



## August 2019 Newsletter

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### Summer Is Finally Here!

Stay out of the heat and join us at Chicago Duplicate Bridge. If you usually play in the weekday 12:15 games, consider coming on Tuesday or Thursday evening, or on Friday afternoon, for a game with a different “feel”—BYO adult beverage if you want. Or come on the weekend. The Board monitors the forecast and can purchase air conditioning for those particularly warm days. And please join us to show off our bridge spirit and Chicago hospitality on the 19<sup>th</sup> when we welcome players from around the country (see more info below). See you at the club!

### Upcoming Special Events

July 29-August 3 – STaC

August 6, Tuesday evening – Mentor/Advanced Mentee Game

August 11, Sunday – Swiss Teams Plaque Event

August 19, Monday evening – Tour Dinner Game

August 29, Thursday EVENING—Club Closed\*

August 30, Friday—Club Closed\*

September 1, Sunday – Club Closed\*

September 3, Tuesday Evening – Mentor/Advanced Mentee Game

September 8, Sunday – Swiss Teams

September 10, Tuesday evening – Individual Plaque Event

\*During the Skokie tournament, Chicago Duplicate Bridge will NOT hold specific games as noted. The Thursday afternoon, August 29; Saturday, August 31; and Monday, September 2, games will be held as usual.

### More 2019 Special Events

October 5, Saturday – Rank Advancement Party; I/N Plaque Event

October 25, Friday evening – Annual Meeting and Election

**November 21, Thursday evening – Mentor/Mentee Game with Dinner**

**December 13, Friday evening – Holiday Party and Game**

Click on Calendar below the News on the Home Page to see the full schedules at [http://bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwom/bw.cgi?club=chicagodbc&pid=display\\_future](http://bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwom/bw.cgi?club=chicagodbc&pid=display_future)  
They are also posted at the Club.

## **Special Dinner and Game—Welcome Visitors!**

Join us on Monday, August 19, at 6:00 for dinner and a game. Chicago Duplicate Bridge and Lawson Bridge Studio are jointly welcoming a group of 48 bridge players for dinner and bridge. These folks are from all over the US and Canada. This is their “bridge stop” before they embark on a Great Lakes cruise. Dinner will consist of Chicago food specialties. The event is limited to the first 24 local pairs, so sign up today. You can sign up at the club, or send email to Barry at [barrylit@gmail.com](mailto:barrylit@gmail.com). Let’s show them a great evening in Chicago!

## **Holidays Are Special at CDB!**

Chicago Duplicate Bridge works to make sure that members have a chance to celebrate holidays at the club. We traditionally have a “picnic” lunch for the Fourth of July, and this year was no exception. And you can count on Dave Schroeder to make holiday-themed cookies or other desserts for the Tuesday night games.



## Parking Rate Increase

Beginning August 1, the cost of parking in the lot to the north of our building is increasing. The lot's owners, EZ Parking, have raised the costs to us, including the monthly rent paid by the club, to reflect their own increased costs. The club will continue to subsidize the parking fee for players. The fee for the first 10 spots, paid directly to the game Director, will increase to \$6.00. The fee for subsequent parkers, who will need to continue to display their CDB permits, will be \$8.50.

## Please Help Keep the Club Clean!

Chicago Duplicate Bridge continues to provide a light lunch before all day games and a snack and/or dessert at evening games. Please help out by putting your plates, cups, silverware, and glasses in the dishwasher when you have finished with them or at the end of the game. If the dishwasher is running, empty glasses, rinse everything, and leave them in the sink instead of on the white side tables. Throw away any dirty tissues, paper towels, napkins, and unwanted score records. Empty and rinse out soda cans and water bottles and put them in the recycle bin. Finally, replace club pencils in their box. It only takes a second to clean up after yourself. We're all adults; as someone said, "the maid didn't come today."

## Beginner, Intermediate/Novice News

Beginners are welcome at Chicago Duplicate Bridge. We offer at least 4 games every week for players with limited Masterpoints, as well as separate games at special events if attendance warrants. All games are stratified and provide Masterpoints. High school students can play for \$1.00. Supervised play consists of play of several hands with advice and commentary available; a short lesson is often included. And we have lessons at several levels; see below.



### ❖ Supervised Play

- Wednesday evening 6:30
- Friday morning 9:30

## ❖ Scheduled games

- **299er Monday 12:15**
- **299er Wednesday 12:15**
- **99er Thursday 6:30**
- **99er Friday 12:15**
- **499er Saturday 11:15**

## Lessons—We've Got Lessons!



Chicago Duplicate Bridge offers bridge lessons for beginners, intermediate players, and advanced players. Instructors include Brad Stout, Rosede Olson, and Eldad “Gino” Ginossar. Gino is an expert bridge player and a great teacher; we are especially fortunate to have him at Chicago Duplicate Bridge. Listed below are current offerings. A new series of Beginning Bridge sessions will begin in September; details will be announced here.

## ❖ Bidding for Intermediate Players (Gino Ginossar)

- **Wednesdays, 9:15/9:30 am**
- **Begins September 25**
- **\$200 for 8-session series for CDB members; \$35 per session for nonmembers/drop-in cost**

## Gino's Corner

This hand is based on a club game, made into a lesson to advanced players on the topic of general slam bidding, specific to a matchpoint game.

Board: 24  
 Dealer: W  
 Vul: None

♠ KJ5  
 ♥ AT2  
 ♦ QT7  
 ♣ K864

♠ QT872  
 ♥ KJ8  
 ♦ J5  
 ♣ J93

24

♠ 43  
 ♥ Q97643  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ QT52

13  
 8 4  
 15

♠ A96  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ AK98643  
 ♣ A7

	♠	♦	♥	♣	NT
N	3	7	-	3	7
S	3	7	-	3	7
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

## The auction

West	North	East	South
	1♣	2♥	3♦
3♥	3NT	P	4♦
P	4♥	P	4♠
P	4NT	P	5♣
P	5NT	P	6♦
P	6NT	P	P
P			

### Explanation of N/S bidding

3♦ : A 3-level response is a Game Force, showing 5+ diamonds.

3NT: With a heart stopper and a balanced distribution, North's bid is straightforward.

4♦ : A natural and forcing bid. Holding 15 HCP, all controls, with extra length in diamonds, South wants to explore for slam. In slam bidding, the partnership must first find and establish a trump suit. Without a fit, the partnership should avoid a NT slam if they hold fewer than 33 HCP. **Finding a fit can only be achieved by slowly describing distribution via natural bids.**

**However, partners need a mutual understanding of whether this natural 4♦ bid is forcing.**

Without this understanding, South might worry that partner will pass 4♦. In most constructive or Game Force auctions, a natural bid of 4♦ / ♣ is forcing and invitational to slam. In this specific auction, 4♦ should be recognized as a forcing bid, as it makes no sense to advance a 3NT contract only to play in 4♦.

4♥ : A 4-level cue bid establishes the last suit bid as trump (diamonds). Only when the trump suit is established can the partnership properly use various slam tools such as Roman Key Card Blackwood or control bidding. Note that 4♥ does not guarantee a heart control but

only shows a diamond fit. Alternatively, had opener wanted to deny diamonds as a fit, he/she would have bid 4NT, which is a rare and natural bid offering to play in 4NT. Common sense should dictate that a player who just offered to play in 3NT cannot bid 4NT as RKCB in the next round.

4 ♠ : After the trump suit is established, bidding any side suit shows a control and is a cooperative bid toward slam.

4NT: 1430 RKCB

5NT: Asking for specific kings. The partnership can decide whether 5NT asks for specific kings or the number of kings. There is no significant advantage to either convention.

6 ♦ : In answering to a request for specific kings, bidding the trump suit denies outside kings.

6NT: North's final decision to bid 6NT is a calculated risk in matchpoint scoring. **Make this decision only when the partnership has ensured that a slam in a suit is makeable** (using various slam suit tools, such as RKCB and control bidding). North can count 11 top winners both in NT and in diamonds (6 diamonds, 3 aces, and 2 kings). Without any ruffing values in North's hand (4-3-3-3), there is no advantage to 6 ♦ . Bidding slam in trump is always the safer choice. However, in matchpoints, a successful 6NT bid scores better and should be considered (only) in your last call, before bidding the final contract.

## Upcoming Tournaments

Late July and throughout August there are additional opportunities to start qualifying to represent our area in the North American Pairs, earning extra red and black points on the way. We run 2 NAP games a month in each slot: <http://www.acbl-district13.org/D13NAPflyers.html>. For more information on upcoming local tournaments, see <http://bridgeinchicago.com/tournaments/>. For ACBL-wide tournaments, see <http://tournaments.acbl.org/>.

And you'll find lots of sectionals coming up in the Chicago area and within driving distance. Tournaments are a great way to get those "pigmented" (i.e., silver, red, and gold) Masterpoints. Consider taking a short trip for a change of scene!

### ❖ South Bend Silver Sectional

- August 2-4
- South Bend, IN

- ❖ **Late Summer Silver Sectional**
  - August 4-6
  - Crystal Lake, IL
- ❖ **St. Louis Regional**
  - August 12-18
  - St. Louis, MO
- ❖ **Summers End Split Regional**
  - August 19-25
  - Lake Hallie, WI
- ❖ **Milwaukee Summer Regional**
  - August 20-27
  - Milwaukee, WI
- ❖ **2019 Indianapolis Silver Lining I/N Sectional**
  - August 24-25
  - Indianapolis, IN
- ❖ **Illinois Senior Olympics Other**
  - August 27
  - Springfield, IL
- ❖ **Labor Day Silver Sectional**
  - August 29-September 4
  - Skokie, IL

## Player Achievements

*CBD players continue to do well. **Congratulations** to these players for success at the club! Note: All games Open unless otherwise noted.*

<b>65.00 – 69.99% Games</b>		
6/27	Bruce Ladin, Janet Nachman	67.24
6/29	A Bascon, Layton Kinney	66.52
7/1	Bruce Ladin, Carole Greene	66.28
7/2	Lynn Turner, Roz Supera	67.75
7/3	Frank Pancoe, Joseph Stokes	67.59
7/3 299er	Barbara Baer, Pauline Oyama	67.67
7/4	Claude Vogel, Rosede Olsen	66.63
7/5	Guy Franklin, Paul Urbanick	66.00
7/6 499er	Nancy Williams, Paul Dynowski	66.50

7/8	James Diebel, Dorri Goldgehn	66.85
7/9	David Schroeder, George Clark	67.00
7/12	Aleksander Lishkov, Rosede Olsen	67.26
7/15 299er	Dianne Tesler, Nancy Hurst	68.89
7/17 299er	Barbara Baer, Pauline Oyama	67.30
7/18 99er	Nancy Krippel, Marcy List	65.63
7/20 499er	Rosalie Sturtevant, James Sturtevant	65.38
7/21	Daniel Wright, Bill Sack	68.23
7/23	David Schroeder, Jay Schneider	68.00
7/24	Katherine Rehak, Rosede Olson	66.39
7/27 499er	Kathryn Norman, Maurice Norman	65.80
7/28	Daniel Wright, Charles Fortney	69.13
<b>70.00 or Over Games</b>		
7/11	Eli Jolley, Wally Hendricks	70.06
7/18	Charles Fortney, Ed Glickman	71.95
7/18	Aleksander Lishkov, Katherine Rehak	70.00

### **Player Rank Advancement**

*Congratulations to the following members who have advanced in ACBL rank in June, as noted on July 6. Because CDB now uses The Common Game, we have access to player rank advancement information on a monthly basis, available on the 6th of the month following the month in which the player achieves a higher rank.*

**Neelambari Rao**, Junior Master; **Mary Anderson, Boris Fang, Deborah Mathews, Honey Rosenfeld, Leslie Schmid**, and **Tamar Shilo**, Club Masters; **Aleksander Lishkov** and **Kunal Pujara**, Sectional Masters; **Judi Katz**, Bronze Life Master; **Duke Bhatia** and **Paul Prez**, Silver Life Masters; **Paul Lindauer**, Sapphire Life Master; **Toddy Leavitt**, Diamond Life Master.

***Congratulations to these players for success away from the Club!***

The results from the Summer NABC in Las Vegas will be posted next month.

<b>Waukesha Summer</b>		
<b>Waukesha, WI</b>		
<b>July 10-13, 2019</b>		
Wednesday Morning Pair/Team	2A 7A, 1B, 1C 2B 5B, 1C	Jack Oest Ilan Wolff, Eli Jolley Philip McPeek, Leslie Phelps Boris Fang, Zihan Tan



Wednesday Afternoon Pair/Team	1A, 1B, 1C 3A, 2B, 3C 9A 5B	Ilan Wolff, Eli Jolley, Boris Fang, Zihan Tan Michael Airdo, Janet Hickerson Jack Oest Philip McPeek, Leslie Phelps
Thursday Morning Open Pair/Team	8A 9A, 2B	Jack Oest Leslie Phelps, Philip McPeek
Thursday Afternoon Open Pair/Team	1A	Jack Oest
Friday Afternoon Open Pair/Team	1A	Jack Oest
Saturday Swiss Teams	3A	Robert Lass, Tom Fogarty

## Unit 123 Rankings

***Congratulations to players in the top 10 of Unit 123 rankings posted July 6!***

Mini McKinney		Ace of Clubs	
0-5	Nancy Krippel #2	0-5	Nancy Krippel #4
5-20	Aleksander Lishkov #1 Cynthia Huang #2 Kunal Pujara #4 Rob Moore #7 Art Moore #8 Bob Lenet #10	5-20	Aleksandar Lishkov #1 Kunal Pujara #3 Tamar Shilo #5 Mary Anderson #6 Bob Lenet #8 Diane Gutmann #10
20-50	Daniel Weiss #1 Raphael Hallerman #2 Nick Evens #3 Steven Strong #6	20-50	Daniel Weiss #2 Nick Evens #3
50-100	Sarik Goyal #1 Frances Margolin #5 Helen Blinder #7 Tricia Fox #9	50-100	Sarik Goyal #2 Frances Margolin #3 Helen Blinder #5 Jon Carroll #9 Rudy Lubov #10
100-200	James Sturtevant #2 Rosalie Sturtevant #2 Missy Ravid #3 Patricia Ballman #4 Pauline Oyama #5	100-200	Patricia Ballman #2 Missy Ravid #3 Pauline Oyama #4 Les White #6 James English #7 Myrtis Meyer #9 James Sturtevant #10
200-300	Tracy Nolan #3 Brad Stout #7 Steven Norman #9	200-300	Tracy Nolan #3 Steven Norman #4 Christine Lyon #8
300-500	Monte Lamb #1 Cynthia Polayes #2 Carolyn Turek #5	300-500	Cynthia Polayes #1 Carolyn Turek #4 Monte Lamb #5

<b>Mini McKinney</b>		<b>Ace of Clubs</b>	
	Marcy Gookin #9 Jay Schneider #10		Jay Schneider #6 Marcy Gookin #9 Marie Stevenson #10
500-1000	Adriana Humada #1 Judi Katz #2 William Berkman #3 Daniel Wright #4 Sandi Schlueter #7 Philip McPeek #8 Eileen Tardy #10	500-1000	Adriana Humada #1 William Berkman #2 Judi Katz #3 Sandi Schlueter #4 Duke Bhatia #5 Eileen Tardy #6 Marjorie Zolla #7 David Schroeder #8
1000-1500	Rosede Olson #2 Mark Pinkowski #3 Susan Eggebrecht #4 Mary Schultz #10	1000-1500	Rosede Olson #1 Susan Eggebrecht #2 Mary Schultz #5 Janet Nachman #7
1500-2500	Bruce Ladin #1 John Miller #2 Geoff Bridges #5 Michael Airdo #7 Cory Perkers #9 Caryl Brown #10	1500-2500	Bruce Ladin #1 John Miller #2 Michael Airdo #5 Caryl Brown #6 Gerald Landy #9 Marshall Levine #10
2500-3500	Tom Fogarty #2 Matthew Dyer #3 George Clark #4 John Goring #8	2500-3500	Matthew Dyer #1 George Clark #2 Carole Greene #4 Paul Lindauer #6
3500 -5000	Kendra Bridges #1 Robert Lass #2 Frank Pancoe #5 Daiva Vitukynaite #8 Joseph Stokes #9	3500-5000	Toddy Leavitt #2 Jane Kennedy #5 Kendra Bridges #6
5000-7500	Judy Zhu #4 Robert Kent #9 Gediminas Poska #10	5000-7500	Judy Zhu #1 Susan Adams #6 James Diebel #8 Richard Strauss #10
7500-10000	Eldad Ginossar #1 Amin Hakim #2 Ellen Kent #3 Jack Oest #9	7500-10000	Amin Hakim #1 Eldad Ginossar #5 Barbara Saben #7 Ellen Kent #8
10000+		10000+	L. James Phillips #2 Claude Vogel #8