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## **President's Page**

The club finished the year on budget and the budget for 2019 is balanced. I happy to report that there will be no increase of dues or fees this coming year! That said, our membership is slowly dwindling and our table count has been proportionately decreasing from a monthly average of 300 to about 275! You may have seen our advertising in the Northwest Quarterly during this past year and the one-page story on the Rockford Bridge Club in the summer issue. You should thank Lu and Dave Jenkins for their hard work in trying to promote our club and increase membership! At some point, lower table count will affect the overall budget!

Cindy Thompson has just completed her first year as Club Manager and I would like to be the first to say, "Job Well Done!"

Several members passed away this year. I hope we can reflect back to all the good times and great memories we shared with the following...Lois Bodach and Lucy Heiberg.

Reminder that the Monday night game has had it's Masterpoints limit raised to 300 and has been approved for sanction, so come on out and play!

Ever dispute a Director's call, but didn't know what to do? Check out the Director's Tip in this issue! (Cleverly done with tongue in cheek!)

With winter baring down on us, I would like to remind everyone what to do for inclement weather:

PLEASE check the local network channels of WIFR channel 23 (CBS) or WTVO channel 17 (ABC) for closures due to winter conditions or bad weather. We do not anticipate that we will have many weather-related closings. Each game director will make the call for their individual game, but the Bridge Center will be open in most instances and the choice of whether to attend the game or not will be up to you. (Directors will inform the Club Manager, who is the only person authorized to contact the TV stations for closure!)

Respectfully,

Terry Gehrke

## *Cindy's Corner*

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that I have been serving as your Club Manager for a year. I know it has been a year of transition, especially with me not being on site at the Club every day. The year did go by quickly, and I have enjoyed my role (mostly) this past year. I hope you all had a great holiday season, and I hope to see you all at the tables in 2019!

We are all ready for 2019 here at the Club. We have approved our budget for 2019, and we have renewed our club sanction with the ACBL for our regular club games. A schedule of special games for 2019 has been prepared and is posted on the bulletin board at the club as a reference.

At our last Board Meeting, we had some discussion about punctuality. Please be on time when you are coming for a bridge game. Punctuality not only helps the game start and end in a timely manner, but more importantly it helps the game director. The game director needs to determine the game movement for the game (and this will vary depending upon the number of tables). If pairs are arriving late, it is a great disruption for the director, especially if table cards and boards have already been distributed. Please be mindful and be punctual. Ideally, you will be at the bridge table and ready to play at game time, not just coming in the door. Thank you for your cooperation. Your fellow bridge players will appreciate you and the directors will be most thankful as well!

### Club Stats

Our October table count was 303, and our November table count was 247.5. Our budget is for 300 tables per month. Year to date, we are at an average of 275.8 tables per month. Let's all get out to the tables!

Thanks to all of you, our club members. You make our club what it is. I look forward to working with all of you in 2019.

*Cindy*

## Special Games

### Birthday Bashes

<b>Birthday Bashes</b>		
<b>January 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>February 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March 16<sup>TH</sup></b>

### Swiss Team Games

<b>Swiss Team Games</b>		
<b>Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> Regular Swiss Team</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> Regular Swiss Team</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Pro-Am Swiss Team</b>

### Extra Masterpoint Games

<b>Extra Masterpoint Games</b>	
<b>Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:30 pm</b>

### Junior Fund Games

Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	9:00 am & 12:30 pm	Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	12:30 pm
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm	Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mon	12:30 pm & 7:00 pm	Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	1:00 pm

### Club Tournaments

Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fri	12:30 pm	Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	12:30 pm & 7:00 pm
Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm	Mar 10 <sup>Th</sup>	Sun	1:00 pm
Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	9:00 am & 12:30 pm	Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm

### Tournaments

Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – Huntley (Sectional)

Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Huntley/Elgin (Sectional)

## Changing Scenes

### Junior Master

Bruce Jasper

### Club Master

Jon Clemmons

Lorna Sullivan

### Sectional Master

Mary Boyd

Mary Caskey

Nancy Kubitz

Elizabeth McCoy

Sandy Mulligan

Richard Novak

### Regional

Nancy Esterl

Terry Gehrke

Doug Giloy

### NABC

Wanda Burgard

Barb Ellingson

### Advanced NABC

Fran Fey

Bob Huffington

### Bronze Life Master

Odis Thomas

### Sapphire Life Master

Rich Whatsitt

## Upcoming Class

### **Bridge Basics II (Competitive Bidding)**

8 week course

\$75 includes text book

- Preemptive Opening Bids
- Overcall & Responses
- Takeout Double & Responses
- Cuebid & Preemptive Raises
- Negative Double, Redouble

**Tuesdays 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Starts March 3, 2019**

Kathy Owens, Instructor

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## Bridge Club – Officers, Committee Chairs and Staff

### Officers & Board

President	Terry Gehrke
VP	Marty Hartlieb
Secretary	Bill Carpenter
Treasurer	Renee Shambeau
Board	Rich Pleniewicz Burt Moore Lu Jenkins Will Engel Kris Lauer

### Committee Chairs

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

### Special Volunteers

Library	Bob & Cathy Fashingbauer
Sunshine	Carolyn Bohlin
Shopper	Barb Ellingson
Newsletter	Terry Gehrke
Recycling	Kathy Owens
Bridge Supplies	Kathy Owens
Decorating	Linda Murphy

### Staff

Manager	Cindy Thompson
Education Coord.	Lu & Dave Jenkins
Housekeeping	Sharon Rose
Treasurer	Renee Shambeau

### Schedule of Games & Directors

Sunday	1:00 pm	Open	S	Burt Moore	815-871-4518
Monday	12:30 pm	Open	S	Doug St. John	815-877-8460
Monday	7:00 pm	0-100	SN	Will Engel	779-770-0228
Tuesday	12:30 pm	0-500	S	Don Malone	608-479-0418
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Open	S	Doug St. John	815-877-8460
Wednesday	9:00 am	0-50	SN	Kathy Owens	815-979-0888
Wednesday	12:30 pm	Open – Partner Guaranteed	S	Kathy Owens	815-979-0888
Thursday	12:30 pm	0-100 & Open	S	Kathy Owens	815-979-0888
Thursday	6:30 pm	Open	S	Will Engel	779-770-0228
Friday	12:30 pm	Open	S	Will Engel	779-770-0228
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	12:30 pm	Open	S	Various	
S = Stratified      N = Novice Game, includes mini-lesson					
Cost: \$6.00 per player per regular game					
Extra Masterpoint Games are \$7.00 per player					



Three guesses (and the first two don't count)  
The kibitzer (cannot even speak unless spoken to)  
a Player (cannot make a Ruling even when absolutely, positively sure of the Laws)  
Yep, you guessed it, it is the Director  
The Director should always be called for any anomaly

when the Director gets to your table  
things may be heated or tense  
but this process needs to be orderly  
so the Director can gather pertinent information  
the one who called the Director will explain first  
so take a deep breath and be assured that your voice will be heard  
if you interrupt  
you will be thrown in the dungeon  
after everyone has had a chance to weigh in  
The Director will make a **Ruling**  
This **Ruling** stands  
if you argue with the Director  
you will be thrown to the dragons  
you do have recourse for rectification if you believe the **Ruling** was in error  
you only have to chant the MAGIC WORDS "I would like a committee, please"  
after the game, the Director will form a committee to discuss the incident  
if the **Ruling** is overturned  
then there will be an adjustment in the score to restore equity

Please note: no actual dungeons or dragons are employed these are just euphemisms for an adjusted scores