



**November 2021 Newsletter
Chicago Duplicate Bridge
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Annual Meeting and New Board

The Chicago Duplicate Bridge annual meeting was held Friday, October 29, via Zoom. Because there were nine candidates for the 9 Board slots, a slate was presented and accepted by unanimous vote. New Board members are Susan Gauen, Janet Nachman, and Cory Perkers. We're looking forward to their contributions to the work of supporting our nonprofit club. Board members Matthew Dyer, Barry Little, Frances Margolin, Rosede Olsen, David Schroeder, and Marjorie Zolla are continuing their service. Five members will serve a two-year term; the other four will serve a one-year term, thus providing continuity. Board President Barry Little presented a report on the status of the club and plans for the immediate future. A financial report was also presented. The new Board then met and elected president Barry Little, vice-president David Schroeder, secretary Rosede Olson, and treasurer Cory Perkers.

Upcoming Game Schedule and Special Events

****Tuesday, November 9 – Mentor/Mentee Game at 6:30 pm****

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 299er Games at 12:15 pm F2F

Saturday – 499er Game at 12:15 pm F2F

Tuesday – Open Game at 6:30 pm F2F

Thursday – Open and 299er Games at 6:30 pm F2F

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – Open Games at 6:30 pm on BBO

Tuesday, Sunday – Open Games at 12:00 pm BBO

Staying in Touch

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Tuesday, Sunday Day Games Moved to 12:00 on BBO

CDB once again has VACB games on BBO on Tuesday and Sunday afternoons. These replace our face-to-face (F2F) day games. The VACB games begin at noon, and we encourage you to sign up for the VACB game. Frequently we have seen 4 pairs all waiting to see whether “enough” pairs sign up, resulting in the game failing to launch. You are charged only when the game launches, and your fees will be refunded if the game crashes for any reason. The noon start is designed to let you play in the BBO/ACBL game starting 10 minutes later if our game fails to launch. We continue to monitor table counts and the pandemic to ensure that we are offering a great playing experience. It is possible that additional games will move to BBO. We hope to be able to bring back the daily F2F schedule as the situation warrants.

Thank You Party a Great Success!

CDB saw the biggest crowd since the pandemic for our Thank You lunch and game on Monday, October 25. Lunching on pizza and salad from Lou Malnati’s, as well as a pasta and veggie salad contributed by Barry Little and brownies and cookies made by Janet Nachman, everyone had a chance to enjoy being together again and check out the upstairs part of our new space. Plus we got to celebrate Gino’s latest triumph.



Congratulations—Big Time—To Gino!

We're all so proud to announce that our wonderful bridge teacher and friend, Eldad "Gino" Ginossar, will be representing the United States in the Mixed Team event of the World Bridge Federation. The tournament is next spring in Italy. Gino is part of the Rosenthal team, which won this honor in the recent USBF playoffs in Schaumburg. We'll be watching him with lots of Chicago pride!



We Keep Looking

Know any vacant commercial space that's accessible, reachable by CTA, and with plenty of parking? If so, send an email to chicagoduplicatebridge@gmail.com or tell a member of the Board. As previously mentioned, our lease at Dearborn Station can be terminated with relatively short notice.

I/N Fridays at CDB!!

Fridays at Chicago Duplicate Bridge are now devoted to intermediate and novice players. Thanks to those who have attended in the first weeks. Word is that the day is a good opportunity to play and learn in a relaxed setting.

The day begins with supervised play starting at 11 a.m. Players can ask questions while bidding, declaring, and defending. Cost of the supervised play is \$5, and if you stay to play in the game, the entry fee will be reduced by that \$5.

After that, starting at 12:15, we hold an ACBL-sanctioned game for players who have fewer than 300 Masterpoints. This game runs at a pace that works for newer players, and we play 18 to 21 boards. The game lasts 2 to 2.5 hours. You do not have to attend supervised play to play in the game, nor are you required to play in the game to attend supervised play.

Our goal is to promote a friendly, nonthreatening learning environment. As Gino and other expert players say, the best way to improve your bridge game is to play, play, play. There will be no Open game at the same time on Friday afternoons. Patt Quinn is directing. We want to provide opportunities for partnerships to improve and to encourage new partnerships.

November's Mentor/Mentee Game

The next mentor/mentee game is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 9**, at 6:30 pm. These games use a manual signup process; email dave8459@yahoo.com. Tuesday night is intended to be a nurturing night, and we hope to see many of you there. If everyone agrees, we are able to play in the upstairs club space.

I/N players: You are welcome, regardless of whether you have a partner. Just email us and we will find you a partner. If you have a partner to play with, great; just show up.

Mentors: If you are available (or pay for play), email us and we will match you up.

I/N and Advanced Bridge Lessons

Eldad "Gino" Ginossar, our excellent instructor for intermediate and advanced players, is again providing online bridge lessons. Gino donates a portion of the cost of all lessons to Chicago Duplicate Bridge. For full details about forthcoming months, see his website, www.bridgewithgino.com/classes. There you can register for all classes, both face-to-face (F2F) and online. You can also reach him by emailing e.ginossar@gmail.com.

October Online Webinars

- ❖ Preregistration required
- ❖ Individual lessons: \$18 per lesson
- ❖ BridgeWithGino Academy 2021-2022 Term: \$250
 - Comprised of 10 lessons
 - Includes access to Ruzuku, the course portal to enhance learning
 - www.bridgewithgino.com/academy
- ❖ Mondays, 10:00 a.m. Central time
 - Advanced Level

- November 22: Advanced Thinking on Defense
- December 27: Bidding a Grand Slam
- ❖ Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Central time
 - Intermediate Level
 - November 24: Jump Shifts
 - December 29: Handle Opponent's Preempts

Offerings for New or Intermediate Bridge Players

Chicago Duplicate Bridge offers several ways for less experienced players to learn and practice their skills. Less experienced players are also **always** welcome to play in the Open games; most everyone is welcoming and will offer feedback if you ask. All I/N games are face-to-face.

- ❖ Supervised Play
 - Friday
 - 11:00 am
- ❖ 299er games
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 - 12:15 pm
 - Thursday
 - 6:25 pm
- ❖ 499 er game
 - Saturday
 - 12:15 pm
- ❖ Mentor game
 - Monthly, 2nd Tuesday of the month
 - 6:30 pm
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COVID Precautions

To reiterate, all players **MUST** provide proof that they are fully vaccinated before being allowed to play in face-to-face games. Please bring your card with you the first time you come to play, or send a photo of it to chicagoduplicatebridge@gmail.com at least one day before you come.

Based on current data, we know that vaccines are not perfect, and the club will be monitoring any cases that are discovered. If you are diagnosed with the virus, please let us know and we will actively inform players if there is a danger of being exposed to an infected player. If you have "flu-like" symptoms, you should stay home to protect the club. Many of our players are vulnerable.

Masks: Wearing a mask is now **required** per city of Chicago and state of Illinois regulations.

When the local/state mandates are dropped, we will consider dropping the mask requirement. However, if a player wishes to remain masked and asks others at the table to wear their masks, common courtesy would suggest complying with their request.

Housekeeping, Food, and Drink at the Club

Please remember that players are not allowed to eat lunch or dinner at the tables. There is an attractive area of tables and chairs in the building's atrium that is available if you wish to eat there prior to a game, as well as a small table in our kitchen area. We provide some individually wrapped snacks that you may enjoy in the kitchenette. Coffee and tea are provided, and soft drinks and cold water are available for purchase on an honor payment basis as before.

The maid (that is, the directors and the Board) requests that everyone throw away their own trash. It should not have to be said, but it seems necessary. Do not leave half-full or empty paper cups or pop/soda cans on the tables or half-walls. Throw away your candy wrappers, empty K-cups, and cream containers. There are multiple trash cans around the room as well as one large one in the kitchenette.

Upcoming Tournaments

After months with only online tournaments, in-person tournaments are again being held. As circumstances with the pandemic may change, it is highly recommended to confirm that the following tournaments will be held. Check with tournament flyers or committees if you have questions about virus protections.

- ❖ Central States Regional
 - November 2-4
 - Temple Jeremiah, Northfield, IL
- ❖ La Crosse Sectional
 - November 12-14
 - Harry J. Olson Center, La Crosse, WI
- ❖ 2021 Fall NABC
 - November 25-December 5
 - JW Marriott, Austin, TX
- ❖ Turkey Bowl Silver Sectional
 - November 26-28
 - Jameson's Restaurant, Huntley, IL

For more information on all upcoming local tournaments, see <http://bridgeinchicago.com/tournaments/>. For ACBL-wide tournaments, see <http://tournaments.acbl.org/>.

Player Achievements

Congratulations to these players for success in face-to-face games at the club! All games Open unless otherwise noted. "E" designates evening games.

65.00 – 69.99% Games		
10/6 299er	Marcy List, Nancy Krippel	67.50
10/11 299er	Jon Carroll, Cynthia Linton	67.46
10/13 299er	Dan Kuhn, Frank Greco	65.00
10/18 299er	Dan Kuhn, Conrad May	65.30
10/18 299er	Janis Morris, Rudy Lubov	65.28
10/21	Sandi Schlueter, Carole Greene	67.00
10/25	Howard Cohen, Julian Oettinger	67.36
70.00 or Over Games		
9/28 E	David Schroeder, Marshall Levine	70.50
10/26	Marjorie Zolla, John Miller	70.24

Rank Advancements

Congratulations to Chicago-area players who have advanced in rank, as noted in the October 9 update. Conrad May, Club Master; Louise Burns, Daniel Kuhn, and Paul Rogerson, Sectional Masters; Eileen Martin and Mary Reed, Regional Masters; Max Brock, NABC Master.

Congratulations to these players for success away from the Club!

Milwaukee Fallfest Sectional Glendale, WI September 29-October 2, 2021		
Wednesday AM Pair/Team (Pairs)	2A	Jack Oest
Wednesday AM Pair/Team (Teams)	1A 5A	Jack Oest Kendra Bridges, Tom Fogarty
Thursday PM Pair/Team (Pairs)	2A	Jack Oest
Thursday PM Pair/Team (Teams)	1A	Jack Oest
Friday AM Pair/Team (Pairs)	3A	Jack Oest

Friday AM Pair/Team (Teams)	1A	Jack Oest
Gary Williams Swiss Team	1B, 2A	Geoff Bridges, Kendra Bridges, Tom Fogarty, Cory Perkers

<p>Welcome Back MN Open Sectional</p> <p>New Brighton, MN</p> <p>October 21-24, 2021</p>		
Sunday Swiss Teams	1A	Jared Bass, Kevin Choi, Cory Perkers

Unit 123 Rankings

Rather than posting the Masterpoint Races rankings every month, going forward the newsletter will include the first rankings of the year, the final rankings of the previous year, and periodic updates (approximately quarterly) throughout the year. The complete rankings for the district and unit races can be found at <https://www.acbl.org/masterpoints/#races>. Select the race you choose to view, then select either district 13 or unit 123, and select the MP grouping (e.g., all, 0-5, 5-20, etc.) that you wish to check.