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Twin brothers building winning reputation at local, national levels

By Jamie Rubenstein

Twin Sikh brothers, Manmit and Ranmit Pantle, 35, of Chicago, are making a name for themselves in 2025.

The beginning bridge players won District 13's Grand National Teams Flight C competition in February and will represent the district to the North American Bridge Championships finals to be held July 24-August 3 in Philadelphia.

Following that win, the soft-spoken Mumbai, India natives, made their way in March to the NABC in Memphis. There with a total score of 601.88, they finished second in the President's Cup Flight C Pairs final, winning 30 MPs. They finished just 0.25 MPs behind the winners. Sixty-eight pairs competed.

After the first day of qualifiers, they were ninth, but they were in second place for the final round. recalls Ranmit.

"That last session was nerve-racking, knowing that we were in contention."

Ranmit says their plunge into international duplicate competition a year ago was "completely unexpected, considering we knew nothing about the ACBL or masterpoints." Since beginning their competition play, Ranmit has earned about 100 masterpoints and Manmit has 70.

The brothers first became familiar with bridge a decade ago while undergraduates at an engineering college in India. They began playing in Chicago in May 2024 after Manmit, a weekend chess player, spotted a flyer advertising a bridge game at the Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club (CDBC). "So, on a whim, my brother and I decided to give it a try," said Ranmit.

At the CDBC, the Pantles learned about the Sunday

bridge game at Northwestern University, where Ranmit is studying for a doctorate in marketing. As a result, Ranmit landed a spot on the team for the Collegiate Championship at the Toronto NABC.



Beginning bridge players Ranmit (left) and Manmit Pantle.

"Competing in my first major bridge tournament with a fantastic group of teammates completely hooked me onto the game," Ranmit said. "With advice from Ben Fisk, the president of the Northwestern DBC, and Rahul Garga, the team accumulated 15 gold points."

Ranmit joked that Ben agreed "to partner with me as a social experiment to test his patience." He added, "The players at both CDBC and Northwestern have been incredibly welcoming, making our bridge journey even more enjoyable."

Manmit came to the U.S. in 2015 to work as an options trader at Maven Securities. Ranmit came five years later to work on a doctorate degree, which he will complete in 2026. They both have undergrad degrees in engineering from an engineering college in India.

The Pantles express gratitude for the support of the District 13 players in Memphis, and to those who called from Chicago.

"These are small gestures and yet, knowing someone's rooting for you makes a big difference," Manmit said.

Next, it is onward to the NABC in Philadelphia July 24-Aug. 3, with a likely stop beforehand at the Windy City Regional

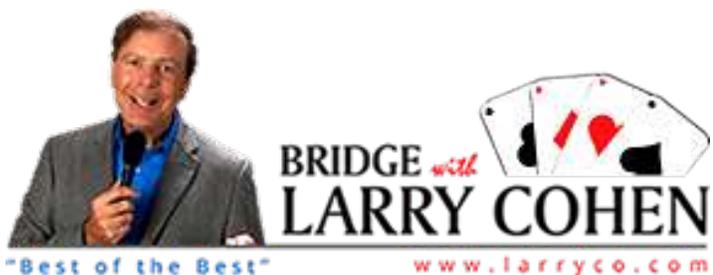
Windy City Tourney starts July 9



A Glimpse at the Past

A photograph of players enjoying the 2024 Windy City Regional Tournament held at the White Eagle Banquet and Restaurant in Niles.





What conventions should we play?

I am a staunch advocate of "less is more." My observation is that at every level of the game, players are using too many conventions. Too often I see players (from beginner to world champion) misusing or forgetting their methods. Everyone would benefit if they would just KISS. (Keep It Simple, Sweetheart). Don't spend all of your time learning new conventions instead of working on your play.

If I had to choose just 4 conventions, this would be my list:

- A)
1. [Negative Doubles](#)
 2. [Blackwood](#)
 3. [Stayman](#)
 4. [Jacoby transfers](#)

If you forced me to choose 4 more, this would be the next group:

- B)
5. [4th Suit GF](#)
 6. Methods (I prefer ["DONT"](#)) vs. Opponents' Notrump
 7. Weak jumps in competition
 8. 2NT ask ([Feature](#)) after our [Weak 2-bids](#)

If you insisted I fill my convention card with 12 conventions, these would be the next four:

- C) [Unusual notrump](#) / [Michaels bids](#), [New Minor Checkback](#), [Jacoby 2NT](#), [Support Doubles](#)

And, since people just love to learn/play/teach conventions, these would be my D-list -- choices 13-16:

- D) [Lebensohl](#), [Drury](#), [Inverted Minors](#), [Splinter Bids](#)



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Honestly, I think it would be counter-productive for 99% of players to go any further than this. The memory strain is not worth it. Someone once said, "The Road to Hell is Paved with Good Conventions."

Larry Cohen is a bridge player, writer, and teacher. He has won 25 North American Bridge Championships including the Vanderbilt and Spingold, and is in the ACBL Hall of Fame.



White Eagle Banquets in Niles, where several tournaments have been held, is being sold and will not be available after the end of this year. The CCBA is looking for site recommendations.

If you have a recommendation, please contact Suzi Subeck at stansubeck@prodigy.net, David Joyce at dajoyce21@gmail.com, or Jan Churchwell at jan8242@gmail.com or David Joyce at dajoyce21@gmail.com

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New Officers

Unit 123's Suzi Subeck was elected vice president of District 13 during its recent election of officers.

The other officers chosen are John Pereles, president; Yvette Neary, secretary, and Bill Higbee, treasurer.

District 13 consists of three units located in parts of Illinois and Wisconsin.



Club News

Yorkville Duplicate Club



The Yorkville club celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a buffet of Mexican goodies and other yummy treats, according to Karl Anderson, club owner and director.

Gold Life Master



Betty Steffek, center, celebrated becoming a Gold Life Master with her partners and opponents. Joining in the celebration were her daughters Susan (left) and Sharon, right. Betty treated everyone at the Calumet club to cake and lunch, according to Mary Schultz, club owner and director.

Unit 123 Windy City Regional

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

Wednesday July 9 10AM and 3PM

Open Pairs (Stratified)
Gold Rush Pairs (Stratified)

Thursday July 10 10AM and 3PM

Imp Pairs (Stratified)
Gold Rush IMP Pairs (Stratified)

Friday July 11 10AM and 3PM

Open Pairs (Stratified)
Gold Rush Pairs (Stratified)

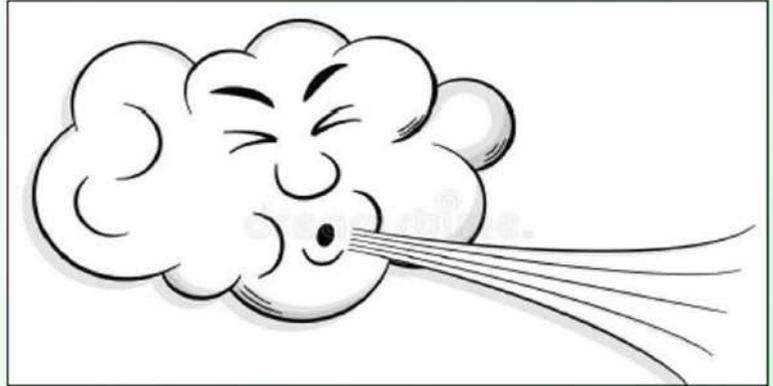
Saturday July 12 10AM and 3PM

Open Swiss Team (Stratified)
Gold Rush Pairs (Stratified)

Sunday July 13 10:00 and 1:30*

Open Fast Pairs (Stratified)
Gold Rush Fast Pairs (Stratified)

*Only a short break will be provided for lunch. Soup and bread from the onsite deli will be offered for purchase. It will cost \$5 at time of entry. (the rest of the cost is CCBA subsidized!). Players are welcome to bring their own food. **There will not be time to leave the building for lunch.** This event is expected to finish around 4pm.



Open Stratification: C=0-1999; B=2000-4999; A=5000+
MP Averaging
Gold Rush Stratification: 0-199; 200-399; 400-750
MP Averaging: NO player may be over 750!

To be eligible for overall Gold Points, Regional Events are offered daily as two-session events... however, if a player wishes to play in only one session, we will accommodate them. The decision to play one or two sessions **MUST** be declared at the time the entry is purchased. "Change of mind" will not allow a player with a good morning score to turn a one session entry into a two session entry at halftime!!

Tournament Chair: Betsy Downs
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Nearby Lodging Choices:

There are many hotels and motels in the area, most with excellent internet rates. We do not have an official bridge hotel, so it is recommended that players research this themselves and make their reservations ASAP.

The Holiday Inn Express at 7247 N. Waukegan Rd in Niles is the closest hotel at 0.7 miles from the playing site.

O'Hare area Hotels are 4-6 miles from the playing site.

Skokie and Morton Grove area Hotels are in the range of 5-9 miles from the playing site.

Note: O'Hare area venues may charge parking fees

Entry fees

\$16 per session/person/pair; \$64/session/team
\$8 for students with valid ID
\$4 surcharge for non members and unpaid members

Snacks, water, coffee and tea will be provided!
Lunch selections available at deli onsite for purchase...
Restaurant Guides with local eateries will be available for pick-up or reference at the Information Table.

USA2

BOARD: 39
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ A9543
♥ AQ96
♦ QJ72

♠ AT942
♥ 872
♦ K53
♣ 85

♠ J7653
♥ QJ
♦ T87
♣ T96

Par: 2140

NS	13	12	12	8	12
EW	0	1	1	5	1

♠ KQ8
♥ KT6
♦ J42
♣ AK43

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP
Wolfson	Bailey	Open	4♥ S	♦3 +2	680
		Closed	4♥ S	♥2 +2	680
Fleisher	Nickell	Open	5♥ S	♦3 +2	710
		Closed	6♣ N	♦7 =	1370
Rosenthal	Goodman	Open	6♣ N	♠5 =	1370
		Closed	5♥ S	♦3 +1	680

In Wednesday's third segment of USA2, only 2 pairs found the excellent 6C slam.

One was Nickell/Katz in Nickell/Fleisher. The other was Michael Rosenberg/Zach Grossack in Rosenthal/Goodman. At both tables, South opened a 14-17 NT. It can be difficult to find a slam in a 4-4 minor suit fit after an opening NT.

(This page courtesy of USBC Daily Bulletin, May 2, 2025)

W	N	E	S
			1NT
PASS	2♦	PASS	2♥
PASS	3♣	PASS	3♥
PASS	3♠	PASS	4♣
PASS	4♦	PASS	4NT
PASS	5NT	PASS	6♣
PASS	PASS	PASS	

2D=H
3H=other way to show useful minimum...usually have different hand than that
3S=shortness
5NT= 2+ void

♠ A9543
♥ AQ96
♦ QJ72

N Ralph Katz

♠ AT942
♥ 872
♦ K53
♣ 85

W Chip Martel

♠ J7653
♥ QJ
♦ T87
♣ T96

E Marty Fleisher

♠ KQ8
♥ KT6
♦ J42
♣ AK43

S Nick Nickell

OTHER S 5♥

NORTH 6♣

Fleisher led the D7 against Katz. Katz won the ace. He pulled rounds of trump ending in dummy. He cashed the HK and ran the HT to Fleisher's queen. Not only was it a "normal" restricted choice play, but also, it was no cost. If the HQ were with West, it would pick it up. If it lost, as it did, to East, the long hearts would give declarer a parking spot for his losing diamond.

Sometimes bridge is an easy game!

Goodman led the S5 against Michael Rosenberg. Passell covered the king with the ace and Rosenberg ruffed. Michael played the CQ and a club to the dummy. The S8 was ruffed with Michael's last trump and the H3 went to the HK. Michael extracted the last trump.

Like Katz, he ran the HT to the jack with East and claimed 12 tricks.

12 IMPs to both Nickell and Rosenthal

W	N	E	S
			1NT
PASS	2♦	PASS	2♥
PASS	3♣	PASS	4♦
PASS	5♣	PASS	6♣

2D=H
4D=double fit
5C=2KC out of 6+CQ and no HQ

♠ A9543
♥ AQ96
♦ QJ72

N Michael Rosenberg

♠ AT942
♥ 872
♦ K53
♣ 85

W Mike Passell

♠ J7653
♥ QJ
♦ T87
♣ T96

E Andy Goodman

♠ KQ8
♥ KT6
♦ J42
♣ AK43

S Zach Grossack

OTHER S 5♥

NORTH 6♣

Jim explains, demonstrates why Upside Down is superior system



Winning with Wimpy
By Jim Diebel

One of the most frequently asked questions I get is to explain UDCA again. Most (good) players know I play upside down count and attitude signals (UDCA). I endorse them so confidently; I began teaching newer players to use them in my classes. It's the first change that I suggest

players adopt who want to advance to the next level of this game.

The most frequent excuse is that "my partner won't do it." Why not check again? Maybe your partner is using the same excuse. Here are a few reasons to make the change.

With UDCA, there is less ambiguity when you want to encourage a continuation.

Suppose partner leads the ♣K (against a suit contract) in these situations:

- A.
- | | | |
|------|--------|------------|
| | North | |
| | ♣T 8 6 | |
| West | | East (You) |
| ♣K | | ♣J 9 3 |
- B.
- | | | |
|------|-------|------------|
| | North | |
| | ♣A 6 | |
| West | | East (You) |
| ♣K | | ♣J T 4 2 |

Partner's lead has promised the ♣Q. You would like partner to continue clubs. You want to signal encouragement to continue. In (A), would you rather play the three or the nine? Which card can you afford? Depending on partner's length in clubs, signaling with the nine might eventually cost a trick.

The biggest drawback to standard attitude signaling is that you are forced to determine which is the highest card you can afford and that your partner will recognize as high. In (B), you want to tell your partner to continue clubs if he regains the lead. What card can you afford if you are playing standard signals? The jack? Are

you going to risk that partner will know that the four is a come-on signal? Playing UDCA, the deuce sends the message you want.

When you want to discourage a continuation, you can usually afford to pitch your highest card.

Suppose partner leads the ♣K.

- | | | |
|------|--------|------------|
| | North | |
| | ♣T 8 6 | |
| West | | East (You) |
| ♣K | | ♣9 7 2 |

Do you think that any club of yours is going to matter to the defense? While it's true that playing standard signals that you can play ♣2 to discourage that suit, what have you gained? You've managed to keep a truly irrelevant card in a suit that you could care less about. These examples lead us to two noteworthy observations of the advantages of UDCA vs. Standard carding:

- I. UDCA allows you to *keep* high spot cards in suits you want to develop
- II. Using UDCA, you will frequently *burn* irrelevant high spot cards in hopeless suits.

With UDCA it is more difficult for declarer to false card to attempt to disguise his holding.

Suppose partner leads the ♣K in this situation:

- | | | |
|----------|--------|------------|
| | North | |
| | ♣9 7 6 | |
| West | | East (You) |
| ♣K Q T 8 | | ♣J 4 3 |
| | South | |
| | ♣A 5 2 | |

Playing standard signals, declarer can comfortably play the ♣2 under the ♣4, hoping to persuade West that you have played the most discouraging card you could, and induce West to shift, fearing that South may have ♣A J 3 2. Playing UDCA, you play the ♣3 on the first

trick and South will false card with the ♣5. West will wonder who holds the deuce, noting that if you held it, you must hold exactly ♣3 2 doubleton (or else you would have played a higher card). If the bidding has made it improbable that South holds 4 clubs, West will be able to work out to continue.

One of the best advantages of UDCA is that there is no card lower than the lowest outstanding card in a suit.

When you want to signal encouragement in a suit using standard methods, you will rarely play the highest outstanding card in the suit to show it. You can't afford it. Instead, you must play the highest card you think you can afford, and hope that your partner will be able to read it.

When holding the lowest outstanding card in a suit that you want continued, there can be no mistaking your signal. Declarer can try to false card with any card he likes, but the message is loud and clear.

When you don't want a suit continued, and you play what appears to be a high card, it will usually be all but impossible for declarer to play a card which may raise a doubt about the meaning of the signal. There will be too many missing lower cards for partner to be misled.

Why do we play Upside Down Count?

Truthfully, there's no great compelling reason to play Upside Down Count. The biggest reason for doing it is that it avoids us having to work out whether any given play is a count or an attitude situation. Often, the count and attitude will not be the same. Defending against a heart contract, consider:

- A.
- | | | |
|------|--------|------------|
| | North | |
| | ♣Q 8 6 | |
| West | | East (You) |
| ♣A | | ♣9 3 |
- B.
- | | | |
|------|--------|--------|
| | North | |
| | ♣J 8 6 | |
| West | | East |
| ♣A | | ♣Q 9 3 |

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Play of the Hand Issues in Matchpoints



By Ginny and Jeff Schuett

- ◆ Look for overtricks – especially if risks look low given the bidding or defense.
- ◆ Don't relax once you've made your contract.
- ◆ If you have all tricks but one, always run your winners and hope opponents get squeezed or discard incorrectly.
- ◆ If you are in a doubled contract and can make it or risk for overtricks, just make it.
- ◆ If you are in an unusual contract, play safe, especially if your score beats the "normal" score.
- ◆ Generally, do not make safety plays, Try to make every trick you can in a "normal" contract.
- ◆ Consider not using a standard holdup play if you have a reasonably good chance to make all the rest of the tricks.
- ◆ • If there is a risky finesse for an overtrick, try to postpone taking that finesse (to discard a loser) until the very end of the hand.
- ◆ Do not play for a longshot (<33%) to make your contract if doing so means being set extra trick(s).
- ◆ If you take a finesse, say for a

missing K when dummy has AQJ... and the finesse wins, then later in the hand, take the finesse again when it means an extra trick, even if you only have one card left in that suit. Only against top experts are defenders likely to duck a K when they could have won it.

- ◆ When faced with the decision to finesse with a singleton, say AQx opposite x, take a look to see if the finesse of the Q loses, can you later discard a possible loser on the remaining A. Be sure you have a sure entry to get to the A to take your discard.



Jim says Upside Down is superior system

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Partner leads ♣A (from ♣AK) In both of these cases, the defender plays the ♣3. In the first case, it's a **count** card because you are telling partner you can ruff the third round of clubs. In the second case, it's an **attitude** card because you can win the third round of the suit if partner continues.

Change the dummy to ♣T84, and your partner won't know if you are encouraging because you will **ruff** the third round, or **win** the third round. He only knows you are encouraging, and that's really all that matters.

In A, the opening lead (and dummy) call for a count signal. In B, the scenario calls for an attitude. Note that the signal is the same for both hands, despite the count being different. Now consider these:

North
♣J 9 5 4

West	East (You)
♣A	♣Q T 6 3

D. North
♣J 9 5 4

West	East (You)
♣A	♣Q T 3

Much like A, West needs to know if continuing clubs will promote a trick for South. In A, we played our lowest club to tell our partner that a continuation was safe.

Partner can see the ♣Q in dummy, so our encouragement can only indicate we will **ruff** the third round.

In B, we played our lowest club to tell our partner a continuation was safe. Partner doesn't know if we'll win the third round or ruff the third round. He doesn't care. Either way, it's safe to continue.

In C, we again play our lowest club to tell our partner that either we are ruffing the third club or winning it without promoting a trick.

Finally in D, we play the ♣10. We do this because if Declarer continues clubs, South will ruff either the second or third club and later enjoy the promotion of dummy's Jack.

When Dummy has length in the suit partner leads, we always give a **count**.

The general rule is that when Count and Attitude signals conflict, the **Count** always takes precedence.



**Unit 123 Labor Day Sectional
Weber Leisure Center
9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie
August 29th—September 1st, 2025**

Friday, Aug 29

10:00 am Pair/Team Game
3:00 pm Pair/Team Game

Saturday, Aug 30

10:00 am Pair/Team Game
3:00 pm Pair/Team Game

Sunday, Aug 31

10:00 am Pair/Team Game
10:00 am Chicago Invitational Pairs Qualifying* (*2-session event... sold as such*)
3:00 pm Invitational Pairs Final with Barometer Scoring
3:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs

*Both players **MUST** have been invited to play... prior qualification is required
All pairs **MUST** pre-register with Adrienne Cohen (contact information below)

Monday, Sept 1 Swiss Team - six 7-board matches with **short** lunch break after the 3rd match

Entry Fees: \$14.00/session \$7.00 students with proper I/D \$56.00/team/session

Stratifications: C: 0-1000; B: 0-3500; A: Unlimited

Between Sessions!
SATURDAY ALERT:
Free Diebel lecture,
Certain treat!
Eat a quick lunch &
Claim a good seat!



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With starting times at 10 and 3
Grabbing lunch comes easily.

Lots of choices ... your discretion.
Hurry back for second session!!



Celebrate Labor Day weekend at Unit 123 tournament in Skokie

Mark your calendars!

The District 123 Labor Day Sectional Tournament begins Friday, August 29 and runs through Monday, September 1, at the Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie.



Opening day kicks off with pair/ team games at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday features the same, with one exception. Well known bridge director and club owner Jim Diebel will give a mini=lesson between sessions.

Sunday showcases the prestigious Invitational Pairs game, with the qualifying round at 10 a.m. and the Invitational Pairs Barometer Final at 3 p.m.

Tournament Chair Steve Donahue said that to participate in the Invitational Pairs game, both players must have been invited to play. See bridgeinchicago.com for information about the Conditions of Contest. Pre-registration is required. For information, check with IP Chair Adrienne Cohen (dolly370@aol.com; 630-699-5050)."

Also on Sunday, there will be a pair/ team game at 10 a.m. and stratified open pairs at 3 p.m.

A favorite, Swiss Teams, will be held on Monday. There will be six 7-board matches with a short lunch break. Players needing partners can contact Partnership Chair Jan Churchwell at jan8242@gmail.com. Steve can be reached at spd47@aol.com or Assistant Chair Bob Maxson at bishopmaxson@yahoo.com.

For additional information, refer to the flyer on page 5. or check out the website bridgeinchicago.com, or refer to CCBA's Facebook page.

Strong Winds Blowing in Good Times For Windy City Regional, July 9-13

A strong wind is blowing in good times for all those who attend the Windy City Regional on July 9-13 at the White Eagle Banquet and Restaurant, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles.

You will want to be there on opening day when this exciting tournament by Unit 123 kicks off with Open Stratified Pairs and Stratified Gold Rush Pairs at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The schedule is the same on Friday.

On Thursday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., players will enjoy IMP Pairs and Gold Rush IMP Pairs. A favorite of many, Swiss Teams, will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday. For newer players, Gold Rush Pairs will begin at the same times on Saturday,

A new event has been added to the lineup on Sunday: Open Stratified Fast Pairs and Stratified Gold Rush Fast Pairs. The games will take place at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. This event is always fun.

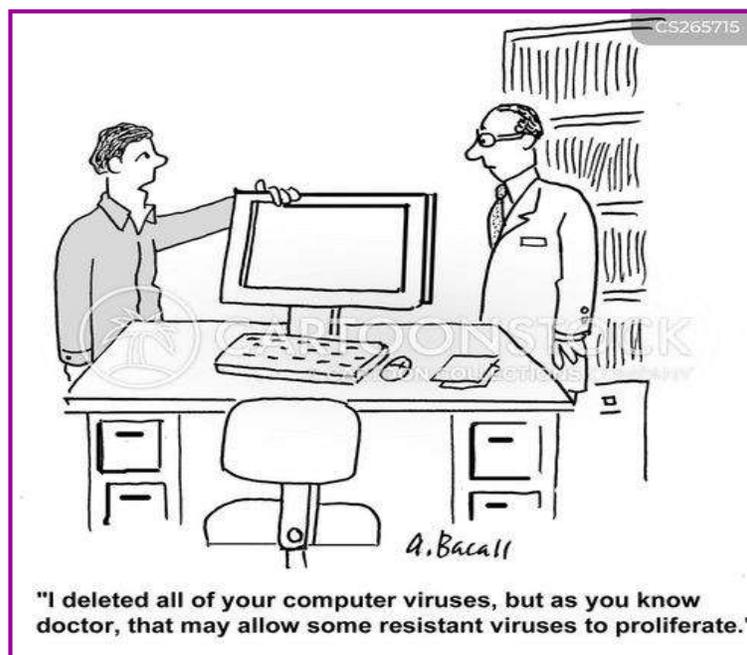
Tournament Chair Betsy Downs said that there will be a short break for lunch



on Sunday.

"Soup and bread from the onsite deli will be available. It can be purchased for \$5 at the time of entry. We expect games to end about 4 p.m. Sunday," she said.

For additional information, contact Partnership Chair Jan Churchwell at jan8242@gmail.com or Betsy at loverofbeagles@gmail.com or see the flyer on page 3, or check out the website bridgeinchicago.com, or refer to CCBA's Facebook page.



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 on Facebook. Please post in the Discussion area any ideas you have regarding the site.

When you are playing bridge, you are playing a mind sport

Did you know that bridge is one of the few games recognized as a "mind sport"?

It shares this title with games like chess and Go! The World Bridge Federation (WBF) is even recognized by the International Olympic Committee, highlighting the game's intellectual and competitive nature.



So when you play bridge, you're not just having fun - you're engaging in an officially recognized sport!

Share this fun fact with your friends and show them why bridge is more than just a card game!

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Dates set for 2025 NABC



The summer North American Bridge Championships will take place July 24-August 3 in Philadelphia. The host hotel is the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 1201 Market Street, Philadelphia. The room rate is \$199 per night, plus tax.

The final NABC of the year will be November 27-December 7 in San Francisco, California.

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



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.



Time	Club	Location	Contact
TBA Sunday	Northwestern Bridge Club	Parker Hill, Northwestern Univ. 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston	Ben Fisk 513-808-1443
9:15 a.m. Monday	Mundelein Area DBC	Freemont Twnship Office 22385 W. Rt. 60, Mundelein	Joseph Connelly 847-271-1666
10:15 a.m. Monday	Olympia DBC	Countryside Church 126 Smith St., Palatine, IL	Sue Erickson 847-398-3440
10:30 a.m. Monday	Ace of Clubs	Temple Jeremiah 937 Happ Road, Northfield	Daryl Novick 847-810-9272
11:00 a.m. Monday	Calumet DBC	Elks Club 3120 45th St., Highland, IN	Mary Schultz 245-224-2553
11:00 a.m. Monday	Oak Lawn DBC	Oak Lawn Tennis Club 10440 S. Central, Oak Lawn	Keith O'Malley 630-336-4376
11:30 a.m. 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 p.m. Monday	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Dearborn Station 47 W. Polk Street, Chicago	Patt Quinn 630-220-9058
12:30 p.m. 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 Novick 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 St., 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 a.m. 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	
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
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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 a.m. Thursday	12 Hearts	Freemont Township Administration 22385W. Route 60, Mundelein	Patricia Mayer 262-215-2566
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12 Noon Friday	Oak Park Country Club	Oak Park Country Club 2001 N. Thatcher, Oak Park	Joyce Sirota 708-203-4990
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12:30 p.m. Friday	The Clare	The Clare 55 E. Pearson, Chicago	Jim O'Neal
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9:30 am Saturday	Arlington Bridge B's	Park District Senior Center 1801 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights	Patricia Braun 847-506-3321



CALENDAR

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June 7-9	Minocqua-Lakeland Sectional, Woodruff Town Hall, Hwy 47 (1418 First Ave.), Woodruff, WI
June 17-19	Door County Sectional, Egg Harbor Library, 7845 Church St. Egg Harbor, WI (Advance registration required. Contact Chair Thomas Young at tmy096@aol.com)
June 25-28	Waukesha Sectional, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 2400 W. State Road 59, Waukesha, WI, Pair/team and 499 pairs daily.
July 9-13	Windy City Regional, White Eagle Banquet Center 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles,
August 30-Sept. 1	Labor Day Sectional, Weber Center, Skokie
October 16-19	Stan Subeck Central States Regional
December 8-15	White Eagle Banquet Center 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles Unit 123 STaC

Red indicates CCBA sponsored tournaments.

