

ROCHESTER DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB DECEMBER, 2018



Happy Holidays everyone! Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club's calendar is full of activities and games, so plan on participating to the fullest extent. This newsletter is full of information, so please read carefully and note dates on your calendar. We are very lucky to be such an active club with so many willing to step up and help with games and events.

Starting the week of Dec, 3, our election process begins with the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for four board seats being announced at all games. Nominations will also be called for from the floor; if you plan on nominating someone, their permission must be obtained first. If there are no nominations from the floor during the two week period of Dec. 3-14, the slate of candidates will be elected by voice vote at games during the week of Dec.17. If there are nominations from the floor, a secret ballot vote will be held during the week of Dec. 17, with the Nominating Committee counting ballots on Dec. 21 (recusing Mary Foss). This year's slate includes: Mary Jo Kelly, Mary Foss, Betty Shidler, and Yvonne Sterioff. (Individuals may run for 2 consecutive two-year terms, per the Bylaws.) Outgoing board members are Patricia McCleese, Terri Seeger, Mary Foss (running again), and Ann Van Ryn. Ann has significantly impacted our club during her many years on the board (twice as president) with her positive attitude and commitments to helping the club grow. Thank you to these people that have unselfishly volunteered their time for two (or more) years.



thank you!

In January, the incoming Board will make appointments of primary director, club manager, primary data/technology coordinator, webmaster, and treasurer. If you are interested in the job descriptions for each position, please ask a board member or



Sue, or check the website (Club Info - Policies) for the policy that governs these appointments. It has been suggested that if you are interested in any of these positions, it might be a good idea to spend a year working with those in that position now, as there are many details to learn. Please let Mary Foss, President Elect, know if you wish to be considered for these positions.

Our annual luncheon will be held Wednesday, December 19, starting at 11:00 am with bridge to follow at 12:30. Please sign up, starting Monday,



December 3, so we can get an accurate count for lunch. Lunch is provided by the club. Tentative menu - sauced meatballs, baby red potatoes, buttered carrots, green salad, and rolls.

Wine is being provided by Deb and Leon Ernster and Terri and Ron Seeger. Also, our dessert potlucks will be Monday and Wednesday afternoons during the week of Dec. 17. Come and enjoy the holidays with your mutual bridge friends.

RDBC is again a corporate Humanity as all available already taken. Our rolls of paper and a may not be wrapping, wrapped to show your worthwhile community endeavor!



sponsor, benefiting Habitat for dates for us to wrap were donation of \$300 buys two large quantity of bows. While we please stop by with a gift to be personal commitment to this

During the week of Dec. 3-7, we will hold Sectional Tournaments at Club, STaC. This is an opportunity to earn silver points locally without traveling to a sectional tournament. Our results are pooled with all other participating District 14 clubs. If you place at the district level, you earn silver points. Otherwise, you accrue your local black points. (You won't get both!) All games (except the Monday 0-299ers which falls outside the parameters of the StaC conditions of contest) will be StaC games.

Our organization is by and large a volunteer group. While we all help out now and then, some go beyond the "once in a while" offering. Our computer/dealer operators work every Friday to help get boards ready for play. Thanks a bunch to Al Larson, Dick Estry, Greg Caucutt, Kathy Maegerlein, Layne Vinje, Barbara Wijdicks, and John Ryder. And to all



other players that help by driving players to games, cleaning up after games, making coffee as needed, assisting at Chat Bridge, inserting boards for the dealers, offering classes and mini-lessons, directing/scoring, and helping to make our club a fun place to play, celebrate, and enjoy, we say thank you!

As you know from the November minutes, we will try a Tuesday afternoon game the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Our first game will be New Year's Day, 12:30 pm. The game will be scored as an open game with partnerships consisting of a life master and a non-life master (less than 500 MPs). To facilitate finding people that might be available for any given Tuesday, a signup sheet (on the white clipboards) for each Tuesday game will be on the bench near the front door. Individuals indicate which category they fall into; people will be responsible for calling to arrange a "play date". Either the LM or NLM may initiate the call. There will also be a place to indicate whether you can score and/or direct. Let's have a positive start to 2019 with a huge turnout for the first game.

BE KIND.
ALWAYS.

Barbara Wijdicks will be ordering nametags again with a deadline of January 4. We have several people that have already indicated they'd like one, but a few more are needed for the bulk discount. Please verify with Bar (282-4094 or barbarajnewijdicks@gmail.com) your name and city/town to be printed on the nametag.

A "learn how to score" seminar will be offered by Joyce and Sue, starting January 16, 9:45-10:45, for four or five consecutive weeks on Wednesdays. We desperately need scorers, especially for the limited game on Thursday so Tom can have a break now and then. The seminar will lead you through basic setup and toolbar, game configuration for Mitchell and Howell movements, and how to troubleshoot and make corrections that occur during the setup or game period. Bring your laptop; we will help you load ACBLScore so you can play with it at home. We have two club backup laptops that can be used, if needed. There is no charge; please let Sue or Joyce know if you will attend. We need you!!



Our "glitz" game will be Monday afternoon, December 31,

but feel free to dress for the game on January 1, 2019, also (our first Tuesday game!!!). Wear your sparkly sequins and finery to get in the mood for the New Year.



December 10, 19, 20, and 21 will be our local charity games. This year's Board designated charities are Bear Creek Services and ARC, helping those with disabilities. In addition to your regular game fee, **each** time you play; please donate at least \$1 for this worthy charity. More is greatly appreciated. We were very generous last year to Recovery is Happening. All cash donations will be divided equally between the two organizations. If you prefer to write a check for tax purposes, you can make your checks out directly to either or both organizations (if both, two checks would be needed). Let's keep up that giving tradition!!!

On Monday December 17, we will have an ACBL-wide International Fund game. Predealt hands are sent from headquarters; all participating clubs play the same hands. (This is why the Monday local charity game is the previous Monday, rather than our charity game week.) Enhanced masterpoints are awarded, and winners from each district will subsequently be listed in the ACBL Bulletin.

We now have a bookcase dedicated to a bridge lending library - in the hall near the coffee bar. If you have books to add to the collection, please place them there. (If you'd like them returned, please put your name on the front or the inside cover.) Books/materials/magazines can be used and returned - no specific time limit **but be considerate of others** that might be interested in the information by keeping materials no longer than two weeks at a time!



One more reminder about inclement weather - check the website, your email, and the closings on KTTC regarding game cancellations.

Dec. 4, we will decorate our club house for the winter/holiday season from 9-10:30 am. There are some decorations stored in the back room, but if you'd like to bring "extras", please feel free to do so.



Hot cider, pastries, and camaraderie will be available!

THIS IS YOUR CLUB, AND MINE!

Sue Greenberg, Club Manager

Quote for the month - "It all starts with you, and without you there is nothing." - Robert Hartman, former ACBL CEO

December Calendar - Special Events

Dec. 4, 9-10:30 am - "deck the clubhouse halls"

Dec. 10, Mon. afternoon - Local charity game

Dec. 12, Wed. afternoon, 10 am - teacher planning meeting

Dec. 17, Mon. afternoon - ACBL-wide International Fund game

Dec. 19, Wed., 11:00 am - **Annual Luncheon (reservations by Dec. 13)**

Dec. 19, Wed. afternoon - Local Charity game

Dec. 20, Thurs. afternoon - Local Charity game

Dec. 20, Thurs. evening - Local Charity game

Dec. 21, Fri. afternoon - Local Charity game

Dec. 24, Mon. afternoon - **Christmas Eve; no Chat Bridge, no games;
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Dec. 27, Thurs. afternoon - Club Championship

Dec. 31, Mon. afternoon - **GLITZ GAME** + Club Championship

Jan. 1, 2019 - first Tuesday afternoon game!!!



December Tournaments

Nov. 22-Dec. 2 - NABC Honolulu - Good luck to all our players there!!

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 - St. Paul Holiday sectional

Dec. 3-7 - District 14 Sectional at Clubs; all regularly scheduled games except the Monday 0-299 game