



July 2024 Newsletter  
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## July's Time for Special Events!

We have all kinds of special events coming up at Chicago Duplicate Bridge this month. Now's the time to plan your July bridge calendar so you can take advantage of everything happening. First up is our popular Mentor/Mentee game Tuesday night, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by a throwback to past years with a holiday lunch on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup>. Join us for bridge in the afternoon. The Thursday evening game will be held as well if there is sufficient interest. We have 2 weeks of NAP Qualifying games—remember, these games pay a combination of Red and Black points. And we're scheduling an unusual Tuesday afternoon game on the 9<sup>th</sup>: the ACBL Instant Matchpoint game. Be sure to sign up in advance for the July 4<sup>th</sup> lunch and the Instant Matchpoint game. See more information below.

**\*\*Tuesday, July 2 – Mentor/Mentee Game at 6:30 pm\*\***

**\*\*Thursday, July 4 – Fourth of July lunch\*\*#**

**\*\*Monday-Friday, July 8-12; 22-26 – NAP Qualifying Games\*\***

**\*\*Tuesday, July 9 – ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game\*\*#**

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

**Monday – Open Game at 6:30 pm on BBO**

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

**Tues, Thurs – Open Games at 6:30 pm F2F**

# Please email Jim O'Neil or sign up at the club for these events.

## Staying in Touch

[chicagoduplicatebridge@gmail.com](mailto:chicagoduplicatebridge@gmail.com) is the best way to reach us. If possible, please let the director know if you will be attending evening games. Email David Schroeder at

[dave8459@yahoo.com](mailto:dave8459@yahoo.com) for Tuesday evening games; Matthew Dyer at [msdyer@gmail.com](mailto:msdyer@gmail.com) for Thursday evening games.

## Fourth of July Pregame Hotdog Lunch

Prior to the game on July 4, CDB will host an informal holiday lunch. Please email Jim O'Neil at [jgoneil@hotmail.com](mailto:jgoneil@hotmail.com) if you plan to attend so that we know how many people to plan for.

## ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game on July 9<sup>th</sup>

CDB has signed up for ACBL's Instant Matchpoint Game on Tuesday afternoon, July 9, at 12:15. Jim O'Neil will direct the game, which offers detailed analysis of hands and extra MPs, including the possibility of earning GOLD points. However, to run the game, we need to have 5 tables of players. There will be a sign-up sheet at the club; if you want to play in the game and miss the sign-up sheet, you can email Jim at [jgoneil@hotmail.com](mailto:jgoneil@hotmail.com) to let him know you will attend.

## July Mentor/Mentee Game on the 2nd

Our next popular mentor/mentee game is scheduled for **July 2** at 6:30 pm, F2F. Our evening games use a manual signup process; email [dave8459@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## Summer Thursday Special Pricing!

Pay only \$6 per person on Thursday afternoons during the first two weeks of July (that is, through July 11), and anyone who plays both Thursday sessions will get the discount for both (\$12 for two sessions of bridge!). Please join us, and feel free to bring baked goods.

The parking garage 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, but it is still free if the attendant has left for the night.

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 has become one of the safest areas in the City of Chicago.

## **NAPs Are Back!**

National American Pairs (NAP) season is a special time in the annual ACBL calendar. If you are a decent C-flight pair (non-Life Master) or B-flight (<2500), this is your moment to shine, and bring pride and honor to District 13. The top two regional qualifiers in each flight will receive a stipend to attend the national final in Memphis in March (essentially airfare and hotel).

To qualify for the district final in Milwaukee in October, you need a club qualification. CDB offers NAP-Qual[ifying] games alternating weeks in June, July, and August, all of which award double Masterpoints, both red and black. The extra dollar charged funds our district winners.

You can play in the District final with anyone who has a club-Q. So don't forget to play! This is a rare opportunity to win money within the ACBL.

Online NAP Quals will be held the first Monday of June, July, and August.

## **Sunday Northwestern U Games**

With Northwestern on break, July Sunday games have moved back to the CDB Dearborn Station location. Games are planned for 12:15 on July 7, 14, 21, and 28. Check the CCBA website at [bridgeinchicago.com](http://bridgeinchicago.com) to confirm. NAP Qualifying games will be the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Facebook Group**

Chicago Contract Bridge Association has established a new CCBA Facebook group for news from Unit 123. Any member of ACBL/CDB can join. It's a brand-new effort so you can't tell yet how valuable it will be, but we can make it more valuable by joining and participating. Search CCBA on Facebook.

## Lessons: We've Got Lessons

Chicago Duplicate Bridge will soon offer bridge lessons for players at all levels, from new players to those advanced players wishing to sharpen their game. In addition to Friday's Teach and Learn sessions, led by Barry Little, our instructional component will be led by our premier director, Jim O'Neil. Beginning Bridge classes will begin in August. For information on dates and costs, contact Jim at [jgoneil@hotmail.com](mailto:jgoneil@hotmail.com).

## 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 **at least 4 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](mailto: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

## Road Trip? Maybe for Tournament Play!

Summer is a great time to take a road trip to our neighboring states. There are tournaments all around us in August, capped off by our own Sectional on Labor Day weekend. 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/>.

- ❖ Wausheha Summer Sectional
  - July 10-13
  - Waukesha, WI
- ❖ Bloomington-Normal Summer NLM Regional
  - July 12-13
  - Bloomington, IL
- ❖ Bloomington-Normal Summer Sectional
  - July 12-13
  - Bloomington, IL
- ❖ Evansville, Indiana ACBL Sectional
  - July 12-14
  - Evansville, IN
- ❖ Trine University Sectional
  - August 2-4
  - Angola, IN [about halfway between South Bend and Fort Wayne]
- ❖ WUMBA...One Fantastic Bridge Weekend Sectional
  - August 2-4
  - Madison, WI
- ❖ St. Louis Gateway to the West Regional
  - August 12-18
  - St. Louis, MO
- ❖ WUMBA Eau Claire Regional
  - August 19-22
  - Eau Claire, WI
- ❖ Milwaukee Summer Regional
  - August 20-24
  - South Milwaukee, WI
- ❖ Illinois Senior Games
  - August 22
  - Springfield, IL
  - All players must be **50+** years old
- ❖ Labor Day Sectional Tournament
  - August 31-September 2
  - Skokie, IL

## Rank Advancers

***Congratulations** to those who advanced in ACBL rank, as reflected in the latest data release from ACBL. Aida Sulayman, Junior Master; Jackie Snuttjer, Sectional Master; John Knoepke, Robert Listernick, and Dave McCarty, NABC Masters.*

## Player Achievements

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

<b>65.00% – 69.99% Games</b>		
6/6	Matthew Dyer, George Clark	65.87
6/10	Carl Nelson, Abigail Nichols	66.20
6/13 E	David Schroeder, George Clark	65.97
6/14 I/N	Loretta Pearson, June Chin	68.89
6/19	Marjorie Zolla, John Miller	66.02
<b>+=70.00% Games</b>		
6/5	Lynn Gryll, Carole Greene	73.08

***Congratulations** to these players for success at Crystal Lake Regional tournament.*

<b>The Great Sizzlin' Summer Illinois Regional June 17-21</b>		
Monday A/X/Y Pairs	6A	Mark Ginsburg, Toddy Leavitt
Monday Gold Rush Pairs	6D, 2E	Kunal Pujara
Tuesday A/X/Y Pairs	3A	Tom Dressing, Mark Ginsburg
Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs	4A	Kunal Pujara
Wednesday A/X/Y Pairs	11A, 2B	Guy Franklin, Michele Pockross
	4B	James Abbott
	5B	Jack Bierig, Gail Shaps
	3C	RE Stern, Rahul Garga
Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs	8A, 2B	Julie Lillie, Donna Brookins
Thursday A/X/Y Pairs	10A	Cory Perkers, Tom Fogarty
	11A	Michael Airdo
Friday A/X/Y Swiss Teams	2B, 1C	Tom Dressing