



BRIDGE NEWS

June 2024

Bridge Center of St. Paul Newsletter



Board of Directors Nominations . . .

Nominations for the Bridge Center Board of Directors remain open through June 30. There are 3 seats up for election to the Board of Directors of the Bridge Center of St. Paul.

If you are a current club member and desire to serve on the Board of Directors or know of a current club member that you think would be a good candidate to serve on the board, please contact Kim Hayward..

Note: Board members receive no compensation.

Leads . . .

You are on lead after hearing the following auction:

South	You	North	Pard
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

What do you lead from each of the following hands and why?

Hand 1:

♠A Q J, ♥ 8 7 3, ♦ J 9 8 2, ♣ 9 3 2

Hand 2:

♠Q 3 2, ♥ 10 9, ♦A 8 5 3 2, ♣K Q 10

Hand 3:

♠K 9 2, ♥ 6, ♦K Q 9 8, ♣K 10 9 8 2

Notes from the Gopher . . .

The good news from the Gopher is that our post Covid table count continued to increase. This year we had 752 tables. That is up 65 tables for an almost 10% growth from last year!

Club member Tom Grue was the top Masterpoint winner at the Gopher. Together with Terry Beckman, Kurt Schaeffer, Gary Knippenberg, Cynthia Balderson, and Keith Connolly, our club members earned six of the top ten masterpoint totals at the Gopher Regional.

On Thursday at the Gopher, pairs competed in the Larry Oakey Open and the Gold Rush Pairs, named in honor of the late beloved player and director Larry Oakey. Winner's names are inscribed on the Larry Oakey Trophy. This year the Open Pair winners were Keith Connolly and Eric Hendrickson. Gold Rush winners were Jan Jansen and Jim Schulte.

All totaled for the Gopher 482 players earned over 4600 masterpoints. Congratulations to all!!!

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Larry McIntyre, President
David Gustafson, Vice President
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Dan McIntyre, Treasurer
Miriam Larson, Board Member

I/N Liaisons to the Board:

Kris Verdin & Ellen Kluz

North American Open Pairs...

June, July, and August are North American Pairs (NAP) qualifying months at the club. The NAP is an annual championship for pairs consisting of 4 sessions over 2 days at the Spring North American Bridge Championships held in Memphis in 2025. The events are restricted to pairs that have qualified at the club level and district levels allowing them to compete at the nationals. Various "travel" subsidies are available for pairs that qualify to represent the district.

It all begins by playing in an NAP qualifying event at the club.

In June we have NAP qualifiers scheduled for both Open Games (all flights), as well as, Flight B & C Qualifier Games limited to players with less than 2500 Masterpoints. Check the June calendar for dates and times.

NAP Qualifiers award ½ Red and ½ Black Masterpoints.

Intermediate Newcomer Sectional Tournament

August 21-23, 2024

Bridge Center of St. Paul

1751 West County Road B, Suite 220
Roseville, MN 55113

Phone: 651-490-5430



100% Silver Points

Schedule of Games:

Wednesday, August 21

10:00 AM 2 Session Stratified Pairs (Session I) * 0-750 I/N Pairs NLM
2:00 PM 2 Session Stratified Pairs (Session II) * 0-750 I/N Pairs NLM
Single Session Entries allowed both sessions

Thursday, August 22

10:00 AM 2 Session Stratified Pairs (Session I) * 0-750 I/N Pairs NLM
2:00 PM 2 Session Stratified Pairs (Session II) * 0-750 I/N Pairs NLM
Single Session Entries allowed both sessions

Friday, August 23

10:00 AM 2 Session Stratified Pairs (Session I) * 0-750 I/N Pairs NLM
2:00 PM 2 Session Stratified Pairs (Session II) * 0-750 I/N Pairs NLM
Single Session Entries allowed both sessions

**Food Truck Lunch Break Between Sessions
Different Truck Each Day!**

Entry Fee: \$26.00 per person for 2 session events
\$13.00 for single session
\$6.00 for students under 25

- Must have an ACBL number to play.
- Free 4 Month Guest ACBL Membership Available
- Non-paid ACBL Members + \$4.00 per session



Tournament Chair: Miriam Larson Email: miriamrlarson@gmail.com
Partnerships: Kimberly Hayward Call/Text: 651-271-3500
Director in Charge: Kimberly Hayward Sanction #2408336

Experience the fun of Tournament Play!

Limited to Non-Life Masters

Stratification: A = 300 - 750 NLM
B = 100 - 299
C = 0 - 99

Stratified by average Master Points of pair

Saturday Potluck & Bridge . . .

Saturday, June 8, 6:00pm

- ♦ Potluck Dinner at 6:00pm
Pulled Pork Sandwiches; potato salad, and coleslaw provided.
- ♦ Club Championship Game at 6:30pm
- ♦ Signup in advance so we can be sure and have enough food!

Life Master Milestones . . .

Platinum Life Master

Barry Purrington

Bronze Life Master

Marc Ashton

Linda Enrooth

New Life Master

Chris Westermeyer

Congratulations to all!

Regular Schedule of Games

0-50 Chat	Thursday at 12:30pm
0-500 MP	Mondays at 12:30pm*
Midflight Pairs (0-3000 Ave)	Tuesdays at 6:30pm Wednesdays @ 10:00am*
Open Pairs	Mon, Tue, & Fri at 10:00am Saturday at 12:30pm (Plymouth Bridge)
Int. Chat Lesson	Thursdays at 11:00am*
Mini Lesson	Thursdays at 12:00pm
Mentor Pairs	Thursdays at 12:30pm**

* = Please Register in advance at SignUpGenius

** = no two Life Masters can play together

June Special Games/Notes

Potluck Dinner and Club Championship

Saturday 6/8 Potluck @ 6:00pm - Game @ 6:30pm

Club Championships - Xtra MP - no Xtra \$\$\$

Monday 6/3 @ 10:00am & 12:30pm
Tuesday 6/11 @ 10:00am

Unit Championships - Xtra MP - Xtra \$1

Monday 6/17 @ 10:00am & 12:30pm
Friday 6/7 @ 10:00am

NAP Qualifiers - All Flights

Monday 6/24 @ 10:00am
Tuesday 6/4 @ 10:00am
Friday 6/14 @ 10:00am

NAP Qualifiers - Flights B & C Only (2500 MP Limit)

Tuesday 6/4 & 6/25 @ 6:30pm
Wednesday 6/19 @ 10:00am

Leads . . .

A couple of thoughts ought to be swirling in your mind. The first is what was the meaning of the 2♣ bid. If they are playing Standard American it should show 5 ♣ cards. If they are playing 2/1 then it could be as short as 3. For the record they are playing 2/1. Second you need to decide whether your lead should be passive or aggressive. You realize that they bid confidently to 4♥. With not much time to develop suits, you should be looking for an aggressive lead.

Hand 1:

You hope to have 2 spade tricks and hope to find partner with a diamond and a club trick. Don't finesse partner, time to be passive and lead a trump.

Hand 2:

Here you hope for a spade, a diamond, and 2 club tricks. Partner figures to be of little help. Lead the ♣K and hope not to see the ♣J in the dummy.

Hand 3:

Finally here you hope to score a spade, a diamond and a club or give partner a club ruff. Does partner have a heart trick? Start clubs with the ♣10 and see what develops.