



Kibitzer

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Congrats to Invitational Pairs Winners

CCBA Vice President Bob Maxson, center, presents trophies to the winners of CCBA's most prestigious event, Chicago Invitational Pairs. Taking the top prize were Craig Gardner, left, and George Jacobs.

The event was held during Unit 123's Labor Day Sectional in Skokie. Invitations to play in the event were sent out several weeks ago to players with a minimum of 1,300 masterpoints.

Forty-six pairs entered the game, which began with a morning qualifying round. Twenty-six moved on to the barometer final in the afternoon.



Congratulations to Chicago Invitational Pairs runner ups: Dan Levin, left, and Jim Dressler.

(Photographs by Kathleen Fortney)

Win red and gold Stan Subeck Regional Nov. 8-11 promises fun

Circle your calendar for the Stan Subeck Central States Regional at White Eagle Banquets and Restaurant, 6839 North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, from November 8-11.

Last year, after Stan Subeck's untimely passing, the Unit 123 Board of Directors voted to name the Central States Regional in his honor.

Stan was an amazing volunteer, working tirelessly to promote bridge in the Midwest and around the world. Stan's wife, Suzi, is chairing the tournament.



Suzi Subeck

"Players of all levels will enjoy competing for red and gold points during the 4-day event," Suzi said. "The tournament will feature Open Pairs, Gold Rush Pairs and a Monday Veterans' Day Swiss. All games are stratified."

Chicago's hospitality will include daily snacks. Coffee will be available at the site for purchase from 11am through the day.

For more information, contact Suzi at stansubeck@prodigy.net or Jan Churchwell, partnership chair, at jan8242@gmail.com.

The event flyer can be found on page 3 or can be accessed at www.bridgeinchicago.com.

Remember: First or second place in 2-session tournament events will qualify you for next year's Invitational Pairs!

The playing site is beautiful and well lit... perfect for playing



Celebration of Life Service Oct. 4 for the Millers

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Maribeth Miller, a former member of the CCBA Board of Directors, on September 10. During her tenure on the board, she chaired the Nominating Committee and was a member of other committees.

“While travel was never easy for Maribeth, suffering from MS, she made it a point to attend meetings and was a valuable member of the CCBA,” said Suzi Subeck, former CCBA president.

“Maribeth was a longtime partner of Rene McFall, and they played regularly in District 13 including the GNTs. Her smile and welcoming attitude will be missed by those whose lives she touched,” Suzi said.



Maribeth and Jeff Miller

Maribeth’s husband, Jeff, who was active in bridge at both the local and national level, passed away on May 7, 2021. Survivors include a son, Derek. A joint celebration of life will be held for the couple on October 4, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Dr., Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The couple met in Wisconsin and lived there prior to becoming longtime residents of Naperville. They moved to Arizona a few years ago.



Players having fun at the Labor Day Sectional.



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Everybody loves STaC

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

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

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

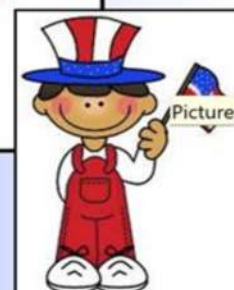
MP averaging but no player may be over 750

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

(Map and Covid Protocols on Back)

Remember the auction when playing the hand



*By Jim Diebel
Winning with Whimpy*

In a team game, with everybody vulnerable, you pick up: the following:
 ♠ A 9 8 2 ♥ K 8 5 ♦ A Q J T 8 ♣ 2. You open 1D and the auction continues:

South	West	North	East
1D	1S	2C	2S
3D	P	3H	P
3S	P	4D	P
5D	All Pass		

The opening lead is the ♠Q, and the following dummy comes down:

♠ 4
 ♥ A Q J 6
 ♦ 7 5
 ♣ A 8 7 6 5 4

♠ A 9 8 2
 ♥ K 8 5
 ♦ A Q J T 8
 ♣ 2

Let's consider the auction for a minute. South's 3D was perhaps a tad light, but the auction somewhat pinpoints shortness in spades in partner's hand. Notrump may be embarrassing. 3D seems to be the best of several flawed alternatives. Partner has too much to pass, so completes his picture with 3H. South, unsure where they are going, shows the spade control and North retreats to 4D. It might be best to pass this, but it's a vulnerable game at IMPs so South continues to 5D.

After the ♠Q lead, we should be able to place some honors in the opponents' hands.

The lead marks the ♠K with East. West didn't lead the ♠K so it's a reasonable assumption that he doesn't have ♣KQJ. If East holds the ♠K and a club honor, it's almost a sure thing that West holds the ♦K for his vulnerable overcall. Armed with these assumptions, what's our best chance to bring this contract home?

Option 1: Win ♠A, ruff a spade, and finesse ♦Q. If it lives, cash ♠A, hopefully bringing down the ♦K. Draw the remaining two trumps, pitch a spade on the long heart and make 12 tricks. Odds of success? In your dreams.

Option 2: Same as #1, but when ♦A doesn't bring down the ♦K, lead another high diamond, hoping for a 3-3 split. Opponents cash two spades. Down 1.

Option 3: Win ♠A, ruff a spade, and finesse ♦Q. Pray when West wins, the opponents have blocked the spade suit and can't cash two more. Odds of success: Little to none.

Option 4: Win ♠A, and finesse ♦Q. Pray that when West wins he doesn't lead back a trump. Odds of success: Depends on how bad you hope West might be.

Option 5: Win ♠A, ruff a spade, cross back to the ♥K, and ruff another spade. Now ♣A and ruff a club back to hand, Play ♦AQ, losing to West's ♦K, West can cash a spade, but South can ruff a club or a spade back to his hand and lead a high diamond. If diamonds divide 3-3, Declarer loses only a spade and a diamond. If diamonds are 4-2, Declarer will cash as many hearts as he can, and then the defense will take the rest. Odds of success: A 3-3 diamond split: 36%.

So far, the best line I've come up with isn't very good. Still, some chance is better than no chance. Most lines will culminate with Declarer losing control of the hand and/or the opponents cashing two spades before you can dispose of them.

Can you come up with anything better? I've already given you the clue. Make your decision before reading further.

The clue was losing control. If Declarer can avoid losing control, he has 11 tricks at his disposal. Do you see it? Declarer simply needs to duck the opening lead. Whether West wins this trick or East overtakes, no return can embarrass South. South cannot be prevented from ruffing a spade in dummy, drawing trump (losing one) and then pitching a spade on dummy's long heart.

The complete deal:

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

By keeping the ♠A, Declarer can score 4 diamonds, 1 spade, 1 club, 1 spade ruff, and 4 hearts.

There's something about losing a trick in a suit that appears to have no losers that makes it difficult to see. When there is a danger of losing control, ducking a trick early in the danger suit can make all the difference.



The Accidental Hobby... “This boy can bake.”

(Tom Dressing, a club owner and former CCBA officer, was asked by the Kibitzer to submit some recipes for the holiday season and to provide some background on how he became interested in becoming a wonderful baker. This is his story.)



Tom Dressing

I started baking not terribly long ago. During a visit to my mother in Pinehurst, she turned to me and said, “I love Pralines, would you please learn how to make them?” And with that simple request, I started on my baking journey. (But first, he made pralines for his mother.)

I fell in love with Pralines when I went to Commander’s Palace in New Orleans. The restaurant gave out pralines as after dinner treats at the host stand. I asked them for the recipe, and they gave it to me freely! Making a praline is working with hot boiling sugar and cream, and then letting it simmer down to the point where it caramelizes, tossing in some pecans, and then spooning them out onto some parchment paper. It only took me about four failed attempts before I got them right. Facebook friend me, and I’ll send you the recipe.

My second recipe which I mastered (which I will include the recipe here). came from my step-mother, and she made these wonderful cookies called Kitchen Sink Cookies for Christmas. They have a wonderful peanut buttery, chocolate, brown sugar taste that makes them irresistible. Just don’t over bake them.

Kitchen Sink Cookies

1 C butter (226g)
1 C brown sugar (210g)
1 C white sugar (200g)
2 large eggs
1 C Old Fashioned Oatmeal (80g)
1 C Rice Krispies (40g)

2 cups flour
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 cup or more of peanut butter (120g)
1 pkg chocolate chips (375g)
1/2 pkg of peanut butter chips (140g)
1 tsp vanilla

Heat your oven to 350 degrees.

Mix sugars and butter until fluffy. Add eggs and beat well. Stir in rest of ingredients and drop on greased pan. Bake for 10-12 minutes. Makes 5-6 dozen.

My next recipe is for the best tasting cinnamon rolls that you’ll ever have. I would say that they are never fail, as long as you trust your yeast minions to do their job. Make these in the evening before you go to bed, and when you wake up, they’ll be proofed and ready to go into the oven. And what a smell will fill your house!

Cinnabon “like” Cinnamon Rolls

Dough:

- 1 cup (240g) warm whole milk (yes, I’ve used almond milk, even half-n-half, it’s okay!)
- 1 (7g) package active dry yeast (about 2 1/4 teaspoons)
- 1/2 cup (100g) white sugar (100g)
- 1/3 cup (75g) unsalted butter, melted (but cooled)
- 1 tsp (6g) salt
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 4 1/2 cups (570g) (bread flour or regular flour – bread flour makes for a lighter cinnamon roll)

Filling:

- 1 cup (200g) brown sugar, packed (light or dark)
- 3 tablespoons ground cinnamon (I use a high quality cinnamon\.
- 1/3 cup (75g) unsalted butter, softened



Icing:

- 4 oz (120g) cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup (60g) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups (170g) confectioners’ sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

Dough Instructions:

Microwave milk for 45-60 seconds in the microwave until (about 100 degrees F). Place this in a stand mixer bowl.

Barely melt the butter, so that there are still un-melted pieces of butter that can be stirred to continue the melting process. Add this to the mixer bowl .. If the butter is too hot, it will kill the yeast!

Add the yeast into the mixer bowl along with a couple of tablespoons of the reserved white sugar. Let react for about 5 minutes to get the yeast active.

Add the remaining sugar, salt, eggs, and flour to the bowl and combine with dough hook for about 5 minutes. The dough should clear the bowl. If it still seems to be sticking, then add flour a tablespoon at a time until the dough reaches consistency.

Remove the dough ball from the mixer, and knead by hand on a lightly floured surface until smooth and pliable. It shouldn’t be sticky or “tough”.

Lightly grease a bowl with vegetable or olive oil (so that the dough won’t stick while it rises) and place your dough ball into the bowl and cover with plastic wrap.

Proof the dough until doubled+ in size (60 to 90 minutes should do). This can be done either on the counter, or in a microwave that has an incandescent bulb, or in an oven with a “PROOF” setting. Think “warm” not hot. You can also turn your oven up to 200 and then place the dough on the range top, in the vicinity of the vent so that the warmth from the vent keeps the bowl “warm” – not HOT!!

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Paying It Forward



Wende Dallain with her cash prize, which she promptly donated to the American Red Cross.

By Mary Schultz

Owner and director of Fox Bridge

Tom Moran played in the Chicago area for decades, most frequently at the Fox, Hinsdale, and Naperville bridge clubs.

He was a longtime member of the social bridge club in the western suburbs, Millennium Bridge, which has existed for over 40 years. One season is 10 games, with member partners with a different player in each game. The club charges nominal dues to fund cash prizes.

Tom resigned from the club in the fall after three games, but went out on a high note, in first place for the 2023-24 season.

Before his death in November 2023, Tom kindly paid the dues for his replacement, Wende Dallain, who held the lead all season and received the cash prize. Within the hour, she donated her prize to the American Red Cross in Tom's memory.



The Accidental Hobby

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Filling Instructions:

In a small bowl, thoroughly combine brown sugar and cinnamon. (I find this kind of “satisfying” to mix using my fingers!!)

Sprinkle flour onto a large surface and **roll the dough** into a roughly 18x24 inch rectangle about 1/4 inch thick.

With an off-set knife (or perhaps the flat blade of a spatula), spread **to the edges** the 1/3 cup of softened butter. Sprinkle the brown sugar and cinnamon mixture onto the rolled out dough **to the edges**.



Roll up dough starting on the long edge tightly. You can stretch the dough a bit as you roll it to keep it tight.

With a serrated knife, cut the long roll in half. Then cut each of the halves, in half yet again. Then depending on your preference (I make 12), you can either cut these in thirds or in quarters

Baking Instructions:

At this point, you have a choice – cover them, proof them for a couple more hours on the countertop and bake.

Or, put/wrap them into a container and then pop them into the freezer or you can proof them overnight on the counter. When you ready them to bake, you want the proofed rolls to be snugged together—no gaps.



If baking now or the following morning, place rolls in a lightly greased 9x13 inch glass baking dish, spiral side up, evenly separated so that they can proof again.) Cover loosely with plastic wrap and let rise until nearly doubled, about 30-60 minutes or overnight.

If you freeze them, then when ready to bake, take them out of the freezer, put them into the container you're going to bake them in, and then let them thaw/proof overnight on the counter. They should be puffy and ready to go in the morning.

When ready to cook, heat the oven to 350 degrees. Bake until golden brown – about 19-24 minutes.

Icing:

While rolls are baking, beat together cream cheese, butter, confectioners' sugar, vanilla extract and salt.

Spread half the frosting on them while they are still warm so that the frosting melts into the rolls. It will soften the rolls while making them gooier at the same time. Use the remaining icing after rolls are cool.

Let cool (sugar can be scoldingly hot!!!) Enjoy!



If you're interested in making some great dinner rolls that will pair well with your dinner on Thanksgiving, here's a great recipe. Cranberry Walnut Dinner Rolls — <https://www.browneyedbaker.com/cranberry-walnut-rolls> -- and if you say “Oh, these have yeast in them, I can't make them,” please get that thought out of your mind. Bread baking is as old as civilization itself, and if the ancients can do it, so can you.

Improving Your Defense – When to lead Trump



By Ginny and Jeff Schuett

Defense is a very hard part of bridge, where you have to deduce what to do from the bidding,

The opening lead, and what part of dummy is useful to declarer. Sometimes those deductions are subtle. The hand below was one I played in a regional Swiss game recently. I used the big double to show my great strength, but I knew that partner had very little when West raised to 2S.

Dealer W
Neither Vul
Lead: ♠9

NORTH
♠ JT5
♥ T83
♦ 85
♣ 87532

WEST
♠9

EAST
♠AQ843
♥J92
♦T3
♣K6

BIDDING

W	N	E	S
P	P	1♠	Dbl
2♠	P	P	3♥

ALL PASS

West leads the ♠9 after raising to indicate no honor. East should win the ♠A and consider what value this dummy might have. At the table, East shifted to a low diamond, ducked to West's J and he cashed his ♦A and now led a trump.

I won the ♥A and ruffed a low ♦ with ♦K falling. I took a ♣ finesse, pulled trump and claimed, making 10 tricks.

East should consider that dummy is likely to only have value if South can ruff losing ♦8. Therefore, East should shift at trick two to a low ♥. Then when I lead a low ♦ to try to setup a ruff, EW can lead another trump, ultimately denying me the ability to ruff any diamond at all.

In addition, I cannot reach the dummy to take the club finesse, so with a trump shift and best defense, I end up DOWN TWO, losing 1♠ + 4♦ + 1♣.

This type hand is pretty common, so try to think ahead about what value dummy has to declarer.

NORTH
♠ J105
♥ 1083
♦ 85
♣ 87532

WEST
♠ 972
♥ 64
♦ AJ74
♣ J1084

EAST
♠AQ843
♥J92
♦ K103
♣ K6

SOUTH
♠ K6
♥ AKQ75
♦ Q962
♣ AQ

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Have a Laugh

Q: What do you call four bullfighters in quicksand? A: Quattro sinko.

Ed: The same bike tries to run me down every day. Fred: Sounds like a vicious cycle...

Q: Why should you never date tennis players? A: Love means nothing to them.

Q: How do you weigh a millennial? A: In Instagrams.

Jenny: I can tell if someone is lying just by looking at him. Penny: Really? Jenny: Yep. I can tell if he is standing too.

Fred: Can you tell me about that new do-it-yourself orthodontist? Ted: Brace yourself

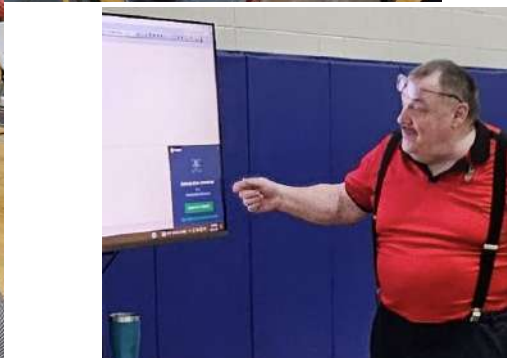
Q: What happened to the guy who sued over his missing luggage? A: He lost his case.

Babies born on March 31 are the easiest "April Fools." They were literally born yesterday!

Marriage Counselor: So, what brings you here today? Wife: He takes everything literally. I can't stand it. Husband: My truck.

Q: What weighs more, a gallon of water or a gallon of butane? A: The water. Butane is lighter fluid.

Wonderful Memories of Unit 123's Labor Day Sectional



*Photos by
Kathleen Fortney
And Betsy
Downs*



MP requirements from those joining after Jan. 1, 2010

Junior Master	5
Club Master	20 At least 5 are black
Sectional Master	50 At least are 10 black, At least 5 are silver
Regional Master	100 At least 15 are black, At least 15 are silver, At least 5 are red/gold/platinum
NABC Master	200 At least 20 are black, At least 25 are silver, At least 20 are red/gold/platinum, of which 5 or more are gold/platinum
Advanced NABC Master	300 At least 50 are black At Least 50 are silver At least 50 are red/gold/platinum, of which 25 or more are gold/platinum
Life Master	500 At least 75 are black, At least 75 are silver, At least 100 are red/gold/platinum, of which 50 or more are gold/platinum
Bronze Life Master	A Life Master with 750 *
Silver Life Master	A Life Master with 1000 * At least 200 are silver/red/gold/platinum
Ruby Life Master	A Life Master with 1500 * At least 300 are silver/red/gold/platinum
Gold Life Master	A Life Master with 2500 * At least 500 are silver/red/gold/platinum
Sapphire Life Master	A Life Master with 3500 * At least 700 are silver/red/gold/platinum, of which 350 or more are gold/platinum
Diamond Life Master	A Life Master with 5000 * At least 1000 are silver/red/gold/platinum, of which 500 or more are gold/platinum
Emerald Life Master	A Life Master with 7500 * At least 1500 are silver/red/gold/platinum, of which 750 or more are gold/platinum
Platinum Life Master	A Life Master with 10000 * At least 2000 are silver/red/gold/platinum, of which 1000 or more are gold/platinum and at least 100 are platinum
Grand Life Master	A Platinum Life Master with a victory in an eligible event **

* A Member who became a Life Master prior to January 1, 1990, will be exempt from the pigmented point requirements for this rank. Each player who has attained the rank of Life Master as of December 31, 2011, will not have to fulfill the pigmented point requirements for their next rank advancement. After attaining their first rank after January 1, 2012, all players will be required to fulfill the pigmented point requirements for subsequent rank advancement (this also applies to the new ranks added in 2015). For example, a current Silver Life Master on December 31, 2011, would retain the current requirements for Gold Life Master, would not have any pigmented requirements for Ruby Life Master, but would need to fulfill the new requirements for Sapphire and Diamond Life Master.

Congratulations Rank Advancers

Junior Club Master

Eric Hinds
Kimberly Kiyosaki
Linda Levine
Nesrine Maalouf
Richard Moore
Shirley Moore
Heidi Nieman
Judy Nigro
Michael Nigro
Ranmit Pantle
Alison Park
Elan Ravishankar
Maureen Schechtman
Kimberly Smith
Marina Tharmaratnam

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Stephanie Kiefer
Nicole Qian
Larry Rapsky
Carolyn Short
Soraya Tonos
Zhaofeng Wang

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Mady Elman
Marcy Levin
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Ashley Szymiski
Leon Teichneri

Ruby Life Master

Philip Moss
Mark Pinkowski
Daiva Vitukynaite

Gold Life Master

Mark Freuh
Sue Hanneman

Sapphire Life Master

Georgann Humphrey

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. 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.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

All Month International Fund Games
 September 11 ACBL-wide International Fund Game – 2nd of 3
 September 12-14 Wausau Sectional, Covenant Community Church,
 18056 Weston Avenue, Schofield, WI

OCTOBER

October 10 ACBL-wide Senior Pairs – 2nd of 2
 October 16 Erin Berry Rookie/Master Game
 October 30 ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game

NOVEMBER

November 8-11 Stan Subeck Regional, White Eagle Events Ctr.,
 Niles
 November 12-18 District 13 STaC
 November 14-16 La Crosse Sectional
 Henry J. Olson Center, 1607 North Street,
 La Crosse, WI

DECEMBER

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
Red indicates CCBA sponsored tournaments.

Dates set for 2025 NABC



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 in Memphis. 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.

Connect with players in CCBA's 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.



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
12:15 Thursday	Chicago Duplicate Bridge	Dearborn Station 47 W. Polk Street, Chicago	Patt Quinn 630-220-9058

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10:30 am Friday	Tom's Game	Temple Jeremiah 937 Happ Road, Northfield	Tom Dressing 847-323-4602
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
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



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