



December 2024 Newsletter
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Giving Tuesday, or Wednesday, or Whenever

It's again that time of year when many of us make year-end charitable donations. Consider a gift to help support Chicago Duplicate Bridge. CDB is a nonprofit, member-owned organization; tax status is 501(c)3. As such, any contribution may be nontaxable to you. Your gifts help support the club's infrastructure (rent, insurance, utilities, etc.) as well as any special events and the ongoing costs of coffee, tea, and treats. CDB's tax identification number is shown above.

****Tuesday, December 3 – Mentor/Mentee Game at 6:30 pm****

****December 24-25 – CLUB CLOSED****

****December 31 – Evening Game TBD**+**

****December 26, January 1 – Normal Schedule**+**

Mon, Wed, Thurs – Open Games at 12:15 pm F2F+

Monday – Open Game at 6:30 pm on BBO

Tuesday – Open Game at 6:30 pm F2F+

Friday – 750/NLM Games at 12:15 pm F2F

Staying in Touch

chicagoduplicatebridge@gmail.com is the best way to reach us.

+Reservations for Tuesday and Thursday games please. Email David Schroeder at dave8459@yahoo.com for Tuesday evening games; Matthew Dyer at msdyer@gmail.com for Thursday evening games. There will be a game on New Year's Eve if there is sufficient interest.

Contact Dave if you would like to play. The Thursday afternoon game is struggling, and the club cannot afford to lose another game, so please consider adding this game to your weekly schedule. It is the only downtown Thursday option, and the game is usually small but of high quality. Please RSVP each week if you plan to attend, and we commit to sending out a confirmation email on Wednesday evening, or a cancellation if we have insufficient interest. Please get into the habit of checking email before leaving the house.

New Board Elected

The Annual Meeting of Chicago Duplicate Bridge was held on November 14. Board president Barry Little presented a State of the Club message and treasurer Cory Perkers gave a financial report. Pat Miller and Jackie Snuttjer are new members of the Board, serving 2-year terms and replacing Janet Nachman and Rosede Olson, both of whom chose not to run for re-election because of other personal commitments. We thank them both for their continuing service to CDB, not only as board members but also as active players over the years. Board members Susan Gauen, Cory Perkers, and Marjie Zolla were re-elected to serve another term. Members Matthew Dyer, Barry Little, Francie Margolin, and David Schroeder have another year to serve to complete their current terms. Election of officers will take place at the next board meeting.

December Mentor/Mentee Game on the 3rd

Our next popular mentor/mentee game is scheduled for **December 3 at 6:30 pm**, F2F. Our evening games use a manual signup process; email dave8459@yahoo.com. Please **let Dave know as soon as possible if you plan to attend** the mentor/mentee game so that he can ensure that we have enough mentors for all the mentees.

Mentor night is intended to be nurturing, and we hope to see many of you there. And there's a bonus every month: Director Dave Schroeder bakes a treat—cookies, brownies—whatever strikes his fancy. I/N players are welcome, regardless of whether you have a partner. But it is important to email Dave in advance and we will find you a partner. If you have a partner to play with, great; again, please let Dave know in advance. Mentors: If you are available, email us and we will match you up.

Sunday NU Games

The Sunday game on December 15 will be held at the Evanston location. Games begin at 11:00 a.m. There will be no game on December 8. Sunday games on the 22nd and 29th will be held at CDB if there is sufficient interest.

Welcome Back Offer

We miss the many players who did not like our basement space—and our enticement to those of you we haven't seen in a while is a free play for your second game if we haven't seen you since before June 1, 2024. Vouchers will be good for any game this month. Please tell your friends and bring back people we haven't seen in a while.

Reminder: It's Dues Time

Annual dues of \$60 for 2024/25 were due last month. Thanks to those who have paid for another year; dues help keep the doors open and the lights on. The Directors are now collecting the extra \$2 per game from players who are not members as of that game day. Dues can be paid via cash, check (made out to Chicago Duplicate Bridge), or Venmo. And no, we don't have Zelle. Blame our bank.

Facebook Coordinator Wanted

Chicago Duplicate Bridge has a fairly dormant Facebook page. If you like doing Facebook and Instagram, please contact Matthew to become our Social Media coordinator.

New Facebook Group

Chicago Contract Bridge Association has established a CCBA Facebook group for news from Unit 123. Any member of ACBL/CDB can join. It's still hard to tell yet how valuable it will be, but it does have news about recent and upcoming local tournaments. You can help make it more valuable by joining and participating. Search CCBA on Facebook.

New or Intermediate Players: I/N Fridays and More!!

Come join us at Teach and Learn on Fridays at CDB. We often have new players who come with little to literally no bridge experience. Don't be afraid that you are "too experienced" or "too new" to benefit from joining the group. If you are looking for more chances to play in a limited-MP game, consider joining our Friday afternoon 750/NLM ((non-Life Master) game.

CDB offers Supervised Play at 10:30 for \$5, followed by a short break for lunch and a shortened (usually 18- or 21-board) 750/NLM game at 12:15. This game now regularly has **4-6 full tables**, so there's a nice spirit of friendly competition. But **you do NOT have to attend the Supervised Play to join the game**. If you come to both, there is no charge for the Supervised Play. This is a great way to practice and see the rules you have learned in actual use. The atmosphere is relaxed and supportive. It's also a great way to meet potential partners, so don't be afraid to come without a partner arranged in advance. Please let us know whether you will be attending Supervised Play and/or the game by contacting Barry Little in advance at barrylit@gmail.com.

- ❖ Supervised Play
 - Friday F2F
 - 10:30 am
- ❖ 750/NLM games
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday F2F if demand allows
 - 12:15 pm
- ❖ Mentor game
 - Monthly, first Tuesday evening of the month unless otherwise noted
 - 6:30 pm
- ❖ Brief lesson
 - Thursday prior to 12:15 game

Evening Parking at the Dearborn Club

The parking lot behind the building now charges for evening parking, and the attendant is staying later. The club does not benefit if you park in their lot, so we encourage you to explore some of the other options available.

Most on-street parking is free after 5 or 6 pm (in the pay-at-the-box spots). Plymouth Court between Harrison and Polk has many spots that are loading zones during the day and free nights and weekends. Don't park in resident parking without a sticker, and do check the closest box to be sure it is free. We also recommend installing the Spothero app on your phone to find the cheapest public parking in the area.

For those with safety concerns, just call the club and we will send someone to escort you to and from your car. Many evening players offer rides home to those who arrive by public transportation, so safety should not be a concern, particularly since the South Loop is one of the safest neighborhoods in the City of Chicago.

Winter Tournaments

It's cold and often snowy and/or windy out there, making winter a great time to play bridge. The tournament schedule picks up again in January—what a great way to beat those stuck-inside blues! Make plans now to go to one of the maybe-new-to-you tournaments. The list below is current for Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and eastern Missouri, but if you have an itch for tournament play, check the listings at <http://tournaments.acbl.org/>.

- ❖ Mad City Sectional
 - December 5-7
 - Madison, WI

- ❖ Milwaukee Holiday Sectional
 - January 7-10
 - Glendale, WI
- ❖ St. Louis Winter NLM Regional
 - January 17-19
 - Olivette, MO
- ❖ St. Louis Winter Sectional
 - January 17-19
 - Olivette, MO
- ❖ Winterfest Sectional
 - January 31-February 2
 - Niles, IL

Rank Advancers

Congratulations to those who advanced in ACBL rank, as reflected in the latest data release from ACBL. **Manmit Pantle**, Club Master **Ranmit Pantle**, Sectional Master; **Graham Meyer** and **Susan Salek**, Regional Masters; **Rahul Garga**, Advanced NABC Master; **William Buchman**, Silver Life Master; **Paul Lindauer**, Diamond Life Master.

Player Achievements

Congratulations to these players for success in face-to-face games at the club! All games Open unless otherwise noted. I/N denotes 750/non-Life Master game. E denotes Evening game. I denotes Individual game movement.

65.00% - 69.99%		
11/1 I/N	June Chin, Loretta Pearson	67.44
11/7	Sandi Schlueter, Kay Whitman	65.00
11/11	Alan Skvirsky, Kenneth East	68.52
11/11	David Schoeder, Patt Quinn	66.46
11/12 E	Ben Fisk, Matthew Dyer	67.00
11/13	A Bascon, Sylvia Dunne	65.10
11/27	Carolyn Naselli, Les White	65.43
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11/7 E	David Schoeder, George Clark	70.60
11/29 I/N	Syed Sohail Abbas, James Hammond	70.63