# BetterInvesting's ™ Online Chapter Monthly Bulletin

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## Online Chapter Presidents' committee Message

Does anyone else believe in "Wall Street Ground Hog Day"? If the S&P 500 returns positive in the first five days of the year, the S&P 500 will return positive gains for the year. Or how about the Groundhog Day Stock anomaly? Where the S&P 500 substantially appreciates subsequent to Phil's prediction of an early spring, and returns a bit negative after a long winter. Are you ready to start taking advice from Punxsutawney Phil?

We'd guess not – best to stick with the SSG and our five to ten (or more) year outlook for good quality stocks built for the long term. But it's nice to imagine investing could be that simple.

#### Presidents Committee,

Jie Eagleson, Susanne Koster, Chris McCarron, JoAnne Obata

#### **2024 BINC**

#### **BetterInvesting National Convention**

May 16-19 at the Marriott Chicago O'Hare

Register NOW!!!

The National Convention is BetterInvesting's largest premier event designed to educate individuals with a wide array of financial information.

Attendees from across the nation. can experience basic financial education, beginning investors can experience a disciplined approach to stock analysis and experienced investors can sharpen their skills with a goal to increase their net worth.

Held in a different city each year, the four-day convention features nationally known speakers, plus seminars, tours, social events and one of the largest displays of investment information, education and ideas in the country.

## OLC Mentoring Workshop

At our last open forum meeting on January 17th, Saul Seinberg gave an excellent presentation on Technical Analysis. If you missed it, never fear: the complete recordings of all past workshops are available on the chapter YouTube channel <u>here</u> and the <u>chapter's webpage</u> under News and Articles.

Register for the next workshop using the link below.

When: Wednesday, March 20th, 8:30 PM (ET)

Topic: What is a Discounted Cash Flow Analysis?

**How:** Register for the <u>Zoom</u> meeting. You will receive a confirmation and a link to join the meeting.

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.

#### REGISTER

Chris McCarron, <u>Membership Training & Education Chair</u>

## Membership and Club Visits

Membership

Are you looking for a Club to Join? Does your Club need new members?

NAIC/BetterInvesting has rolled out a new member-driven program designed to better connect individual investors with stock investment clubs. Investment Club Connect helps clubs who desire to add new members to find like-minded BetterInvesting members interested in joining an existing investment club.

Here's how it works:

- 1. Individual members express their interest in joining a club, and we maintain a confidential list of these individuals, along with clubs open to adding new members.
- 2. Our custom matching technology considers factors like gender, distance, and other preferences to present individual member information to existing clubs.

- 3. Clubs can then decide whether they wish to connect with a prospective new member, and if interested, they can reach out directly.
- 4. There's no obligation for either party think of it as investment club dating!
- 5. Best of all, this service is entirely free for BetterInvesting members!

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#### The next 4-BITS volunteer training will be on February 27, 2024 at 8:30 PM EST.

And – our club visits have become so popular we are actively seeking volunteers. Training will be provided. Please contact us at 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.

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

### OLC Portfolio 2023-2024 Contest

January 2024: Another Good Month

During the early fall, the Contest portfolios lost ground to the S & P's performance but gained it back and were surpassing the S & P's comparable 4-month performance by the end of December.

January was a see-saw battle for the Contest portfolios. The portfolios had a small average loss (minus .7 percent) while the S & P gained 2.2 percent. The two are currently virtually tied, with the average portfolio on top by a whisker (.4 percent). Declining portfolio stocks outnumbered gainers 23 to 16. Well-known NVIDIA (23%) and Shockwave Medical (18%, SWAV) were the best performers. SWAV has developed an innovative treatment for atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease by safely using sonic pressure waves to disrupt calcified plaque, resulting in significantly improved patient outcomes. With a boost from NVIDIA, the Let It Ride Investors of Carson Valley currently have the best-performing portfolio.

You can see information about the portfolios by clicking on <u>Portfolio Summary</u> and/or <u>Portfolio Details</u>. For other questions or comments, please email contact@online.betterinvesting.net with "Portfolio Contest" in the subject line.

Dan Perlman, Portfolio Contest Chair

## Recurring "Quick Access Links"

## BetterInvesting<sup>TM</sup> National News

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

If you are not receiving your *BI Weekly*, go to your <u>BI member profile</u> and update your *Email and Product Subscription Information* selections to let BI you would like to routinely receive this valuable weekly bulletin.

## 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, February 10 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, February 19 at 8:30 PM ET

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