



THE NORTH PENN FINESSE

NORTH PENN DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message: Our bridge club is moving! Your board of directors met and decided to keep base card fees the same after the move. We are a member-owned club operated as a not-for-profit. That doesn't mean we can't make a profit in any given year. It means we cannot consistently make profits and build up retained earnings beyond an IRS imposed limit. We are hoping that with the move to a larger, modern and attractive playing area that our table counts will increase and cover the higher rent. You can help keep our card fees the lowest in the area by playing more often at North Penn or bringing a partner who doesn't normally play at North Penn or even a partner who is new to duplicate. Our Friday morning and Wednesday evening limited games are perfect for introducing social bridge players to the exciting world of duplicate bridge.

With the move will come many opportunities to get involved with the club as a volunteer. We will be looking for people to help with the physical move. Our new kitchen will allow for enhanced snack items. There are several seats available to serve a three-year term on the board. As the holiday parties are just around the corner, it is the volunteers who bring in a homemade food items that make these really special.

John Dickenson, President, e-mail dickenjb@gmail.com

Club Manager's Message: There are Swiss team games scheduled for both Friday morning and evening on November 8. These will be the last games at 118 S. Line. Come on out and say goodbye to the old place. It has served us well for the last eight years.

As you might now have surmised, the move is scheduled for the weekend of November 9-10. Anyone who wants to help schlep tables and chairs is welcome. We'll meet at the old location at a time to be determined. We will have a new phone number that works: 215-699-4932. The phone will be activated on Monday, November 11.

And speaking of the 11th, we'll break in the new place with a week STAC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs). All games that week will feature pre-made boards and hand records and all masterpoint awards are 100% silver.

This year's holiday parties will be at the new place. Contact the club for more details.

Mitch Snyder, Club Manager, e-mail bridge4all@comcast.net



Directions to our new location: Our new address is 298 Wissahickon Avenue, Suite B, North Wales, PA 19454 (not to be confused with the Wissahickon Avenue across from the Penndale Middle School). From our old club, drive south to the Penndale Train Station on Church Road. After crossing the train tracks, continue driving to the second light turning left onto Wissahickon Avenue (Dischell Bartle Dooley Bldg. is on the right side of Church Road and our building is on the left side of Church Road.) After turning left onto Wissahickon, make a quick right into our parking lot.

Member Achievements:

Joan Schwerin	Junior Master	Louis Lowry	Junior Master
Casey Von Seldeneck	Junior Master	Edward Hino	Junior Master
Robert Picard	Junior Master	Jo Rich	Junior Master
Elizabeth Junkin	Club Master	Connie Wenhold	Club Master
Ida Jean Harrington	Club Master	Neil Shapiro	Club Master
PJ Ingram	Sectional Master	Nancy Parke	Sectional Master
Susan Kaysen	Regional Master	Len Boyer	Regional Master
Robert Goldblum	Regional Master	Mary C.. Lutz	Regional Master
Howard Salasin	Regional Master	Max Lieberman	Regional Master
Pat Hunn	Life Master	Ginny Tinner	Bronze Life Master
Elaine Rhoda	Bronze Life Master	Sharon Weintrob	Bronze Life Master
Bobbi Cohen	Bronze Life Master	Kathy Chalek	Silver Life Master
Estelle Ronderos	Gold Life Master	Dave Legrow	Gold Life Master

Sunshine: Please welcome our newest members: Gerald Feldman, Joann Rooney, Elizabeth Crawford, Nancy Walchek, Dale Dye, Doug Dye, Penny Wells, Julie Hough, Gay Simpson, Betty Brennan, Faye Rudnick, Harriet Schwartz, Yacob Rubinstien, John Seehousen.



“Happy Birthday” to Dave Dodgson (10/2), Preston Kupsow (10/8), Jean Le Vito (10/11), Ginny Tinner (10/13), Jim Doll (10/16), Bob Umfer (10/18), Louise Gabis (10/18), Sara Stoll (10/20), Helen Feldman (10/23), Mary Ellen Roth (10/25), Sandy Sill (10/28), Sandy Salasin (11/2), Ellie Goldman (11/5), Bill Goldman (11/6), Ceil Dupont (11/7), Simone Perkloff (11/12), Larry Abramovitz (11/15), Mary Cusato (11/22), Mary Ann Resnick (11/22), Helena Tucker (11/27), Marty Burman (11/27), Bruce Lieberman (11/30), Adriana Pirvulescu (12/1), Fred Snyder (12/3), Jim O’Brien (12/5), Arnold Selig (12/9), Arlene Lessack (12/17), Sue Bailey (12/25), Lois Kittredge (12/27), Kathy Chalek (12/28), Christine Sgro (1/5), Ed Leach (1/9), Carol Roden (1/10), Penny Szabo (1/15), Ed Leach (1/9), Carol Roden (1/10), Eda Jean Harrington (1/11), Sylvia Sussman (1/15), Norm Garfield (1/15), Lucille Schlack (1/17), and Mary Lutz (1/18).

Something to Smile About #1- There are *three* kinds of bridge players - (1) Those who can count, and (2) Those who can’t.

Holiday Parties: This year’s holiday parties will be held the week of December 16. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board for appetizers, salads, desserts, etc. Marlene Hino and Ginny Tinner are coordinating the food for Tuesday, December 17, and Sue Bailey and Nancy



Parke will coordinate food for Friday, December 20. (Board of Governors election is the same week.)

Nominations: There are four positions available on the board at the North Penn Duplicate Bridge Club for a three-year term (January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016). If you are interested in becoming a candidate, please contact Sue Bailey at 215-699-9036, e-mail her at bailey.sue@gmail.com, or tell her at a game. All names must be received by Friday, Nov. 8.

More About the Move: The North Penn Duplicate Bridge Club is looking forward to moving to a new location in November. To make the new facility look more attractive, we made a "wish list" of items which would improve the looks of our club.

Since our bridge club is a non-profit organization, there is a limited amount of money available in the treasury to purchase these new items. So, we are proposing that members donate money towards buying these items if they so wish to do so. The **donation** could be in memory of a loved one. This donation, in any amount, will be duly noted with your name on a plaque or sign to be posted at the club. The wish list includes:

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| 1. Signage for the outside of the building | 7. Refrigerator with ice maker |
| 2. Chairs | 8. Bidding boxes and inserts (60) |
| 3. Tables | 9. Card Dealer |
| 4. Pencils w/NP Bridge logo imprinted on them. | 10. Microwave |
| 5. Coat rack with shelves on bottom and top | 11. White board |
| 6. Blinds for windows | |

If you or any member is an **artist** and would like to donate a few hours to the new building, please contact Sue Bailey (215-699-9036) or Marlene Hino (215-540-8818). We are looking for someone to paint a few clubs, diamonds, hearts, and spades on the wall.

If anyone has a truck and would like to **help move** the tables, chairs, and other equipment to the new facility, please contact Sue or Marlene.

Bridge Classes: *Nothing is currently scheduled. Check the North Penn website for classes when they become available.*

<http://www.northpennbridge.com/>

NOVICE/INTERMEDIATE GAMES

Friday 10am (0-750 mps)

Wednesday 7pm (0-750 mps)

On Wednesday, contact Belinda Rose Anderson for more information or partner. Belinda_rose_anderson@hotmail.com 215-538-7524

On Friday, contact Mitch Snyder for more information or for help finding a partner.

Bridge4all@comcast.net 215-723-5881

FALL SWISS TEAMS SCHEDULE

Open Swiss Teams

Fridays @ 7:30pm



October 18
November 8 & 22
December 6 & 20

Come as a team or pair (teammates guaranteed). Singles will be accommodated if possible.

Eight is Enough Swiss Teams

Wednesdays @ High Noon

October 16***

In 'Eight is Enough', each team consists of four players whose total value does not exceed 8.

Players with 0 - 499 masterpoints: value = 1
Players with 500 - 1499 masterpoints: value = 2
Players with 1500+ masterpoints: value = 3

There are no restrictions to partnership combinations among team members.

Contact Larry Umphlet for more information or for help finding teammates.

O-750 Swiss Teams

Special October Events

October 18

November 8

December 6

*** Club Appreciation Swiss Teams.

Extra points, no extra fee, all awards are 5% **GOLD**

October 4*** & 18

November 8

December 6

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Something to Smile About #2: Heard at the table, "My partner makes random signals on every hand. The good news is that he 'false-cards' so much, they all appear normal."

At the Table: This hand was played at the North Penn Bridge Club on Friday, May 31. North had S J94, H K7542, D 74, C 653. North/South were vulnerable. The bidding went as follows:

South	West	North	East
1S	P	2S	Dbl
3D	3H	P	4H
P	P	Dbl	P
P	P		



This was a Swiss Teams (IMP) game. Do you agree with the double? What would you lead? Opponents should not have the normal strength for a game. They will score some tricks by ruffing, possibly spades. Therefore, a trump lead should be the priority. At match points (pairs event), North/South should double. Be aware, however, that you can only lead the trump once most likely (evidently opponents have 4-4 in trumps) unless, of course, South had the AK of diamonds that North could ruff the third diamond to get in to lead another trump.

So, the answer to the first question is "no." If you set a doubled contract one trick, non-vul, you receive 100 points, gaining a paltry 50 versus not doubling. If they made the doubled game contract, it would cost 590 points. Any gambler would not take a risk of losing 590 for a possible gain of 50!! Assuming they could make 4H, the double would give them 170 extra (double's bonus of 120+50)...still not worth trying to get 50 points by doubling.

S J94
 H K7542
 D 74
 C 653
 S A876 S 5
 H QT83 H AJ96
 D KJ9 D T862
 C 74 C AKT8
 S KQT32
 H -
 D AQ53
 C QJ92



Even with a trump lead, 4H is cold, a textbook cross-ruff hand. North supported spades. So North should have at least three. Because South's second bid was diamonds, declarer West hopes North has at least two diamonds and three clubs. (If North had a singleton diamond, the contract could not make.) Cross-ruffing is relatively safe. North cannot get in until South has won one trick and declarer has won nine tricks with one more to win. By the way, declarer will not need to finesse the J of diamonds in the process, and leading the 7 of diamonds would not fare any better.

As stated earlier, it may be reasonable to double a game contract at Match Points with five trumps. But be careful, however, that you do not have an entry to lead trumps more than once. Doubling this non-Vul game in IMP is not worth it.

Albert Horng, Club Member

Something to Smile About #3: Minnie had just sat down at a new table and accidentally kicked one of her opponents. She turned to him and said "I'm so sorry. I thought you were my partner."



SPECIAL GAMES & Cancellations

Subject to change

Oct 7-10 (Mon. – Thurs.)	Charity
Oct 16 (Wed. afternoon)	Club Appreciation Swiss teams
Oct 18 (Fri. morn. & eve.)	Charity Swiss teams
Oct 21-25 (all week)	Club Appreciation pairs
Nov 4-8 (all week)	Charity (Fri morn & eve Swiss)
Nov 11-15	STAC
Nov 27 (Wed. eve.)	TBD (Thanksgiving)
Nov 28 (Thurs.)	No Game (Thanksgiving)

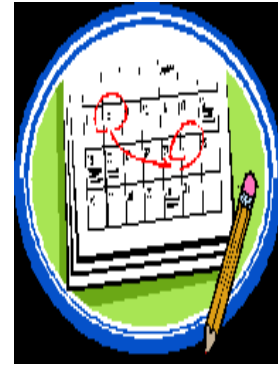


Dec 2-6
 Dec 16-20
 Dec 24 -25 (Tues.-Wed.)
 Dec 31 (Tues.)

Charity (Fri. morn & eve. Swiss))
 Club Championships (Fri. eve. Swiss)
 No Game (Christmas)
 No Game (New Year's Eve)

Jan 1 (Wed)

No Game (New Year's Day)



North Penn NAP District Finals

Flight A – October 19 and 20, 2013 (1:00 & 6:00 and 10:30 & 2:30 p.m.) – Harrisburg Bridge Club
 Flight B – October 26, 2013 (11:00 and 3:30 p.m.) - Bridge Studio in Wilmington, DE
 Flight C – October 19, 2013 (10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.) – North Penn Bridge Club

NAP National Finals

Dallas, TX March 2014

To help defray travel expenses, 1st place finishers in each District flight receive \$700, 2nd place finishers receive \$300 each, and 3rd place finishers receive \$100 each.



Jim Doll, Dave Willgruber, Ed Leach,
 and Jack Willgruber at the Swiss Teams
 Friday Night game.

Lou Primervera, Marty Burman,
 Jeffrey Rohrbeck, and Dan Osburn
 at the Friday Night Swiss.



Jeff Brooks, Robert Levine,
 Marilyn Carter, and Arnold Selig,
 at the Friday Swiss.



Janet Rankin, Ronne Goldstein,
 Donna Saffren, and Helene Jaspán at
 the Thursday afternoon game.

