



**September 2023 Newsletter
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It's Tournament Time!

September and October provide lots of opportunities for tournament play, including at the Royal STaC (see below for information) that will be held at Chicago Duplicate Bridge. For the best chance to win those coveted pigmented Masterpoints, it's great to practice with your partner at Chicago Duplicate Bridge. There's nothing like playing live, in person, against other partnerships. If you haven't tried out our games on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, this may be the time to do so. Our evening games are fun and relaxed while retaining that competitive atmosphere that promotes improvement in your play.

****September 1 – Club Closed****

****September 5 – 7—All F2F Games Will Be Offered as Usual ****

****Tuesday, September 12 – Mentor/Mentee Game at 6:30 pm****

****Tuesday, September 16-Monday, October 2 – Royal STaC****

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

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

Friday – 299er Games at 12:15 pm **F2F**

Tues, Thurs – Open Games at 6:30 pm **F2F**

Staying in Touch

chicagoduplicatebridge@gmail.com is the best way to reach us. If possible, please let the director know if you will be attending evening games. Email David Schroeder at dave8459@yahoo.com for Tuesday evening games; Matthew Dyer at msdyer@gmail.com for Thursday evening games.

Royal STaC Coming at the End of the Month!

At the end of the month, we're offering a very rare, special opportunity: a Royal STaC. In this event, all points earned at the club will be ¼ black, ¼ silver, ¼ red, ¼ gold! This is your chance to win those red and gold points without traveling even across town.

September Mentor/Mentee Game on the 12th

Our next popular mentor/mentee game is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 12**, at 6:30 pm, F2F. The games usually have only 18 boards, to allow time for feedback as the hands are played if possible. These games use a manual signup process; email dave8459@yahoo.com. Please **let Dave know as soon as possible if you plan to attend** 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: Director Dave Schroeder bakes a treat for each Tuesday night—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.

Advance to the Next Level with Pigmented MasterPoints!

Coming up this fall, there are lots of local or nearby opportunities coming up to earn more of those necessary pigmented points for your next ACBL level. The most convenient is the Royal STaC at CDB at the end of the month. And see the list of upcoming tournaments below.

All the September Regional tournaments offer two-session Gold Rush events, where I/N players can earn gold and/or red points, as well as Open events. The Sectional tournaments offer silver points. If enough players express interest, we might be able to facilitate organizing car pools to Rockford or even St. Louis. This is your chance to continue your successful climb up the ACBL ladder and see your name listed as one of our Rank Advancers. Once you become a Club Master, you will need some silver points for the next level; and once you are a Sectional Master, you'll need some red, gold, or platinum points. But more importantly, it's always a fun challenge to show off your club skills and compete on a bigger stage.

Rank Advancers

Congratulations to all those who advanced in ACBL rank, as reflected in the latest data release from ACBL. These players have been playing in club games and in tournaments, and they've been successful in getting those black and pigmented Masterpoints and moving up the ladder. **David Hiller**, Junior Master; **Ann Boland**, Sectional Master; **Nancy Krippel**, Regional Master; **Ken East**, NABC Master; **Patricia Ballman**, Advanced NABC Master;

William Berkman and **Mark Fritz**, Bronze Life Master; **Monte Lamb**, Silver Life Master; **Sylvia Dunne**, Ruby Life Master.

It's Almost Dues Time Again

The annual dues year for Chicago Duplicate Bridge begins on November 1 and extends through October 31 of the following year. It's not too soon to renew (or join, of course). Dues help pay for our celebrations as well as infrastructure (such as rent). Annual dues are \$60. Checks may be made out to Chicago Duplicate Bridge and given to the director at any in-person game. If you wish to use Venmo, please either tell the director when you do so or email chicagoduplicatebridge.com to let us know that you have paid. Members pay \$2 less per game; only paid-up members may vote in Board elections, which will be held in November.

Upcoming Beginning Bridge Lessons

We're currently planning a new set of lessons in Beginning Bridge. If you know anyone who is interested, send their contact information to Barry Little at barrylit@gmail.com. Details forthcoming.

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

Come join us at Supervised Play on Fridays at CDB. We've got a group of regular attendees, but 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 299er 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) 299er game at 12:15. 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 in advance at barrylit@gmail.com.

- ❖ Supervised Play
 - Friday F2F
 - 10:30 am
- ❖ 299er 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

Wow! Lots and Lots of Tournaments

The tournament 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/>. For the next year, ACBL has announced a **20% bonus on MPs** earned at F2F Regional and Sectional tournaments, so now's your chance to earn those silver, red, and gold points.

- ❖ Unit 123 After Labor Day Regional
 - September 5-7
 - Northbrook, IL
- ❖ Unit 143 Fall 499er Bridge Tournament
 - September 9-10
 - Olivette (St. Louis), MO
- ❖ Unit 239 I//N Regional
 - September 10-12
 - Rockford, IL
- ❖ Rockford Classic Sectional
 - September 10-12
 - Rockford, IL
- ❖ Wausau Sectional
 - September 14-16
 - Scholfield, WI
- ❖ On the Banks of the Wabash Sectional
 - September 15-17
 - Terre Haute, IN
- ❖ Effingham "Crossroads" Regional
 - September 19-23
 - Effingham, IL

- ❖ Milwaukee Fallfest Sectional
 - October 4-7
 - Glendale, WI
- ❖ Metropolitan East Sectional
 - October 5-7
 - Edwardsville, IL
- ❖ NLM Fall Gold Rush Regional; Bloomington/Normal Fall Sectional
 - October 6-7
 - Bloomington, IL
- ❖ NW Indiana Fall Sectional
 - October 6-8
 - Michigan City, IN
- ❖ Indianapolis Intermediate/Novice Regional
 - October 6-8
 - Indianapolis, IN
- ❖ St. Louis Fall I/N Regional St. Louis Fall Sectional
 - October 20-22
 - Olivette, MO
- ❖ District 13 NAP Final
 - October 28
 - Glendale, WI

Parking

There are many parking options in the area in addition to the lot behind the club. Last month's newsletter had extensive information about Spothero and other parking options. Consider downloading the Spothero app; there are often cheaper parking alternatives in the afternoon, and free options for evenings (after 6pm) and weekends. Unlike at the Orleans location, the club doesn't care where you park, and we don't gain any money from using the building's lot. To encourage attendance at the club, we offer a discount for those who bring new or immobile players to the games or those for whom parking is a hardship. If you drive to the club, you may request \$5 off your entry fee. If you bring 3 others in your car, you may request a free entry.

Player Achievements

Congratulations to these players for success in face-to-face games at the club! All games Open unless otherwise noted. E denotes Evening game. I denotes Individual game movement.

65.00% – 69.99% Games		
8/2	Maurice Champagne, Jim O'Neil	68.06
8/14	John Miller, William Berkman	67.04
8/16	Sandi Schlueter, Carole Greene	65.97
8//17 E	William Berkman, Matthew Dyer	65.80
8/18	Patty Gerbie, Melvin Gerbie	65.28
8/22 E	Mark Pinkowki, Matthew Dyer	66.69
8/29	Marjorie Zolla, John Miller	67.50
70.00% or Over Games		
8/4	Diane Mazurczak, Mike Mazurczak	70.83

Congratulations to these players for success at the recent District 123 STaC! See overall results for each session here. For Section results (that is, results from games at each individual site), see ACBL results pages.

STaC August 14-20, 2023 District 13		
Mon Morn Session	2A	L James Phillips
Mon Aft Open Pairs	1A	Cheri Bjerkan, Harry Rosenberg
	2A	John Miller, William Berkman
	5A	Paul Prez, Carole Greene
	1B	Kenneth East, Ellen Rupert
Mon Aft Invitational Pairs	5B	Sylvia Dunne, Andrea Bascon
	1A	Diane Kelley, Julie Burke
	2A, 1B	Shelley Gorson, Eileen Martin
Mon Even Session	3A	Judi Katz, Laura Werner
	3A	John Miller, Sharon Solwitz
Tues Morn Session	4A, 3B	Steven Morris
	6A	L James Phillips
Tues Even Session	3B	Paul Prez, Joseph Tomlinson
	1A	Marshall Levine, David Kulig
	2A, 1B	Mai Phan, Bob Lenet
	3A, 2B	Max Krawczyk, Avery Wang
	4A	John Miller, William Berkman
Wedn Morn Session	3B	Frances Margolin, Barry Little
	6A	L James Phillips
	1A	Sandi Schlueter, Carole Greene
	2A, 1B	William Berkman, Patricia Ballman
Wedn Aft Session	3A	Carl Nelson, Abigail Nichols
	4A, 2B	Kay Whitman, Rosede Olson
	5A, 3B	Barry Little, Jack Hurst

	4B, 1C 5B, 2C 3C 4C	Les White, Carolyn Naselli Frances Margolin, Peggy Wolf Trucia Drummond, Pam Block Kathy Shuman, Doug Shuman
Wedn Aft O/A Session	1A, 1B, 1C 2A	Tricia Fox Judi Katz
Thur Morn Session	4A, 2B	Michele Pockross
Thur Aft O/A Session	2A, 2B 4A	Paul Prez, Joseph Tomlinson Sandi Schlueter, Carole Greene
Thur Even Session	1A 2A, 1B, 1C 3A 4A, 2B, 2C 3B 4B	George Clark, Marshall Levine Mail Phan, Les White Gail Shaps, Jack Bierig Ben Fisk, Jacob Reinke David Schroeder, Rosede Olson Jim Lacy, Bob Lenet
Fri Morn Session	2A	Charles Fortney
Fri Aft Session	2A 7A, 5B 4C	Joseph Tomlinson, Claude Weil Maurice Champagne, Burton Lewis Steve Malone, Laureanne Kremolow
Fri Aft 0-500 Pairs	1A, 1B 2A 3A 2B	Pat Gerbie, Melvin Gerbie Frances Margolin, Richa Bhanga Arminaur Mitchell, Pat Knowles Jackie Snuttjer, June Chin