

Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club February 2018



We've made it through the cold 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 Wednesday, February 14. Show up in your best red to brighten up the bridge room on Monday, February 13th. We celebrate our loving relationships and having a healthy heart! Selfies optional!



During the week of February 5, our day games will participate in Regional Event at Club House (REACH). If you wish to have the opportunity to be placed for rankings in the national pool for gold and red points, you must register for REACH on ACBL (\$30). You must play in at least two sessions to qualify. This is entirely optional and does not interfere with any of our local games. Your partner need not be participating. In addition to the usual “day” games, a one-time open pairs game has been added Thursday afternoon; the 0-499NLM game will be held, as usual. (The Thursday evening game is outside the REACH time parameters.) Registration (on ACBL) closes February 2, 12 noon. Give it a try!

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 will 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 if we are going to cancel.



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 each bathroom); stay home if you're not feeling well. There are dispensers of hand sanitizer in both rooms, on the coffee bar, on the scoring desk, and on the bookcase as you enter. Please use liberally!



The Board met January 10 for the 2018 organizational meeting. Elected officers - Ann Van Ryn - President; Mary Foss - President-Elect; Sharlene Owens - Secretary. Other board members are Patricia McCleese, Bob Roediger, Arne Fockler, Tom Grigoleit, Terri Seeger, and Deb Ernster. Appointments were also completed: Greg Caucutt - Primary Director; Judy Argue - Treasurer; Sue Greenberg - Club Manager; Joyce Lewis - Data Manager. 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. Three of our players were first in their categories French, and Bob Roediger. The Unit 103 awards game) is scheduled for April 14, 12 noon. Lunch presented, and a Unit game follows - at the Let's have Rochester turn out and applaud our cadre of fine players! More information will be available late February.



A reminder about recycling - we have bins in the kitchen for plastic water bottles and rinsed aluminum cans. I often find these items in the trash. We don't have garbage pickup service; players often take bags home to fit in their own bins. 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- 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. I thank you (and so does the planet, Earth)!



During the month of February, some games are designated as Educational 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. Also, there are several Club Membership games - anyone can play, but both partners must be ACBL members to earn master points. (If you want to join, I have "instant" membership forms.)



Happy February to all!
Sue Greenberg, Club Manager



QUOTE FOR THE MONTH: “Always look for a reason to bid before you settle for an excuse to pass.” Jerry Helms, contributor to “Bridge Bulletin”

TIP FOR THE MONTH: Place your opening lead face down on the table to ensure you are, in fact, the person that should be leading!

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

Feb. 12, Mon. afternoon - Club Membership game

Feb. 14, Wed. afternoon - wear red for a healthy heart and love for all

Feb. 15, Thurs. afternoon - Club Membership game

Feb. 19, Mon. afternoon - Unit game

Feb. 21, Wed. afternoon - ACBL-wide Charity game

Feb. 22, Thurs. evening - Educational Fund game

Feb. 23, Fri. afternoon - Unit game

Feb. 28, Wed. afternoon - Educational Fund game

FEBRUARY TOURNAMENTS

Feb. 1-2 - Sectional Tournament at Club

Feb. 5, 7, 8, 9 (day games) - Regional Event at Club House; additional Open Pairs added for Thurs. afternoon; pre-registration at ACBL required; must play 2 sessions during the week

Start making plans to attend the Rochester tournament - April 6-8!! Go local!

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