

October 10th Fall Fest! – St Cloud Duplicate NLM Tournament Recap

Saturday was another fun tournament! Considering the beautiful day outside, we had a good turnout. We hosted 17.5 tables in the morning, and fifteen in the PM, with out of town guests from Rochester to Fargo. Guests complimented us on how well-run the tournament was, our friendliness and our food. We also had the cutest cheerleader!

(Son of Alex Warzecha)

At least six entrants had fewer than 10 MPs. As you know, I love seeing our lower point players enter, and view them as our *Most Valuable Players*.

Fifty-four different players earned Silver at the tournament, including twenty-four St Cloud Duplicate Bridge Club members. All master point winners across both games can be found at [Fall Fest! MP Winners](#). **David and Huldah Niles** (both Minnetonka MN) were Tournament Champions! They put together two 58%+ games, and came in “First in B and C” both morning and afternoon.

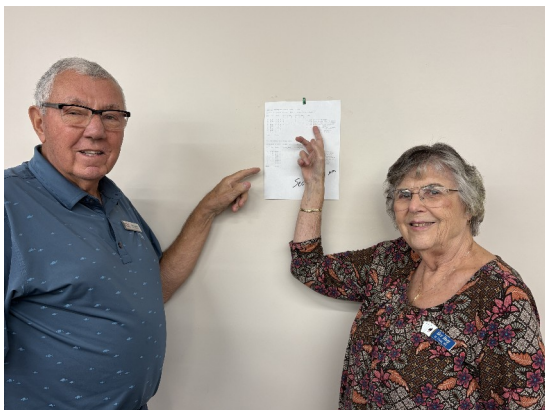
They have already put St Cloud’s next two tournament dates on their calendars. Yay!



2026 Fall Fest! Champions – David & Huldah Niles

The **Top Ten Overall MP** winners were:

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| • David & Huldah Niles, tied 1/2 | 4.32 Silver |
| • Bev Berg, tied 3/4 | 4.15 Silver |
| • Ken Kappes, tied 3/4 | 4.15 Silver |
| • Tom Bedford, tied 5/6 | 3.76 Silver |
| • Dan Ganter, tied 5/6 | 3.76 Silver |
| • Cindy Carlson, tied 7/8 | 3.20 Silver |
| • Judy Knutson, tied 7/8 | 3.20 Silver |
| • Mark Bender, tied 9/10 | 3.10 Silver |
| • Victoria Jacobson, tied 9/10 | 3.10 Silver |



Bev Berg & Ken Kappes
(both Waite Park MN)



Dan Ganter & Tom Bedford
(Maple Grove & St Paul)

Remainder of Top Ten MP Winners...

Judy Knutson & Cindy Carlson (both St Cloud MN)



Victoria Jacobson (Oakdale) & **Mark Bender** (Roseville)

Victoria came to play only 8 days after a hip replacement. Nothing keeps her away from a St Cloud tournament!

Session Winners. In the morning, **Tom Bedford** and **Dan Ganter** won **First Overall**, and was 1st in Sect B, N/S. Bev & Ken took first in Sect A, N/S, while Cindy & Judy won Sect A, E/W. Section B, E/W was won by **Shari Pretzer** (Sartell) and **Amy Roske** (St Cloud). In the afternoon, **Bev Berg** and **Ken Kappes** were **First Overall**, and won Sect A, N/S. David & Huldah were 1st in Sect A, E/W, and Victoria & Mark (Sect B, N/S), while **David Bald** & **Jim Sinclair** (both Fergus Falls MN) won Sect B, E/W.



Shari & Amy



David & Jim

My special thanks to the tournament team, especially to **Jane Curtis** and **Sue Knauss** who were in charge of food and beverages all day, to **Rhonda Rossman** & **Jim Schnepf** who sold entries and assigned tables, to **Connie Ginter** who staffed our welcome tables, to **Win Anderson** for serving as Partnership Chair, and to **Nancy Balfanz** for our fall decor.

One of our guests said, *"It always feels like a party here!"*

Thanks to Director **Scott Krupke**. Tournaments of this size are not easy. You don't know the exact number of tables you will have until game time, yet you must determine immediately the game rotation needed. We started - and ended - each game on time, and we didn't seem to have any ruffled feathers across many, many Director calls. Scott also complimented the players. He said there was *not one* incorrect entry into the BridgeMates. Way to go, players!

Finally, THANKS to all in the St Cloud Duplicate Club for your help in putting on this tournament. Your food and cash donations helped us Wow! our guests!



Here's Jane bringing out more food: *Brats, with the works!* And, of course, *desserts!*



We hope everyone had fun. And, come again!

Connie Nelson, Tournament Chair