

# Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club

## February 2020



We've made it through the snow and dreary days of January! Hopefully, warmer days are on the way! The bridge room is waiting for you to come and enjoy the camaraderie of our club.

Valentine's Day falls on Friday, February 14. Show up in your best red to brighten the bridge room on Thursday and Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. We celebrate our loving relationships and having a healthy heart! Selfies optional!



Just a reminder that our game cancellation policy is as follows: “When the Rochester Public Schools close because of snow, hazardous driving, or blizzard warnings, our games will be canceled. However, if the schools close because of wind chill, *we may still have games*. Individuals can make a choice to weather the cold and come play bridge in a warm room.” Also, watch the website, KTTC cancellations, and maybe an email (MailChimp) if we are going to cancel.



A new series of beginning/intermediate classes will begin late March/early April, offered through Community Education (Rochester Public Schools). Take a look on our website or the district's website to see if something fits your needs (or a class that might be right for a friend or neighbor). Thanks to all our teachers for helping our club grow with new skills and spirit!

We seem to have a spate of bad colds and influenza traveling through our players. Let's take these precautions: use serving utensils (no hands dipped in) for pretzels, animal crackers, etc.; cover coughs and sneezes with your sleeve and use hand sanitizer; wash hands frequently (lotion is provided in the bathrooms); stay home if you're not feeling well. There are dispensers of hand sanitizer in both rooms, on the coffee bar, and the scoring desk. Please use liberally!



Our website has a “new, improved” look, thanks to Nate Pike, our webmaster. The Announcements tab has been eliminated (as announcements are usually done through email), class listings have been added, and there's a photo gallery at the bottom. Take a look at each tab to see what's new!

The Board met January 11 for the 2020 organizational meeting. Elected officers - Arne Fockler - President; Other board members - Yvonne Sterioff, Mary Jo Kelly, Cindy Heins, Matt Belau, John Woog, Ed Prosser, Gloria Georger, and Betty Shidler. President- Elect and secretary will be elected at the Feb. 12 meeting. Appointments were also completed: Greg Caucutt - Primary Director; Kathy Maegerlein - Treasurer; Sue Greenberg - Club Manager; Joyce Lewis - Data Manager; Nate Pike - webmaster Thanks to all their time and effort on behalf of the club.



Congratulations to our club for having **SO** many players appear in the Unit 103 and District 14 rankings for the Mini-McKenny and Helen Shanborn Ace of Club races. These players were first in either a district or unit category - John Woog, Gloria Georger, and Bob Roediger. All standings will be posted at the club in the near future. The Unit 103 awards party (followed by a game) is scheduled for May 2, 11 am. Lunch is provided, awards are presented, and a Unit game follows - at the Bridge Center of St. Paul. Let's have a huge Rochester turn out and applaud our fine players! (Maybe we should rent a mini-bus!) More information will be available in early March.



A reminder about recycling - we have bins in the kitchen for plastic water bottles and rinsed aluminum cans. There is also a bin for plastic bottles and soda cans near the scoring desk. I often find these items in the trash. Judy Argue takes the recycling to her pickup site, or I take it to the recycling center. In addition, we have a green bin for **office** paper recycling near the scoring desk and kitchen door- paper suited for a shredder only. Do not throw napkins, candy wrappers, food plates, etc. in this bin. Let's try to minimize work for others by putting your refuse in the appropriate place.



Thanks to John Miller for donating water each week!

I know people like the bottles of water because of the caps (so water doesn't spill on the table), but I am encouraging you to bring your own water bottle and refill from the water cooler. At the very least, refill your plastic bottle, as needed. I thank you (and so does the planet, Earth)!

During the month of February, some games are designated as Education Fund games. The club pays an extra fee which ACBL uses for its educational programs. This offers a chance at the local level for extra master points - another benefit our club gives to players - no extra charge in your entry fee.



Happy February to all!  
Sue Greenberg, Club Manager



USE BOTH SIDES OF THE DOUBLE-

SIDED SCORE SHEETS



QUOTE FOR THE MONTH: “Whether you are playing offense or defense, every hand you pick up is an absorbing challenge and a puzzle to be solved.” the late Etta Greenberg, Winnipeg MB

TIP FOR THE MONTH: You must place your opening lead, face down, on the table before your partner may ask questions. (Once it’s on the table, it may not be changed.) You, however, may ask questions before you choose your lead.

**FEBRUARY SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR** *Chat Bridge each Monday, 10 am*

Feb. 3-6 - all games STaC games (silver points available)

Feb. 10, Mon. afternoon - Unit game

Feb. 12, 10:30 am - Board meeting

Feb. 12, Wed. afternoon - Education Fund game

Feb. 13 and 14 - wear red for love and a healthy heart

Feb. 17 - President’s Day

Feb. 17, Mon. afternoon - Education Fund game

Feb. 18, Tues. afternoon - Education Fund game

Feb. 20, Thurs. afternoon, 11:30 - mini-lesson; topic TBA

Feb. 20, Thurs. afternoon - Education Fund game

Feb. 21, Fri afternoon - Unit game

Feb. 21 - after the game (around 4 pm); 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday happy hour; BYO beverage and a snack, if convenient

Feb. 27, Thurs. evening - Education Fund game

Feb. 28, Fri. afternoon - Education Fund game

**FEBRUARY TOURNAMENTS**

Feb. 3-6 - Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC)

Feb. 24-Mar. 1 - Hilton Head Island, SC (we have a contingent headed south!)

Start making plans to attend the Rochester tournament - April 3-5!! Go local!

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