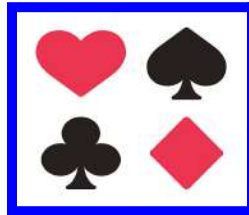


CHATTANOOGA BRIDGE CENTER

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News and Tidbits

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A Message From Richard Spangler, Our President

First of all-congrats to everyone for their support in raising funds to research finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease!! Articles below discuss the success further. Amazing that we were the #1 unit to raise funds in Tennessee! Quite an accomplishment.

We are starting to prepare for the fall sectional tournament. It will be held at the church, like previous tournaments, Thursday - Saturday, October 22-24. Start planning for both the pairs games concluding with the traditional team game on Saturday. Naturally, we will need support in various ways to make it a success. Mary Duffy has already volunteered to be the Food Coordinator-much thanks for jumping in so quickly!! Announcements will start soon on where else we need help.

Richard Spangler

President

Fall Sectional=Thursday, October 22-24, 2026. St. John's United Methodist Church



A Message From Myra Reneau

Our Club Manager

Myra's Box



Our country is about to celebrate its 250th birthday. Larry is about to celebrate a big birthday also. These things make me reflect on my life and the magnitude of our freedom here in the USA. Bridge has been a significant part of my adult life. I met Larry at the Bridge Center and many of my dearest friends through this amazing game . The opportunity for us to travel around the magnificent United States and attend tournaments is of great fun to me. I am also enjoying the summer directing Bridge in the amazing mountains of North Carolina.

I honestly hope you are enjoying Bridge as much as I do. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to help with your enjoyment of the game. I'm also very proud of our fundraising effort for Alzheimer's disease. Our club is remarkable for the effort of fighting this most difficult disease that many of us have experienced in some form or another.

We are having a big party on Saturday. Hope you can join us donning your best for Fourth of July wear.

Happy 4th and see you at the Bridge Club! Myra





HATS OFF TO

Hats off to Mary Robertson, Susan Rothberger and Margie Moses for their leadership and support in raising funds to support finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease! The goal for the club for this year was \$14,000 and we exceeded \$20,000!!! We are the #1 ACBL bridge club in Tennessee, and ranking

now as 8th place in the nation. This is also a credit to the members of the club and the unit overall in donating to this worthy effort. Added kudos to Mary for leading the overall endeavor. Thanks to Susan for her strong enthusiasm behind the auction and for everyone providing services and/or items to support the fundraiser. Thanks to Margie for tracking the funds donated. Quite an accomplishment overall!!! Thanks to everyone for their support.



OPPORTUNITY!!!!

Several of our bridge tip class attendees have expressed interest in playing with regular open game players. They would appreciate being asked when you have an opening in your regular schedule. Several of you have been seen doing this already, and our newer players think this helps a lot. They do not



expect a lesson (which is not supposed to occur at the table), but one or two pointers a round would be appreciated. Keep them in mind when you have an opportunity open to you.

Also, newer players are encouraged to ask a player who you think might be a help to your game to play. Most of our members are receptive to helping players they know are working on improving their game. So, don't be shy. If you would like to play with a more experienced player, just ask them to let you know when they have a date available.

JULY CLUB EVENTS

Look for email updates from Margie Moses

For the most current events calendar, follow this link to our club's website calendar for more information: CBC Calendar

[Calendar of Events](#)

Special Game

Saturday, July 4th

Lunch-12:30

Game-1 PM

Sign up to bring a side dish to go with hot dogs.

Don't cook? No problem-cash donations are appreciated as well

Bridge Tips

Saturdays at 10 AM

Classes are from 10-12 noon with a short lesson followed by lots of hands relevant to that day's lesson. Table monitors will be available to help with bidding and play of the hands. Class begins promptly at 10 am so arrive in time to pay your \$5.00 fee, get any handouts that might be offered, find a seat and be ready to listen.

Chat With Joe

Tuesday, July 14 10:30 AM



Do you have a question about a particular hand? How is your defense? Here is a great chance to seek feedback from an advanced player. Just bring yourself and your questions.

Make sure you have our Club's Fall Sectional on your calendar: October 22-24.

Coffee With Joe *Written by Joe Viola*

Another Keycard Auction: After A Preemptive Opening

This hand was dealt in the club game on June 24 (board 25). Partner opened 2♠ in 2nd seat (vul v not). Your hand is AJ7-K94-Q-AKQT87. Since you have a fit with partner, a source of tricks (clubs), and at least 2nd round control of all the suits, you can think about a slam. This is a perfect hand for asking about keycards.

I think that many players would use 4NT to ask for keycards. With my regular partners, I like to play that 4♣ is the keycard ask.

After a weak 2 bid or a preempt at the 3-level, bid 4♣ to ask for keycards. The responses are:

1st step (4♦) shows zero keycards.

2nd step (4♥) shows 1 keycard but denies the trump Q.

3rd step shows 1 keycard and promises the trump Q.

4th step shows 2 keycards and denies the trump Q.

5th step shows 2 keycards and promises the trump Q.

There is an exception. If the preempt is 3♣, use 4♦ for the keycard ask. You need 4♣ as a simple raise to put pressure on the opponents. Over this 4♦ bid, the first step is 4♥.



This is a common treatment among experienced tournament players, but don't surprise partner with this bid unless you have discussed it.

LOOKING FOR A BRIDGE GAME?

'Nooga East Bridge Club

Every Monday at 12:30 p.m. there's a bridge game at Christ United Methodist Church located at 8645 East Brainerd Road across from Hurricane Creek Shopping Center. Players are asked to arrive no later than 12:15 p.m. so the game can begin promptly. For those of you in Cleveland or North Georgia, this is just a hop, skip and a jump away. We are a very welcoming, fun group and are always looking for new players of all levels. Are you interested? Just email noogabridgeeast@gmail.com to make a reservation. Need help finding a partner or have a question? You can text or call Sue Riddle at 423.509.3583 or Sharon Lewis at 423.240.5360.

The Fairyland Duplicate Bridge Club

The Fairyland Bridge group plays every Thursday at our Club. This group often combines celebrating special occasions along with a delicious lunch and great cards. Stay tuned to upcoming game announcements to make sure you don't miss the fun. Players should be registered before 10:15 to allow play to begin at 10:30. Lunch is provided between 12-12:30, afterward the game resumes. Reservations are appreciated, please reach out to Susie Crouch at 423.443.6889. Don't miss out on their fun holiday gatherings. Thursday, July 2nd will be a free day of play in honor of our country's 250th birthday.

Partnership Coordinator

If you need a partner, our Partnership Coordinator can help. Contact Anne Donnovin at 423.605.2996.



Our Club's Facebook Presence



BRIDGE UNLEASHED

CHECK OUT THIS GREAT WEBSITE [Bridge Unleashed](#)



Did You Miss This?

The 2026 The Longest Day Fundraiser was huge! \$22,412 received as of 6/30/26. Each of you is responsible for this amazing accomplishment.

Thanks to Margie Moses for serving as our Treasurer, and to Susan Rothberger for showing us her cheerleader personality and turning a garage sale type event into a big moneymaker for our Club and for helping many of us clean out our cluttered closets.

Oh, and did you notice all the fun and laughs we had as well?





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Arnie's Angle - For Those Who Wish To Learn More About The World In General

Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary

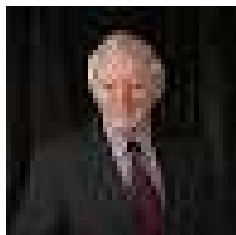
On July 4, 2026, America will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence—a remarkable milestone in our nation's history. This anniversary offers an opportunity to reflect on our past, honor the contributions of generations of Americans, and look forward to the future we hope to build for our children and grandchildren.

Across the country, communities are planning meaningful and memorable ways to commemorate this occasion. Parades, concerts, community gatherings, and neighborhood celebrations will bring people together in a spirit of joy and unity. The 250th anniversary is more than a celebration of history; it is an opportunity to renew civic pride, strengthen our communities, and encourage people of all ages to participate in the ongoing American experiment in self-government. It is a time to celebrate our shared values and express gratitude for the freedoms and opportunities that have shaped our nation over the past two and a half centuries.

One particularly inspiring event is the planned Sail250 flotilla, featuring more than 50 majestic tall ships from around the world. Beginning in New Orleans and visiting ports in Virginia, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts, these vessels and their international crews will participate in parades, concerts, and regional celebrations. The festivities will also include an air show over Baltimore Harbor during the Fourth of July weekend. What a magnificent tribute to America on its 250th birthday!

As I watch these celebrations unfold on television, I will offer a quiet prayer of thanks for the rich tapestry of cultures, races, traditions, and histories that make up our nation. It is a rare privilege to witness a quarter millennium of a nation's history. Thank you America, for your creativity, resilience, and enduring commitment to freedom. May the next 250 years be marked by wisdom, unity, and continued progress toward a more perfect union.

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