

MCLB DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUBS

June 3-4, 2019

**WELCOME BACK SNOWBIRDS AND
THANK YOU TO ALL PLAYERS
WHO ENDURED THE WINTER AND KEPT THE
MICHIGAN CITY GAME ALIVE.**

A SPECIAL THANKS TO DIRECTORS

Wayne Carpenter
Charlie Halberstadt
John Teshima
Glen McGeedy

A SECOND SHOUTOUT TO

Glen McGeedy
for restarting the
Long Beach game on May 7th

LONG BEACH DUPLICATE GAME

Tuesday -- 6:00 P.M.
Long Beach Community Center

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You're invited to join everyone every Tuesday night after  
the game for margaritas at the Hacienda!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 3 Mary Kay Kellstrom  
June 6 Barbara Stroud  
June 7 Doug Booth

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 10 Marcy & Chuck Tomes

## CONGRATULATIONS

Betty & Dick Brewe - 70.14% game on May 13, 2019

## BIRTHDAY CLUB

Effective May 1, 2019, players receive one free play for your  
birthday. Coupon will be given to you in your birthday  
month. Players who have birthdays in May and June, 2019,  
will receive their free birthday play today.

Coupons for your birthday month will be passed out at the  
first Monday game of each month. Please use your coupon  
in your birthday month. Snowbirds (October-May), your  
birthday month coupons will be available for your free plays  
the second Monday in May, 2020.

Coupons must go in money envelope.

## WIN WITH A DEUCE

Win a trick with a deuce today & receive a free play coupon.  
Win With A Deuce will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays.

## BRIDGE BINGO

Win at Bridge Bingo to receive a free play coupon.  
Bridge Bingo will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays.  
Bridge Bingo starts promptly at 11:50 a.m., and players  
must be in seats with 13 cards in their hand.

Rules will be gone over at 11:47 a.m.

**PLEASE NOTE: FREE PLAY COUPONS ARE  
NOT TRANSFERABLE TO OTHER PLAYERS.**

## ACBL DUES

Renew your ACBL dues - Receive a free play. Marci Meyer  
has the ACBL roster that shows when your dues are payable.

If you are responsible for signing up a new member to  
ACBL, both you and the new member receive  
two free plays.

## MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

Special thanks to Glen & Nancy McGeedy!  
The club purchased the chicken, drinks, paper products,  
and you provided the yummy side dishes!  
Not only do we have the nicest bridge players,  
but also the best chefs!

## YARBOROUGH

According to bridge guru Bobby Wolff,  
the odds of holding a complete Yarborough  
- a hand with no card higher than a nine -  
are 1,827 to 1.

Who has time to figure these things out?

## PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK

Some hands are worth writing down to save forever!

Playing in the Gatlinburg Regional in April, 2008,  
Marcy, miscalculating Keith's hand by thinking he had at  
least two Aces, bid 6♣ with her North hand. Because 4NT  
had already been bypassed with Keith's jump to 5♣,  
Marcy couldn't ask for Aces.

West held the A♣ and East held both the A♦ & A♥.

East said he didn't double because he figured one of the  
N/S hands had a void, and of course, he would never have  
guessed by the bidding that his partner held the A♣.

Be one of the first three players to come up with the  
solution as to how Keith, playing South, made the contract,  
and you will win a free play. Deadline to win: June 11.  
Figure this out on your own. Write solution on paper!

Clue: The opening lead was a small heart by West.

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1C    | P    | 1S    | P    |
| 2C    | P    | 3C    | P    |
| 5C    | P    | 6C    | P    |

North (Marcy)

♠ AK86  
♥ Void  
♦ Q10 987  
♣ KJ10 7

South (Keith)

♠ 10 7  
♥ KQJ2  
♦ K  
♣ Q98642

## NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NAP'S)

NAP qualifying will be held in June, July & August.  
You'll be playing for extra points in very game for 3 months.  
More details later!

# MCLB DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUBS

June 10-11, 2019

## WELCOME

New Players to Michigan City DBC  
Dorothy Hart, Chesterton, IN  
Vicki Hill, Michiana, MI  
Barbara Knibbs, LaPorte, IN

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 12 Corinne McGrail  
June 13 Sharon Delawder  
June 14 Ivey Benson

## GET WELL WISHES

Jim Sullivan

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 10 Kris & Mike Prohl  
June 14 Dottie & Mike Healy

## THANK YOU

Rita Fink Graham Cracker Toffee Bars

## TAKE A TRICK WITH THE "2" WINNERS

The following players won free plays last week!  
Twenty-five free plays were given with some players  
winning more than one!

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Gary Miller       | Linda Wilson |
| Judy Selund       | Rita Fink    |
| Mags MacEntee     | Jayne Krol   |
| Knoefel Jones     | Kathy Miller |
| Tom O'Connell     | Janet Jones  |
| Milda Roszkiewicz | Char Sitar   |
| Kathy Stout       | Verne Lee    |
| Carol Teshima     | Carol Bulger |
| June Reisinger    | Pat Costello |

## CONGRATULATIONS

Connie & Jim Sullivan 73.57% game - June 4 in Long Beach

## BIRTHDAY CLUB

Make sure Marci Meyer has your birthday recorded  
to ensure you get your free play in your birthday month.  
The Birthday Club went into effect in May.

## BRIDGE BINGO

Win at Bridge Bingo to receive a free play coupon.  
Bridge Bingo will be held every Monday  
at 11:50 a.m. sharp.  
You must be seated by 11:47 a.m.

**THE DIRECTOR MUST BE CALLED IF THERE  
IS AN INSUFFICIENT BID AT THE TABLE.  
YOU CANNOT AUTOMATIALLY  
MAKE IT SUFFICIENT.**

## NEW PLAYER to MICHIGAN CITY FREE PLAY

Bring a player who has never attended the Michigan City  
game and you both receive a free play. If the player returns  
for the third time, you receive another free play.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Dottie Healy & Carl Zurcher  
The first winners of this free play.  
Dottie brought Vicki and Carl brought Barbara last week!

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ACBL, both you and the new member receive 2 free plays.

## MICHIGAN CITY SENIOR CENTER DUES

Please remember that all duplicate players must belong to  
the Senior Center. Dues are \$10 yearly  
and payable at the front desk.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please be cognizant of your speed of play.

♦There is a time clock set for 7½ minutes per board.  
The time clock is located on the food table. Be aware of it.

♦♦You must not start a new board if there  
is only 4 minutes left on the clock.

♦♦♦You will take a No Play on the hand, and it does not  
affect your percentage.

Remember -Slow play is discourteous to your opponents  
and to all other competitors.

## THE ROYAL TREATMENT AT WRIGLEY FIELD

Doug Booth celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in style at  
Wrigley Field on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Before a full-house crowd of 45,055 and the Cubs playing  
the St. Louis Cardinals, Doug was escorted onto the field  
and honored as the  
Official Cubs Season Ticket Holder of the Day!

When birthdays were posted on the giant scoreboard,  
Doug's name was posted first.

To help him remember this momentous occasion, Doug was  
presented with a fabulous gift bag, which included a  
Jim Beam Crystal Decanter, etched with the  
Chicago Cubs name/logo.

Doug brought the Cubs luck - They defeated the Cards 3-1.

## ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY

Dorothy Hart, 1016 S. Jackson Blvd., Chesterton (662) 253-3100  
Vicki Hill, 19 Sioux Trail, Michiana, MI (708) 983-3207  
Barbara Knibbs, 171 Sagamore Pkwy., LaPorte (407) 754-5100

# MCLB DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUBS

June 17-18, 2019

## CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK

This is the week that ACBL clubs around the nation support  
~ The Alzheimer's Association ~  
The MCLB DBC's will be making a \$300 donation.

## ACBL SECTIONAL MASTER

Congratulations to Pat Manning!

Pat has achieved the rank of Sectional Master - 50 MP's,  
of which at least 10 are black and 5 are silver.

## PUZZLE OF THE WEEK WINNER

Congratulations and a free play go to Susan Keeley.  
She was the only one who figured out how Keith Meyer  
made 6♣ on these N/S hands (from a Knockout in a  
Gatlinburg Regional) that were missing three Aces.

The opening lead was a small heart by West.

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1C    | P    | 1S    | P    |
| 2C    | P    | 3C    | P    |
| 5C    | P    | 6C    | P    |

  

| North     | South    |
|-----------|----------|
| ♠ AK86    | ♠ 10 7   |
| ♥ Void    | ♥ KQJ2   |
| ♦ Q10 987 | ♦ K      |
| ♣ KJ10 7  | ♣ Q98642 |

Opening lead by West was a heart, which was trumped  
in the North. Following the lead of both the Ace and King of  
Spades, the 7♦ was then led from North. Never dreaming  
that his partner held the A♣, East chose not to play his A♦  
because he thought South was trying to set up the rest of  
the Diamonds to make the bid. South plays his singleton  
K♦ and now the hand cannot be set.

South then crossruffed the remainder of the hand.

West got the A♣ on the very last trick.

## BRIDGE BINGO WINNERS – JUNE 10

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Dorothy Hart  | Bill deFuniak |
| Nancy McGeady | Ruthe Tobias  |

## THANKS FOR SHARING

Mary Lou McFadden    Chocolate Chip Cookies

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| June 19 | LaVerne Niksch |
| June 22 | Beverly Battle |

## ACBL NEW MEMBER

Mary Lou McFadden is now a new ACBL member,  
Her bridge partner, Rita Fink, was responsible for signing  
her up, and in our new "Sign up a New Member" program,  
they will each receive two free plays.

## JUNE 24 & 25 DISTRICT 12 STaC WEEK

(STaC = SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT AT CLUB)

### ♦♦♦SILVER POINTS♦♦♦

JUNE 24 Michigan City players will play pre-duplicated  
boards and be competing against other District 12 clubs  
that meet on Monday afternoon.

JUNE 25 Long Beach players will play pre-duplicated  
boards and be competing against other District 12 clubs  
that meet on Tuesday night.

## SOLVING A DECLARER PLAY PROBLEM

South has nine sure tricks and needs an extra trick  
in either spades or clubs to make the bid.

How is it possible to develop the 10<sup>th</sup> trick?

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
|       |      | Pass  | Pass |
| 4H    | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

  

| North   |
|---------|
| ♠ AKJ10 |
| ♥ 9753  |
| ♦ K     |
| ♣ 7532  |

  

| West     | East      |
|----------|-----------|
| ♠ 87     | ♠ Q932    |
| ♥ 2      | ♥ Q       |
| ♦ AJ8643 | ♦ Q109752 |
| ♣ AQ108  | ♣ J9      |

  

| South      |
|------------|
| ♠ 654      |
| ♥ AKJ10864 |
| ♦ ---      |
| ♣ K64      |

Lead: Diamond Ace

Solution: When North (dummy) comes down, your first  
thought should be on how to keep East out of the lead. The  
safest play for South (declarer) to make is to discard a spade  
from his hand on the opening lead, because the contract can  
then be made even if the spade and club finesses both lose.  
West has no better play at trick two than to lead a spade.  
Declarer should win with dummy's Ace and draw trump.  
Then, declarer should cash dummy's King of spades, then  
lead the Jack of spades; if East covers with the Queen,  
South can trump, later discarding a losing club on the Spade  
ten. If East plays low or discards, South can discard a losing  
club (even if West had the Spade Queen, he could not set  
the contract). The main purpose of this line of play is to  
develop a tenth trick without risking East getting on lead to  
play a club through declarer's King. As the cards lie, any  
other line of play would fail against good defense.

Question: Would you have trumped the opening lead and  
gone down?

# MCLB DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUBS

June 24-25, 2019

## DISTRICT 12 STaC WEEK SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT AT THE CLUB LEVEL

You are playing for **SILVER** points!

June 24 Michigan City

June 25 Long Beach



**HAND RECORDS  
ARE AVAILABLE AFTER THE GAME**

### THANKS FOR THE GOODIES – JUNE 17

Janet Jones Brownies  
Sharon Snyder Banana Bread

### PUZZLE WINNER

In addition to Susan Keeley,  
Barbara Stroud figured out the play of the  
Gatlinburg hand that was featured in the 6/3/19 newsletter  
and received a free play.

### BRIDGE BINGO WINNERS – JUNE 17

Janet Andreotti Mary O'Neil

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 24 Lee Malizia

### CHARITY MONTH

Unit 154 clubs were asked to designate the  
District 12 Michigan Youth Bridge Camp  
as their charity for all games held in April.

\$1.00 extra was collected from every player each time they  
played in their respective clubs that month, with all monies  
collected going to this charity.

Unit 154 is pleased to announce an amount totaling  
\$2,528.00 was donated by the following clubs:  
Michigan City, Long Beach, Portage, Valparaiso,  
Fort Wayne & South Bend.

Individual Unit 154 board members also  
contributed to arrive to this fantastic total.

THANK YOU for your generosity in helping to promote  
bridge to young people. Funds will be used for books,  
scholarships & educational necessities for the kids!

If you have a child or grandchild or know of anyone who would be  
interested in attending Youth Bridge Camp,  
please contact: Susan Woodrow, Executive Director  
[michiganyouthbridge@yahoo.com](mailto:michiganyouthbridge@yahoo.com)  
3631 Dorothy Lane, Waterford, MI (248) 760-1818  
A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE BRIDGE!

### NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NAP) GAMES NEXT WEEK

♣♠ Masterpoints given will be ½ Red and ½ Black

Red MP's normally only given at Regional Tournament

## ♥♥♥ MASTERPOINT RACES ♥♥♥ AS OF JUNE 6, 2019

### MINI-McKENNEY

MP'S EARNED IN BOTH CLUB LEVEL & TOURNAMENT PLAY

Category 500-1000 MP Bill Wendt 80.12 MP  
2<sup>nd</sup> place in District 12  
1<sup>st</sup> place in Unit 154

### ACE OF CLUBS LEADERS

MP'S EARNED IN CLUB LEVEL PLAY

Category 100-200 MP Richard Wills 25.15 MP  
8<sup>th</sup> place in District 12  
3<sup>rd</sup> place in Unit 154

Category 200-300 MP Chuck Tomes 27.83 MP  
1<sup>st</sup> place in District 12  
1<sup>st</sup> place in Unit 154

Category 2000-1500 MP LaVerne Niksch 46.92 MP  
7<sup>th</sup> place in District 12  
5<sup>th</sup> place in Unit 154

### ONLINE LEADER

Category 5-20 MP Peg Cunningham .33 MP  
12<sup>th</sup> place in District 12  
2<sup>nd</sup> place in Unit 154

### PLAYING DEFENSE AGAINST 3NT

A hand featured in "Table Talk", the official publication of the  
Michigan Bridge Association

| North  |         |         |
|--------|---------|---------|
| West   | ♥ K104  | East    |
| ♠ 8754 | ♦ QJ10  | ♠ J1063 |
| ♥ 9876 | ♣ KJ963 | ♥ 53    |
| ♦ 95   |         | ♦ AK83  |
| ♣ A82  | South   |         |
|        | ♠ AQ9   | ♣ Q74   |
|        | ♥ AQJ2  |         |
|        | ♦ 7642  |         |
|        | ♣ 105   |         |

| West | North | East     | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| --   | --    | Pass     | 1♦    |
| Pass | 2♣    | Pass     | 2NT   |
| Pass | 3NT   | All Pass |       |

Opening Lead: 9♥

Declarer wins in hand with the J♥ and leads the 10♣ to East's  
Q♣, w/West playing the 2♣. How can East set this con

By declarer's play, it appears that West has the A♣, which means  
once South (declarer) loses that Ace, he can afford to lose two  
diamonds and make his contract. The only chance to beat the  
contract lies in the Diamond suit. East must play the 3♦ and  
hope that West has the 9♦ doubleton. West will win the next club  
lead with the Ace and play back a diamond, allowing East to cash  
three Diamond tricks to set the contract.