



**April 2025 Newsletter**  
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## **Celebrate with All Our Advancing Players!**

Join us on Thursday, April 3, to celebrate all the players who have recently advanced in ACBL rank. We're revising a CDB tradition that fell by the wayside during the pandemic. At 11:00 am we'll be serving a light lunch, followed by a game at 12:15, directed as always by Jim O'Neil. Please RSVP for lunch to Jackie at [jackisnuttier@gmail.com](mailto:jackisnuttier@gmail.com). This is your chance to try out the Thursday afternoon game. And the celebration will continue in the evening game, directed by Matthew Dyer. Please let Matthew know if you will be attending, [msdyer@gmail.com](mailto:msdyer@gmail.com). Partnerships are guaranteed for both games, so don't be afraid to come if you don't have a partner arranged.

**\*\*March 30-April 3, April 14-15, 17-18 – Silver Linings, all F2F games\*\***

**\*\*Tuesday, April 1 – Mentor/Mentee game at 6:30 pm\*\***

**\*\*Thursday, April 3 – Rank Advancers Celebration at 11:00 am\*\***

**\*\*April 7-11 – STaC, all games\*\***

**\*\*April 16 – ACBL-wide Charity Game\*\***

**Mon, Wed, Thurs – Open Games at 12:15 pm **F2F+****

**Monday – Open Game at 6:30/6:45 pm on **BBO****

**Tuesday, Thursday – Open Games at 6:30 pm **F2F+****

**Friday – 750/NLM Games at 12:15 pm **F2F****

## **Staying in Touch**

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+Reservations for Tuesday and Thursday games please. Email David Schroeder at [dave8459@yahoo.com](mailto:dave8459@yahoo.com) for Tuesday evening games; Matthew Dyer at [msdyer@gmail.com](mailto:msdyer@gmail.com) for Thursday evening games. The Thursday afternoon game is struggling, so please consider adding this game to your weekly schedule. It is the only downtown Thursday option, and the game is usually small but of high quality. Please RSVP each week if you plan to attend, and we commit to sending out a confirmation email on Wednesday evening, or a cancellation if we have insufficient interest. Please get into the habit of checking email before leaving the house.

## April Mentor/Mentee Game on the 1st

Our next popular mentor/mentee game is scheduled for **April 1 at 6:30 pm**, F2F. Our evening games use a manual signup process; email [dave8459@yahoo.com](mailto:dave8459@yahoo.com). Please **let Dave know as soon as possible if you plan to attend** the mentor/mentee game so that he can ensure that we have enough mentors for all the mentees.

Mentor night is intended to be nurturing, and we hope to see many of you there. And there's a bonus every month: Director Dave Schroeder bakes a treat—cookies, brownies—whatever strikes his fancy. I/N players are welcome, regardless of whether you have a partner. But it is important to email Dave in advance and we will find you a partner. If you have a partner to play with, great; again, please let Dave know in advance. Mentors: If you are available, email us and we will match you up.

## Upcoming Special Games

This month includes several games that offer more MPs than usual and/or pigmented points. There are opportunities to earn Silver points and Red points at Club games. Hope to see you for the Silver Linings, STaC, and or ACBL-wide Charity games.

## Good CDB News from Memphis NABC

"Our" Gino Ginossar was part of the second-place team in the Vanderbilt event at the Memphis NABC. For those who don't know him, let us explain. Gino is an Israeli bridge professional who moved to Chicago about 10 years ago with his wife, who was doing graduate studies at the University of Chicago. Gino adopted Chicago Duplicate Bridge as his home-away-from-home club, offering lessons which benefited the club financially and helped to develop many of our beginning and intermediate players. His lessons continue as online *Lessons with Gino*. He remains a very good friend of the club, visiting us frequently when passing through the US to tournaments.

To place his achievement in context: There are three North American Bridge Championships per year. These 10-day tournaments have become de facto world championships because the

major events are contested by most of the top players from Europe and beyond. The major event at each tournament awards 250 Platinum points, the most of any event in the ACBL. The Vanderbilt is the major event for the spring NABC. It is a knockout event over 7 days and is a fully fledged International Championship.

Second place in this event is a BFD. Congrats to Gino and his team. Please send him your congratulations.



***Runners-up in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams (from left): David Berkowitz, Frederic Wrang, Steve Garner, Jeff Wolfson, Eldad Ginossar and Simon Ekenberg***

Gino was not our only high achiever in Memphis. Flight C in the North American Pairs (NAP) event was well represented by CDB players. All three C-flight pairs have strong ties to our club and are frequent attendees at our evening games and at our collaboration with Northwestern. Zinnia (a high school freshman) and Graham Meyer are the father-daughter pair who play when it is not a school night, and Rahul Garga (a recent University of Chicago graduate) and Charley Holmes (a current UC law student) often play in our evening games. All three pairs ended the first day of the event in the top 10; Rahul and Charley were in 2nd place.

The third pair, Ranmit and Manmit Pantle, missed first place in Flight C NAPs by less than half a Matchpoint after two days of play, which has to have been very painful. Ranmit is a Northwestern PhD student and Manmit is an options trader. The twins frequently demonstrate why married couples should not play with each other—a personal favorite being “when we get home I will explain to you why you are completely wrong.”

We will have a reappearance of our quality stable in July when Ranmit, Manmit, and Rahul will be joined by Ben Fisk to represent the district in Philadelphia in the Flight C Grand National Teams. Our stable is strong, and our younger players are a delight to play against, unlike many

of the younger players around the country. You can meet them at our night games and the Northwestern weekend games, and we hope you will toughen them up for the summer.

### **NAP C winners**

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**Second in the President's Cup North  
American Pairs Flight C: District 13's  
Manmit Pantle and Ranmit Pantle**

For tournament results for all events, see below.

*Thanks to the ACBL's daily tournament bulletin for the photos.*

## **Club News (Move?)**

The Board continues to consider a move, possibly to the Century theatre building at Clark and Diversey. No decisions have been made yet. We continue to negotiate, and there has been promising progress. As soon as any decision is reached, we will be letting everyone know. If the Board decides to move, we will be looking for volunteers to help with preparing any new space and making the move itself.

## **Solo Players**

All games now guarantee partners, so if you feel like showing up for a game at the last minute, you should do so. As always, the further in advance you let the director know, the better your chances of finding a compatible partner.

## **Sunday NU Games**

There will be no Sunday games at Northwestern on April 6. For further information, check CCBA.

## **Facebook Coordinator Wanted**

Chicago Duplicate Bridge has a dormant Facebook page. If you like doing Facebook and Instagram, please contact Matthew to become our Social Media coordinator.

## New or Intermediate Players: I/N Fridays and More!!

Come join us at Teach and Learn on Fridays at CDB. We often have new players who come with little to literally no bridge experience. Don't be afraid that you are "too experienced" or "too new" to benefit from joining the group. If you are looking for more chances to play in a limited-MP game, consider joining our Friday afternoon 750/NLM ((non-Life Master) game.

CDB offers Supervised Play at 10:30 for \$5, followed by a short break for lunch and a shortened (usually 18- or 21-board) 750/NLM game at 12:15. This game now regularly has **4-6 full tables**, so there's a nice spirit of friendly competition. But **you do NOT have to attend the Supervised Play to join the game**. If you come to both, there is no charge for the Supervised Play. This is a great way to practice and see the rules you have learned in actual use. The atmosphere is relaxed and supportive. It's also a great way to meet potential partners, so don't be afraid to come without a partner arranged in advance. Please let us know whether you will be attending Supervised Play and/or the game by contacting Barry Little in advance at [barrylit@gmail.com](mailto:barrylit@gmail.com).

- ❖ Supervised Play
  - Friday F2F
  - 10:30 am
- ❖ 750/NLM games
  - Monday, Wednesday, Friday F2F if demand allows
  - 12:15 pm
- ❖ Mentor game
  - Monthly, first Tuesday evening of the month unless otherwise noted
  - 6:30 pm
- ❖ Brief lesson
  - Thursday prior to 12:15 game

## Spring Tournaments

The flowers are popping up and so are lots of bridge tournaments. April and May are prime time to get out and take advantage of the many opportunities for tournament play within a day's drive of Chicago. The list below is current for Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and eastern Missouri, but if you have an itch for tournament play, check the listings at

<http://tournaments.acbl.org/>.

- ❖ Racine Sectional
  - April 2-4
  - Mount Pleasant, WI

- ❖ Spring Non-Life Master Sectional Tournament
  - April 5
  - Bloomington, IL
- ❖ US Bridge Championships
  - April 24—May 26
  - Schaumburg, IL
  - Pre-registration required
- ❖ Indianapolis Spring Sectional
  - May 2-4
  - Indianapolis, IN
- ❖ District 13 Madison Regional
  - May 5-9
  - Middleton, WI
- ❖ Green Bay Sectional
  - May 15-17
  - Green Bay, WI
- ❖ St. Louis Spring Sectional
  - May 16-18
  - Olivette, MO
- ❖ The “Champagne” Regional Tournament
  - May 20-24
  - Champaign, IL
- ❖ St. Louis Senior Olympics Bridge
  - May 21
  - Olivette, MO
- ❖ Fort Wayne Sectional
  - May 30-June 1
  - Fort Wayne, IN

## **Rank Advancers**

***Congratulations*** to those who advanced in ACBL rank, as reflected in the latest data release from ACBL. **Josh Zhao**, Junior Master; **Richard Greenthal** and **Arminuar (Minnie) Mitchell**, Sectional Masters; **Linda Martin**, Regional Master; **Charles Holmes**, Bronze Life Master; **Matthew Dyer**, Diamond Life Master.



## Player Achievements

***Congratulations to these players for success in face-to-face games at the club!*** All games Open unless otherwise noted. I/N denotes 750/non-Life Master game. E denotes Evening game. I denotes Individual game movement.

<b>65.00% - 69.99%</b>		
3/3	Marjorie Zolla, John Miller	67.59
3/28 I/N	Frances Margolin, Patricia Miller	65.28
<b>70%+</b>		
3/5	Neel French, Janet Nachman	72.22

***Congratulations to these players for success at a recent Indiana tournament!***

<b>Indianapolis Crossroads of America Regional February 24-March 2</b>		
Monday ABC Open Pairs	A6 A7	Kendra Bridges David Langer, Charles Fortney
Tuesday Open Pairs	A2 A5	David Langer, Charles Fortney Kendra Bridges
Wednesday Open Swiss	A4	David Langer, Charles Fortney
Thursday Open Pairs	A3 A6	Kendra Bridges David Langer, Charles Fortney
Friday ABC Open Pairs	A5	David Langer, Charles Fortney
Saturday ABC Open Swiss	A5	Geoff Bridges, Kendra Bridges, David Langer, Charles Fortney

***And Congratulations to these players for success at the spring NABC tournament.***

<b>NABC Spring 2024 March 12 – 23 Memphis, TN <i>National-Level Two-Day Events</i></b>		
0-2500 Swiss Teams	6d	Harry Rosenfield
Silidor	1D63	George Klemic
NAP B Flight	11 12	Jim Abbott, Ryan Daniels Mark Pinkowski, Nic Hristea
NAP C Flight	2 8 1D7	Ranmit Pantle, Manmit Pantle Rahul Garga, Charles Holmes Zinnia Meyer, Graham Meyer

Vanderbilt	2	Gino Ginossar
<b><i>Regional Single-Day Events</i></b>		
Wednesday Evening Side Pairs	A1	Rahul Garga, Charles Holmes
Thursday BRR B8	2	Harry Rosenfeld
Thursday Top Flight Pairs	X9	Nicole Qian
Thursday Evening Side Pairs	B4, C2	Rahul Garga, Charles Holmes
Friday Afternoon Side Pairs	A2, B1	Jim Abbott, Ryan Daniels
Friday 4K BRR Bk5	2	Harry Rosenfeld
Saturday 2 Fast Pairs	B4	BJ Groenewald, Dave McCarty
Friday Evening Side Pairs	C1	Rahul Garga, Charles Holmes
Sunday 2 Fast Pairs	B2, C1	BJ Groenewald, Dave McCarty