

# Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club

## October 2018



Fall has arrived, and with it, our club continues to flourish and shine, thanks to the work of many volunteers. We are a true bridge family!

Oct. 31 is the Instant Matchpoint game, Wednesday afternoon, 12:30 pm. This is an opportunity to win one gold point without having to travel to a tournament. First place E/W and N/S each earn one gold point. After the game, you will receive a very informative booklet, analyzing the bidding and the play of the hand. Please plan on attending.



In addition, on Oct. 31, Halloween, we will have our annual Halloween costume competition. Free plays on that day will be awarded to the best female and male costumes. Board members in attendance will be the judges. Start planning now!!!



Cold and flu season is just around the corner! Please stay home if you are sniffing, coughing, sneezing, or just feel plain lousy. Just a reminder that the preferred way of covering a cough or a sneeze is with your sleeve/arm rather than your hand. Hand sanitizer will be placed throughout the playing area. Please use it before touching the cards if you have coughed or sneezed.

And get your flu shot!!!

Thank you to Arne Fockler, Ann Van Ryn, Pat Burrows, Layne Vinje, John Ryder, Pari Pew, Joanne Long, and others that have helped make Chat Bridge successful. Chat Bridge is an opportunity for intermediate/novice players to interact with more experienced players during the bidding and play of the hand process. If you'd like to ask questions about bids, leads, signals, etc., please plan on joining Chat Bridge, held every Monday morning, 10 am- 11:30 am. This is geared to intermediate/novice players. There is no charge!!

While we have four designated handicapped parking spaces in front of the building, several more are needed on some days. Please allow the spaces closest to the building (especially the unmarked ones closest to the entry doors) open for those that have trouble walking a further distance. Thank you to so many volunteers that transport individuals who no longer drive. You are welcome to park in the non-designated spots! Or drop off your passenger near the front door, then



park, if there are no available spaces.

In October, several games are Appreciation games. Jane of ACBL that assisted clubs with is a chance to earn some extra games (sectional tournament at points if you place in the District 14 standings.



designated as Jane Johnson Club Johnson was a long time employee their activities, questions, etc. This points. Also, Oct. 1-4 are StaC clubs) where you may earn silver

We now have a “real” first aid kit, located on the bookcase where the bridge books are. Hopefully, we will never need some of the things in there, but there are band aids, gauze pads, tape, ointments, etc. if the need arises. We are having another CPR training session November 7 with eight people being certified/recertified.

Regarding mini-lessons, Tom Grigoleit has agreed to help develop a topic list and secure presenters. If you have ideas for the Wednesday mini-lessons, please forward them to Tom. Wednesdays will be geared toward intermediate/advanced players. On the third Thursdays (11:30 am), Sue will be presenting mini-lessons geared to the intermediate/novice players. October’s mini-lesson will be insufficient director calls, including options available.



Greg Caucutt will be offering a continuation of his defense class starting Wednesday, November 28, 10:45-11:45. It will run for ten weeks with some time off for the holidays. More information will be available at a later date. This is just an advance warning.



Happy Halloween! Sue Greenberg, Club Manager

*Quote for the Month:* “Whatever it takes, give the gift of confidence to a new player. You will both be glad you did.” Brent Manley, retired “Bridge Bulletin” editor (talking about mentoring)

*Tip for the month* – Once again, a reminder – check the BridgePad for correct contract, direction, and outcome!

*October Calendar* every Monday, 10 am – Chat Bridge

Oct. 1-4 – StaC games

Oct. 5 – Club Membership game (must be an ACBL member to accrue points)

Oct. 10, 11 am – Board meeting

Oct. 10 – Jane Johnson Club Appreciation game

Oct. 12 – Jane Johnson Club Appreciation game

Oct. 18 - Thurs. afternoon & evening - Jane Johnson Club Appreciation game

Oct. 29 - Jane Johnson Club Appreciation game

Oct. 31 – annual Halloween costume day; free plays to best female and male costume

Oct. 31 – Instant Matchpoint game

**October Tournaments**

Oct. 6-7 – District 14 NAP finals, Edina Senior Center

Oct. 22-28 – Council Bluffs/Omaha regional