

Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club

August, 2017



Can you believe there's only one more month of summer!! Where did it go? We still have games going, as usual. Add one more game to your regular schedule. It will help our table count grow and will help you become a better player – the more you play, the more you know!! This newsletter is full of information – please take time to read all sections (4 pages).

North American Pairs games -The North American Pairs qualifying club games continue through August. The District 14 finals are in Edina, October 7-8. It's a four session event, starting at 1:00 pm on Saturday. You must qualify at the local level to play in the District finals. In the past, our C level players have done quite well. Consider trying it!! If you have questions about the finals, see me.



Summer picnic – Aug 14, Monday afternoon, immediately following the game, will be our summer picnic. A catered meal is provided by the club; individuals should bring their own beverages or purchase soda from the refrigerator. Spouses are welcome; reservations are needed by Aug. 7. Please sign up on the sheet near the front door. Come enjoy the camaraderie of your bridge friends! **PICNIC**

August mini-lesson – Aug. 16 will be our mini lesson with Nate Pike presenting “Forcing Bids” – 11:30 am



Tea – our water cooler has a function to heat water for tea. We will try, on an experimental basis, keeping tea on hand. Directions to heat water are posted near the water cooler. Use mugs from the beverage cupboards for your tea. Please dispose of



teabags in the garbage before putting your mug in the dishwasher.

Bridge Lending Library – on the back bookcase are donated items that people can take home, read, and return (on the honor system). We have received a \$200 grant from Unit 103 to add to the existing materials. I have already ordered two copies per month of Audrey Grant's "Better Bridge" magazine and will be ordering some more



books, featuring conventions, defense, and play of the hand. Please read and return in a timely fashion so others may use the materials.

Director/Scorer Compensation – recently, the Board approved a change to stipends for directors and scorers. Rather than a set amount for each game, regardless of the size, there will now be a flat rate + an additional stipend, depending on the number of tables. The purpose of the change was to make sure there were no negative revenue games (usually the small ones) and to compensate directors and scorers for additional effort needed for large games. If you would like to see the full "pay scale", please contact Layne or me for a copy.

Assistant – Barbara Wijdicks has agreed to help me with some of my administrative tasks. She is highly organized and thorough, so I know it will be a big help to me. First, she will be ordering name tags – if you'd like one of the magnetic type that many players have, please contact her directly (282-4094)– deadline by Aug. 7. In addition, she is maintaining the telephone roster which we will be updating for a printing. Please make corrections/additions on the printed copy displayed at the club, or contact her directly (see above phone number) – deadline – Aug. 11. In addition, Bar is purchasing clipboards, so all sign-up sheets can be easily found on the bookcase near the front door.

Darlene Enderson – Darlene has invited bridge players to attend her "Living Celebration of Life" August 16, 4-7 pm at Whistle Binkie's on the Lake. Stop by and greet this long time bridge



player and enjoy a drink and a snack – Darlene’s treat!

Swiss teams – August 31 will be a friendship Swiss team game. Please sign up as pairs. Signup will be on one of the clipboards on the bookcase near the front door. We could also use a caddy that day. If we have more than one “kid” volunteer, a random drawing will be held to determine who caddies. (Bridge players not playing could also caddy.)

Drivers – for the past several years, we have had two or three individuals or couples transport our non-driving bridge players. We need to have some others now help with this important volunteer opportunity. It’s essential to keep our players engaged after they stop driving, but the responsibility needs to be shared with a cadre of drivers rather than left to two or three people. Please let Layne, Bar, or me know if you can help on an occasional or regular basis.



**GAMES MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4, LABOR DAY –
CHAT BRIDGE IS ALSO ON!**



Quote for the Month – “Wrong place at the wrong time. Our opponents bid and made an unlikely game.”- Lynn Berg, “Bridge Bulletin” columnist

See you at the bridge table with a smile on your face!

Sue Greenberg, Club Manager

AUGUST CALENDAR

Chat Bridge – each Monday, 10 am

Aug. 2, Wed. afternoon – NAP game

Aug. 3, Thurs. afternoon and evening – NAP games

Aug. 10, Thurs. afternoon and evening – NAP games

Aug. 14, summer picnic immediately following the Monday game – reservations needed by Aug. 7

Aug. 14, Monday afternoon – Unit game

Aug. 16, Wed. afternoon, 11:30 – Mini-lesson, "Forcing Bids" – Nate Pike

Aug. 16, Wed. afternoon – NAP game

Aug. 16, after the game – Darlene Enderson's Living Celebration of Life – Whistle Binkie's on the Lake

Aug. 17, Thurs. evening – Unit game

Aug. 18, Friday afternoon – NAP game

Aug. 21, Monday afternoon – NAP game, open pairs only

Aug. 23, Wed. afternoon – Unit game

Aug. 24, Thurs. evening – Club Championship

Aug. 25, Fri. afternoon – NAP game

Aug. 29, Mon. afternoon – NAP game, open pairs only

Aug. 30, Wed. afternoon – Friendship Swiss teams (sign up as a pair)

Tournaments

Aug. 7-13 – Omaha/Council Bluffs regional

Aug. 21-27 – Eau Claire regional

Aug. 28-Sept. 3 – Fargo regional

PLEASE - please recycle plastic water or soda bottles in bin (located in the kitchen) plus soda cans; rinse to avoid attracting ants. White plastic water cups may not be recycled. Also, please use both sides of the double sided personal score sheets. Each one costs 4 cents; when not fully utilized, we waste 2 cents per sheet. All office paper can be recycled in the green bin near the desk (no cups, food containers or plates, or candy wrappers; those go in the trash bins).

