



Chicago Duplicate Bridge Newsletter
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September's Special Games

Win extra points – play in this month's 27 International Fund Games and 2 Unit Games. Schedule is @ www.bridgewebs.com/chicagodbc on the Home Page under Calendar

Tuesday Evening Games

Carolyn Naselli is going to direct Tuesday evening games on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month to begin with. Our band of regular Tuesday evening players are delighted with the resumption of play and look forward to welcoming more of our players to the game under our newest Director's direction!!!

Please Note - The games will be time controlled to finish @ 930pm.

Rank Advancement Party, Lunch & Game

Sunday Afternoon September 18th is the date of our second Chicago Duplicate Bridge Rank Advancement Party. Everyone that has advanced in Rank since Chicago Duplicate Bridge began operations in November 2014 and was unable to attend our first party held in April, plus our most recent Rank Advancers are invited to come along for Lunch at 12 noon and ½ priced Game Entry at 1pm.

Please register with hazelconnor2@gmail.com or sign-up at the Club.

Don't miss the SWISS Teams Game on Sunday September 11th – sign up at the club or register with hazelconnor2@gmail.com.

Beginner, Intermediate/Novice News

Saturday's I/N Section became a 499er Section on Saturday August 5th. Both the Open and 499er Sections continue to make Saturday a good game to attend with Jim's I/N lessons @ 10.30 and Game time of 11.15. Several players have requested a later start time as the early finish isn't conducive to dinner dates with fellow players after the game. Please air your views on this change via the Suggestion Box.

Monday's 299er Section is growing. No half tables as our more experienced 299ers will join the Open Section if needed. They are a very friendly group, thoroughly enjoying their beginner bridge games.

Barry Little's popular Friday 99er Supervised Duplicate Sessions continue into the first week of September. The Gabriel's Bridge Days start again on September 7th.

N/S Member/Player Consideration

When a N/S Player needs to change to E/W to facilitate a balanced movement, only those N/S with physical disabilities should be allowed to permanently play N/S. Players should recognize there are Pairs where one or more of the players are physically unable to move, or have considerable difficulty moving between rounds, while there are other Pairs who simply prefer to sit N/S but are quite able to move.

These able-bodied pairs should switch, ahead of players with limited mobility. Frequently a less than able-bodied pair will volunteer because no-one else has put their hands up!

This Month's Suggestion Box Outcomes

Parking — It has been noted and commented on by several players that some of our players are not paying for parking. To eliminate that problem, we have introduced payment envelopes at the tables. Players who are NOT paying the subsidized \$5.00 to the director when asked, will hopefully be more inclined to pay when they have to tell their tablemates that they haven't parked. The club pays monthly for parking to Capital parking and the \$5.00 fee charged to our players is only a small fraction of the actual cost to park that the club is absorbing. Our bottom line would be helped if our players pay the small parking fee we charge.

We pay the lot for 10 spaces, and can use additional spaces in the lot by paying the bridge rate at the machine. If you are asked to pay at the machine, please check that there are ten cars displaying our bridge logo in the lot – they may not all be in our allocated spots. Point out to the attendant if you don't see 10 bridge player cars, then pay inside. Only pay at the machine, NEVER pay the attendant. **The Machine Code for Bridge in September is 9152.**

We have also met with the Building Owner and the local Alderman – nothing will change until the current construction projects are completed in approximately 6 months

Lunch changes — The overwhelming number of requests for more of Barry's egg salad have been addressed and Barry is now hard-boiling and peeling 8 dozen eggs so that egg salad will be served every Monday and Wednesday.

We have been able to source economically affordable white albacore tuna in water which will be served every Tuesday and Thursday. Initially, we will mix the tunas to see how that is received and also because we have a large stock of light tuna on hand that must be used up.

We'll serve peanut butter and jelly BUT if it proves messy and we have to replace too many decks of cards because of stickiness then we will readdress the benefit vs. the cost to the club.

Finally, the board has vetoed requests for popcorn and potato chips as we all remember the mess that those items created on Franklin. Unwrapped candy is also not practical or hygienic.

Player Achievements

Congratulations to these players for success at the club

Kara Bershad & Janet Hickerson are the Inaugural I/N Club Champions!!!

>70% Games		
Aug 7 SWISS TEAMS	George Clark - Matthew Dyer - Katherine Rehak - Yixin Tang The field was "fixed" ... LOL	70.00
Aug 17	Guy Franklin - Bruce Ladin	70.81

65.00 – 69.99% Games		
Aug 1	Bruce Ladin - Carole Greene	66.42
Aug 4	Ellen Gabriel - Richard Gabriel	65.43
Aug 6 499er	Brian Johnson - Warren Erikson	67.50
	Kenneth Jensen - Carol Ann Lombardo	66.93
Aug 8 Open	David Joyce - L James Phillips	65.39
Aug 9	L James Phillips - Joseph Stokes	66.90
Aug 10	Harry Rosenberg - Allan Muchin	65.34
Aug 17	George Clark - Marshall Levine	67.52
Aug 18 Aft	Elaine Diamond - Seymour Diamond	65.63
Aug 18 Eve	Patt Quinn - David Schroeder	68.06
Aug 20 Open	Matthew Dyer - Jihong Song	66.67
Aug 26	George Clark - Matthew Dyer	65.83

Rank Advancements

Congratulations - players who have advanced their Master Ranking since April.

We'll celebrate these Rank Advancers at a party on Sunday Sep 18th

New Masters	
Junior Master	Cynthia Polayes, David Cheng, Luke Mehringer
Club Master	Michael Mehringer
Sectional Master	Dorothea Avant, Julie Lilie, Chia-Lun Lu, Missy Ravid, Julian Manasse-Boetani, Michael Mehringer, Janet Murphy, Thomas J Murphy, Howard Warady, Joan Warady
Regional Master	Yi-Tsung Lu, Marjorie Zolla
NABC Master	A. Bascon, Relli Miller, Julie Burke, Judith Kamins, Robin Roy, Marsha Weis
Advanced NABC Master	Eileen Klees
Life Master	John Miller, Pamela Simons
Bronze Life Master	Susan Eggebrecht
Silver Life Master	Betty Tilton, Greg Lawler
Ruby Life Mater	Muhammad Hakim
Sapphire Life Master	Frank Pancoe

Chicago Duplicate Bridge Inc

Annual General Meeting for Members

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Chicago Duplicate Bridge Inc, (CDBI) will be held on Friday Evening October 14th at 5.30pm. CDBI is the 501 (c) (3) Not-for-Profit organization that runs Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club (CDBC).

The Financial Members of the Club own CDBC and will elect Board Members to fill vacancies at the AGM this year and each year going forward. AGMs are Open to 2015-2016 Financial Members only. Please register if you are planning to attend the meeting for catering.

3 current Board Members, David Schroeder, Jim O'Neil and Seymour Diamond were voted in last year for one year. These positions are becoming vacant and the Nominees elected in October to fill these vacancies will serve for 2 years.

Next year the positions of the 4 current Board Members serving two year terms, Hazel Connor, Barry Little, Judy Adler and Matthew Dyer will become vacant and Nominees who are elected then, will serve for 2 years.

This provides a balance between continuity and retention of experience, and fresh ideas and perspectives from newly elected Board Members.

Financial Members will receive Nomination Forms and Proxy Voting Forms in the near future.

Dinner will be served from 5.00pm with the AGM commencing at 5.30pm. Independent counting of votes will begin when the AGM is closed and a Bridge Game will begin at that time – the number of boards to be played will be determined by the time play starts such that it will end by 10.00pm. When counting is over the new Board Members will be announced. A Board Meeting will be held before November 1st to elect the Executive Officers.

Membership Renewal

Memberships are due for renewal on or before November 1st and it would be appreciated if current Members renew their Membership at the AGM or by October 31st.

Membership is \$50.00 - Members who would like to have a Donation made in their name to their favorite Charity can make a \$50 tax deductible contribution to the Club as they join/renew.

New Members joining for 2016-2017 will be made very welcome!

Unit 123 Rankings

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

Mini McKinney		Ace of Clubs	
0-5	Cynthia Polayes # 5 David Cheng # 9	0-5	Cynthia Polayes # 2 David Cheng # 4
5-20	Janet Erickson # 1 Gardner Stern # 10	5-20	Janet Erickson # 1 Gardner Stern # 10
20-50	Marcy Gookin # 7 Carolyn Turek # 9 Kara Bershad # 10	20-50	Marcy Gookin # 4 Kara Bershad # 7 Kenneth East # 10
50-100	Julian Manasse-Boetani # 3 Marjorie Zolla # 4 Judi Katz # 5 Christine Lyon # 6 Kelly Mao # 9	50-100	Marjorie Zolla # 1 Judi Katz # 2 Christine Lyon # 6
100-200	Wayne Hall # 2	100-200	Wayne Hall # 1
200-300	William Berkman # 10	200-300	William Berkman # 5 Marie Stevenson # 7 Jamie Carroll # 10
300-500	Pamela Simons # 2 Andrea Bascon # 7 Beverly Yusim # 8 Samuel Sirco # 9	300-500	Beverly Yusim # 6 Pamela Simons # 5 Samuel Sirko # 3 Andrea Bascon # 7 C James Walsh # 8
500-1000	John Miller # 1 Caryl Brown # 2 Susan Eggebrecht # 3 Mark Pinkowski # 5 Steve Brown # 7 Steve Beicos # 8 Janet Nachman # 10	500-1000	John Miller # 1 Caryl Brown # 2 Susan Eggebrecht # 3 Steve Beicos # 4 Janet Nachman # 5 Sylvia Dunne # 8 Steve Brown # 10
1000-1500	Ryszard Matuszczyk # 4 Barry Little # 7 Leonard Dubin # 9	1000-2500	Barry Little # 4
1500-2500	Bruce Ladin # 4 Mark Friedlander # 5 Tom Fogarty # 6 Barry Holt # 7 Guy Franklin # 8		Bruce Ladin # 1 Barry Holt # 3 Guy Franklin # 4 Carole Greene # 6 George Clark # 9
2500-3500	Howard Engle # 3 Todd Fisher # 5 Frank Pancoe # 9	2500-5000	Elaine Diamond # 1 Seymour Diamond # 1 Jane Kennedy # 8
3500-5000	James Diebel # 8 Drew Becker # 10		James Diebel # 5 Toddy Leavitt # 7
5000-7500	Muhammad Hakim #2 Rosanne Schabinger # 4	5000-7500	Muhammad Hakim # 3 Rosanne Schabinger # 5 Ellen Gabriel # 7
7500-10000	Lynne Rosenbaum # 4 Richard Gabriel # 5 Barbara Saben # 6	7500-10000	Richard Gabriel # 2 Barbara Saben # 3 Gerald Gitles # 4 Lynne Rosenbaum # 7
10000+	Claude Vogel # 7 L James Phillips # 8	10000+	L James Phillips # 1 Claude Vogel # 2 Cheri Bjerkan # 5