

Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club September, 2018



It's back to school for the kids, and it's back to the bridge table for the rest of us. Remember, the AC will still be on, so dress in layers.

Kudos to all our volunteers that help with Chat Bridge, mini-lessons, dealing boards, picking up those that need rides, providing bottled water, making coffee, assisting directors and scorers when things get hectic, cleaning up after games, tournament coordinators, baking cookies, etc. Volunteers help make our club run smoothly. Just say "How can I help?" Thanks to all that pitch in!



Our annual picnic will be Monday, September 17, after the game, approximately 4 pm. Tentative menu is a chicken/burger bar with the fixings and sides. We do need reservations so the appropriate amount of food can be ordered. Beverages are free that day; bring your own beverages, if you wish. Please sign up at the bookcase by the front door. If your spouse plans to attend, please include their name, also. Fun is just around the corner!!



During the month of September, International Fund games are scheduled. The extra fees the club pays are contributed to an ACBL fund that helps our U. S. teams with expenses for international play. Locally, you have the opportunity to earn extra master points with no additional charge.



Mary Foss, a board member, has agreed to handle condolence and “hope you’re feeling better” cards. If you know of a player who is ill, has lost a loved one, etc., please let her know – email – eaglebeach85@gmail.com

Another training session for CPR and use of the AED has been scheduled for November 7 to keep our currently certified volunteers up to date. In addition, two more individuals will be certified. Remember, however, to always call 911 first with a medical emergency. Our address is 1925 48th St. NE. The number is on one of the pillars near the east entrance (which we currently use).



September 15, we will host another NLM 0-499 tournament. There are two sessions, 9:30 am and 2 pm, with Jade Barrett speaking at 1:30. This is a perfect opportunity for our new and rising players to attend a tournament in a comfortable, known environment. Please plan on attending one or both of the sessions, as your schedule permits. See Ann Van Ryn if you are looking for a partner!

Speaking of I/N players, the Board has approved a new take on mentoring – a flexible Mentorship Program. It is aimed at matching I/N players and experienced players as schedules permit. Here’s how it works: I/N players (mentees) who wish to improve their game should sign up on one sheet, and experienced players (mentors) who are willing to share their hard earned acumen sign up on another. Usually, a mentee would initiate communication with the mentor and attempt to set up dates to play. This may involve adjustments to both players’ regular schedule. Also, in the event of a canceled game, anyone on either list could contact someone from the other list. The sign-up sheets will be in a folder near the front door. Give it a



try, and then provide feedback to board members and Layne, who is spearheading this endeavor.

September 13, afternoon game, will be an ACBL-wide International Fund game. This is our 0-499 game, so I/N players are encouraged to come out. (This is open only to 0-499 NLM players.) Points awarded will be black and red. A detailed analysis of the hands (by Frank Stewart) will be provided at the end of the game. Let's have a smashing turnout.



Hopefully, we can start providing mini-lessons on the third Wednesday prior to the game (11:30) in September. We are working on setting up presenters at this time. In addition, Sue will be doing a mini-lesson each third Thursday, 11:30, for the 0-499er game.

**NO CHAT BRIDGE; GAMES WILL BE HELD
MONDAY, SEPT. 3, LABOR DAY**

Sue Greenberg, Club Manager

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH – “Each time your partner makes a bid, you should think about what he has promised.” – Marty Bergen, author and contributor to “Bridge Bulletin”

TIP FOR THE MONTH – “A player is obligated to choose a call before touching any card in the bidding box. . . . A call is considered made when a bidding box card has been taken out of the box with apparent intent.” – from Mike Salscheider’s handout.

CALENDAR - Chat Bridge – each Monday at 10 am (none on Labor Day)

Sept. 5, Wed. afternoon – Club Championship

Sept. 6, Thurs. afternoon – International Fund game

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Sept. 7, Fri. afternoon – International Fund game

Sept. 10, Mon. afternoon – Club Championship

Sept. 12, 11 am – Board meeting

Sept. 13, Thurs. afternoon – ACBL-wide International Fund game

Sept. 13, Thurs. evening – Club Championship

Sept. 14, Fri. afternoon – Unit game

Sept. 17, Mon. afternoon – International Fund game

Sept. 17, Mon. afternoon, after the game – Annual Picnic; reservations required. Please note, also, if your spouse/guest will be attending

Sept. 19, Wed. afternoon – International Fund game

Sept. 24, Mon. afternoon – Unit game

Sept. 26, Wed. afternoon – International Fund game

Sept. 27, Thurs. afternoon – International Fund game

Sept. 27, Thurs. evening – International Fund game

Sept. 28, Fri. afternoon – International Fund game

TOURNAMENTS

Aug. 31- Sept. 2 – Minneapolis sectional

Sept. 15 – 0-499 NLM tournament – Rochester (at the club house)

Sept. 21-23 – Duluth sectional

Sept. 28-30 – St. Paul 0-499 sectional



We will celebrate Dolores Welte's 90th birthday September 5th with cake during the game (actual birthday is Sept. 29) Come play and wish Dolores a happy birthday on reaching the marvelous milestone.