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President's Page

We have just completed the annual election process for our Board members. Cindy Musser will be leaving the Board. If you see her, please thank her for her service to our Club and Board. Congratulations to our newly elected, Kris Lauer and re-elected members, Will Engel and Rich Pleniewicz. Please join me in welcoming these individuals to the Board. I'm sure they will represent the Club well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following Board officers:
Rich Pleniewicz for his faithful service as President the past two years,
Marty Hartlieb for again serving as Vice President,
Bill Carpenter for again serving as Secretary, and
Renee Shambeau for again serving as Treasurer.
These officers lend a stability to the Club that is invaluable!

I would like to thank the committee chairs, the special volunteers and the staff, who put in countless hours of service to the Club that sometimes gets over looked, and yet deserves so much recognition. I will address these other groups of people in future newsletters.

I would also like to thank our Directors, who without them, we would not be able to play, and Cindy Thompson, our Club manager, who is still settling in her new position.

If you have noticed and used the new Hand Sanitizer dispenser by the coat rack, you have Burt Moore, who researched and purchased it, and Phyllis Schmitt, who paid for it, to THANK!

In conclusion, I was talking with a member of another club at the Crystal Lake Regional this past week and he told me they were having lots of arguments, grumpy attitudes, and lots of personal issues within their club. Someone put a sign up over the entry way that read, "YOU ARE ENTERING A RECREATIONAL AREA" I thought, what a clever idea, because that's why I joined our club, let's have FUN!

Respectfully, Terry Gehrke

Cindy's Corner

Our table count continues to be down from previous years. We are budgeted at 300 tables per month, but so far we have only had 1 month (May) where we hit 300. Our average table count this year is 270. Our membership has also declined. We currently have 193 paid members for 2018. This is down from 224 in 2017. If you have not renewed your membership for 2018 please do so.

We will be printing a directory addendum this year, not a full directory. Please check your information on our edit sheets on the front table. We want to capture any updates for our directory addendum.

I would like to welcome our new Board Member, Kris Lauer. It is also great to welcome our re-elected board members, Will Engel and Rich Pleniewicz. I look forward to working with all of you on the Board. I would also like to thank Cindy Musser for her tenure on the Board. Thank you to Rich Pleniwicz for serving as our Board President. Congratulations to Terry Gehrke for becoming our current Club President.

We are currently in search of a recycling volunteer. This volunteer position involves collecting our aluminum cans here at the Bridge Center and taking them to a recycling center and then bringing the dollars received back to the Club for deposit. Please let me know if you are interested.

We will be replacing the bidding cards in the bid boxes on all of our tables. Please make every effort to keep these cards clean. I know that we all enjoy refreshments and snacks while playing, but sticky fingers makes for sticky cards. We appreciate your efforts to keep these cards clean and sticky-free.

We're certainly open to new ideas and suggestions (we all have them, I know). Please feel free to share your ideas and suggestions with me or any Board Member. We will discuss them at our next Board Meeting. Remember this is your club, and it would not be a club without you. Thanks to all of you, our club members. You make our club.

Cindy

Special Games

Birthday Bashes

July 21st	August 18th	September 15th
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Extra Masterpoint Games

Saturday, July 7, 2018 – 12:30 pm Saturday, September 1, 2018 – 12:30 pm

Individual Movement Game

Saturday, August 4, 2018 – 12:30 pm
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Membership Game

Saturday, September 29, 2018 – 12:30 pm
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Swiss Team Games

Friday, July 27th Regular	Wednesday, August 22nd Handicap	Thursday, September 27th Pro Am
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Instant Matchpoint Game

Monday, July 9th @ 12:30 pm

Cost \$10.00

Winner each direction gets 1 gold point!

Book of hand analysis available after the game.

Education Fund Games

Sunday, July 8th	1:00 pm	Wednesday, July 11th	12:30 pm
Friday, July 13th	12:30 pm	Monday, July 16th	12:30 pm & 7:00 pm
Thursday, July 19th	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm	Tuesday, July 24th	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm

NAP (North American Pairs) Qualifiers

Friday, July 20th	12:30 pm	Sunday, July 22nd	1:00 pm
Wednesday, July 25th	12:30 pm	Thursday, August 2nd	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Monday, August 13th	12:30 pm	Tuesday, August 21st	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm

Club Tournaments

Wednesday, August 8th	9:00 am & 12:30 pm	Friday, August 10th	12:30 pm
Tuesday, August 14th	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm	Sunday, August 19th	1:00 pm
Thursday, August 23rd	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm	Monday August 27th	12:30 pm & 7:00 pm

International Fund Games

Thursday, Sept. 6th	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm	Wednesday, Sept. 12th	12:30 pm
Monday, Sept. 17th	12:30 pm & 7:00 pm	Friday, Sept. 21st	12:30 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 25th	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm	Sunday, Sept. 30th	1:00 pm

Tournaments

Sunday – Tuesday, August 5th – August 7th	Crystal Lake (Sectional)
Sunday – Tuesday, September 9th – September 11th	Rockford (Sectional) – Club will be closed

Changing Scenes

Junior Master

Connie Nagel
William Ordway

Club Master

Lynn Clemmons
Alan Cooper
Brian Hamilton
Terry Hodges
Catherine McIntire

Regional Master

Sherry Heidenreich

NABC

Cindy Musser

Ruby Life Master

Roger Dieringer

Bridge Club - Officers, Committee Chairs and Staff

Officers and Board

President Terry Gehrke
 V. P. Marty Hartlieb
 Secretary Bill Carpenter
 Treasurer Renee Shambeau
 Rich Pleniewicz
 Burt Moore
 Lu Jenkins
 Will Engel
 Kristan Lauer

Committee Chairs

Communications Terry Gehrke
 House Bill Carpenter
 Social Chair Burt Moore
 Lu Jenkins
 Publicity Lu & Dave Jenkins

Special Volunteers

Library
 Sunshine Carolin Bohlin
 Shopper Barb Ellingson
 Newsletter Editor Terry Gehrke
 Recycling Cans
 Bridge Supplies Kathy Owens
 Decorating Linda Murphy & Carolyn Miller

Staff

Manager Cindy Thompson
 Ed Coordinator Lu & Dave Jenkins
 Housekeeping Sharon Rose
 Treasurer Renee Shambeau

Schedule of Games and Directors

Sunday	1:00	Open	S	Burt Moore	871-4518
Monday	12:30	Open	S	Doug St. John	877-8460
Monday	7:00	0-100	SN	Kathy Owens	979-0888
Tuesday	12:30	0-500	S	Don Malone	608-479-0418
Tuesday	6:30	Open	S	Doug St. John	877-8460
Wednesday	9:00	0-50	SN	Kathy Owens	979-0888
Wednesday	12:30	Open	S	Kathy Owens	979-0888
Thursday	12:30	0-100 & Open	S	Kathy Owens	979-0888
Thursday	6:30	Open	S	Will Engel	779-770-0228
Friday	12:30	Open	S	Will Engel	779-770-0228
3rd Saturday	12:30	Open	S	Various	
S=Stratified N=Novice Game, includes mini-lesson					
Cost: \$6.00 per player per regular game Extra Master point Games are \$7.00 per player					

BRIDGE EDUCATION

Lu and Dave Jenkins

Here are classes and other things for people interested in improving their bridge:

CURRENT CLASSES

Lebensohl - Don Malone - Monday mornings starting July 9th Don also has a current class on Slam bidding on Monday mornings.

Play of the Hand - Kathy Owens for 9 weeks starting June 5th - Tuesday afternoon-1:00 to 3:00 PM.

Intermediate Class - 2 over 1 related topics - Craig Bontjes - Wednesday mornings-

Supervised play - Wednesday mornings by invitation- call Karen Weedman

A second Supervised play - Call Kris Lauer

CLASSES IN THE FALL

Defense - Kathy Owens for 9 weeks - starting September 11th

Bridge Basics I - Odis Thomas starting Sept. 17th from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.- to be advertised thru CLR.

Also Cathy Wright plans to do a Friday Morning mentoring in the Fall if there is enough interest. Details will be given in August.

ADVERTISEMENTS

We are advertising the Bridge Club thru the Northwest Quarterly-

An ad will be run thru Rock Valley College/CLR about Odis' Bridge Basic I class in September - free advertisements for the club.

