



## IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 3-5 Sectional, [Info](#)  
Cleveland, OH

Dec. 4-10 STaC Week  
District 5, [Info](#)

Nov. 23 - Dec. 3  
**NABC**  
Atlanta, GA  
[Information](#)

**Dec. 9 STaC n Snack Brunch  
Glenshaw**

Watch our website for more info.

Jan. 3-7 Regional, [Info](#)  
Cleveland, OH

Feb. 24-25 Sectional  
Canton, OH

# Pro - Am

\$1,244 in proceeds from the  
Unit 142 Pro-Am were  
donated to the  
Kids Meal Network.

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anything you feel is of interest to our readers for possible publication.

## Edgeworth Bridge Club Celebrates it's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



First Trophy dated 1933-1934



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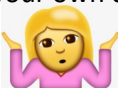
UNIT 142, PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## June's Highlights

### Tis the Season to Give Thanks

Hats off to **Kathryn Rector and Patty Wynn** for a very well attended Pro-Am and to all those who helped. It was a wonderful event that raised funds for a good cause while we enjoyed bridge, camaraderie and those delicious culinary delights!!

As always, accolades go to **Ron Franck** for hosting the Fall Sectional and to **Craig Biddle** for chairing. Although turnout was low, it was an enjoyable time for those who supported the event. Lesson learned, do not be your own competition. Three big events in 6 weeks was more bridge than some could handle, who knew??



Rest up, STaC Week is December 4th - 10th with a much anticipated NEW STaC N Snack Brunch in Glenshaw on Saturday, December 9th. Watch our website for more information.

*Enjoy the holiday & a huge thanks from me for all the support I have received this year.*

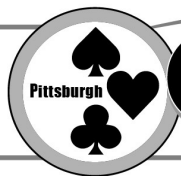
FROM THE PRESIDENT, JUNE THRELKELD

FALL SECTIONAL

[Link to Results](#)

### ACBL MEMBERSHIP DUES

**Membership dues will be increased to \$59 on January 1, 2024.** Renew your membership prior to the end of the year to get the current rate of \$49. Junior Memberships are currently \$5 for those players 25 and under. Free Guest Membership are available for 120 days. Go to the ACBL website and search under Membership for other offers and the benefit of being a member of the ACBL.



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## CLUB NEWS

All Club Managers and Directors are encouraged to send news and pictures, this is Your Page! [Email Link](#)

### LEBO DUPLICATE

**NO GAME November 3**

Fridays at 11:00

Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church  
3319 West Liberty Ave

Darlene Mannheimer, 412-913-5944

Check your local club game for possible cancellations during the Holidays. [Link](#)

### EDGEWORTH BRIDGE CLUB

The Edgeworth Club  
511 East Drive, Sewickley

Wednesdays at 12:15

**All games will play as normal through the holidays.**

Optional Lunch, 11:30

*Lunch Details on the EBC Info page*

[Check the "EBC Info" Page on the PB website](#)  
for details and other Special Games

### PASSAVANT ZELIENOPE

105 Burgess Drive, Zelienople  
*Scholl Auditorium, Abundant Life Building*

Saturdays at 12:30  
\$6.00 game

Optional Lunch

### RODEF SHALOM

**NO GAME November 23**  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**All games will play as normal in December.**

Every first Thursday of the month (when not blocked by the ACBL) will be a Club Charity game.

These games support our local food banks and are \$9/player.

The next game that has 7 full tables or more will be an  
UPGRADED CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

Check the ["Update from Karl"](#) page on our website  
for the latest information on our game.



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## EDGEWORTH BRIDGE CLUB, CELEBRATES 90TH ANNIVERSARY

The Edgeworth Bridge Club (EBC) will be celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Wednesday, November 15 at the Edgeworth Club, Sewickley, PA. At this event silver trays engraved with names of club winners dating back to 1933 will be unveiled.

In 1933, the Inter-Club Bridge League (ICBL) was formed consisting of private club members. A group of bridge enthusiasts at the Edgeworth Club, founded in 1893, formed the Edgeworth Bridge Club which then joined the Inter-Club Bridge League. The Inter-Club Bridge League is the nation's longest running bridge league. It was a network of private social clubs which took turns hosting a board-a-match session (now known as duplicate bridge) several times a year.

In 1937, the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) was formed, unlike the ICBL these clubs could be open to anyone. Shortly thereafter the EBC became a member and opened its game to the public.

Currently the EBC is owned by its members and run by a board elected from its membership. What has not changed in 90 years is the location, games are still played every week at the Edgeworth Club in rooms very much like they were 90 years ago.

Annemarie Gordon, a member of the EBC since 1980, has seen much change. Modern bidding along with, bidding boxes, automation of hands and scoring to name just a few. "More important is what has not changed. Moving from Texas, bridge was an entry into the community. Today, bridge still gives the opportunity to make friends with people you would not otherwise meet."

For social bridge players two free classes are offered, Introduction to Duplicate Bridge and Completing a Convention Card. Beginner Bridge lessons are being planned for early 2024.



Annemarie Gordon shows silver trays engraved with the names of players earning the most master points at the EBC games for each year.

The Edgeworth Bridge Club throughout the year offers free lessons through a Lunch and Learn series. A few topics previously covered were Responding to Partner's Takeout Double, Responding to Partner's Preemptive Opening, Forcing Bids, and Cue-bids.



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*"No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table."*

*~ Martina Navratilova*



Most weekly games are held in the formal dining room which can accommodate 12 tables.

The bridge games at the Edgeworth Club are held every Wednesday at 12:15pm. If you find yourself in the Sewickley area, please join us.

For more information, please email [Edgeworth-BridgeClub@gmail.com](mailto:Edgeworth-BridgeClub@gmail.com)

Large games are held in the ballroom.



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## MEMBER NEWS

### UP THE LADDER

Sapphire Life Master  
Marcella Retetagos

Gold Life Master  
Annemarie Gordon

Silver Life Master  
D. J. Hammerschmidt

Bronze Life Master  
Kathleen Dolegowski  
Todd Hertzberg

**Hugh McMaster** recently spent a few days in the hospital, he is home now doing much better. We are wishing you all the best!

Please send any Member News to:

[Marilynlpainter@yahoo.com](mailto:Marilynlpainter@yahoo.com)

Text/phone: 412-708-7433

**It's not just Covid, colds and flu are no fun either.**

We all need to stay vigilant as the holidays approach bringing with them travel, large gatherings and germs!

If you are feeling poorly please show respect for your fellow bridge players and stay home!



### CONDOLENCES

We are thrilled to report  
none this month!

### Advertisement

### Improve Your Game *Fast* with the Personal Guidance of an Expert.

Instructor: Richard Finberg

- Practice playing at your personal private table using Shark Bridge.
- Play live with Richard on BBO or Face to Face at local club, with hand review.
- Group lessons on Zoom every Wed. at 6:00 pm, only \$10 or 5 for \$40.
- Private lessons for individuals or pairs.

**Satisfaction guaranteed or your lesson is free.**

FREE lesson the first Monday, November 6 at 4:00 p.m. - Topic: Extra Tricks from Nowhere

Click here for link to [FREE Zoom Lesson](#)

For more information call Richard at (412) 304-9254 or email [doublenot@gmail.com](mailto:doublenot@gmail.com).

*Do friends or relatives need a gift idea for Christmas or Hanukkah?  
Why not suggest something you want, like expert bridge lessons?*





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## NEW TO DUPLICATE

### Dear Dummy,

Conventions, Conventions, Conventions!! Which ones do I really need to know? Is there a best sequence when learning conventions?

Signed,  
Conventions everywhere

### DEAR DUMMY

Please feel free share your experiences, ask questions, no matter how silly you think they may be, let us know what is on your mind. You may remain anonymous. [Email Here](#)

### Dear Conventions everywhere,

You don't need a lot of bells and whistles to be good at bridge. Important point is to know the BASICS. **Most important, you and your partner need to be on the same page.** Which bids are forcing? How do you handle interference during the auction? Is your partner aggressive? Know your partner, know your opponent.

Larry Cohen has a great website with helpful articles and quizzes on bridge topics. One of his articles "[What should we Play](#)" deals with what bridge players should play. His method is KISS (Keep It Simple, Stupid). *Article is Below.*

I am a staunch advocate of "less is more." My observation is that at every level of the game, players are using too many conventions. Too often I see players (from beginner to world champion) misusing or forgetting their methods. Everyone would benefit if they would just KISS. (Keep It Simple, Sweet-heart). Don't spend all of your time learning new conventions instead of working on your play.

If I had to choose just 4 conventions, this would be my list:

- A)
1. [Negative Doubles](#)
2. [Stayman](#)
3. [Jacoby transfers](#)
4. [Blackwood](#)

If you forced me to choose 4 more, this would be the next group:

- B)
5. [4th Suit GF](#)
6. Methods (I prefer "[DONT](#)" ) vs. Opponents' Notrump
7. Weak jumps in competition
8. 2NT ask ([Feature](#)) after our [Weak 2-bids](#)

If you insisted I fill my convention card with 12 conventions, these would be the next four:

- C) [Unusual notrump](#) / [Michaels](#) bids, [New Minor Checkback](#), [Jacoby 2NT](#), [Support Doubles](#)

And, since people just love to learn/play/teach conventions, these would be my D-list -- choices 13-16:

- D) [Lebensohl](#), [Drury](#), [Inverted Minors](#), [Splinter](#) Bids

Honestly, I think it would be counterproductive for 99% of players to go any further than this. The memory strain is not worth it. Someone once said, "The Road to Hell is Paved with Good Conventions."

Source, *Bridge with Larry Cohen*, [www.larryco.com](http://www.larryco.com)