



ROCHESTER DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
MAY 2018

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 Sheri French, 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! And the April 28 0-499 NLM was also well attended!! Thanks to Sharlene Owens, Ann Van Ryn, and John Ryder for all their work on that event.




Let's get in the mood for the Kentucky Derby, May 5, by wearing your best Kentucky Derby hat on Friday, May 4– 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 21-27 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 16.



Submit your name to the basket on the window ledge in the main room (one entry per person, please). Please call Sue (365-8236) if you have questions.

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 Atlanta. District 14 finals for the GNTs are May 5-6 in Edina. 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 30, 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 3rd.



Thanks to all those that donated bottled water during March and April, especially Gene Diel and Lance Chamberlain. BE SURE to recycle used bottles in the kitchen bin.

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. Nate Pike will be directing a Board-A-Match movement, which is then converted to IMP scoring. To help you with team scoring techniques, Nate will also be giving a mini-lesson on May 16, 11:30 am., explaining BAM/Swiss team scoring to get you in the mood!

Once again, we will participate in "The Longest Day", Thursday, 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 \$2000. Betty Shidler, Keith Anderson, and I are cooking up a bunch of fun things for this event. Tentative schedule – 7-8:30 am - demo on using BBO; 9 am - open pairs; 1 pm -



open pairs **and** 0-499 pairs; 6:30 pm – open pairs. (That’s right – several added games on Thursday + the BBO opportunity!) 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 anytime for our team. We will also be having a silent auction during the week of June 18th, ending on Friday, June 22 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 28 – MEMORIAL DAY

Sue Greenberg, Club Manager



Quote for the Month: “In a competitive auction, pass means one of two things. Either you have nothing to say, or there’s nothing you CAN say that says what you have.” *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.

May Calendar

Chat Bridge – every Monday, 10-11:30

April 30 – ACBL Club Charity + Pro-Am game (no 299ers)

May 2, Wed. afternoon – Grass Roots game

May 3, Thurs. afternoon – Club championship

May 3, Thurs. evening – Unit game

MAY 4, DERBY DAY – wear your best Kentucky Derby hat



May 4, Fri. afternoon – Grass Roots game

May 7, Mon. afternoon – Grass Roots game

May 9, Board meeting, 11 am

May 9, Wed. afternoon – Grass Roots game

May 10, Thurs. evening – Grass Roots game

May 11, Fri. afternoon – Unit games

May 12 – rescheduled Unit 103 awards and game – Bridge Center of St. Paul; lunch reservations needed by May 4; call or email the Bridge Center

May 14, Mon. afternoon – Grass Roots game

May 16 – mini-lesson – Scoring BAM/Swiss team games, 11:30 am

May 16, Wed. afternoon – Unit game

May 17, Thurs. afternoon & evening – Grass Roots games

May 18, Fri. afternoon – Grass Roots game

May 28, Mon. afternoon – Club Championship

May 28, Mon. afternoon – Memorial Day – there will be games!

May 30, Wed. afternoon – Friendship Swiss teams (also Grass roots game) – sign up as a pair

May 31, Thurs. afternoon – Grass Roots game

May 31, Thurs. evening – Club Championship

Tournaments

Edina sectional and District 14 GNT finals – May 4-6

Gopher regional in Bloomington – May 21-27