



Kibitzer

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Stan Subeck Regional Nov. 8-11

The name has changed, but the fun remains the same at the Stan Subeck Regional



Tournament, formerly called Central States. The event will be held November 8-11 in Niles at the beautiful White Eagle Banquets and Restaurant, 6839 North Milwaukee Avenue.

Players of all levels will enjoy vying for red and gold points during the four-day event. Friday through Sunday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., players will enjoy Open Pairs and Gold Rush Pairs. All the games will be stratified.

The Monday, Veterans' Day, schedule offers three options at 10 a.m.

They include stratified Open Swiss and stratified Gold Rush games, plus a play-through. The stratifications are the following: Open 0-2,500, 2,500-5,000, and 5,000+; Gold Rush 0-200, 200-400, 400-750.

Hospitality will include daily snacks. Coffee will be available at the site for purchase.

White Eagle is conveniently located near several major highways. For more information, see the flyer on page 5 or go to www.bridgeinchicago.com.

Trophies, speaker, MPs and more

Labor Day Sectional promises fun time

Meet friends, have a jolly good time, and perhaps win a trophy at Unit 123's three-day Labor Day Sectional Tournament which begins August 31 in Skokie.

Tournament co-chairs Bob Maxson and Guy Franklin said they are excited that the event is returning to a favorite venue, the Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie.



The tournament showcases the prestigious Invitational Pairs on Sunday, with the qualifying round at 10 a.m. and the Invitational Pairs Barometer Final at 3 p.m. Bob noted trophies will be presented to the winners. Guy said that there will be a large screen depicting the standing of each invitational pair after each round of play,

Saturday and Sunday offer pair/team games at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. "On Saturday between sessions, Jim Diebel, a director, bridge teacher, and player, will

lead a mini-lesson geared toward intermediate players," said Guy.

Labor Day sees a return to an event that was popular prior to the pandemic: Stratified Swiss Teams. "It will be a play-through, so it is suggested that players bring a lunch or pick up something quick from a nearby restaurant," Bob said.

The scheduling of the games on Saturday and Sunday gives players a chance to enjoy the food at the many nearby restaurants, either dine-in or take-out, according to Guy. He said a list of nearby restaurants will be available.

In addition to the tournament co-chairs, Steve McConnell is partnership chair, and Adrienne Cohen is Invitational Pairs chair. For their contact information and other details, see the flyer on page 3.



Invitational Pairs trophy



Garner in Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame Inductee Steve Garner (pictured left), a CCBA player, is presented with the Open Award by Jeffrey Wolfson. Story on page 2. (Photo by ACBL Daily Bulletin.)

Personal Notes on Hall of Famer Garner

By Cheri Bjerkan

My friend of 40 years, Steve Garner, was recently inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame at the Toronto NABC. Growing up in Minnesota, he moved here in 1985 and other than a few years in Florida Chicago has been his home.



Steve Garner

For many years he was an option trader, but he was also a killer Acquire player and great bowler. Bridge was always there. Local partners were Jack Oest, Howie Weinstein and more recently Jeff Wolfson. Steve has 12 NABC titles which include two Vanderbilts, two Reisingers and LM Pairs, along with gold, silver and two bronze medals in major World Championships.

At 56, he ran the Twin Cities Marathon for the first time. He is an incredible workout warrior outperforming many who are 30 years younger.

He introduced me to orchids as gardening is another of his passions. He's always had big dogs - sometimes two BIG dogs, but now he has a very special Mr. B, a North American Eskimo Dog. Mr. B is as glamorous and handsome as his owner. Steve was completely dashing in his tuxedo at HOF.

I asked him if he still liked traveling all over the world. He said that being at home with Mr. B is now his vacation since he travels so much with bridge. I loved the end of his speech at the ceremony. Here it is:

Flight C Winners At NABC in Toronto

District 13 players won the MacNab Grand National Teams Flight C at the Summer NABC in Toronto, Canada. Pictured left to right: Captain Alec Sun, Avery

Wang, Max Krawczyk, and Yujian (Jeff) Zhou. They faced a District 21 (Bay Area) team in the final. Sun's team led 55-30 after the first quarter and 70-64 at halftime. Their opponents take a 102-96 lead in the third quarter. The local team came back to win 131-27. After comparing scores, Krawczyk screamed, but was quickly shushed by the other players as the Championship flight was still playing. (Photo and content courtesy of ACBL Daily Bulletin.)



"I'd like to share a little bit of advice that has served me well during my bridge career. Never be afraid of making mistakes and don't worry about looking silly or even stupid.

"The truth is, I've never really learned that much from any success I've had (probably because there was always a lot of luck involved) - and I usually learned the most from my failures. When I'm not afraid of making mistakes, I tend to play better and even when I make a mistake, the more serious the mistake - the more useful it seems to be.

"But honestly, I can tell you that it doesn't really matter how many defeats you suffer or how many victory laps you get to take away from your adventures at the bridge table - the only really important thing to remember during the heat of battle, is that you must always keep your dignity, your humility and your honor intact."

U of C 2nd in Bowl

The University of Chicago placed second in the 1024 Collegiate Bridge Bowl in an event decided by tie breakers. Representing Chicago were Ziheng Yun and Sarik Goyal of Jersey City, N.J., and Alec Sun and Zhiyu Cheng of Chicago. In the three-way match featuring the University of Chicago, Georgia Tech Gold and the University of Waterloo, each team scored a win. The tie break rules dictated that the net IMP score of each match would decide the winner, but both Georgia and Chicago had a score of +11. So, the second tiebreak was used, the score of the match between the two schools, and there, Georgia Tech prevailed over Chicago. The University of Chicago team earned a scholarship of \$5,000.

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Everybody loves STaC

CCBA STaC games will take place August 12-18 and December 16-21. The District 13 STaC will be November 12-18.

Here's your chance to win silver by playing in your favorite clubs.

**Unit 123 Labor Day Sectional
Weber Leisure Center
9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie
August 31st—September 2nd, 2024**

Saturday, August 31
10:00 am Pair/Team Game
3:00 pm Pair/Team Game

Sunday, September 1
10:00 am Invitational Pairs Qualifying Round
10:00 am Pair/Team Game
3:00 pm Invitational Pairs Barometer Final
3:00 pm Pair/Team Game

Monday, September 2
10:00 am Stratified Swiss Teams Playthru

Bring lunch or pick up something quick and yummy nearby! There is no Snack Bar on site!

Pair Events are Single Session (excluding the Invitational Pairs!)
Separate Under 750 Pair/Team Events if Attendance Permits (Director's Discretion)

Masterpoint Averaging
Stratifications: A=3000+, B=1500-3000, C=0-1500



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**Our starting times at 10 and 3
Make eating nearby a fait accompli!
Our Restaurant Guides offer choices galore
For dine-in or take-out on the North Shore.**



Preemptive Openings—What Is a Jump Overall?



Ginny and Jeff Schuett

Opening bids at the two-diamond level or higher are preemptive in nature. They are intentional overbids that are designed both to describe an awkward type of hand for partner and to create problems for the opponents.

Typically, an opening pre-emptive bid at the two-level shows a 6-card suit and at the three-level shows a 7-card or longer suit of excellent quality (usually headed by the A or K or both).

The high-card strength is generally limited to 5-10 points with very little if any defensive strength outside of the long suit. Vulnerability and quality of suit should be determining factors.

Examples:

N E

1D ? ♠ 67 ♥ AJ10762 ♦ 852 ♣ 64 = 2♥ perfect description

1S ? ♠ 5 ♥ 93 ♦ J865 ♣ AKQ972 = 3♣ great suit nothing else

1C ? ♠ J105432 ♥ A5 ♦ A4 ♣ 852 = 1♠ too strong for preempt, but I might bid 2♠ if NV vs Vul and partner is a passed hand.



If opponent bids 2D, what does this hand ♠ 5 ♥ AQ108764 ♦ A2 ♣ AK9 do? If you overall, your partner will never know how strong you are. If you double, your partner might jump to 4 S.

N	E	S	W
2♦	3♥?		

3♥ is strong, with something like ♠5 ♥AQ108764 ♦ A2 ♣ A

2♠ 4♦?

4♦ is strong with something like ♠7 ♥A2 ♦AKQ10974 ♣AQ9.

I might bid 3♠ if discussed with partner that this asks for ♠ stopper to bid 3NT. The basic rule of thumb is that if RHO makes a weak bid (preempt!) then a jump bid is strong with a 6+ card good suit. If RHO makes an opening+ bid, then a jump overall is weak. So remember this one of Eddie Kantar's 52 FACTS OF BRIDGE LIFE: **When the bid to your right is strong, a jump by you is weak; when the bid to your right is weak, a jump by you is strong.**

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CCBA Committee seeking nominations for board

Would you like to serve on the Chicago Contract Bridge Association Board of Directors?



If so, now is the time to submit your nomination. All nominations must be in writing (emails are okay)

and must be submitted by October 1 to Nominating Committee Chairman Steve McConnell at stevepmac@sbcglobal.net.

A candidate must be a member of the ACBL/CCBA, and in good standing. Only self-nominations will be accepted. A brief explanation of why you would like to join the board is helpful but is not required. If you have any particular skills or experience that you think would be useful, that would also be helpful.

There are 15 members on the board, with five terms expiring each year.

The nominating committee will select the candidates to slate for the five positions. The slate will be presented and voted on at the annual meeting.

Board members whose terms are expiring are Missy Ravid, Betsy Downs, Guy Franklin, Bob Maxson, and Mark Stein .

Members of the nominating committee are board members, McConnell, Steve Donahue, and Phyllis Bartlett, plus Joe Stokes, Dick Bruno, Sharon Fellars, and Adrienne Cohen.

Windy City Regional

Some of those who enjoyed the Windy City Regional in Niles at the White Eagle Banquets and Restaurant in Niles are pictured at right. See page 8 for more pictures.



Stan Subeck Central States Regional

White Eagle Banquets & Restaurant
6839 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles (Chicago)

Friday November 8

10 and 3 Open Pairs (stratified)
Gold Rush Pairs (stratified)

Saturday November 9

10 and 3 Open Pairs (stratified)
Gold Rush Pairs (stratified)

Sunday November 10

10 and 3 Open Pairs (stratified)
Gold Rush Pairs (stratified)

Monday November 11 (Veteran's Day)

10 playthrough
Open Swiss (stratified)
Gold Rush Swiss (stratified)

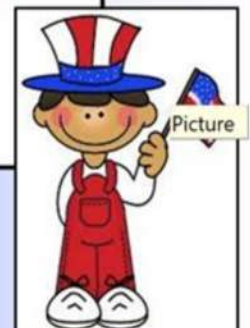
Open Stratification 0-2500/2500-5000/5000+ MP averaging
Gold Rush stratification 0-200/200-400/400-750
MP averaging but no player may be over 750

Entry fees

\$15 per session

\$7 for students under age 26 with valid ID

\$4 surcharge for non members and unpaid members



Snacks and water are provided
Coffee is available for purchase at concession

Tournament Chair: Suzi Subeck
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Nearby motels:

Holiday Inn Express 1.3 miles from site
7247 N Waukegan Rd, Niles, IL

Village Motel 1.3 miles from site
6871 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL

Edgebrook Motel 1.5 miles from site
6401 W Touhy Ave, Niles, IL



Bridge provides best escape for Gino during war in Israel

By Mary Reed

For Eldad (“Gino”) Ginossar, the Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club’s beloved resident expert and teacher from 2017 to 2022, his return to Israel has been marked by political tension and war, but bridge has provided “a needed escape.”



Eldad “Gino” Ginossar

With a 10-month-old daughter and a 7 year old son, Gino, 43, is playing fewer tournaments and focusing on lecturing, coaching and continuing his monthly “Bridge with Gino” Intermediate and Advanced lessons live on Zoom and/or on one’s own time on a platform called Rozuko. (The next series will begin in October.) His credentials are impeccable. He is well-known in Israel for winning multiple titles; internationally Gino has won Bronze in the Rosenblum Cup (2006) and medaling in the European championships multiple times, including Gold in 2007. Playing for the US Mixed Team, he won the Silver medal in Wuhan in 2022. Gino has also had great success in NABC as a runner up in major events: the Blue Ribbon Pairs (Providence 2014, Honolulu 2018) and the Spingold (Atlanta 2018).

Now Gino coaches four national youth teams, his youngest student being only 10 years old, and his oldest 26. In the U.S. his students are mostly older players trying to move their game to the next level. He finds young people easier to coach because they learn so quickly. “With kids, I worry that I’m not moving fast enough, but sometimes with intermediates, I wonder if I’m rushing,” he says. (All of his past lessons are accessible to students online for repetitive viewing.) Still, he says he sees steady improvement in his adult students, especially in those

who are passionate about the game and eager to learn.

Gino takes a slightly different approach to teaching than many. He prefers not to teach a lot of conventions (which are most useful he says, when one has a steady partner they trust completely). Instead, he likes to focus on card play, especially on defense, and the mental or psychological aspects of the game. He thinks it’s unfair for teachers to concentrate solely on declarer play, because two people at the table are always playing defense and each team is playing defense about half of the time. “When people get bad hands, they often space out,” he says. “That’s a pity. Every hand—even a bad hand—is challenging.” He understands that it is hard to pull out the green card, but says defense is often easier. All techniques of declarer play are available to the defense. Gino points out that a declarer is often anxious before taking a finesse (a 50% play), but the defense sees the dummy and knows the outcome of the finesse in advance.

While he prefers the human connection of face-to-face bridge and instruction, defensive card play lends itself particularly well to online teaching. Online, he can show 13, 26, and then 52 cards sequentially to make a point, and then easily show how things change when the place of an honor changes. Students need to learn “to stop and reroute,” he says, and to notice what a declarer is trying to do and then try to block it.

Some of his most memorable psychological tips come in the form of delightful “Gino-isms.” When you open an unusual hand with tons of HCP or a long, long suit, he says the player should, “Pinch Yourself!” To establish a long suit, “Magnetize yourself to the suit.” And he advises, “Don’t break your brain on every hand.”

The most important lessons of bridge, and perhaps the hardest to teach, Gino says, are “how not to dwell in the past and how to stay in the moment.”

These two maxims carry over to “family, relationships and jobs—all of life.” Focusing on bridge is a healthy distraction

from the tensions of war and political unrest, especially for young people who are not responsible for that current reality.

Gino will be playing in the ACBL Nationals in Toronto (July). He usually prepares for a big tournament by playing three or four hours a day or more, and recommends that serious players play daily, or at least as often as possible.

He understands that many will play online with robots for practice, but agrees that sometimes the programmed bidding is odd (especially in the third round and on) and sometimes their opening leads are “bizarre.”

The expert robots are better at hand-evaluation than the general ones, and online play can be useful, but it’s not as good as playing with real people. He says, “People are competitive. Robots are programmed to play, not to beat you.” He understands that family, other hobbies and sports compete for a player’s time and attention—in his case, yoga, cooking, caring for his children, and political activities. But always, he says, “Bridge is the best escape.”

Visit www.bridgewithgino.com for past and future bridge webinars. His next series will start in October.

See page 9 where Gino discusses an interesting hand which was dealt during a special bridge training camp for Israeli youth.



Imagining placement of opponents cards will help you to make contract



By Jim Diebel
Winning with Whimpy

A lot of the time, playing winning bridge requires imagination. When you're Declarer, you often have to imagine a placement of your opponents' cards which will allow you to make your contract. Some of us are better than others at that, but we've all learned that lesson to some degree.

On defense, it can be that much harder. As a Defender you have incomplete data and the only evidence you can rely on is usually supplied by partner. Try to defend this hand sitting West. It's a team game and the opponents are vulnerable. You see the following auction:

North	East	South	West (You)
1C	P	1S	P
2S	P	4S	All Pass

Your hand is:

♠ QJ5
♥ QJT9
♦ J5
♣ QJ97

The opening lead of the ♥Q is easy. This is what you see:

North (Dummy)
♠ 763
♥ K5
♦ K98
♣ AK653

West (You)

♠ QJ5
♥ QJT9
♦ J5
♣ QJ97

The play continues,

- ♥Q ♥K ♥A ♥6
- Partner switches to a trump: ♠4 ♠A ♠5 ♠3.
- Declarer now leads a low heart from hand and you are forced to win with the ♥9. Partner contributes the ♥2 to this trick.

Let's stop and think for a moment about what is going on. Partner's ♥2 is a current count card. Even though you and partner are playing upside down count and attitude, after a suit has been played one or more times, the count signal should revert back to standard.

This means that partner should follow suit with a (relatively) high card from an even numbered holding and a low card from an odd numbered holding. The ♥2 clearly states that partner held 1, 3, or 5 cards at that point.

Since he won the first trick with the ♥A, (and then had an odd number of hearts), he started with either 2, 4, or 6 hearts. If he started with 6 hearts, Declarer could not have led a second one. Therefore, partner started with either 2 or 4 hearts.

If two hearts, the trump return seems unlikely since partner would be in a position to overtrump dummy. It would also mean that declarer started with 5 hearts, and partner would have very likely returned his (now) singleton heart at trick 2. I think we can safely assume that partner started with 4 hearts, and declarer 3.

The hand currently looks like this:

North (Dummy)
♠ 76
♥ ---
♦ K98
♣ AK653

West (You)
♠ QJ
♥ JT
♦ J5
♣ QJ97

We've taken 2 tricks and we're certain to get a spade trick. We can't stop declarer from ruffing his losing heart in dummy.

Where's the setting trick coming from? Take it to the bank that Declarer has the ♦A. He would have passed 2S without it. We must assume he has only 5 spades, since holding 6 of them he'd also have 10 tricks (5 spades, 2 diamonds, 2 clubs, and a heart ruff). Thus, we conclude he has 5 spades, 3 hearts, and 5 minor suit cards. If one of them is

the ♦Q, the hand is unbeatable (4 spades, 3 diamonds, 2 clubs, and a heart ruff) – so we are forced to assume that partner holds that card. If Declarer has 3 clubs, he is always going down, so assume he has two or fewer. If partner holds the ♦10 as well as the ♦Q, a diamond lead might work. I've given you all the clues you need. How will you continue? Decide what you will do before reading on.

It certainly looks like if there is any chance to beat the hand, a passive trump return will give you the best chance. You've got the club suit locked up – or do you? In order to set up dummy's long club, Declarer will need two entries to dummy to ruff twice in hand, as well as an entry back to dummy to enjoy it. Does Declarer have 3 entries to dummy?

If you carelessly returned a trump (like I did), Declarer can win in hand, play ♠A, ♠K, and ruff a club. Ruff a heart to return to dummy and ruff another club, establishing dummy's 5th club for his 10th trick. Can you do anything about it?

Yes, you can! Although we can't stop declarer from ruffing a heart, we CAN dictate when he gets to do it.

If we force him to ruff a heart NOW, he can play ♠A, ♠K, and ruff a club. He can get back to the ♦K to ruff another club and establish that 5th club, but he'll have no entry left to enjoy it. If you did anything other than return another heart right away, you let Declarer squirm away to live another day. The whole hand:

North (Dummy)	East (Partner)
♠ 763	♠ T4
♥ K5	♥ A842
♦ K98	♦ Q6432
♣ AK653	♣ 42
West (You)	South (Declarer)
♠ QJ5	♠ AK982
♥ QJT9	♥ 763
♦ J5	♦ AT7
♣ QJ97	♣ T8

Windy City Pictures



Do you recognize anyone?

Shown are pictures of those who enjoyed the Windy City Regional Tournament held June 27-30 in Niles at White Eagle Convention Center. Up next is the Labor Day Sectional in Skokie.



Congratulations Rank Advancers

Junior Master

Lynne Denmark
Glenn Hafted
Ann Hammersmith
Donna Meyers
Luvie Myers
Sharron Sailor
Becky Schenk
Laurence Segil
Michelle Seo
Laurie Siebert
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Joyce Roush
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Zinnia Meyer
Anna Powers
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Susan Salek
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Alec Sun

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Marty Marcus
Kathy Myers
Jakob Reinke
Nancy Riddle
Anthony Veeneman
Susan Zagorin

NABC Master

John Knoepke
Robert Listernick
Dave McCarty
Avery Wang

Advanced NABC Master

Jill Hurwitz

Life Master

Barbara Bebec
Barbara Ehrmann

Bronze Life Master

Terry Carter Life Master
Barbara Ehrmann

Silver Life Master

Jenny Schwartz

Ruby Life Master

Kalman Krause

Gold Life Master

Thomas Hurt
Dennis O'Dowd
Joseph Tomlinson

Platinum Life Master

Craig Allen

Grand Life Master

Stephen McConnell

Apologies to Stephen Jaycox, Peter Bush, and Nanci McKeon for misprinting their names in the April edition.

Partnership Bidding to 7 Hearts

This interesting deal in which E/W can easily make 7H (or 7NT) came during a special bridge training camp for Israeli youth national teams in preparation for the European championships. The suggested auction is explained in Israeli bridge style and conventions which are slightly different than the American or the CDB bridge standard.

Board: 32
 Dealer: W
 Vul.: EW

♠K1073
 ♥107
 ♦98642
 ♣Q9

♠A8
 ♥AJ9
 ♦KQJ
 ♣AK865

♠J5
 ♥KQ65432
 ♦A75
 ♣J

♠Q9642
 ♥8
 ♦103
 ♣107432

N ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
 N
 S
 E 7 7 3 3
 W 7 7 3 3

5
 HCP 11
 2

Suggested auction:

West	North	East	South
2NT	Pass	4D	Pass
4H	Pass	4NT	Pass
5C	Pass	5NT	Pass
7H	Pass	Pass	Pass

2NT opening: In Israel, the style of a 2NT opening varies and usually may contain up to 22 HCP. Nevertheless, we have discussed with the youngsters that West holding a 5-card suit and top of the HCP range may upgrade to a 2C opening and a 2NT rebid. 4D : using the Texas transfer convention, East establishes the trump suit for the partnership (hearts). This bid is used to play in game or rebid RKCB 4NT (Roman Key Card Blackwood).

4NT: Texas transfer followed by 4NT is the RKCB convention where the trump suit is the major, hearts.

5C 0314 KC is the standard response for RKCB in Israel.

5NT: Asking for kings, and a grand slam invitation. The responder East may only use this question to bid toward a grand slam when holding ALL the Keycards including the trump queen. A 4NT RKCB bid followed by 5NT always indicates they will explore a grand slam, thus promising all the important key cards.

7 H: A surprising response ! We have discussed the advantages/disadvantages of conventions to show the number of kings (6 H) vs. specific kings (6 C). BUT when bidding a grand slam. I gave the youngsters the most important rule: **one needs to be able to count 13 tricks**. West can count 13 winners: 1 spade, 6 hearts, 3 diamonds, 2 clubs - which are 12...and the 5th club as an expected length winner makes 13. The opener does not have to respond for kings, but trust partner to hold the hand he/she showed, count 13 winners, and decide to bid the grand slam!

This is a truly exciting hand showing the importance of trust between partners when using complex conventions, aiming to be precise in bidding a grand slam

MAD CITY SECTIONAL

MADISON, WI

Dec. 5-7

Patrick Henry Building
 313 W. Beltline Highway
 Madison, WI

Thursday, Dec. 5

9:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.
 499er Pair Game
 Open Pair/Team Game

Friday, Dec. 6

9:30 a.m., 2 p.m.
 499er Pair Game
 Open Pair/Team Game

Saturday, Dec. 7

9:30 a.m.
 Swiss Team
 2-session play-through
 Lunch included with entry fee
Tournament Chair
 Marge Morgan 608-271-6460
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CALENDAR

AUGUST

All Month
August 2-4

August 12-18
August 19
August 20-24

August 19-22

St.,
August 31-Sept. 2

North American Pairs Games, Flights A, B, C
Madison Open Sectional
Bridge Club of Madison Open Sectional
2818 Todd Drive, Madison, WI

CCBA STaC
ACBL-wide Junior Fund Games—2nd of 2
Milwaukee Summer Fun Regional
Knights of Columbus Hall, 732 Badger Avenue,
South Milwaukee, WI
Eau Claire Regional,
Lismore Hotel and Convention Center, 333 Gibson
Eau Claire, WI
Labor Day Sectional, Weber Center, Skokie

SEPTEMBER

All Month
September 11
September 12-14

International Fund Games
ACBL-wide International Fund Game – 2nd of 3
Wausau Sectional, Covenant Community Church,
18056 Weston Avenue, Schofield, WI

OCTOBER

October 10
Wed, Oct 16
Wed, Oct 30

ACBL-wide Senior Pairs – 2nd of 2
Erin Berry Rookie/Master Game
ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game

NOVEMBER

November 8-11

November 12-18
November 14-16

Stan Subeck Regional, White Eagle Events Ctr.,
Niles
District 13 STaC
La Crosse Sectional
Henry J. Olson Center, 1607 North Street, La
Crosse, WI

DECEMBER

December 5-7

December 10
December 16-22
December 16-21
Red indicates CCBA sponsored tournaments.

Mad City Sectional, Patrick Henry Building,
313 Beltline Highway, Madison, WI
ACBL-wide International Fund Game – 3rd of 3
ACBL Stardust Week
STaC

WUMBA Bridge Wausau Sectional

September 12-14
Covenant Community Church,
18056 Weston Avenue, Schofield, WI.

Thursday
1:20 Open Pairs/Teams
499er Pairs
6:30 Open Pairs/Teams
499er Pairs
Friday
9:00 Open IMP Pairs
499er Pairs
1:20 Open Pairs/Teams
499er Pairs
7:00 Short Match Swiss
499er Pairs
Saturday
9:00 Swiss 1 Stratified Swiss Teams,
2 single sessions
12:00 Buffet Lunch \$10
1:00 Swiss 2 Stratified Swiss Teams

For more information, contact:
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For more information on this or other
tournaments, check out the website



Milwaukee Summer Fun Regional

August 20-24
Knights of Columbus Hall
732 Badger Ave.
South Milwaukee, WI

Tuesday/Wednesday
10 a.m./3 p.m.
Open Pairs
Gold Rush Pairs
Thursday
10 a.m./3 p.m.
Stratified Swiss Teams
Gold Rush Teams

Friday
10 a.m./3 p.m.
Open Pairs/Gold Rush Pairs
Saturday
10 a.m./TBA
Stratified Swiss Teams
Lunch included with entry fee

Tournament and Partnership Chair
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Time	Club	Location	Contact
TBA Sunday	Northwestern Bridge Club	Parker Hill, Northwestern Univ. 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston	Ben Fisk 513-808-1443
9:15 Monday	Mundelein Area DBC	Freemont Twnship Office 22385 W. Rt. 60, Mundelein	Joseph Connelly 847-271-1666
10 :15 Monday	Olympia DBC	Countryside Church 126 Smith St., Palatine, IL	Sue Erickson 847398-3440
10:30 Monday	Ace of Clubs	Temple Jeremiah 937 Happ Road, Northfield	Daryl Novack 847-8109272
11:00 Monday	Calumet DBC	Elks Club 3120 45th St., Highland, IN	Mary Schultz 245-224-2553
11:00 Monday	Oak Lawn DBC	Oak Lawn Tennis Club 10440 S. Central, Oak Lawn	Keith O'Malley 630-336-4376
11:30 Monday	Yorkville DB	Beecher Community Center 908 Game Farm Rd., Yorkville	Karl Anderson 224-276-0715
12 noon Monday	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center 8th and Madison, Hinsdale	Diane Beyer Martin 708-2071500
12:15 Monday	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Dearborn Station 47 W. Polk Street, Chicago	Patt Quinn 630-220-9058
12:30 Monday	Chicago Cultural Center	Chicago Cultural Center 77 E. Randolph St., Chicago	James Diebel 630-244-9292
6:20 p.m. Monday	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant 909 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago	Jerry Scholle 773-209-7089
10:30 a.m. Tuesday	Ace of Clubs	Temple Jeremiah 937 Happ Road, Northfield	Daryl Novack 847-8109272
11:00 am. Tuesday	Naper DBC	Community United Methodist Church 20 S. Center St., Naperville	James 'Diebel 630-244-0202
11:00 a.m. Tuesday	St. Charles Duplicate Bridge	Baker Community Center 101 S. 2nd, St. Charles	Marilyn Croft 630-203-0849
12 Noon Tuesday	S. Suburban Bridge Center	S. Suburban Bridge Center 18144 Glen Terrace, Lansing	Patricia Valiska 219-934-9405
6:30 p.m. Tuesday	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Dearborn Station 47 W. Polk Street, Chicago	Patt Quinn 630-220-9058
6:30 p.m. Tuesday	Tree Towns DBC on BBO	Elmhurst BBO	Pat Quinn 630-220-9053
7:00 p.m. Tuesday	Ace of Clubs	Northmoor Country Club 820 Edgewood Road, Highland Park	Phyllis Bartlett 847-494-8474
10:30 a.m. Wednesday	Ace of Clubs	Temple Jeremiah 937 Happ Road, Northfield	Phyllis Bartlett 847-494-8474
10 :30 a.m. Wednesday	New Lenox-Joliet DBC	New Life Church 500 S. Gougar New Lenox	Nancy Miller 815-514-5363
11:00 a.m.Wednesday	Community Bridge Club	Calumet Township Center 1900 W. 41st Ave., Calumet Township, IN	Alan Yngve 219-215-45408
11:00 am Wednesday	Fox Bridge	Riverside Town Hall 27 Riverside Road, Riverside	Mary Schultz 248224-2553
12 noon Wednesday	University Club	University Club 79 E. Monroe, Chicago	Larry Cohen 630-941-0581
12 noon Wednesday	Glen Oak Country Club	Game starts up in May Glen Oak Country Club 21W451 Hill Avenue, Glen Ellyn	Patt Quinn 630-220-9053
12 noon Wednesday (2nd, 4th Wed.)	Glen Ellyn DBC	Healthtrack Sports Wellness 875 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn	Sue Kamphuis 630-348-5369
12:15 am Wednesday	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Dearborn Station 47 W. Polk Street, Chicago	Patt Quinn 630-220-9058
6:32 p.m. Wednesday	Lawson Bridge Studio	Ann Sathers Restaurant 909 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago	Jerry Scholle 773-209-7089
10:30 am Thursday	Tom's Game	Temple Jeremiah 937 Happ Road, Northfield	Tom Dressing 847-323-4602
11:30 a.m. Thursday	Yorkville Duplicate Bridge	Beecher Community Center 908 Game Farm Rd., YorkvilleTBA	Karl Anderson 224-276-6715
9:00 am Thursday	12 Hearts	Freemont Township Administration 22385W. Route 60, Mundelein	Patricia Mayer 262-215-2566
12 noon Thursday	Hinsdale	Hinsdale Community Center	Diane Beyer Martin

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11:00 a.m. Friday	St. Charles Duplicate Bridge	Baker Community Center 101 S. 2nd, St. Charles	Marilyn Croft 630-203-0849
12 noon Friday	Oak Park Country Club	Oak Park Country Club 2001 N. Thatcher, Oak Park	Joyce Sirota 708-203-4990
12 Noon Friday	S. Suburban Bridge Center	S. Suburban Bridge Center 18144 Glen Terrace, Lansing	Patricia Valiska 219-934-9405
12:15 Friday	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Dearborn Station 47 W. Polk Street, Chicago	Patt Quinn 630-220-9058
12:30 pm Friday	The Clare	The Clare 55 E. Pearson, Chicago	Larry Cohen 630-941-0581
6:30 p.m. Friday	Tree Towns DBC on BBO	Elmhurst BBO	Pat Quinn 630-220-9053
11:00 a.m. Saturday	Community Bridge Club	Calumet Township Center 1900W. 41st Ave., Calumet Township, IN	Alan Yngve 219-215-45408
11:30 a.m. Saturday TBA	Yorkville Duplicate Bridge	Beecher Community Center 908 Game Farm Rd., Yorkville	Karl Anderson 224-276-6715
9:30 am Saturday	Arlington Bridge B's	Park District Senior Center 1801 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights	Patricia Braun 847-506-3321



The North American Bridge Championships (NABC) offers an excellent chance to dive into the world of bridge and explore the best of a new city.

More advanced players can play in premier events awarding platinum masterpoints; those looking for gold points will have plenty of opportunities, too. Newer players, and even absolute beginners, can learn and hone new skills in a dedicated space just for them.

Whether you're here for a day, a weekend or all 10 days, it's a wonderful time full of meeting fellow bridge players from all over and playing the world's best card game.

The host hotel is Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino, 3000 Paradise Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89109 Weekday \$65+tax per night Weekend \$99+tax per night For assistance, contact Conference Direct at (855) 956-0776 or email acbl@conferencedirect.com

The last day to book a room at the bridge rate through Conference Direct is October 25, 2024. After this date, contact the hotel directly.

