

ROCHESTER DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB



Welcome Lilit
“Lefty” Gupta,
new ACBL
member

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Welcome to summer! And we thought June had lots going on – just check out the activities and games for July! Come and play, socialize, and learn!

Fall classes will be available online sometime in August, usually around August 1, through Rochester Public Schools Community Education, Adult Enrichment. The brochure will be distributed later in August. There will be some beginner classes (at Northrop) and an intermediate class taught by Sue – starting with Book 3, Audrey Grant (at St. Luke’s). Tell your friends and family about these opportunities to join our bridge community. Or maybe you just need to “brush up” on your skills.



Our summer social event will be Monday, July 24– The Duck Truck (from Bleu Duck restaurant) will be available for us to enjoy, starting around 11 am. Sodas will be free with lunch that day; if you wish to celebrate with an alcoholic beverage, please bring your own (ok with St. Luke’s). A menu of food choices will be available at the games. You do need to make a reservation (but the club covers the cost) so the truck can plan adequately. Sign up at the games, starting July 5 or let me know if you plan on attending.



Also, on July 24 during lunch, we will honor (roast) Judy Hansen, now Diamond Life Master (over 5000 MPs.) Pre-pandemic, Judy played regularly in our club, traveling from Eagan, playing with Carol Mahoney and Grant Boadwine (who passed away several years ago). She also was cashier for the Wednesday game. She enjoys the hospitality of our club. Come and help us

celebrate her accomplishments!

I have been a bit behind on keeping up with players' achievements! Here are a few – some might be repeats; others I may have missed. I will catch you next time. (These are as of June 6.)

0-5 MPs – Rookie – Bonnie Fox, Marlene Kosobucki

5-20 – Junior Master – Dick Argue, Ken Mack, Carolyn Baker

20-50 – Club Master – Jane Barton, Terry Narr, Connie Falkenstein, Susan Dodge

50-100 – Section Master – Harlan Wickre, Earlene Wickre, Georgia Basinski, Connie Dalzell, Kent Dalzell, Gary Falkenstein

200-200 – NABC Master – Deb Ernster, Bev Northouse

300+ - NABC Advanced Master – Linda Grigoleit

Either 500 or 750 – Bronze Life Master – Ed Prosser, John Ryder

1500-2500 Ruby Life Master – Al Larson

Congratulations to all!



Our current data manager, Joyce Lewis, is looking forward to retirement after many fruitful volunteer years! We need someone to step into her shoes; she will spend a year with you learning “the ropes”. The job description is available on our website under “Board Info – Club Policies – Operating Personnel”. We need someone (or two) kind of “techies”, unafraid of computers, and willing to put in a few hours each week. Check with Joyce for the actual time commitment. There is a small stipend paid at the end of each year. Please let Ed or Sue know if you'd like to explore this wonderful opportunity!

Our club collected over \$5700 for the Alzheimer's Association in conjunction with ACBL's “The Longest Day”. I am still waiting on a couple of checks being mailed to me. All donations are in memory and in honor of past and present bridge players and their families/caregivers. Hopefully, our donations will help fund research to eradicate this dreadful disease. Thanks to all that donated!





Just a reminder that our website, constructed by Matt Belau, is medcitybridge.com. In addition to the calendar and results, you will find information on tournaments, quick links to ACBL, our minutes and treasurer's reports, and loads of other "stuff". Check out the photos tab. Thanks, Matt, for all your work! (He'll be back in the country early August!)

We all know that if there is a medical emergency at a game to call 911. The address for the church is posted on the wooden cabinet in the storage area. The board has been discussing whether to go through Red Cross certification for CPR and use of the AED (stored in the wooden cabinet in the storage area, lower shelf). It was determined that, as we are a social club and we just want to keep each other safe, we will encourage people to "train" on their own. There are two websites that are free (unless you want a certification verification) that lead you through the procedures. Connie's (the nurse) favorite is protrainings.com - instructional videos, easy to navigate. The other is cprcare.com. (It will say there is a fee on both – but that's for the certificate. Just proceed and then decline the certificate at the end – no charge.) Connie suggests you do all three threads – CPR/AED/first aid. Also, if you are a member of 125 Live, they have monthly training sessions (for a fee). If you choose to educate yourselves through one of the free websites or other means, please let Sue know so we have a cadre list of those that might help in an emergency. Thanks to Connie Dalzell and John Ryder for doing the research on this topic.



Monday, July 10 will be ACBL-wide Summer Instant Matchpoint game. Each board has a "traveler" that tells you "instantly" how well you did. At the end of the game, a detailed analysis of each hand will be available by Rob Barrington and Gavin Wolpert, bridge experts. One gold point is available (each direction) if you place first. (0-299 will be a separate game but 299ers are welcome to join the Open Pairs and try for that gold point!) Come and enjoy this fun game!

Reminder for the month – Even though we are out of the "trenches" with COVID, I am reminding you that if you sneeze, blow your nose, or cough

(into your elbow, not your hands), please use hand sanitizer before touching cards, bidding boxes, or boards. And stay home if you are not feeling well! We still need to keep each other healthy!

Sue Greenberg, Club Manager



Calendar

Mon. – F2F open pairs and 299 pairs, 12:30 pm
1st and 3rd Tuesdays – F2F open Pro/Am pairs, 12:30 pm
Wed. – F2F open pairs, 12:30 pm
Thurs. – F2F 0-499/NLM pairs, 12:30 pm
Thurs. evening – open pairs, 6:30 pm - online
Fri. – open pairs, 12:30 pm - online
Sat. – Saturday night open pairs, 7 pm- online

3rd Monday Happy Hour, July 17 – after the game. BYO beverage and a snack, if convenient

Special Games in July

NO CHAT BRIDGE OR MINI-LESSON JULY 3

NO GAME TUESDAY, JULY 4

NAP games – July 5, 6, 17 (open game), 18, 20, 26, 31 (open game)

Club Championship – July 12

Instant Matchpoint – July 10

Unit game – July 27

Online NAP games – July 13, 14, 15 (\$7 entry fee)

Tournaments

July 3-8 West Des Moines regional

July 13-23 Chicago nationals

July 26-28 Aquatennial Summer Sectional – Maple Grove

July 27-30 Virtual Vacation – online regional

July 31-Aug. 6 Omaha regional

