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President's Page

On VACATION, will return next issue!

Respectfully yours

Rich Pleniewicz

Cindy's Corner

We've had a slow start this year. Our budgeted table count is 300 tables per month; yet, we've only averaged 249 tables for the past three months (December – February). Several of our members (snowbirds) have been away, and the winter weather has kept some of you home. Winter is now over, and spring is here. Let's hope the spring weather arrives soon, so that we will see you all at the tables.

I would officially like to welcome Burt Moore as our new game director on Sunday. Burt started directing the Sunday game on February 18th, and he has been doing a great job. Thank you to Don Malone, our former Sunday game director. We appreciate you too!

I would encourage any of our newer players that may be a bit hesitant to play in an "open" game to give the Sunday afternoon game a try. This game is a little more relaxed than some of the other "open" games, and we would love to have you join us.

If you are going to play in the Sunday game, please let Mary Jane Schindler know as she does the calling for the Sunday game. Mike Abarbanel does the calling for the Thursday night game. For any other games, please contact the director if you need assistance in finding a partner.

One more thing.....we seem to have a number of items that magically appear at the club. We certainly appreciate your generosity; however, we do not have much storage. Please do not be offended if unclaimed items or unusable items are discarded.

Thanks to all of you, our club members. You make our club.

Cindy

Special Games

Birthday Bashes

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April 21st	May 19th	June 16th

Swiss Team Games

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Friday, April 27th Regular Swiss Team	Wednesday, May 23rd Handicap Swiss Team	Thursday, June 28th Pro-Am Swiss Team

Memorial Game

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Saturday, May 5th 12:30 pm		

Charity Games

Mon	Apr 9 th	12:30 pm & 7:00 pm	Thu	April 12 th	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Tue	April 17 th	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm	Fri	April 20 th	12:30 pm
Wed	April 25 th	12:30 pm	Sun	April 29 th	1:00 pm

Grass Roots FUNd Games

ACBL has designated May as Grass Roots FUNd Month. This is a fund which will help districts financially to send players to the NABC for NAP (North American Pairs) and GNT (Grand National Teams) final events. Extra master points are awarded. An extra \$1 is charged which will go to our District.

Thu	May 3 rd	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm	Mon	May 7 th	12:30 pm & 7:00 pm
Wed	May 9 th	12:30 pm	Fri	May 11 th	12:30 pm
Sun	May 13 th	1:00 pm	Tue	May 22 nd	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm

Club Tournaments

An extra \$1 is charged for these games which benefits the Club, and extra masterpoints are awarded.

Mon	May 14 th	12:30 pm & 7:00 pm	Wed	May 16 th	9:30 am & 12:30 pm
Thu	May 31 st	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm	Fri	June 8 th	12:30 pm
Mon	June 17 th	1:00 pm	Tue	June 26 th	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm

NAP (North American Pairs)

NAP – North American Pairs is a grassroots competition with many rewards, including 1/2 red, 1/2 black master points at the club level, and gold points for district qualifying and final. 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! **Club qualifying takes place June – August.** District 8 playoffs will be held November 11th. The Championship will be held during March 2018 at the Spring NABC in Dallas. 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! ACBL sets the strata for these games: A = Open, B = 0-2500, C = 0-500 (non Life Master).

NAP Qualifiers

Fri	June 1 st	12:30 pm	Mon	June 4 th	12:30 pm
Wed	June 6 th	12:30 pm	Sun	June 10 th	1:00 pm
Tue	June 12 th	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm	Thu	June 14 th	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Fri	July 20 th	12:30 pm	Sun	July 22 nd	1:00 pm
Wed	July 25 th	12:30 pm	Thu	August 2 nd	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Mon	August 13 th	12:30 pm	Tue	August 21 st	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm

Tournaments

Lake Geneva Regional – April 2nd – April 8th (Monday – Sunday)
Crystal Lake Regional – June 18th – June 24th (Monday – Sunday)

Bridge Club - Officers, Committee Chairs and Staff

Officers and Board

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

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 Kathy Owens
 Bridge Supplies Shirley Rehberg
 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	779-221-4605
Friday	12:30	Open	S	Will Engel	779-221-4605
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					

Membership Dues

It is time to renew your club membership. Our annual dues are \$20. Please pay your director with cash or a check made to the "Bridge Center of Rockford". Checks may also be mailed to the club. Please pay your dues by June 1, 2018.

A Lifetime Membership is available for \$500.00 to those who would like a way to make a sustaining commitment to our club's well-being.

Board Elections - May 1-21

Annual Board member elections are required in our bylaws to be held May 1 - May 21. Three members will be elected, each for a three-year term. Your vote must be cast at the club. No absentee voting is allowed. Board members whose term will expire are Rich Pleniewicz, Will Engel, and Cindy Musser. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact any Board Member. Thank you Rich, Will & Cindy for all that you do!

Newsletter Changes

We're making a change to our newsletter ~ we're transitioning to an electronic version from the traditional printed (paper) version. Don't fret ~ if you prefer a printed version, you can still receive a copy. Here is our plan: with our next newsletter (the July – September edition) we will email you the electronic newsletter version. This is the same version that gets posted to our club website. If you prefer to receive a printed copy of the newsletter, please sign-up at the front table on our Printed Newsletter Sign Up Sheet. Please let Cindy Thompson or one of the game directors know if you need to update your email address in the club database.

We're making this transition at the request of many of our club members. You may (or may not) have noticed but we have had an increasing number of printed newsletters that have not been picked up. We're trying to go green & save trees! Thank you to many of our club members for this suggestion.

Changing Scene

Club Master:

Diane Hinderliter

Mary Boyd

Life Master:

Bill Carpenter

Gold Life Master:

Gena Hartlieb

Bridge Education

Current Classes

Bridge Basics II (Kathy Owens)	Tuesday Afternoons (1PM)
Bridge Basics III (Odis Thomas)	Monday Afternoons (1PM)

Future Classes*

Slam Bidding (Don Malone)	Monday Mornings (9:30 AM) – will start April 2 nd
Play of the Hand (Kathy Owens)	Tuesday Afternoons (1PM) – will start June 5 th
Defense (Kathy Owens)	Tuesday Afternoons (1PM) – will start September 11 th
Bridge Basics I (Odis Thomas)	To be Determined – will start in September (may be sponsored by CLR)

**For information on future classes, please contact the instructor indicated above for the class of interest.*

Let Us Know Your Interest

Do you know someone who would like to learn to play Bridge and would be interested in an evening class? Contact Lu Jenkins at (815) 229-7799

Interested in a Bridge Class with Audrey Grant? Sign up at the Club (front table) if you're interested. We need approximately 100 people to pursue the class.

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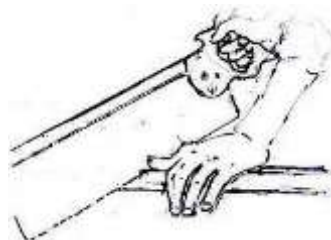


DIP

Sweet @ the IceCreamShope

Not so tasty @ the BridgeClub

Be the carpenter



“measure twice, cut once”

When an opponent goes to the bidding box
Then comes back without pulling a bid

This gives **unauthorized information**

Call the Director

If it obvious what they were going to call
OR If they put one call back & pull another

This is a **change of call**

Call the Director

When a defender pulls a card from their hand
Then puts it back to pull another card

This gives **unauthorized information**

Call the Director

Don't pull your card until it is your turn to play

