



Kibitzer

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Annual Meeting: Awards, Food, Prizes

Awards, prizes, food, and an election are all a part of the Chicago Contract Bridge Association's Annual Meeting, which will take place February 1 at White Eagle Banquet Center in Niles. The event, is held during the WinterFest Sectional, and will take place at the end of play Saturday. This fun tournament runs from January 31 through February 2. During the meeting, President Loring Knoblauch will report on the State of the Unit and Treasurer Missy Ravid will report on the year-end finances.



AWARDS

Adding to the evening's excitement and suspense is the presenta-

tion of awards, including the Gran Sportsmanship Award and the prestigious Harmon Wilkes Award, Unit 123's highest award. Members of Unit 123 are encouraged to submit nominations of players who embody the values recognized by these two awards. (For additional details, see article on page 2.)

Other awards include the Mini-McKenney, which recognizes the players who won the most masterpoints in their rank during the year. The Ace of Clubs recognizes the players in each rank who won the most points at club games during the year.

ELECTION

During the meeting,

five people will be elected to three-year terms on the 15-member board.

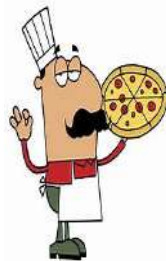
The five Board members whose terms expire are Betsy Downs, Guy Franklin, Bob Maxson, Missy Ravid, and Mark Stein. All have indicated a willingness to remain on the board except Guy Franklin, a long-time member who is retiring. Amin Hakim is slated as Guy's replacement.

FOOD

Prior to the annual meeting, there will be a pizza dinner with soft drinks, salad, and a cash bar.

The \$15 dinner tickets must be purchased by January 17. The dinner tickets will be entered into a raffle, with the winners receiving a free play for the 2025 Windy City Regional.

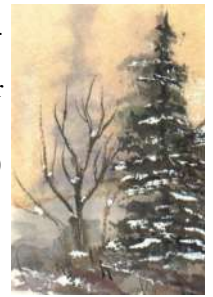
The dinner is being chaired by Suzi Subeck, Jan Churchwell, and Missy Ravid.



Jan. 31-Feb. 2

Start the Year Right – With Fun at WinterFest

The Unit 123 WinterFest Sectional kicks off its run of fun on Friday, January 31 at the White Eagle Banquet Center, 6839 N. Milwaukee, Niles. Now is your chance to win silver points.



Pair/team games will begin at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday.



Saturday brings an event that many love: Swiss Teams. There will be two sessions, the

first at 10 a.m. Betsy Downs, tournament co-chair with Stephen Donahue, said the afternoon start time will be determined later. The time, she said, will take into consideration the start of Unit 123's Annual Meeting and Dinner, which will be held following the afternoon game.



Sunday sees the return of pair/team games at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

All pair/team events are single session and will be held if the number of entries allows for the format, according to Stephen. He added that there will be separate par/team events for gold rush at the director's discretion.

The stratification, with masterpoint averaging : A : 5,000+, B: 2,000-5,000, and C: 0-2,000. There will be separate 750 pair/team events if the director decides that attendance permits.

Anyone needing a partner should contact Jan Churchwell, partnership chair, at jan8242@gmail.com.

For additional information, see the tournament flyer on page 3.



You are cordially invited to attend
 CCBA Board's
 Annual Meeting and Dinner
 Evening of Saturday, February 1
 Dinner tickets: \$15
 (subsidized by CCBA).
 Send checks payable to CCBA
 to Judy Riehs, 731 Hapsfield Lane,
 Buffalo Grove, IL 60089.
 Deadline to purchase tickets, Jan. 17.
 Reserved tickets will be available
 for pick up Saturday evening
 at the tournament site.



Nominations for the Gran Sportsmanship Award and the Harmon Wilkes Award are now being accepted. Any director, club owner, or player can nominate a Unit 123 bridge player who embodies the values recognized by these two awards for either or both awards.

The Gran Sportsman Award will be presented to a player who abides by the rules, plays fairly, respects other players, and encourages them. In essence, an extraordinarily good sport at and away from the table.

The Harmon Wilkes Awards winner is not only an extraordinarily good sport and has the highest of ethics, but also is an excellent bridge player interested in preserving and developing duplicate bridge and its players.

To nominate a player, send letters describing why that person is worthy of such recognition. The awards will be presented at the CCBA Annual Meeting at the Winterfest Sectional on February 1, 2025. Send your nominations to Bartlett.phyllis@gmail.com.



Shown are photographs from the Stan Subeck Central States Regional held in Niles. For more photographs, see page 5.

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Everybody loves STaC

CCBA STaC games will take place December 16-21, 2024 and April 8-13 and December 8-15, 2025.

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



**Unit 123 WinterFest Sectional
January 31-February 2, 2025
White Eagle Banquet Center,
6839 N. Milwaukee, Niles, IL
Come for the Fun! Take home the Silver!**

**Friday Jan 31 10:00 AM pair/ team game
3:00 PM pair/ team game**

**Saturday Feb 1 10:00 AM & TBD
Swiss Teams (2 sessions)**

**6:30 PM annual dinner and meeting
(Reservations will be Required)**

**Sunday Feb 2 10:00 AM pair/ team game
3:00 PM pair/ team game**

All pair team events are single session
pair/team games will be held if number of entries allows for this format. Separate pair/team events for gold rush at Director's Discretion.

**Stratification (with masterpoint averaging)
A=5000+ B=2000-5000 C=0-2000**

**Separate 750 pair/team events if
attendance permits (Director's Discretion)**

On Saturday night,
Whether loser or winner,
It's time for our
Annual Meeting and Dinner.

It will be fun.
It won't be boring...
The State of the Unit
Delivered by Loring.

Electing directors
Requires a quorum.
All will come off
With proper decorum.

We'll have **salad & soda**
And mmmm... **pizza pies...**

**You pay 15 dollars,
And we subsidize...**

Please send your check
With your RSVP's
By 1/17

To **Ms. Judy Riehs**
**(731 Hapsfield Lane
Buffalo Grove IL 60089)**

**Checks should be
Written to CCBA.**

The bank has requested
We write them that way!

**Pick up your tickets
From Judy on site.**

And share with your friends,
A warm winter night!

**Dinner tickets will be entered into a raffle to win a
free 2-session entry at the 2025 Windy City Regional!**

Tournament Co-chairs:
Betsy Downs loverofbeagles@gmail.com
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Partnership Chair:
Jan Churchwell jan8242@gmail.com

District 13 2024/2025 Grand National Teams

Saturday, February 22, 2025, 11:00 and TBA & Sunday, February 23, 2025, 11:00 and TBA

White Eagle Banquets & Restaurant, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles, Illinois

The Championship Flight, Flight A, and Flight B events will take place over four sessions and will be concluded in a single weekend.

Flight C will be a two-session Swiss Team event played to conclusion on Sunday only.

There will be no competition among flights. Players must choose the flight in which they plan to play.

Flight	Masterpoints	Club Qualifying
Championship	Unlimited	Determined by Unit
Flight A	Fewer than 6000 points	Determined by Unit
Flight B	Fewer than 3000 points	Determined by Unit
Flight C	Non Life Master and fewer than 750 points	Determined by Unit

Flight eligibility is established by ACBL's September 2024 masterpoint cycle. This information was produced on August 6, 2024 in Horn Lake, MS. Masterpoints won after this cycle will not impact flight eligibility for these events.

Players must reside in District 13. Each member of the team must be a paid member in good standing with the ACBL. Club qualifying games are permitted at Unit discretion but are not required at any level of competition. A Flight B or C team may qualify under the rules of any Unit where a plurality of team members reside.

In addition, players who are currently, or have ever been in the past, members of another bridge organization, whether domestic (e.g., American Bridge Association) or foreign (e.g., Polski Związek Brydza Sportowego), must submit information on their past and/or current ranking in that organization. Submissions must be in writing (email is fine) and must be received by the District GNT Coordinator or District 13 Director at the time of registration for the event. The information submitted may be used to assign a conversion to ACBL masterpoints for purposes of verifying flight eligibility.

****An entry in the CHAMPIONSHIP Flight is a commitment to play in the National Final. Entries in lower flights may play to conclusion before declaring intent. We understand your reluctance to commit in advance.****

GNT Coordinator:

Suzi Subeck
847-509-0311 stansubeck@prodigy.net

One team will qualify in Championship and Fl. A
In the event that there are 8 or more teams in the District Final of Flight B &/or C, that flight or flights will qualify the 2 top teams.
Any teams representing D13 at the National Event will receive a stipend paid at or just after the NABC.



Registration:

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT.

All teams wishing to enter must provide notification by noon on February 14, 2025 by contacting:

Suzi Subeck, District 13 Director, (847)-509-0311 Home, (708) 927-6819 Cell, stansubeck@prodigy.net, or by registering on line at <http://bridgeinchicago.com> when it is available

Entering teams must have a written confirmation either by email or letter. No team without such a written confirmation should assume that entry has been verified. It is important to know in advance the teams entered. Captains should bring the confirmation with them to the site and be prepared to present it when purchasing an entry.

For more complete information, please consult conditions of contest at acbl.org... both local and ACBLwide... also, turn page for more information... or go to <https://www.acbl-district13.org/>

Covid Protocols: Please stay home if you are feeling ill. In GNT's you can be added to a team if it qualifies!

Stan Subeck Central States Regional Tournament—What a Blast

Photos by
Kathleen Fortney



Carelessness can result in the loss of the match



By Jim Diebel
Winning with Whimpy

I play in a team game every Sunday with some top players and it's great practice for tournaments and special games. Recently my team lost a close match we probably should have won.

My teammates did not play flawlessly; however, they did play well enough that if my partner had played flawlessly it would have been sufficient. I'm saddened to report that the two boards that swung the match against us featured some careless play from yours truly. Here's one of them. Let's hope you can do better. Stay awake.

B14 No one Vul E dealer. I (South) hold:
♠ AQ763 ♥ 84 ♦ KQT82 ♣ T Auction:

East	South	West	North
P	1S	P	2C
P	2D	P	2NT
P	3D	P	3S
P	?		

2C was game forcing, so partner could not pass 3D. Partner's 3S call is almost certainly Hx, as he would have raised to 2S on his second call with three pieces. His raise to 3S suggests his H stoppers may not be terribly strong. (Like ♥ Axx or Kxx). First question: Should I raise to 4S or bid 3NT having shown my 5-5 pattern?

I decide to go with 4S and when dummy comes down, I'm glad I did..

North
♠ K J
♥ Q T 5 2
♦ A 7
♣ Q J 4 3 2

South
♠ AQ763
♥ 84
♦ KQT82
♣ T

The opening trump lead went to the king. It looks like this hand is going to come down to the diamond suit. If diamonds are 3-3 or if the ♦J comes down singleton or doubleton, I likely have 10 tricks. In 3NT, partner would only need four diamond tricks, but if diamonds don't split, the defense would likely collect 1 diamond, at least 2 hearts, and 2 clubs.

I'm never going to get more than 10 tricks, so I'm not worried about losing the lead. I led a small club from the dummy. East played low and West captured my ♠10 with the ♠A. This is good news, since the ♠K is now almost certainly in the East hand.

West shifted to ♥ A and another heart. I played low from dummy and East won with the ♥9. I'm now fairly certain that East started with ♥KJ9 or ♥KJ9x. If East had five hearts, I would have expected another heart lead, forcing me to ruff high. Instead, East returned a trump and dummy's ♠J won.

I led the ♠Q from dummy and East, as expected, covered. I ruffed, and led another high trump, pitching a heart from dummy, finding that the suit breaks 3-3. What next? Decide before continuing. Here is what I'm looking at:

North
♠ --
♥ Q
♦ A 7
♣ J 4 3

South
♠ Q
♥ --
♦ KQT82
♣ --

With nothing left to do but tackle the diamond suit, I led a diamond to the ace and pitched a diamond on the good ♠J. I led a diamond back to the king and cashed the queen. Alas, West showed up with ♦ Jxxx. Down one. Did you see my error?

I knew better than this. What purpose was the ♠Q serving in my hand? I had no plans to give up the lead, so I had no reason to keep it. Let this be a lesson to you. When you no longer need your

trump, cash them. Good things can happen. Of course I would have to find another pitch from dummy, but the third club would never be needed.

Suppose I cash my last spade, pitching a club. Both West and East would have to find discards. Neither could afford to pitch a diamond from Jxxx. East presumably had to keep a heart to prevent the ♥Q from being good. One of the opponents would have to keep two clubs to keep the ♣4 from being good. In other words, unless East protected BOTH hearts and clubs and West protected diamonds, they would be squeezed.

The whole hand:

North		East	
♠	K J	♠	T 9 4
♥	Q T 5 2	♥	K J 9 7 6
♦	A 7	♦	6 3
♣	Q J 4 3 2	♣	K 9 6
West		South	
♠	8 5 2	♠	A Q 7 6 3
♥	A 3	♥	8 4
♦	J 9 5 4	♦	K Q T 8 2
♣	A 8 7 5	♣	T

At the key point:

North		East	
♠	--	♠	--
♥	Q	♥	K J 7
♦	A 7	♦	6 3
♣	J 4 3	♣	9
West		South	
♠	--	♠	Q
♥	--	♥	--
♦	J 9 5 4	♦	K Q T 8 2
♣	8 7	♣	--

Note the effect that leading the ♠ Q has on West. West finds himself caught between a rock and a hard place. (Continued on p. 7)

Carelessness can cost game

(Continued from page 6)

Since a club discard is fatal, West is forced to pitch a diamond and hope his partner holds the singleton or doubleton queen of diamonds. The defense fares no better with a diamond pitch, as South's diamonds are now all good.

Suppose instead that the layout had been this:

North	
♠ K J	
♥ Q T 5 2	
♦ A 7	
♣ Q J 4 3 2	
West	East
♠ 8 5 2	♠ T 9 4
♥ A 7 3	♥ K J 9 6
♦ 6 3	♦ J 9 5 4
♣ A 9 8 7 5	♣ K 6
South	
♠ A Q 7 6 3	
♥ 8 4	
♦ K Q T 8 2	
♣ T	

The play follows the same lines until...

North	
♠ --	
♥ Q	
♦ A 7	
♣ J 4 3	
West	East
♠ --	♠ --
♥ 7	♥ K J
♦ 6 3	♦ J 9 5 4
♣ 9 8 7	♣ --
South	
♠ Q	
♥ --	
♦ K Q T 8 2	
♣ --	

The spade queen is led (pitching a club from dummy) and West easily parts with a heart as does East. A diamond to the Ace and then the jack of clubs now squeezes East in the red suits. Forced to hold onto the heart king, East must relinquish a diamond, and all of South's diamonds are good.

As the hand was laid out, there was only a simple squeeze against West. Leading the last trump, keeping the ♥Q and pitching a club would keep alive squeeze possibilities against both opponents. I couldn't have been sure which opponent was



going to be squeezed, (if either), however with possible threats in 3 different suits, the chances were decent that something good would happen, or that somebody might make a mistake.

Cashing the spade queen had no effect on my hand or my holdings – but it would have had a catastrophic effect on my opponent. I knew I should have cashed that last spade, and failing to do it was pure carelessness.

You don't have to be an expert in squeeze play to know that when you no longer need your trump to protect you if the opponents gain the lead, that you should lead them out. Most of the time, nothing great will happen, but every once in a while, it can pay off BIG!

Oh by the way, at the other table, our teammates played in 3NT.

After a heart lead and return, in the fullness of time, the defense took 5 tricks so we pushed the board. If I make 4S, we win 10 imps, the margin by which we lost the match.

By the time the match was over, that 10 imps would have come in handy.



BRIDGE PLAYERS KNOW



**THAT GOOD HABITS
ARE OUR BEST FRIENDS**

Special Roman Key Card after Preemptive Opening Bids



By Ginny and Jeff Schuett

Dealer: S Vul: none

Opening Lead: ♠K

North
 ♠ A654
 ♥ 4
 ♦ K104
 ♣ AKQJ2

West
 ♠ KQ102
 ♥ QJ76
 ♦ 653
 ♣ 105

South
 ♠ 73
 ♥ 952
 ♦ AQ9872
 ♣ 74

East
 ♠ J98
 ♥ AK1083
 ♦ J
 ♣ 9863

Suggested Bidding :

South	West	North	East
2♦	P	4♣	P
4♠	P	6♦	All P

South opens a weak 2♦ and North, of course, figures game is certain, but look a little further. Try to count tricks. You have first or second control of all suits and a solid source of side suit discards in clubs for discards of losers.

If needed, partner can ruff hearts in dummy. If partner has nothing more than AQxxxx of diamonds, 12 tricks are easy. Keeping in mind that preempts are getting more and more aggressive, it would be nice to be able to ask partner without going beyond 5♦. Another important point is that a preempt rarely is made with more than 2 keycards and the Q of trump, so all the standard RKC steps are not needed.

Today, many regular duplicate players have adopted a bid called special 0-1-1-2-2 RKC over opening preempts. The steps are as follows:

- Step 1 = 4D = 0 keycards
- Step 2 = 4H = 1 keycard without the Q of trump
- Step 3 = 4S = 1 keycard with the Q of trump
- Step 4 = 4NT = 2 keycards without the Q of trump
- Step 5 = 5C = 2 keycards with the Q of trump

The first three steps come up the most and save you lots of bidding space. Using the example hand above, South has one keycard plus the Q of trump, so North can confidently bid 6♦.

If the opening preempt is 3♣, use 4♣ as furthering the preempt and 4♦ as the special RKC ask. We suggest you only play this with regular partners, after discussion, but it is a good addition to your slam bidding toolkit.

I usually put 0-1-1-2-2 under slam conventions as a good memory aid as we always review our convention card before playing with any regular partner. Good Luck!!

Ginny & Jeff Schuett – bridge teaching, directing, play phone 847-940-7236 Email=jgschuett2@comcast.net

Play bridge, play for gold, play to aid disaster relief in North America

Register Week 1 – Dec. 9-14 Register Week 2 – Dec. 16-21

Want to make a difference while playing the game you love? Gold for Good: A Bridge Event for Disaster Relief gives you the chance to support hurricane-affected communities in south-eastern United States and have the chance to win gold masterpoints from your usual afternoon session pair games, whether at a club, sectional or regional.

Why You Should Join:

Help Where It's Needed Most: Working in conjunction, the ACBL and the ACBL Charity Foundation will support [World Central Kitchen](#) and [Direct Relief](#). 100% of your \$30 registration fee – one each week you participate – will be donated to the cause (The ACBL will cover any credit card fees.)

Feel even more generous? You will be able to make additional donations – coming soon! **Go for Gold Points in All Afternoon Session Pair Games:** Play in the afternoon sessions during each separate week and be part of a larger event scored like a Side Series at a regional. The top player earns 20 gold points, and the top 25% of each pool ([further explained in the FAQ](#)) will also receive gold points.

There are two separate weeks of Gold for Good, each six days long. That's two chances to win! To qualify, you need to play in at least two sessions (you can play in as many as six). Any face-to-face pair game in an afternoon session during the series dates counts, even special games. At least one game must be a face-to-face game; all games from Virtual Clubs and the ACBL Clubhouse are averaged and considered as one result. For more information, go to the ACBL website.



Connect with players in Facebook Group

The CCBA has a Facebook group where Chicago area players, club owners, and teachers can make bridge-related announcements, share information, and interact with each other.

If you are a Facebook user, you may have already received an invite. Simply accept the invite to become part of the group.

If you haven't received an invite, go to Groups in Facebook, search for CCBA, and

request to join the group. You'll be asked a few simple questions about your connection to the CCBA, and an administrator will approve your request.

Once a member, you'll be able to invite other players to join as well. This is a private group, which will help us avoid spam and trolls.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Facebook. Please post in the Discussion area any ideas you have regarding the site.



Dates set for 2025NABC

The dates for the 2025 North American Bridge Championships are set. First up will be the spring event in Memphis, TN.

It will take place March 12-23, and it is now possible to make reservations for the Sheraton or Crown Plaza. The rate is \$169 per night, plus tax.

For assistance, contact Conference Direct at (855) 956-0776 or email acbl@conferencedirect.com.

The summer NABC will take place July 24-August 3 in Philadelphia, The final one of the year will be November 27-December 7 in San Francisco.

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Here's
an easy
way to
find a
bridge
teacher



Are you looking for a bridge teacher to learn bridge or improve your skills? If so, you may want to check out the CCBA Teacher Tracker at bridgeinchicago.com. It provides the names of area bridge teachers along with their contact information.

If you are a teacher, you may want to be included in the Tracker or to have your information updated. If so, contact Jamie Rubenstein, CCBA Communications Committee cochair at jamierube76@gmail.com.

Help Needed for GNT

Volunteers are needed on February 21 at the White Eagle Restaurant in Niles to set up for the Grand National Teams, and on February 23 to tear down. If you can help, please contact Suzi Subeck at stansubeck@prodigy.net.



In 'Novel' Twist, Player Turns Author

By Jamie Rubenstein

Over the years, Rick Schoenfield, a 73-year-old Westchester player with 4,000 MPs, has carved out an enviable reputation as a well-skilled lawyer, teacher, and scholar, but now is adding author to his resume.

His 297-page non-fiction book, *The Soldiers Fell Like Autumn Leaves*, details a post-Revolutionary War clash near the Ohio/Indiana state line. The battle is described as “the U.S.’s greatest defeat in the wars against indigenous peoples.”

Rick said that some might see the Battle of the Wabash as an obscure occurrence in U.S. history, but he said the battle is significant on many fronts—tactical, ideological and environmental. It pitted Midwest tribes against the U.S. Army.

Since July, with the backing of Westhome Publishing of Yardley, PA, Rick has been promoting his book by speaking in book stores and at various events. He first informal discussion of the book, however, was before fellow partners and players at the Hinsdale Duplicate Bridge Club.

“We know and admire Rick, and when I heard about his book, I asked him to speak,” said Diane Martin, owner of the Hinsdale Club.

Rick said he initially became fascinated with the battle, wanting to learn how the native Americans were able to rout the U.S. Army even though they were outnumbered two to one, and the soldiers were camped on higher ground with artillery.

Rick began researching the battle and making plans to write a book 12 years ago, but decided he was not ready. His research included visiting the “Battle of Wabash” blockhouse/stockade site at Fort Recovery, Ohio, in 2013 and again last October to meet with the president of the Fort Recovery Historical Society and the site manager. To complete his research, Rick spent hours scouring through scores of reports, journals, diaries, congressional testimony and recollections of participants in the event.

He also examined transcripts of tribal speeches, Indian/U.S. peace negotiations and remarks from Shawnee Chief Blue Jacket, who was in the battle along with a British commander at Fort Detroit.

In researching the book, Rick recalls being influenced by the writings of Oliver Spencer, who was captured as a child by the Shawnee, and by studying an extensive Indian oral history in a journal by British trader Henry Ray.

“The biggest surprise,” he said, “was to discover that a widely acclaimed book written after the French/Indian War—26 years before Battle of the Wabash—warned the U.S. military against employing the tactics that it relied on during the Wabash battle,”

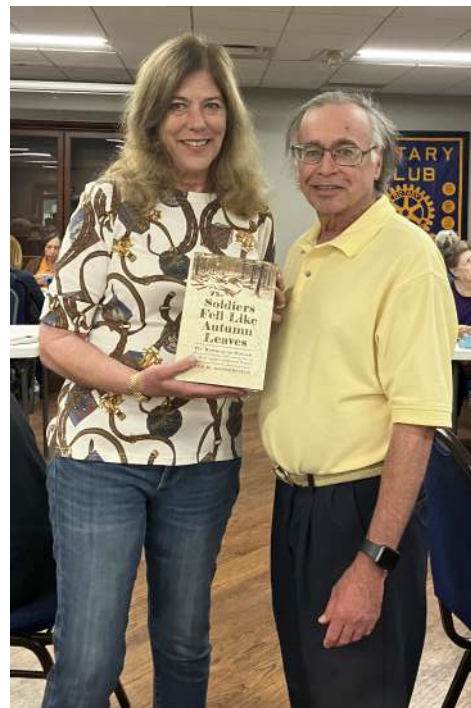
Rick takes pride in coining the term “Maumee Confederation” in regard to the 10 tribes including Maumee which figured into the historical record of the battle. Experts write that the Maumee Confederation victory stymied U.S. expansion into the Northwest Territory and Great Plains for four years.

“No other native American battle from colonial times to Geronimo affected so many lives,” writes Rick.

Meanwhile on the bridge scene, some of Rick’s partners like David Bogolub Chuck Sheaff, and Dan Swartzman have all got in line in support of his book writing venture. Swartzman said, “The book’s environmental theme provides a new perspective on the conflict between settlers and American Indians.”

And then there is friend and bridge-pro Eric Rodwell, of Clearwater Beach, Florida, who is mentioned in the book’s notes. Rick said that Eric, in his book, *Rodwell Files*, writes “that bridge is a game of imperfect information and so I paraphrased in my book that life is a game of imperfect information.”

“In bridge,” he said, “we try to give partners a picture of our hand with bids and signals. In writing history, the parallels are to obtain all the available information to form a picture of the events



Diane Martin holds, left, displays Rick Schoenfield, 's book.

and their context and then without sacrificing accuracy, to paint a word picture describing what happened and the world in which it happened.”

As an example, in one of his chapters on the “fate of the forest,” Rick urges the reader to “picture in your mind a dense, old-growth forest stretching as far as you can see, broken here and there only by a river, small streams and perhaps a meadow, prairie, a bog or a well established Indian trail.”

Hardly surprising, his book won rave reviews including one by the Journal of the American Revolution which said “Schoenfield is a masterful storyteller and when reading it is easy to get lost in the world he describes.” Concluded another, “this well-written account presents new information and fine assessment of the battle, with Schoenfield adding an important environmental dimension suggesting that what was at stake in the Indian wars was not simply who would control the land but whether the forests would survive.” Rick’s book is available in various libraries and online.

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 847-398-3440
10:30 Monday	Ace of Clubs	Temple Jeremiah 937 Happ Road, Northfield	Daryl Novack 847-810-9272
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 708-207-1500
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 847-810-9272
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 248=224-2553
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 8th and Madison, Hinsdale	Diane Beyer Martin 708-207-1500
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11:00 am. Friday	Naper DBC	Community United Methodist Church 20 S. Center St., Naperville	James Diebel 630-244-0202
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
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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

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December 5-7	Mad City Sectional, Patrick Henry Building, 313 Beltline Highway, Madison, WI
December 10	ACBL-wide International Fund Game – 3rd of 3
December 16-22	ACBL Stardust Week
December 16-21	STaC

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January 31-February 2	WinterFest Sectional, White Eagle Banquet Center 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles
April 9-13	STaC
July 9-13	Windy City Regional, White Eagle Banquet Center 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles,
August 30-September 1	Labor Day Sectional, Weber Center, Skokie
December 8-15	STaC

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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

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