold L Dow Hwy, Eliot, Maine
Director: Norm Leclerc (603) 431-0120 nleclerc@comcast.net

Ace of Clubs Bridge Club

Saturday Noon Grondin Building, 11 Bartlett Road, Gorham, Maine
Director: Kassandra Barbour, (207) 329-0378
Guaranteed a Partner and All are Welcome.

Maine Bridge Association

American Contract Bridge League, Unit 189
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2021 Tournament Schedule

Indian Summer – Portland	September 12-13
Eastern Maine – Hampden	October 17-18