

# Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club November, 2019



REMINDER –  
One (1) free play  
during your  
birthday month –  
just tell the person  
collecting money

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. I hope your holiday is full of good food, family and friends, and a host of reasons to be thankful! Each day is a gift; live it to the fullest. Losing two bridge players this month only reinforces this concept – each day is a gift!

With the flu and cold season looming, please remember to stay home if you are coughing, sneezing, or generally feeling lousy. We will have hand sanitizer around the playing area to use if you need it. Also, the preferred way to cover your cough or sneeze is with your sleeve; covering your cough or sneeze with your hands spreads germs to the cards, bidding boxes, and the tables. Use provided utensils when taking snacks from the bowls, or sanitize your hands before you grab some pretzels or animal crackers.



It's also a good idea for all of us to get our flu shots! Flu shot walk-in clinics at Mayo NE & NW run through early November. Check with Mayo Clinic for specific dates. Local pharmacies also provide flu shots. Let's keep healthy through the upcoming winter season.

In the event of inclement weather, our policy is to cancel games if the Rochester Public Schools have closed by game time. If schools close because of wind chill, our games are still on. Individuals may choose to participate if they wish to brave the cold. We will try to get an email out in a timely manner, but the best place to check would be on the Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club home page, in the announcements section, on the left hand side menu, and, also, on KTTC-TV for closings.



The Board will consider at their November meeting whether RDDBC should be a Silver Sponsor again (or more) this year (2 large rolls of wrapping paper + bows) to help those in need of affordable housing through Habitat for Humanity. All proceeds from the gift wrapping go directly to that organization as all boxes, paper, bows, etc., are donated by mall stores and sponsors. There were no time slots open for on Tuesdays (our usual day in the past) to actively wrap, but you are encouraged to go shopping at Apache Mall and stop at the wrapping station to make an individual donation.

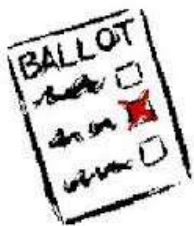


The next national tournament will be in San Francisco, CA from November 28-December 8. Please consider attending – it's great fun. There are games for all level of play. It's nice to have a Rochester contingent at any tournament! If you are attending, please let Sue know as we try to have a Rochester happy hour when our players are there. Wish those going the best of luck!

Of course, November 28 is Thanksgiving, so there will be no games that day. Enjoy your turkey! (There is a Friday afternoon game Nov. 29!)



Our election process begins in December with the Nominating Committee's report (committee is Arne Fockler, Jan Morris, and Syl Sterioff) announced at each game during the weeks of Dec. 2-6 and Dec.9-13. There will be six (6) open seats to fill for 2019 – one 1 year term and five 2 year terms. (Mary Foss has chosen to not complete her second year of her two year term, citing personal reasons.)



Nominations may be also made from the floor during these two weeks (with permission of the nominee). The week of Dec. 16-20 will be Election Week. If there are no nominations from the floor, a voice vote at each game is allowed. In the event of more than six candidates nominated, a ballot vote will

be held, one ballot per person.

In January, the incoming board will make appointments of treasurer, club manager, data manager, primary director, and webmaster. If you are interested in helping the club by taking on one of these jobs, please let Mary Foss and/or Arne Fockler know that you are willing to help. For information about the job responsibilities, you can consult with the present appointment holders or ask Sue. There is a small yearly stipend.

Tom and Linda Grigoleit will be chairing our April 2020 sectional one more time. They would like to have a couple volunteers take over for April 2021 and have suggested those interested should work with them to plan/carry out the 2020 sectional to get a feel for what needs to be done. Please consider this important opportunity to help our club shine. Everyone loves our sectional, and it's because we are welcoming, detailed in planning, and have a nice venue.

Nov. 4 will be a Club Membership game, an appreciation of all those that are active ACBL members. Anyone may play, but both members of a pair must be ACBL members to accrue points. If you need a membership, please see Sue. In addition, as we have signed up ten new members recently, the club has been awarded an "upgraded" Club Championship, scheduled for Monday, November 18. We welcome and encourage our newest members to continue to grow and play!



Greg Caucutt will be offering a repeat of his beginning 2/1 game forcing class starting January 15 (8 week course). The cost is \$20 (+\$10 for book while supplies last). Please see Ann Van Ryn to enroll and pay your fees. What fun to learn something new (or review something you thought you knew!).



**QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:** “It’s not my style to criticize the play of others. Bring up the next board.” The Abbot in “Bridge with the Abbot”, written by David Bird.

Happy Thanksgiving – Sue Greenberg, Club Manager



### **November Calendar – Special Events**

**Chat Bridge every Monday – 10 AM**

Nov. 4, Mon. afternoon – Club Membership game

**November 5 – Election Day – go vote!**

Nov. 5, Tues. afternoon – Club Championship

Nov. 6, Wed. afternoon – Unit game

**Nov. 11 – Veteran’s Day – we will honor our bridge playing veterans**



Nov. 13, Wed. afternoon – Club Championship

Nov. 14, Thurs. afternoon – Club Championship

Nov. 15, Fri. afternoon – Unit game

**Nov. 15, Fri. afternoon – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday happy hour (after the game); BYO beverage and a snack, if convenient**

Nov. 18, Mon. afternoon – upgraded Club Championship

Nov. 19. Tues. afternoon – Educational Fund game

**Nov. 21, Thurs., 11:30 – mini-lesson; topic TBA**

Nov. 21, Thurs. evening – Club Championship

**Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving – no Thursday games**



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### **November Tournaments**

Oct. 31- Nov.3 – Minnesota State sectional – Oakdale

Nov. 8-10 – La Crosse sectional

Nov. 28-Dec. 8 – NABC in San Francisco

Nov. 29-Dec. 1 – North St. Paul sectional