



November 2024 Newsletter
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Loving the new sunny space at Dearborn Station

Our bright and sunny new space in the atrium of Dearborn Station has been welcomed by most of our players – and those of you who were dissatisfied with the previous space should pay us a visit – the newsletter has pictures of many aspects of the new space. We have an (unphotographed) single restroom in our space for the disabled, a kitchen, new microwave, and a lot more space than when we were downstairs. And better control over the temperature once we figured out the heating/cooling system.

The new space is a significant improvement over our previous space, and we invite you to pay us a visit using our BOGO offer for returning players.

Also, read on – we have our annual meeting, and details on free parking for night and weekend games, and \$10 parking on weekend afternoons, thanks to the chess club.

****Tues, November 19 – Mentor/Mentee Game at 6:30 pm****

****No Game Election Night Tues, November 5****

****No Games Thanksgiving Thurs, November 28****

****Thurs, November 14 – Annual Meeting at 5:30 pm****

****November STAC – 12-17****

Afternoon at 12:15pm : Mon, Wed, Thurs – Open

Evening at 630pm: Tues dessert, Thurs BYO

BBO at 630pm : Mon (CDB), Wed (Clare), Tue/Fri (Treetowns)

Friday – 750/NLM Games at 12:15 pm

Sun 11am – Evanston NU games – 3rd check bridgeinchicago



Annual Meeting Thursday November 14 5.30pm

Please join us for the Annual Meeting before the Evening Game. There will be a State of the Club address by the President, Barry Little. There will be a financial report. There will be an election for the five board positions. The seats of board members Cory Perkers, Susan Gauen, Rosede Olsen, Janet Nachman and Marjie Zolla are for re-election. If you are interested in joining the board, please speak to any board member or director.

As always, Board Meetings are open to all paid up members of the club.



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 for anyone we haven't seen since before June 1, 2024. Vouchers will be good for any game this calendar year. Please tell your friends and bring back people we haven't seen in a while.

Our new Atrium Space – bright and airy

We provided a fairly extensive discussion of the decision to move to this particular new space in the October Newsletter – on our website.

Our landlord terminated our previous short term lease and offered us the former bank space at the same rate, and after looking at numerous options (and all of those suggested by our players), we concluded that unless we could guarantee a doubling of our current table numbers (and those of our partners in the chess club), that we would not be able to afford a move to the considerably more expensive properties we were looking at.

Many of you were hoping for a move to back to River North (and we would love to do so), where parking is also very expensive, so it won't solve that problem for those who don't like the parking prices, and anywhere we could afford is too far from the public transport system.

The club simply does not have the financial reserves to take the risk that the move would double our table numbers – and that is pretty much what we would need to move.

We would love to provide you with a penthouse experience with a view of the lake and a waitstaff serving canapes and aperitifs and a 13-table game every day and with free valet parking too. COVID took its toll with our current numbers. We need members to show up to more games, and bring a friend. Please help the club help you by providing you with multiple flexible options and a permanent space.

Free Parking for night and weekend games in Printers' Row

Evening and weekend parking is free after 5 or 6 pm on weekdays and all day on Sunday (at least in the green pay-at-the-box spots). Plymouth Court between Harrison and Polk usually have many spots that are loading zones during the day and free nights and weekends. Please check the signage carefully. I usually start paying at the box to confirm the parking rules and when free starts and ends, and I've never paid for parking or been ticketed.



Parking options for afternoon games in Printers' Row

CDB simply does not have the volume to negotiate a parking agreement (we have tried), so we don't benefit from you using the building's parking, even though we love the attendant.

Our best advice for afternoon parking is to install the Spothero and Parkwhiz apps on your phone. These will find the cheapest public parking in the area (usually \$10 for 1130am-430pm). Chess players have found \$10 deals above Devil Dawgs on State. A warning about these apps – if you are going to be late leaving even by a minute – there is no grace period, you can and MUST extend your reservation through the app if you think you might be even a minute late, or you will be charged the \$16 hourly rate of the parking garage. Everyone will do that once. But it brings parking costs near the club down to a sensible level.

Staying in Touch

chicagoduplicatebridge@gmail.com is the best way to reach the club for any reason – reservations, concerns, new players – otherwise.



Reservations for Tuesday and Thursday games please

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 usual 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.

Winter snow events mean that some games will move online some weeks (any player is welcome on BBO). Please let dave8459 at yahoo if you plan to attend Tuesday night and msdyer at gmail for both the Thursday afternoon and Thursday evening games.

We provide partners for all games but appreciate advance warning. If you are running late, please call the director, or someone likely to be at the game.

New Membership Year

Thank you to those who have paid for annual memberships, particularly those who have made very generous tax-deductible donations, which should be sufficient to see us through the lean winter months. Chicago Duplicate Bridge is the only member-owned in Chicago. But we need your help to boost table numbers – so please consider bringing a partner who hasn't been for a while.

Dues for membership in the Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club are \$60 per year. Membership entitles you to play for \$2 less than non-members, and access to the member only events we hope to restart.



November Mentor/Mentee Game on the 19th

Our next popular mentor/mentee game is scheduled for **November 19 at 6:30 pm**, F2F. Please email dave8459 at yahoo **as soon as possible if you plan to attend** so that he can match mentors with mentees. You do not need a partner – we will provide one. Pre-arranged pairs are welcome.

Mentor night is an opportunity for newer players to play a full session with a more experienced partner and is intended to be nurturing and educational, and an opportunity to meet players you wouldn't usually. We appreciate all of the mentors who donate their time. Director Dave bakes for all of his games.

Sunday Northwestern Games in Evanston on Nov 3rd

Please check bridgeinchicago.com> At The Clubs> Find Clubs> Northwestern and check Special Games on the left. It will tell you when there is no game and where it is happening on Any Given Sunday (starring Al Pacino!). Please contact Ben or Jakob for further details.

Currently no games on 10, 17, 24 due to the Niles Regional and Thanksgiving clashes.

All Evanston games begin at 11:00 am are at the Parkes Hall Multi-religious center. All Dearborn Station games begin at 12.15pm. They are in Evanston until the December.

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 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 and 750 game
 - Friday at 1030am and 1215pm
- ❖ IN games will be run at any of our regular game times with sufficient demand (which means two table).
 - If you can gather 8 people for a game, we will run a separate game alongside any of our regular games – please let the director know, and please try to encourage these – we would love to have more of these.
- ❖ Mentor game
 - Monthly, first Tuesday evening of the month unless otherwise noted
 - 6:30 pm

- ❖ Brief lesson
 - Thursday prior to 12:15 game



Autumn Tournaments

Plan ahead for Niles over Veterans Day weekend, and an NABC in Las Vegas.

Other listings at <http://tournaments.acbl.org/>. For full details.

- ❖ **Niles Stan Subeck Regional**
 - <https://tournaments.acbl.org/schedule.php?sanction=2411116>
 - **Nov 8-11**
 - **White Eagle, Niles, IL**
- ❖ **Las Vegas NABC** <https://www.acbl.org/lasvegas/>
 - **Nov 28-Dec 5**
 - **Las Vegas, NV**
- ❖ **La Crosse Sectional**
 - **November 14-16**
 - **La Crosse, WI**
- ❖ **Indianapolis Sectional**
 - **November 22-24**
 - **Indianapolis, IN**
- ❖ **Madison Sectional**
 - **December 3-5**
 - **Madison, WI**

Rank Advancers

Congratulations to those who advanced in ACBL rank, as reflected in the latest data release from ACBL Abraham Steinberg, Junior Master. Harry Rosenberg, Silver Life Master.

Player Achievements

Congratulations to these players for success in face-to-face games at the club!

Open unless otherwise noted.

IN denotes 750/non-Life Master game.

E denotes Evening game.

I denotes Individual game movement.

65.00% – 69.99% Games		
10/10 E	David Schroeder, Neel French	66.00
10.21	Carolyn Naselli, Alan Skvirsky	67.00

70.00%+ Games		
10/4 IN	Pat Miller, Caryl Mizrahi	77.50

Congratulations to these players for success at October tournaments.

District 13 NAP District Finals		
August 31-3		
Flight B	1B	Jim Abbott, Ryan Daniels
	4B	Nic Hristea, Polish Club
Flight C	1C	Rahul Garga, Charley Holmes
	2C	Manmit+Ranmit Pantle
	4C	Graham and Zinnia Meyer

As is frequently the case, our players (and affiliates) dominated the lower flights. These players will be representing District 13 (Chicago, Wisconsin and the UP) in Memphis in March. We wish all of them well.