

ROCHESTER DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB



MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

Winter's almost over! I'm ready for spring! Our official days for "wearin' of the green" will be March 16, Monday afternoon and March 17, Tuesday afternoon. Wear your best Irish hat/outfit – free play for the day after Board members judge – entry fee returned.

Just a reminder that our Tuesday game is formatted to have a Life Master (LM) or over 500 playing with a non-life master (NLM) under 500. That threshold represents the "new" number of master points one needs to be a LM (along with certain colored points). The Board is encouraging this mentoring format to help our I/N players. Watching and learning from an experienced player is very enlightening sometimes; while the LM usually plays and defends well, they can make mistakes, too!!

The Rochester tournament is scheduled for April 3-5 (no local Friday afternoon game). Tom and Linda Grigoleit (Chairs) and Sharlene Owens (Partnerships and also flower arrangements) have been working hard to get everything in

Please do not wear perfumes, strongly scented lotions or strongly scented men's after shave as we have several people with allergies or asthma which are affected by the scents. Our players thank you!



place. Technically, it's a Unit 103 tournament; however, Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club is the host. We need everyone to attend and also to volunteer your time. Volunteer signups are available at the games, or call Tom, Shar, or Linda.

Volunteers are needed to help unload and reload the trailer coming from St. Paul. (Rather than using our tables and bidding boxes, the Unit is providing these things, which saves a lot of hauling for us.) We also need people available to fill in as partners – let Sharlene know if you could be "on call" for any or all the sessions. Greeters and setup/cleanup volunteers are needed for each session. We need volunteers to help deal boards for the Friday and Saturday sessions (and our boards for the next week on Sunday). Youth caddies are needed

for Swiss teams (Sat. am and all day Sunday). If more than one youth signs up, a lottery drawing will be held. Barbara Wijdicks will be ordering name tags – please contact her (barbarajnewijdicks@gmail.com or 282.4094 by March 7 if you'd like a nametag ordered in time for the tournament.

We especially encourage our emerging, intermediate/novice players to attend. There are separate games for 0-499ers as long as there are enough tables. And, on Sunday, there will be a separate 0-499 Swiss teams, with enough participating players! This is a safe and fun way to try a tournament. Our experienced players are there to help you get to the right place, to encourage you, to help read the results printouts, and to just make this a good experience for all. You don't have to play the whole weekend – just choose the sessions that fit your schedule



Quote for the Month: *"The rule of thumb is that when a misfit is looming, it's best to go cautiously."* Billy Miller, "Bridge Bulletin" contributor

Thanks again to all those that pitch in to help make our club great! Come and play often!

Sue Greenberg, Club Manager (and a March birthday Aires)

March Calendar of Special Events

Chat Bridge – every Monday morning, 10 am

Mar. 4 – Wed. afternoon; Unit game

Mar. 6 – Fri. afternoon; Club Championship

Mar. 11, Wed. morning, 11 am – Board meeting

Mar. 12 – Thurs. afternoon and evening; Club Championship

Mar. 16 & 17 – "Wearin' of the Green" for St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 18 – Wed. afternoon; Club Championship

Mar. 19 – Thurs. afternoon, 11:30 – mini-lesson; topic TBA

Mar. 20 – 3rd Friday Happy Hour – after the game (approximately 4 pm); BYO beverage and a snack, if convenient

Mar. 30 – Monday afternoon; Club Championship

Mar. 31 – Tues. afternoon; ACBL-wide Charity game; LM or over 500 with NLM under 500

One free play in your birthday month! Let cashier know when you choose to use it.



Tournaments

Mar. 13-15 – Minneapolis sectional

Mar. 18-29 – Columbus NABC



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WANT ADS:

- Volunteers to help Sue and Betty organize some new, fun activities for “The Longest Day”, FUNdraiser for the Alzheimer’s Association, week of June 15-19. No experience needed!