

BetterInvesting's™ Online Chapter Monthly Bulletin

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Online Chapter Presidents' committee Message

It's Back to School.

In the spirit of back to school, let's review the BetterInvesting 4 Core Principles along with some portfolio ideas.

- Invest Regularly, without trying to guess which way the market is going
- Make money on money and reinvest all earnings by leaving interest and dividends to compound
- Buy stock in high-quality growth companies that increase earnings consistently over time and offer the potential to double in value every five years
- Diversify your portfolio by spreading your stock investments over several companies of different size and industry to reduce the risk of the market.

A \$10,000 investment from July 2023 through July 2024 invested in the S&P 500 returned on average 10.5% annually. If you missed the 10 best days in that time – the return drops to 6.2% annually. If you missed the 20 best days in that time – the return drops to 3.6% annually. If you missed the 30 best days in that time – the return drops to 1.4% annually.

The message: Invest regularly, we are not market timers, diversify your portfolio and buy high quality growth companies.

Presidents' Committee,

Jie Eagleson, Susanne Koster, Chris McCarron, JoAnne Obata

OLC Mentoring Workshop

Our next Mentoring Workshop will be on September 18, 2024. Mark your calendar for an exciting session.

When: Wednesday, September 18th, 8:30 PM (ET)

Topic: The Psychology of Investing: Keeping Score with Matthew Spielman

How: Register for the [Zoom](#) meeting. You will receive a confirmation and a link to join the meeting.

It's important to understand the performance of your portfolio. After all, you are putting a lot of effort into it. And your future depends on it. How do you know if you are doing well? What does "good" look like? We will discuss this, as well as how to measure your performance without getting discouraged when things are (temporarily) not going your way.

The meeting will also be simulcast on the BetterInvesting Online Chapter Facebook.

Contact Chris McCarron, Membership Training & Education Chair if you have any feedback or ideas for future workshops.

Chris McCarron, Membership Training & Education Chair

2024-2025 OLC Portfolio Challenge

September 2024: A New Beginning

First, as announced at the August Annual general Meeting, congratulations to the two 2023-24 portfolios achieving the highest capital gains: Let It Ride Investors of Carson Valley (40% gain), and Financial Escape Investment Club (29% gain). Very well done!

The 2024-25 Contest has opened September 3 with 19 entrants (10 individuals, 9 clubs). The most popular stocks for this contest are Nvidia in eight portfolios and Eli Lilly in four portfolios. Six stocks were selected by three entrants: Amazon, Google, Meta, Microsoft, Netflix, Palantir Technologies, and Taiwan Semiconductor.

You can see information about the portfolios by clicking on [2024-2025 Online Portfolio Contest](#). For other questions or comments, please email contact@online.betterinvesting.net with "Portfolio Contest" in the subject line. *Dan Perlman, Portfolio Contest Chair*

Membership and Club Visits

Our club visit schedule is robust. Congratulations to the club we have visited in the past month:

- Money Tree Investment Club
- Yankee Model Club
- Northern Indiana Model Investment Club

Has your club set a date for a club visit? Visits are done via Zoom or other virtual meeting software.

The cost – FREE! The energy and information that comes along with the visit – priceless. Your club visit will be tailored to your club. Need help navigating the BetterInvesting Website? How to study a stock? A portfolio discussion? Club best practices?

Visit our [Chapter Website](#) for more details or email: membership@online.betterinvesting.net.

Volunteers

Interested in volunteering with our chapter? Not sure how to get started? Training is provided and your contribution can be as large or small as your time permits. Please contact us at membership@online.betterinvesting.net for more information.

The next 4-BITS volunteer training will be on September 18. Stay tuned for more details in the upcoming Newsletters.

For all our current volunteers – THANK YOU! Our Chapter runs on your valuable contribution.

Model Investment Club Meetings

Model Investment Club meetings are sponsored by the BetterInvesting Online Chapter. They are FREE and open to all.

[Yankee Model Stock Investing Club - REGISTER](#)

- Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month
- Next Meeting: Saturday, September 14 at 11:00 AM ET

[International Model Stock Investing Club - REGISTER](#)

- Meets the 3rd Monday of each month except 2nd Monday in December
- Next Meeting: Monday, September 16 at 8:30 PM ET

Recurring “Quick Access Links”

BetterInvesting™ National News

Part of your membership benefit package is enrollment in *BI Weekly*. Every Thursday, BetterInvesting™ emails all members a bulletin listing national webinar registrations, StockUps, TickerTalks, First Cut Stock Reports and more. You don't want to miss it!

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