

Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club January 2018



Happy New Year to all! It hardly seems possible we're into a new year, but our bridge community is strong and growing, thanks to the work of many volunteers. Maybe 2018 is the year you can get involved, whether helping our dealers, volunteering to help for special events, teaching, playing with a new and emerging player, helping with Chat Bridge, driving our players to and from games, etc. As "they" say, just do it!

Recent dealing
volunteers - Dick
Estry, Gloria
Georger, Bob
Roedinger, Mary
Webster, John
Ryder, Layne
Vinje, Greg
Caucutt and others

NEW BOARD



Congratulations to our incoming board members for 2018 – Sharlene Owens (second two year term), Bob Roediger, Arne Fockler, Tom Grigoleit, and Deb Ernster. Continuing board members are Ann Van Ryn (President - second two year term), Mary Foss, Patricia McCleese and Terri Seeger. Our thanks to Connie Walsh, Layne Vinje, Judy Argue, and Jan Bouquet for completing their two year terms. Their volunteer service is a great asset to the club. The organizational meeting of the new board will be January 10, 10:00 am.

SPECIAL GAMES



Throughout the year, Club Membership games are scheduled, one for each game session. This is a way to say thank you to those with ACBL

memberships. While anyone may play during these games, only ACBL members may be awarded master points. Both people in the partnership must be ACBL members; otherwise, the pair is ineligible. (Sue has Instant Membership forms for anyone that wishes to join.) The first membership game of the year is scheduled in February. Also, scattered throughout the year are Educational Fund games. The extra fees paid to ACBL help with bridge education and programs. There is no extra charge to local players.

In January, some games are designated as Junior Fund games. The extra fees that the club submits help fund our younger players to compete in competitions around the world.

On the bulletin board, only **special** games are listed in the colored listing. Just remember, there are games every week (see the black and white calendar), as scheduled, unless canceled because of a holiday (or for other reasons). The website calendar gives you a whole month's activities in one glance. Scroll to the bottom to find the printable version.

IN MEMORIUM

In 2017, we lost Jan Gonnella, a bright and friendly bridge player. We miss her at the table. Per Board policy, we will remember Jan with a rose during the week of January 15.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, our policy is to cancel



games if the Rochester Public Schools are closed at game time. We **do not** cancel games because of wind chill, as we can make the choice whether to venture out (without standing at a bus stop). Watch for cancellations posted on the website and the scrolled cancellations on KTTC. Also, every effort will be made to send an email in a timely fashion.

HEALTH TIP

Just a reminder – if you are sneezing, coughing, feeling wobbly or just plain sick, please stay home. While hand sanitizer is always out at the games, can be just as dangerous. preferred way to cover a cough or your arm or elbow. Let's all be well upcoming winter season.



airborne germs
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PATNERSHIPS

Continuing January 1, 2018, our partnership availability list keeper will be Pushpa Prakash (288-9685). When Pushpa is gone, Phyllis Hodgson (288-6909) will keep track of those needing a partner. (Pushpa is in India January 3 – February 14). Remember, they do not make calls for you; they only keep track of people who are looking for a partner for a specific day. It's the individual's responsibility to make the contact. Also, on the website, there is a function that allows you to post your need for a partner for a specific game. Check it out! It will appear on the calendar as a small icon, looking like a small person. Try it out! We also have the whiteboard near the front door where you may indicate the need for a partner by writing your name on a particular date. Remember, if you do find a partner, erase your name or let Pushpa/Phyllis know.

thank you!

ZERO TOLERANCE

As we enter the New Year, please review the Board policy on Zero Tolerance, attached to this newsletter. Let's make our games comfortable and welcome to all!

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS QUALIFIER

I have tentatively scheduled a Grand National Teams qualifier on January 31, pending Board approval. (We usually have Swiss teams on the fifth Wednesday.) During that week, there will also be Sectional Tournaments at Club (StaC), but after some research provided by our webmaster, Nate Pike, it appears more masterpoints are earned for less cost with a Swiss team format rather than the StaC. Once the Board decides on January 10, a signup (teams of 4) will be available. At this time, the other regularly scheduled games will be StaC games.

I wish you all the best in 2018 – see you at the bridge table.
Sue Greenberg, Club Manager



Quote for the month: “Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

January Calendar – Chat bridge each Mon. at 10 am

Jan. 1, Mon. afternoon – games on!!!

Jan. 3, Wed. afternoon – Junior Fund game

Jan. 4, Thurs. evening – Junior Fund game

Jan. 8, Mon. afternoon – Junior Fund game

Jan. 10 – Organizational Board meeting, 10 am

Jan. 11, Thurs. afternoon – Junior Fund game

Jan. 12, Fri. afternoon – Junior Fund game

Wee of January 15 – Remembrance Week

Jan. 17, Wed. afternoon- Junior Fund game

Jan. 18, Thurs. evening – Junior Fund game

Jan. 19, Fri. afternoon – Junior Fund game

Jan. 22, Mon. afternoon – Junior Fund game

Jan. 25, Thurs. afternoon – Junior Fund game

Jan. 31, Wed. afternoon (tentative) – GNT Swiss teams qualifier

January tournaments

January 25-27 – New Brighton sectional

January 29-Feb. 2 – StaC games (except Wed. afternoon), at the club