

NOVEMBER 14TH

OPENING THURSDAY GAME

TIME FOR SOME FUN!

8 is enough – Swiss Team

We will open our Thursday game with this fun TEAM GAME.

All you need to do is sign up as a single or partnership and we will make up a team for you.

Eight is Enough: A team game in which advanced players pair with newer players. Players are assigned a rank of 1, 2 or 3, according to their skill level or masterpoints. The total of the rank amounts for the team can't be more than 8.

Example: one player ranked 3, two ranked 2, one ranked 1 making this Team Total **3+2+2+1 = 8**.

The results are competitive, but fun for all participants. Please sign up ASAP as a SINGLE or PARTNERSHIP so we have time to make up the teams for all.

This is a fun and interesting event to play with possible new partners and new teammates! I'm hoping for 10-14 teams so **LET'S DO IT!!**

Feel free to call **Mary Savko, 561-339-0432** with questions or whatever 😊. Please leave a message in case my phone doesn't recognize your number.

Some thoughts and guidelines for “8 is Enough” Swiss teams.

One of the best things ‘8 is Enough’ does is foster camaraderie between experienced players, newer players, club players and rubber bridge or kitchen bridge players. On all levels of players, kindness and sensitivity is a huge plus and very appreciated by all. It also is absolutely necessary to have this happen to assure that players will have a fun time and come back to play at our club on a regular basis!

‘8 is Enough’ Swiss vs tournament Swiss:

‘8 is Enough’ has a different “spirit of the game” than a sectional or regional tournament Swiss. In sectional Swiss one has supposedly gotten a team of players of your level of play. You expect to win or die trying. ☺ In ‘8 is Enough’ you are playing with less experienced teammates who are trying their darndest not to let you down and are very nervous about the whole thing. Of course, we all want to win but the prime mission we should keep in mind is making sure our opponents are as comfortable as possible and are having a good time! Also, in ‘8 is Enough’ it’s better if the higher ranked pair on the team always plays vs the lower ranked pair of the other team. Therefore, keeping your better half always sitting NS will mean all EW who you play against will be less experienced than you are. This also means all EW players can learn from more experienced players on every round if they wish to.

Even though psyching in bridge is allowed by ACBL, it is NOT in the spirit of the game, done in an ‘8 is Enough’ game vs a pair who is less experienced than you. That should be reserved for playing against one’s peers. BTW, great article on Khatib website by Lynn Berg concerning this subject.

‘8 is Enough’ is a wonderful way to introduce new players to our club. It is also a form of mentoring by the more experienced players if they are ASKED for new tips and ways of bidding and playing.

In regards to signing up: We really need all levels of players to have a large, successful fun event. So please A players, we need you to sign up as a partnership or single as well as c and b players. That way we can try to balance the teams fairly. We’ve found pairing the highest-ranking pairs with the lowest-ranking pairs works the best to create the fairest field.

In closing, in the spirit of ‘8 is Enough’, it’s not you expect to WIN, you hopefully expect to have you and your teammates to have a fun time and ENJOY THIS WONDERFUL GAME OF BRIDGE THAT WE ALL LOVE!

Hopefully see you all November 14, Mary Savko