

Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club
June, 2023



The summer bridge season is here! It's nice to be out and about, but we need you back at the table on "bridge days".

Just a reminder - Covid is still among us - at least 16 confirmed cases at the Gopher regional (6 from Rochester). Here is a brief update on CDC protocol - if you test positive, isolate for at least 5 days; isolate from others in your home. Wear high quality mask if you must be around others at home and in public. You may end isolation after 5 days with no symptoms but should still mask for another 5 days. If you still have symptoms, continue isolation until you are fever-free for 24 hours and your symptoms are starting to improve. **After exposure**, wear a mask for 10 days when indoors and around others, even at home. Watch for symptoms and test on Day 6. If positive, isolate; if negative, continue to wear a mask when indoors and around others for the full 10 days. We have kept our club from having to close down (as others have in MN) because we are all careful about not exposing our fellow bridge players. Thanks for your cooperation!



Wednesday, June 21, are ACBL's "The Longest Day" games benefiting the Alzheimer's Association. We will have two (2) games that day - 9:00 am (open pairs) and 1 pm (open pairs and 299ers). We will have a potluck lunch between sessions; there will be a sign up for



mains, salads, and desserts. Entry fee will be AT LEAST \$1 more per game - additional is greatly appreciated. There will also be a Longest Day online game, Friday afternoon, June 23 - entry fee is \$7. Checks should be made out to Alzheimer's Association. Or you can donate online - quick, easy, painless. Our goal this year is \$4000 (last year's donations were over \$5000, putting RDBC in the top 40 clubs in North America for fundraising, #33 to be exact!). We are registered as a team; go to alz.org/ACBL and search for Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club or look for my name. During the month of June, donations may be made online at the Alzheimer's Association using the previous stated link (any time starting now). I will make a team deposit the first week in July of checks and cash. There is a quick link that Matt has put on the website, making it easy to donate online! **Encourage your non-bridge playing friends, neighbors, and family members to offer donations so we can meet this year's goal.** (This year's donations will be in memory and in honor of past and current club members and their families/caregivers.)

Starting in June, I will be doing mini-lessons on filling out the new convention card on Mondays, 11:40-12 noon. This is following Chat Bridge but prior to the game. (Our supply of the old format is nearing the end.) The first mini-lesson will be June 5, followed by the subsequent Mondays until we get through all the sections. You may continue to use your "old cards" previously filled out with a partner. Any new cards with partners will have to utilize the new format.



Don't forget 3rd Monday Happy Hour following the game. (June date is June 19). Bring a snack to

share and your own beverage, or buy a soda from the fridge. Discuss hands or just relax - it's fun!

During June, NAP (North American Pairs) qualifying games are scattered throughout the month. If you qualify in a club game, you may participate in the District 14 finals at a later date. These games pay 50% red, 50% black. If you have questions, please give me a call. We have had quite a few Rochester pairs represent District 14 at the nationals!

Also, June 26, 28, and 29 will be Royal Sectional Tournaments at Club (STaC). These games, if you place in the overall in the pooled units/districts, will pay 25% black, 25% silver, 25% red, and 25% gold. Our game file is sent to the director in charge which



pools our results with other competing clubs. Points will first show up as silver; at the end of the week, after all results are in, the points will be converted to the above equation. Here's your chance to win some colored points without traveling to a tournament.



May the sun shine on all your play!
Sue Greenberg, Club Manager

ON-LINE CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Thursday evenings - open pairs, 6:30 pm

Fridays - open pairs, 12:30 pm

Saturdays - open pairs, 7 pm

SPECIAL F2F GAMES

NAP qualifiers - June 1, 5 (open pairs), 14, 20

Unit games - June 7, 12



Club Championships - June 15
The Longest Day charity game- June 21
Royal STaCs - June 26, 28, 29

Special online games

June 8, 9, 10 - NAP games - \$7
June 23 - The Longest Day game - \$7

Tournaments

June 22-24 - St. Cloud open sectional
June 9-10 - Waterloo I/N regional
July 3-8 - West Des Moines regional