



ROCHESTER DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
MAY 2019

Happy spring, everybody! The April showers (oops – I guess I should say snow) have brought May flowers, at least a couple in my garden. Hope your May is bright and sunny, both outdoors and at the bridge table

Our tournament in early April was a **huge** success, thanks to the hard work of Tom and Linda Grigoleit and Deb Ernster, in addition to all the other volunteers. It takes a lot of planning and attention to detail to have things run so smoothly. Congratulations on a job well done! Now we are ready for our regional September 24-29 with Barbara Wijdicks and Layne chairing that event!



Let's get in the mood for the Kentucky Derby, May 3 by wearing your best Kentucky Derby hat on Friday, May 3– for women, usually showy and flowery; for men – either fedoras or Panamas! See you all on Friday.

The Minnesota Gopher regional tournament will be May 20-26 in Bloomington at the Crowne Plaza Aire hotel. There are games for all levels of pair and team play. Check out the flyers for the schedule of events. Let's cover the field every day with a host of Rochester



players and put Rochester on the map as a successful bridge community. Rochester DBC has received two free plays – to be used during the tournament for one session for those that have **never** attended the Gopher tournament before. The drawing will take place May 15. Submit your name to the bowl on the table across from the coffee bar

(one entry per person, please). Please call Sue (365-8236) if you have questions.

Thanks to Mike Salscheider and John Miller for volunteering to pick up bottled water!

During May, Grassroots games will be played, allowing for enhanced masterpoints. The club subsidizes the extra fees paid to ACBL which, in turn, are returned as stipends to our District representatives in the Grand National Teams finals at the summer NABC in Las Vegas. District 14 finals for the GNTs are May 4-5 in Urbandale (Des Moines), IA. Flyers for both tournaments are available at the club. The list of qualifying players is also on the bulletin board (must have qualified at the club level to participate).



On May 29, Wednesday, we will have a Friendship Swiss team event. Sign up as pairs; pairs are ranked from the most MP to the least, then random teams are drawn! Signup will be available May 6rd. This is a great day of fun, a chance to level the playing field a bit for players with fewer master points, and a perfect way to make new friends in our club.



Welcome new members Susan Dodge and Genella Mussell.

The Thursday I/N mini-lesson will be May 16, 11:30 am. Sue will present the rules/laws regarding reviewing the bidding or calls – when, who, how, etc.



Barbara Wijdicks will be placing a name tag order next week. Please let her know if you'd like a name tag by this Friday, May 3. This will allow for them to be delivered in time for the Gopher! Her contact information – 507.282.4094 or barbarajanewijdicks@gmail.com.

Once again, we will participate in "The Longest Day", Friday, June 21. This is an ACBL sponsored event in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association. We are now registered as a team on the Alzheimer's Association website, with my name as team captain.



Our goal this year is \$2500. Betty Shidler, Marsha Wooluns, and I are cooking up a bunch of fun things for this event. Tentative schedule – 9 am - open pairs; 1 pm - open pairs **and** 0-499 pairs (if we have enough players); All week long, donations will be taken at the club games ;checks (made out to the Alzheimer’s Association), cash, listing your name if you’d like a receipt, or donations, made online (click on team) anytime for our team. We will also be having a silent auction during the week of June 17th, ending on Friday, June 21 at 12:25 pm. More information about auction item donations and procedures will be in the June newsletter, along with the final schedule of events. Research has shown that bridge, crosswords, Sudoku, and other brain stimulating activities slow down the possible onset/advancement of this prevalent disease. As active bridge players, we need to put our efforts into helping find a cure!

THERE WILL BE GAMES MONDAY, MAY 27 – MEMORIAL DAY

Sue Greenberg, Club Manager



Quote for the Month: “Good players integrate what they can see with what they have seen.” *Jerry Helms, “Bridge Bulletin” contributor*

Eco-Tip for the Month: Please use both sides of the double-sided personal score sheets. Use water glasses to save on recycling of plastic water bottles. Or bring your own mug/insulated container to fill from the water cooler. Help save electricity by turning lights off in areas where not needed.

May Calendar

Chat Bridge – every Monday, 10-11:30

May 1, Wed. afternoon – Educational Fund game

May 2, Thurs. afternoon – Grass Roots game



May 2, Thurs. evening – Unit game

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May 3, Fri. afternoon – Club Championship

May 6, Mon. afternoon – Grass Roots game

May 7, Tues. afternoon – Grass Roots game

May 8, Board meeting, 11 am

May 8, Wed. afternoon – Grass Roots game

May 10, Fri. afternoon – Unit game

May 15, Wed. afternoon – Unit game

May 16, 11:30 am – Mini-lesson – “Rules about reviewing the bidding/calls”

May 16, Thurs. evening – Club Championship

**May 27, Mon. afternoon – Memorial Day – there will be games! No Chat
Bridge**

May 29, Wed. afternoon – Friendship Swiss teams (also Grass roots game) – sign up as a pair by May 27

May 30, Thurs. afternoon – Club Championship

May 30, Thurs. evening – Grass Roots game

May 31, Fri. afternoon – Grass Roots game

Tournaments

Urbandale (Des Moines) IA sectional and District 14 GNT finals – May 4-5

Gopher regional in Bloomington – May 20-26