

Hamilton Bridge Club of Philadelphia

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If you want to play competitive bridge in Philadelphia, consider the Hamilton Club. Domiciled in the charming Bala Golf Club, intermediate and advanced players can enjoy meeting new friends, and spending the afternoon playing their favorite game.

We play Rubber Bridge daily, for modest stakes, usually from noon until 4:00 p.m. You do not have to bring a partner and may come and go at your convenience. There is a daily card fee of \$5.00 which includes coffee, soft drinks and snacks. You may also order lunch off the Bala menu, served table side, and chargeable to your account.

The Hamilton club competes in several leagues, primarily against country clubs. They are held on nights where we enjoy cocktail hours and dinner before playing cards.

During the year, again in the evenings, we have duplicate competitions such as individual, pairs and member guests.

The club has a wonderful Christmas party each year, at no charge to the members. But the friendships made at the club is what makes Hamilton so special.

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The Hamilton Club is the oldest bridge club in the United States. Actually, the club is older than the game of bridge which was introduced by the Portland Club of London in 1894.

It was on Sunday, December 31, 1886, that eighteen graduates of the University of Pennsylvania held a planning session to form a club to play Whist, a popular card game.

Among the founders was Milton Work, an expert player and the promoter of the point count system of evaluating a bridge hand. He converted what were called "whist trays" into duplicate boards which allowed multiple players to play the same boards

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In 1937 the club celebrated its 50th anniversary where they honored Charles Goren for his contributions to the growth of the club and promotion of the game of bridge.

The club was very successful and expanded several times. After the Second World War it became apparent that automobiles necessitated a home with ample parking. Today we are pleased to be located at the beautiful Bala Golf Club where we have parking and much more

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The Hamilton Club is located at the Bala Golf Club just fifteen minutes from central Philadelphia. We are pleased to invite you to spend an afternoon playing with us.

If you would like to visit or if you have any questions regarding Hamilton, please contact the e-mail listed below.

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