



Chicago Duplicate Bridge Newsletter

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May is Grass Roots Fund Game & Sectional Tournament at Clubs Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
¹ Charity Game – about double points, \$1 extra ² Gabriel's Bridge Day – 9.30am Defense Class 1.00pm Beginner Bridge Lesson ³ Grass Roots Fund Game – about double points, \$1 extra ⁴ STaC Game – about triple points, all silver, chance for up to about 10 extra points for high score in the unit or district, \$2 extra ⁵ Unit Game – about 2½ points, no extra \$\$\$				28	29	30
				12:15 Start Open & 299er Charity Game ¹	9.30am & 1pm Gabriel's Bridge Day ²	10.45am I/N Lesson 11:15 Start Open & I/N Charity Game ¹
				6:30pm Start Charity Game ¹	4.30pm Steve's Memorial**	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
12.00 Lunch 1pm Start Grass Roots Fund Game ³	12:15 Start STaC ⁴	12:15 Start STaC ⁴	12:15 Start STaC ⁴	12:15 Start Open & 299er STaC ⁴	9.30am & 1pm Gabriel's Bridge Day ²	10.45am I/N Lesson 11:15 Start Open & I/N STaC ⁴
		6:30pm Start STaC ⁴		6:30pm Start STaC ⁴		
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1pm Start STaC ⁴	12:15 Start Grass Roots Fund Game ³	12:15 Start Grass Roots Fund Game ³	12:15 Start Grass Roots Fund Game ³	12:15 Start Open & 299er Grass Roots Fund Game ³	9.30am & 1pm Gabriel's Bridge Day ²	10.45am I/N Lesson 11:15 Start Open & I/N Grass Roots Fund Game ³
		6:30pm Start Unit Game ¹		6:30pm Start Grass Roots Fund SWISS TEAMS ³		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1pm Start Open Teams Club Championship Grass Roots Fund Game ³	12:15 Start Grass Roots Fund Game ³	12:15 Start Grass Roots Fund Game ³	12:15 Start Unit Game ¹	12:15 Start Open & 299er Grass Roots Fund Game ³	9.30am & 1pm Gabriel's Bridge Day ²	10.45am I/N Lesson 11:15 Start Open & I/N Grass Roots Fund Game ³
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29	30	31	** Steve Cheston Memorial Dinner and Game 4.30 Music by the Sinfonietta, 5.51 Dinner – Memorials and Reminiscing 6.15 Game Register by Tuesday May 3rd to hazelconnor2@gmail.com Please note: in future up to 3 months game schedule will be available on line at http://www.bridgewebs.com/chicagodbc/			
1pm Start Grass Roots Fund Game ³	12:15 Start Grass Roots Fund Game ³	12:15 Start Grass Roots Fund Game ³				
		6:30pm Start Grass Roots Fund Game ³				

This Month's Games

Win extra points – play in this month's 25 Grass Roots Fund Games, the 8 Sectional Tournament at Club (STaC) Games or the 3 Unit Games.

Chicago Duplicate Bridge

Elaine & Seymour Diamond Open Teams Club Championship Game



Sunday May 22nd is the date for our first Chicago Duplicate Bridge Open Teams Club Championship event. Everyone is invited to compete; it is not restricted to Club Members in this, the first year of Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club Championships. Please email Hazel Connor at hazelconnor2@gmail.com to register.

Teams whose players are all Members of Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club are eligible to win the Club Championship. Other teams can compete for master points.

PLEASE – Bring your Maid to the Club **OR**

- if **YOU** spill something – **clean it up!**
- if **YOU** drop something – **pick it up!**
- take **YOUR** empty cups, dishes, glasses and/or cans to the kitchen and deal with them appropriately:-
 - cans in the recycling bin – no dirty food containers please
 - trash in the bins under the counter near the refrigerator
 - rinse your dishes, glasses and flatware and put them in the dishwasher, don't leave them in the sink, unless the dishwasher is full or working
- **AND** East/West Players - **PLEASE** don't leave your used stuff on the side tables when you move! Our North/South Players and the Directors will be eternally grateful!

Beginner, Intermediate/Novice News

The 99er Supervised Duplicate Game has proved a winner with the players that have attended. **As the Club is hosting The Gabriels' Bridge Day on Friday's during May, the Beginner 299er sessions will restart on June 3rd.**

Michael Mehringer's Beginners have all "graduated". We hope all of these new players will join one or more of our games for "newbies". They all received a free entry to – Friday's Beginner 99er Game, which will resume in June, Thursday's 299er or Saturday's I/N Game. Please welcome them!

A Word from our Directors

Relax: Director calls are a normal part of a bridge game. They should happen.

A director call can be a traumatizing experience for a newer player. Bridge has laws about how to deal with most things that can go wrong. For example when someone leads out of turn (breaking a law) the director will give you your five options on how to fix it according to the laws.

A director call is just that. Someone had an oops, and we need to figure out how to fix it. Bridge laws are usually very clear - and the director will fix the problem and, most importantly, no one is being judged.

If you are a beginning player and don't know whether someone is making a bid/call that you feel is being made to put you off your potential game try - call the director, and ask about the rules. The best mantra is that if you are in doubt about something the opponents have done, call the director. No one will mind. No apologies need be made.

If a more experienced player calls the director, it is to protect everyone at the table. A good director will protect less experienced players from frivolous director calls by more experienced players, and will not allow less experienced players to be intimidated.

Directors have a responsibility to move the game along:

Most players play a board in about 7 minutes. Many players do not, some have physical disabilities, some are beginners, some are really thoughtful top-level players, and some are just slow bridge players. All of the slow players know who they are because they often have directors snapping at their tails.

If we allow the slow players to dictate the pace of the game we end up with a 3.75 hour game vs a 3.15 hour game. That is half an hour out of many people's lives.

Directors are authorized to take boards away.

This isn't an insult - the game needs to move along, and the only way to do that is to declare late plays.

It is totally inappropriate to complain to a director that a board has been deemed a late play. We want you at the game, but if you can only play 25 boards in the time everyone else plays 27 then you need to play 2 boards as late plays as a respectful gesture to the other players. The director determines when this will be useful, and you should respect that.

We are an exceptional club because we have so many knowledgeable and patient directors. It helps for all of us to understand that their actions benefit us all.

District 13 I/N Newsletter

The summer edition of the 2016 District 13 I/N Newsletter is now online at:

<http://acbl-district13.org/newsletters/INnewsletter201602.pdf>. It contains articles, news, and tournament schedules of particular interest to I/N players ... Others may wish to read it too!!

New Website

We missed making it in March and almost all of April - but now you are receiving your invitation to access the brand new Chicago Duplicate Bridge web site at the following URL

▶ Home Page
▶ News Page
▼ Information
▶ Find a Partner
▶ Calendar
▶ Calendar Month
▼ Results
▼ Competitions
▶ Useful Links
▶ Best Behaviour
▼ Membership
Member Area
▼ Administration
▼ BridgeWebs

<http://www.bridgewebs.com/chicagodbc/>

To access the Member area, click on Membership

Use your email address and follow the instructions for first time access.

You are then able to set up your own individual password to the membership area and will manage your own details, including opting in or out of being listed and receiving emails.

Chicago Duplicate Bridge - Members Only

Member Login

Email/Name/ACBL No :

Password :

Remember Me : ☐

If you are already registered as a member to use the Members Only pages, then enter your email and Password and click [Login].

If this is the first time that you have used this option or you have forgotten your Password, enter your email and click [Forgotten Password] and a link will be sent to you to enable you to reset your password.

If your email is not recognized, contact the club.

If your email address isn't recognized – try an old address as lots of superseded personal information was uploaded from the CCBA or contact me.

You will also have access to features such as - Need a Ride, Need a Partner, Messages and more. Plus you'll be able to view the scheduled games for up to 3 months in advance.

Suggestion Box

There is a so far little used Suggestion Box on the entry table for Suggestions or Comments aimed at improving our Club. Doesn't anyone have any ideas? You are assured your Suggestions will be responded to by the Board, Club Manager or Director/s as appropriate.

Player Achievements

Congratulations to these players for success at the club

65.00 – 69.99% Games		
Apr 2 I/N	Janet Murphy - Tom Murphy	68.45
Apr 5	Barry Holt – Claude Weil	65.48
Apr 7 Eve	Ellen Gabriel - Richard Gabriel	67.59
Apr 9 I/N	Marie Stevenson - Dorothea Avant	68.18
Apr 9 Open	Kevin Choi - Matthew Dyer	65.83
Apr 11	Jack Hurst - Barry Little	68.91
Apr 13	Samuel Sirko - Susan Eggebrecht	66.07
Apr 16 Open	James O'Neil - A Bascon	66.90
Apr 21	Jane Kennedy - Carole Greene	66.44
Apr 23 I/N	Eileen Tardy - Pam Seaman	66.12
	Luke Mehringer – Michael Mehringer	65.77
Apr 25	Bruce Ladin – Carole Greene	65.70
Apr 26 Eve	Barry Little - Marge Zolla	67.00
>70% Games		
Apr 7 Aft	L James Phillips - Claude Vogel	74.07

Congratulations to these players for success beyond the club

Early Spring, Elgin, Apr 1-3		
Stratified Open Pairs/(P)	1A	Rosanne Schabinger
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	3/5X	Randall Roberts
	4/5A 3/4X	Randall Roberts
Stratified Swiss Teams	1A	Muhammad Hakim Drew Becker - Daniel Zagorin - Frank Pancoe
Masterpoint Winners		
41	8.46	Drew Becker, Daniel Zagorin
43	8.06	Muhammad Abedi
47	8.03	Randall Roberts, Chicago

CCBA Spring STaC April 4 - 10, 2016			
Mon Apr 4	Gerald Landy - Sandi Schlueter	2B	61.68
Tue Apr 5	Barry Holt - Claude Weil	2	65.48
	Pat Ball - William Berkman	3B,1C	59.23
Wed Apr 6	Lynn Gryll - Carole Greene	3A	63.75
	Roslyn Sheppard - Ruth Markus	1B,1C	59.87
	John Miller - Pamela Simons	2B,2C	58.91
	Lawrence Goldman - Karol Moller	4C	48.88
Thu Aft Apr 7	L James Phillips - Claude Vogel	1A	74.07
	Barbara Saben - Susan Adams	4A	64.12

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Thu Eve Apr 7	Ellen Gabriel - Richard Gabriel	1A	67.59
	John Miller - Susan Eggebrecht	2B,1C	54.17
	Jack Hurst - Barry Little	4B	50.46
Sat Morn Open Apr 9	Kevin Choi - Matthew Dyer	2A	65.83
	Richard Dallet - A Bascon	1B	62.50
	Brian Werner - Susan Eggebrecht	3B,2C	57.92
Sat Morn I/N Apr 9	Marie Stevenson - Dorothea Avant	1A	68.18
	Jennifer Zordani - Janice Abrahams	2A,1B	60.61
	Carolyn Naselli - Ellen Hollowick	3A	59.97
	Eileen Tardy - Pam Seaman	4A	59.27
	Pam Prosch - Tim Prosch	2B,1C	56.82
	Linda Abrahams - Jan Sax	3B,2C	56.12
	Rob Sax - Phil Abrahams	4B,3C	55.68
	Judi Katz - Marcy Gookin	4C	55.59
Sun Apr 10	Richard Strauss - Richard Gabriel	3A	64.52
	Charles Klees - Eileen Klees	4A,1B	63.45
	Cory Perkers - Bhagman Nene	4B	58.42
	Janet Murphy -Tom Murphy	3C	50.63

Gatlinburg Regional, Apr 11-17, 2016		
Gene Roy KO 1	2	Oren Kriegel
Gene Roy KO 10	1	Loring Knoblauch
"Susie Clayman" Dinner(2)	3	Loring Knoblauch
Elkmont Stratified Side G	1	Loring Knoblauch
Marlene Wass KO 7	1	Loring Knoblauch
Cade's Cove CKO 1	3	Claude Vogel
Cade's Cove CKO 5	3	Randall Roberts
"Groundhog Day" Zip K(1)	1	Oren Kriegel
Bracketed Flight B Swiss	1	Loring Knoblauch
Stratiflighted AXY Swiss	1A	Claude Vogel
Masterpoint Winners		
96	69.70	Loring Knoblauch,
102	68.11	Oren Kriegel
173	54.52	Claude Vogel

Rank Advancements

We had a great party on Tuesday Evening April 19th to congratulate many working their way through the early Master Races through to lots of Life Master and above – YAY for all of them! They were well supported by a great number of Members.

Sadly – No Photographs Again ☹

We'll celebrate the next “crew” with a party in September – currently scheduled for Sunday 18th

Unit 123 Rankings

Congratulations to players in the top 10 of Unit 123 rankings at the end of March

Mini McKinney		Ace of Clubs	
0-5	Luke Mehringer # 6	0-5	Luke Mehringer # 5
5-20	Gardner Stern # 4	5-20	Gardner Stern # 4
20-50	Janet Hickerson # 7	20-50	Kenneth East # 5 Dorothea Avant # 10
50-100	Judi Katz # 7 Christine Lyon # 9 Michael Mehringer # 10	50-100	Judi Katz # 3 Christine Lyon # 4 Marjorie Zolla # 7
100-200		100-200	Wayne Hall # 8 Jay Schneider # 10
200-300	Harry Rosenberg # 10	200-300	William Berkman # 4 Marie Stevenson # 5 Harry Rosenberg # 6
300-500	Pamela Simons # 2 Jordan Karol # 5 Andrea Bascon # 8	300-500	Andrea Bascon # 4 Pamela Simons # 5 Beverly Yusim # 8 Hazel Connor # 9
500-1000	John Miller # 1 Mark Pinkowski # 4 Caryl Brown # 5 Steve Brown # 7 Steve Beicos # 8 Nic Hristea # 9	500-1000	Steve Beicos # 1 Caryl Brown # 2 John Miller # 3 Steve Brown # 4 Janet Nachman # 6 Mark Pinkowski # 7 Robert Zboralski # 8 Sylvia Dunne # 9
1000-1500	Ryszard Matuszczyk # 2 Leonard Dubin # 5	1000-2500	Ryszard Matuszczyk # 9
1500-2500	Oren Kriegl # 1 Guy Franklin # 7 Barry Holt # 8		Guy Franklin # 1 Barry Holt # 5 Bruce Ladin # 6 George Clark # 8
2500-3500	Todd Fisher # 5	2500-5000	Michael Howards # 1 Elaine Diamond # 2 Seymour Diamond # 2 Todd Fisher # 4 Jane Kennedy # 7 Matthew Dyer # 10
3500-5000			Stephen Cheston # 4 Toddy Leavitt # 7 James Diebel # 10
5000-7500	Muhammad Hakim #1 Rosanne Schabinger # 6	5000-7500	Muhammad Hakim # 3 Ellen Gabriel # 4 Alfred Simmons # 6 Rosanne Schabinger # 10 Richard Strauss # 10
7500-10000	Richard Gabriel # 4 Lynne Rosenbaum # 5 Barbara Saben # 9	7500-10000	Richard Gabriel # 2 Barbara Saben # 3 Gerald Gitles # 5 Lynne Rosenbaum # 6
10000+	Claude Vogel # 7 L James Phillips # 8	10000+	L James Phillips # 1 Cheri Bjerkan # 2 Claude Vogel # 3

Please note: in future Unit 123 Rankings will be available on line at

<http://web2.acbl.org/as400/mpraces/unit/2016/mm123.htm> & <http://web2.acbl.org/as400/mpraces/unit/2016/ac123.htm>