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Kathy's Corner

We are wrapping up our membership drive and getting ready to print a new directory. I would appreciate all members to check our edit list to make sure we have correct information for the new directory. If you are one of the few who have not paid dues yet this year, please send a \$15 check to the Bridge Center as soon as possible. So far I have collected from 193 players. This is down about 30 from last year. The table counts for this year continue to be about 20 tables per month less than last year. On average this year we have had 265 tables per month.

To help build our club back up I would like to have 2 more teachers and 2 more game directors. Our current staff is really pushed to the limits, especially when someone wants to take some time away. It takes some time of preparation for either of these positions so I would like to have you start now to be ready for fall or winter. If you have any interest in either position, talk to me about the possibilities and preparation needed. Novice players are excellent prospects for either position.

Four of us attended the seminar on teaching bridge to kids. If you are interested in helping in any way with a youth program, please let me know. This is something the board of directors voted that they want our club to have, but we need more volunteers to build a program.

Evan, from Foster Electrical Assembly, the company that shares our building, uses the garage door on the west side of our building for deliveries. He will park there and has asked that we not park in front of the garage door. Please respect his need for that space.

Our library is only as good as the books in it. We have had players donate some excellent books and the club spent memorial money to add some of the highly recommended titles. It is sad that many of our best books are missing. Please return the books you borrow.

I encourage you to get the Advocate, our district newsletter. It is sent online and is bimonthly. You can add your name to the list at <http://advocate.district8acbl.com> You can also get to it from our website through links and District 8 Homepage.

Kathy

Director Tip - Irregularities.

Only the director may impose a penalty or correct an irregularity. If the players at the table make a decision the director may allow or he may CANCEL the action. The only one who can make these decisions is the director. Gene

President's Page by David Wilson

Greetings. As I write the Rockford Regional is in progress and I hope you are experiencing some success. This is a really great regional and a very good opportunity to get some experience in Tournament Bridge. Don't pass it up.

Here at the club changes are still underway. Tara Murfich, our vice-president, is taking charge of making sure we all know of any members passing. She will see that e-mails are sent out through our network. If you know of anyone who has passed on please call or email her, she's in the book. Cathy Wright has accepted the position of being our "sunshine person" and will see that a card is

available for members to sign for anyone who is sick or in the hospital. She will need your help. Please call or email her about anyone needing a "get well" card. She's also in the directory. Pat Tangora and Mary Simonson have agreed to serve on a committee to send postcards to those members that have been missing at the table for an un-acceptable period of time. The postcards will simply say that we notified they haven't been present for awhile and encourage them to rejoin us at the Club for some more good Bridge times. "Snowbirds" we know about, we won't waste postage on them.

I want to thank these good people for the continued effort to make the Bridge Center the "King of Clubs". We cannot be the best without our members volunteering and our membership has often helped without being asked. Sadly we have lost some good members lately who did a lot for the Center, we need help to fill those really big shoes. Think about it and tell Kathy you would like to pitch in someday. Betcha she can find something useful for you to do.

One last note on this theme. We are in danger of not having enough Directors to direct all our games. We need some new people to become directors. You do not have to be a Life Master to become a director and Kathy can give you all the training that you need. You do need to pass a test which Kathy will administer. I will be making the rounds to ask some of you to consider taking this step in your Bridge career. Some you I might "bug" more than once! Smile, it's always nice to be needed. See ya at the Bridge table.

Special Games

NAP Qualifiers

July 7 Wed 12:30	July 13 Tue 6:30	July 22 Thu 12:30	July 29 Thu 6:30
July 9 Fri 12:30	July 19 Mon 12:30	July 27 Tue 12:30	August 8 Sun 1:00
August 24 Tue 6:30	August 27 Fri 12:30		

AP – North American Pairs is the only pairs event which allows you to qualify at the club level to play at the district level where you can win a trip to the final, which is a national event! North American Pairs is a grassroots competition with many rewards, including 1/2 red, 1/2 black masterpoints at the club level, a percentage of gold points for two-session district qualifying games and gold points for section tops and overalls in district finals. **Club qualifying takes place June – August.** District playoffs will be held November 13 in Springfield, IL. The Championship will be held during March 2011 at the Spring NABC in Louisville KY. Bridge Center of Rockford has many players qualify in the club who do not take advantage of the opportunity at the district level to win the trip to the NABC. I would like to encourage more of you to participate in Springfield. Members of our club have won the trip to the final. There are not many C players who compete at district, so you would have a good chance to win! Good Luck to all who qualify at the club! Be sure to pick up a qualification slip if you plan to go to Springfield. ACBL sets the strata for these games: A = Open, B = 0-2000, C = 0-500.

Club Tournaments			
August 4	Wed 12:30	August 15	Sun 1:00
August 5	Thu 12:30	August 16	Mon 12:30
August 13	Fri 12:30	August 18	Wed 9:00
		Sept 30	Thu 6:30
August 23	Mon 7:00	August 31	Tue 12:30
		Sept 21	Tue 6:30
International Fund Games			
Sept 2	Thursday 6:30	Sept 5	Sunday 1:00
Sept 6	Monday 7:00	Sept 9	Thursday 6:30
Sept 19	Sunday 1:00	Sept 23	Thursday 12:30 & 6:30
		Sept 26	Sunday 1:00
		Sept 30	Thursday 6:30


SPECIAL EVENTS

Strata-Flighted Pairs Game Flights - Open and 0-300
Saturday July 24 12:30

Unit Sanction Game – Extra Masterpoints


8 is Enough Swiss Team Game Saturday August 28 12:30
Unit Sanction – Extra Masterpoints

Instant Matchpoint Game Thursday 6:30PM September 16

		
July 17	August 21	September 19
<p>All Birthday Bashes in 2010 will have 2 sections. One section will be limited to players with less than 200 masterpoints. We hope this will encourage more players to enjoy these great social events.</p>		

Changing Scenes

Congratulations to the following members achieving a new level of bridge accomplishment.

	
Junior Master	Patricia Hebert, Beverly Capone, Bruce Peterson, Maryanne Peterson
Club Master	Karen Weedman, Joyce Nimocks
Sectional Master	Jo Marie Paul, Patricia Tangorra, Cathy Wright, Lon Behr
Regional Master	Barbara Worden
NABC Master	Stephen Cart, Char Whitney
Life Master	Donna Cart
Bronze Life Master	Donna Cart

Bridge Club- Officers, Committee Chairs and Staff		
Officers and Board	Committee Chairs:	Staff:
President - Dave Wilson V. P. – Tara Mufich Secretary – Dennis Ryan Treasurer - Arlene Snap Assistant Treasurer – Mary Jo Sergent Bob Erwin Odis Thomas Dee Witte Doug St. John	Communications – Bob Herro Nominating – Mary Jo Sergent House-Bob Erwin Social Chair- Dee Witte & Doug St. John Publicity- Lu Jenkins <hr/> Special Volunteers Library – Dave and Nancy Wilson Sunshine Cathy Wright Shoppers - Donna Cart, Mary Jo Sergent	Manager – Kathy Owens Ed Coordinator – Kathy Owens Housekeeping – Sharon Rose

Schedule of Games and Directors					
Sunday	1:00	Open	S	Phyllis Seeman	395-0218
Monday	12:30	0-300 & Open	S	Mary Jo Sergent	874-4157
Monday	7:00	0-100	SN	Kathy Owens	979-0888
Tuesday	12:30	Open	SP	Gene Condon	633-4979
Tuesday	6:30	Open	S	Doug St. John	877-8460
Wednesday	9:00	0-50	SN	Kathy Owens	979-0888
Wednesday	12:30	0-100 & Open	S	Mary Jo Sergent	874-4157
Thursday	12:30	0-300 & Open	S	Kathy Owens	979-0888
Thursday	6:30	Open	S	Doug St. John	877-8460
Friday	12:30	0-100 & Open	S	Kathy Owens	979-0888
3rd Saturday	12:30	Open	S		
S=Stratified * P=Partner Guarantee *N=Novice Game, includes mini-lesson					
Cost: \$5.00 per player per regular game					
Thursday Evening and Sunday Afternoon \$6.00 per player – Extra Masterpoint Games by playing for an ACBL fund - 2nd & 4th Thursdays for Northern Illinois Hospice					

ROCKFORD CLASSIC SILVER SECTIONAL
September 10 - 12, 2010

Clock Tower Resort

From route 90 exit East State Street & drive right into the Clock Tower
Telephone 815-398-6000 for guaranteed \$65 rate before August 28th

Chairperson: Mary Jo –Sergent
815-874-4157 – email: mjosarge@aol.com

Hospitality – Dee Witte

Partnership’s – Gene Condon – 1-815-633-4979

Open and 299 Pair, Knockout and Swiss Events
Friday and Saturday

	September		<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>2 pm</u>	<u>7 pm</u>
	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>			
	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>			
Open Pairs Game*	X	X	X	X	X
299 Pairs Game*	X	X	X	X	X
Open Compact Knockout 2 Session	X		X	X	
Open Stratified Swiss Team Game 2 Session	X			X	X
Open Bracketed Knockout 3 Session		X	X	X	X
Open Compact Knockout 2 Session		X		X	X

Our Wish To You --

When you join us at the bridge table you will have an enjoyable time. Unit 239 takes pride in their tournaments and always strives to make certain when you leave you look forward to the next Unit 239 tournament. We extend to you best wishes and good health and may your bridge game exceed your expectations and those of your partner!

Unit 239 Board of Directors
Tournament Directors

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 12TH

**10 am – Bracketed Swiss Team Play Through
Free Sandwich Lunch is Provided**

STRATIFICATIONS

Open Games: 0 to 500 points = A

500 to 1500 points = B

1500 + points = C

299 Games – as determined by Director

usually 0 – 100; 100 – 200; and 200 to 300 points

NOTE: Based on attendance 299 games can be combined with Open Games.

***NOTE:** All open and 299 pair games are single session events.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR –

November 26 – 28, 2010 – Turkey Bowl Sectional – Prisco Community Center – Aurora, IL

NEW! January 7 – 9, 2011 - Snow Flake Sectional – Holiday Inn – Rt 90 and Rt 31 North - Elgin, IL

March 11 – 13, 2011 – Early Spring Sectional – Holiday Inn – Elgin, IL **NEW LOCATION**

Rt 90 and Rt 31 North

Unit 239 Board Members

Karl D. Dencker, President Neil Whittle, Treasurer

Mary Jo Sergent Gene Condon Ron Hopman Susan MacKinney John Pree Doug St John

Dolores Witte - Secretary

NOTE: The Tournament Director may change all game brackets and/or stratifications to the number players for the betterment of the game play.

REMEMBER ----

Get as many of your Silver and Gold points as you can while you are a “C” player.

YOU EARN YOUR SILVER POINTS ONLY AT SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Read District 8 news in the ADVOCATE – <http://advocate.district8acbl.com>

Bridge Education – July, August, September