

Niagara-on-the-Lake Duplicate Bridge Centre Newsletter



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Annual Christmas Party



Following a lively, fun bridge game with 15 1/2 tables, everyone enjoyed a lovely Christmas celebration. A wonderful catered dinner was organized by our Social Committee headed by Donna Williams. And a complementary bar was set up by a team headed by Vern Chant.



Social Committee



Bar Committee



Enjoying a large variety of delicious dishes





Growing the Membership of our Club

There are 3 fundamental ways to expand our membership: Attract new residents to NOTL, offer bridge lessons to beginner players and draw in those currently playing bridge socially, but haven't yet tried to play duplicate.

This January we are running an advertising program in the local papers to attract those who are currently playing social bridge. A special game will be held on Friday afternoons for these folks. If you know anyone like this, please encourage them to come out. Please see the advertisement on the right.

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Are you Enjoying Playing Bridge Casually with your Friends?

If so, we are inviting you to a friendly game on Friday afternoons at 12:30 in the Simpson Room in the Community Centre, beginning February 2. Sponsored and operated by the NOTL Duplicate Bridge Centre, the cost is \$2.00

Not only will you have a nice social afternoon but here is an opportunity to improve your bridge. From 12:30 to 1:00 there will be a "chalk talk" on bidding and playing the hand. Also, during the game you will have the opportunity to ask questions about the bidding and playing of the hand you are currently playing.

Although partners are not required, do come and bring a friend.

Contact vernechant@outlook.com to register and to answer questions.



Niagara Open Sectional February 9-11, 2024

Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Conference
327 Ontario St, St Catharines
(QEW take Exit 47 Ontario Street)
905-688-2324



Friday February 9, 2024

Open Pairs	1:30 & 7:00
499 ^{er} Pairs	1:30 & 7:00
199 ^{er} Pairs	1:30 & 7:00

Hospitality will follow evening game

Saturday February 10, 2024

Open Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
499 ^{er} Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
199 ^{er} Pairs	10:00 & 2:30

Hospitality will follow afternoon game

Sunday February 11, 2024

Bracketed Swiss 10:00am playthrough

30 minutes break after 4th Round

For Reservation

1-877-688-2324 Ext 2

Or Click

[Niagara Area Unit 255 Sectional Tournament](https://www.holidayinn.com/stcath)

Or

www.holidayinn.com/stcath

enter NAB as the group code

\$129 (single or double)

if booked before

January 26, 2024

FREE Parking

Fantastic Niagara Hospitality

Tournament Chair:

Cathy Williams 905-979-5063

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Partnership Chair:

Margaret Dykstra 905-732-4324

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Stratification

(Subject to Director's discretion)

Open Pairs	0 to ∞ masterpoints
499 ^{er} Pairs	0 to 500 masterpoints
199 ^{er} Pairs	0 to 200 masterpoints

General Information

Events can be Playthrough or Single Session

All events will have 3 strata at the Director's discretion.

\$17/player/session for ACBL members

Extra \$4 for lapsed ACBL members

Guest membership for non-ACBL members will be available.

All events stratified by average masterpoint.

Sectional Tournament Sponsored by

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**Wishing you all a very festive and safe holiday
and a happy and healthy 2024!**