

## Mentor-Mentee (M-M) Season 2023 in Unit 169: Some General Guidelines

Playing bridge with a Mentor is one of the best ways for new players to learn the game and advance in their skill and enjoyment of duplicate bridge. Here are some guidelines on how the M-M Season works:

- **A Mentor** is usually someone with >500 Masterpoints, but this is not essential (e.g. if you've developed good bridge skills and would welcome this role). **A Mentee** is usually someone with <500 Masterpoints. However, these are just general guides, and the M-M Coordinators can help you decide which role is best for you.
- In January, the M-M Coordinators will be signing people up to participate in this program as either a Mentor or as a Mentee. Also in January, they'll make the pairings for this season (1 mentor with 1 mentee).
- On April 15, 2023, the season ends with a special Unit Game, the Mentor-Mentee Game, where everyone who plays that day will be a Mentor-Mentee Pair. **Everyone should reserve this date now** and make it a priority to attend; it's a big event you should not miss.
- Starting in January, we'd like M-M pairs to play together a number of times ahead of April 15. A good target is at least 3-4 times together.
- Mentors should also aim to arrange time to go over results of a game in Live for Clubs, and see which boards the pair did well, and which ones they did not, and advise on how a better outcome could be achieved on the bad ones.
- Some of our local Club Games often arrange to have a separate section that is all M-M Pairs during January – April. These would be good ones to play in, but regular club games and Unit Games are also a good opportunity to play together.
- Once pairings are made, it is up to the pair to decide when and where they will play. The M-M Coordinators will not be arranging these.
- M-M pairs should not be regular partnerships; we want people to play with someone new.
- Traditionally, Mentees have offered to pay the game fee for their Mentors since they are investing their time, but this is not a requirement. This up to the decision of the pair.
- Mentors who have regular partners might wish to coordinate with their regular partners so that both become Mentors for a few games and the Unit M-M game.

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