

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
STaC Week December 11th-17th No Extra Fees All Games Award Sectionally Rated Silver Points District-Wide Overalls ~ Big Points!		New Rankers' Party Wed Aft Dec. 20th	Potluck Swiss Teams Thu Eve Dec. 21st Open and 299er BONUS POINTS	Ugly Sweater Contest Mon Aft Dec. 25th BONUS POINTS	1 12:30 Open Bonus Pts 12:30 299er Bonus Pts 12:30 49er Bonus Pts	2 9:30 2500er Prs 1:30 Open Prs 1:30 299er Prs
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December Bridge Tips

When you have all the tricks but one and you are playing in a trump contract, play off every single one of your trump cards before you play your other suits. Keep the suit you have the loser in until the bitter end. Make them suffer!

Remember, the most you can lose is the last trick.

Play the cards you are known to hold from the lead and third hand's play.

Say the queen is led and dummy has xxxx. You, the declarer, have the KJ doubleton. When third hand plays the ace, the king and jack are equals; however, third hand knows you have the king from the lead of the queen, but doesn't know you have the jack. If you play the king under the ace, the jack remains a mystery card. The opening leader also knows you have the king from partner's play of the ace. Get rid of that king! Remember, you are not costing yourself a trick when you make these plays because you have an equal to the card you are unloading in either your hand or dummy. Say the jack is led, dummy has 9xxx, and you have Q10 doubleton. When third hand plays the king, drop the queen. Why? The queen is a card they both know you hold. Third hand knows it from the lead of the jack and the opening leader knows it from the play of the king. You might as well show them your hand if you don't play that queen!

December Special Events

STaC Week December 11th-17th

No Extra Fees
All Games Award Sectionally Rated Silver Points
District Wide Overalls ~ Big Points!!

New Rankers' Party
Wednesday, December 20th at 12:00pm

Potluck Swiss Teams - BONUS POINTS!!

Thursday, December 21st at 6:30pm
Join the BAND Team for dinner and Swiss night.
BAND provides the meat and you bring
your favorite side dish, salad or dessert.
Trophies for each flight.

Join the fun! Ugly Sweater Contest on the 25th!!
BONUS POINTS

Duplicate Etiquette at BAND—Play Nice!

MANNERS ARE IMPORTANT Greet your opponents at the beginning of the round and smile! At the end of the round, they are still your friends.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN Conversation stops when you remove your hand from the board.

THINK BEFORE YOU TOUCH Once you have decided on a bid in your mind, then choose the bid from the box. Don't let your fingers do your thinking!

AFTER A STOP CARD COMES DOWN, wait 10 seconds before making your next bid.

PLAY OF SINGLETON A player may not attempt to mislead an opponent by hesitating with a singleton.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE Once the auction is complete, make your opening lead and table the dummy before you write the contract in your private score. Remember to lead face down!

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CURRENT ROUND...STAYS IN THE CURRENT ROUND Once the round is finished, you may then discuss hands from the current round. Refrain from discussion between hands. Hands from previous rounds should not be discussed during game.

SNAPPING OF YOUR CARDS IS FROWNED UPON And your cards don't like it either!

YOUR MOTHER'S RULE If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all!

HAVE FUN! At the end of the day, we are all here to meet new friends and to have a good time.