

Happy New Year!

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got Bridge?

BREAKING NEWS!

New lesson and bridge game! Starting in January on two Fridays each month we will run a barometer lesson game. This game will award masterpoints. If you have never played in a barometer pairs, it is a very fun event. All pairs play the same boards at the same time. After two boards are completed, the masterpoints will be configured and leaders posted. Don McCullough will use Pianola for the scoring and for posting the hands to analyze. After the discussion, round two with everyone playing boards 3 and 4. The morning will start at 9 a.m. and run until 11:30. There will be a total of 12 boards played for the session. It will be held on Friday, Jan. 11th and Friday, Jan. 25th. We will have a signup sheet at the front counter. You may sign up as a single or as a pair. We expect this lesson/game will appeal to open as well as NLM players. Cost for the game is \$15.

Beginning bridge lessons start in January at 9:30 on the 12th. Tell your friends about this wonderful game. The first lesson is free, followed by six more lessons at \$10 each. If you have a bulletin board in your community, please post a flyer. If you have friends who want to know more about the game of bridge, give them the details. Flyers are available at the front counter.

Life Master and Awards Party -- On Friday evening, Jan. 25th, the club will host this annual party. Our red carpet event will honor the Class of 2018: Mike Dimond, Mary Stegman, Oyar Miller, Louise Anderson, Frank Pietro, Kathy Hagedorn, Doug Finch, Diane Wellstein, Jim Storch and Tommye Fleming. If you became a Life Master this year and we failed to acknowledge your accomplishment, please let us know as soon as possible. We also honor the top three Players of the Year in each masterpoint category. The club will provide champagne, sandwiches and cake. Please join us for this special party by signing up at the front desk. Extra fun, extra masterpoints!!

NLM 499er tournament -- Jan. 18-20 the club will hold a stratified 499er NLM tourney. If you have fewer than 500 points (and are not a Life Master), you may play and win silver points! Sessions are at 10 and 2:30 on Friday and Saturday, with a one-session Swiss on Sunday, Jan. 20. The regular open games will be held at 12:30 on these days.

Newplicate bridge -- Rick and Steve will be hosting a newplicate game on Sundays at 12:30 beginning Jan. 6th. Steve will present a 45-minute talk followed by a short bridge game designed for the newer duplicate players. If you are used to playing on Wednesday or Saturday mornings, this is the duplicate game for you! Sign up in the Sunday afternoon book.



New Year's Resolutions For Bridge Players! (and expected time to last)

1. I resolve to bid my hand and only my hand, not what I want my hand to be. (15 min.)
2. I resolve to push my chair back under the table at the end of the day. (2 days)
3. I resolve to not groan, moan, sneer or in any other way express dissatisfaction to my partner, including the ride home. (1 day)
4. I resolve to not ask Val any questions while she is setting up the game. (0 minutes)
5. I resolve to not question any director's decision. (until the first time I disagree)
6. I resolve to not abuse the experts on Wednesday and Saturday morning. (A couple of weeks for everyone but 5 minutes for Hilary B.)
7. I resolve to get more exercise by sitting East-West. (1 day)
8. I resolve to learn that there is a difference opening count between 11 and 12. (2 rounds)
9. I resolve to recycle my cans and water bottles and not just leave them on the food counter or someone else's table. (2 days)
10. I resolve to make new friends at the bridge table! (All year!)

Remembering Mike: On Jan. 16th following the bridge game we will have a memorial for Mike White in the mah jongg room. We invite everyone to attend. Please feel free to share any story you wish about Mike. Enjoy the wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres and the tales about this wonderful guy.

To Our Members: 2018 was a challenging year for us health wise. However, your support and prayers have made the road forward to 2019 feel very promising. We want to give a sincere thank you to the staff for all the help and extra effort they have contributed. Our only negative at the club is our reduced attendance in 2018. This has put a strain on making more physical improvements. We were pleased to note that the second half of the year showed an increase in attendance over 2017. Our hope is that the new programs we added earlier in the year will lure back some folks to playing more often at McGregor. This year we replaced all the bid cards, which proved to be faulty. We will replace them again and plan on all new decks of playing cards also. Help us improve attendance and there will be some nice surprises in 2019! -- Rick and Val

Players of the Month!!

January 2019

0-20		200-500		2500+	
Bob Giddings	8.33	Paul Bourassa	15.91	Bill Lipton	40.92
Susan Greenberg	4.28	Miki Marks	8.46	Esther Bankuti	30.53
Bill Crawford	2.93	Leslie Schoenfeld	7.92	Don McCullough	30.21

20-100		500-1000	
Vinny Freaney	4.76	Sharon Herron	16.87
Michael Moore	4.23	Bonnie Wilson	12.07
Linda Drasnin	3.21	George Elangical	11.66

100-200		1000-2500	
Doug Schuler	5.47	Don Radosevich	9.97
Susan Bradley	5.25	Joan Phillips	8.54
Sally Gayeski	5.10	Judi Carter	7.90

Moving Up!

Over 20	Kathy Gentry
Barb Tidmore	Over 300
Over 50	Jim Storch
Sue Wotton	Ann McKellow
Over 200	over 500
Bill Rush	Paul Bourassa

Players of the Year

0-20		200-500		2500+	
Michael Moore	27.28	Frank Pietro	72.59	Audrey Kurland	389.23
Genevieve Moeckel	12.74	Ken Ramsey	68.50	Bill Lipton	357.37
Barb Tidmore	11.87	Miki Marks	65.76	Esther Bankuti	322.82

20-100		500-1000	
Vinny Freaney	37.58	George Elangical	125.24
Ron Carpenter	33.65	Dave Yudowitz	88.99
Peter Roche	28.99	Dan Zevin	75.39

100-200		1000-2500	
Kathy Gentry	40.29	Rico Fletcher	81.65
Jack Sushko	39.06	Roz Wegryn	70.90
Ginny Nightingale	38.80	Don Radosevich	68.82



Upcoming Events!

Sat, Feb 2	ACBL International Fund	March 1-3	Sectional Tournament
Sun, Feb 3	Super bowl party	Sun, March 10	Grand National team
Sun, Feb 10	Birthday game	Mon, March 11	eve, Club championship
Feb 11-17	Unit 128 STaC	Wed, March 13	Club championship
Sun, Feb 17	one session silver Swiss	Sun, March 17	St. Patrick's Day party
Wed, Feb 20	ACBL Charity game	Sat, March 23	Club championship
Fri, Feb 22	Club championship	Sun, March 24	Birthday game
Tues, Feb 26	Club championship		

We are running three events each afternoon: Open, 0-1000 and 0-300. **Please make note of your choice of events when you sign up.** We hope this allows for more competitive games. Let us know if you are enjoying this way of doing the games!

Every Week Except As Noted on Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12:30 Open <100 Game with lesson \$10	12:30 Open <300 Game <1000 Game 6:30 Open	*11:00 Bidding Talk 12:30 Open <300 Game <1000 Game	9:00 Straight Talk 12:30 Open <300 Game <1000 Game	12:30 Open <300 Game <1000 Game	12:30 Open <300 Game <1000	9:00 Smart Talk 12:30 Open <300 Game <1000
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Birthday Game and Swiss Team	14	15	16	17	18 499er NLM tourney	19 499er NLM tourney
20 499er NLM tourney	21 Club Championship	22 ACBL Junior Fund pairs	23	24	25 Evening: Life Master & Awards Party	26
27 Grand National Team	28	29	30	31 Club Championship	1	2
3 Super Bowl Party & Football Pool						