

CONSTITUTION of ST. THOMAS DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

(Established 1945)

Revised November 25, 2014

1. Start	The St. Thomas Duplicate Bridge Club, hereinafter called the "Club" is franchised as No. 125963 of the American Contract Bridge League, hereinafter called the "ACBL".
2. Purpose	The object of the club is to encourage and develop the playing of duplicate bridge in a friendly and pleasant environment within the framework of Unit 249, District 2, of the ACBL
3. Members	1. Upon payment of dues each year, a person becomes a "Member" subject to the local rules and entitled to whatever privileges the Club provides
4. Officers	1. Officers shall be elected and will consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Four Directors. These with the addition of the immediate Past President will be know collectively as the "Executive". 2. The term of office for the new Executive shall be from the Annual General Meeting, 3.The Christmas Party shall be the responsibility of the outgoing Executive.
5. Powers	1. The Executive will have full power to carry on all Club business, other than Clause 3 below. 2. The Executive may at anytime appoint Committees (always responsible to the Executive), as deemed necessary. 3. Except for the Christmas Party, any proposed expenditure over \$1,000.00 may necessitate a Special General Meeting (Section 1V(3) at which approval by a 2/3 majority will be required.
6. Meeting	1. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the 4 th playing Tuesday in November. 2. The Meeting Notice shall be posted prominently at the Club by the Secretary by the first playing session in November. 3. A Special Meeting may be called at any time, provided there are 21 days between Notice and Meeting.
7. Election	1. A Nominating Committee of two (one from the Executive and one from the membership at large) shall be appointed not later than September 30. 2. This Committee shall draw up a slate of candidates for the various offices and present it to the Executive by October 31. This slate shall be included in the Annual General Meeting notice (see Section V1 (2) above). 3. Additional nominations with the consent of the candidate may be made in writing by any member to the Secretary no later than the 3 rd playing session in November. 4. Additional nominations with the consent of the candidate may be made from the floor of the Annual General Meeting. 5. For any office not filled by acclamation, Election must be by secret ballot. Two scrutineers, chosen from all members present, shall conduct a counting of the ballots.
8. Amendments	This constitution may be amended at any Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting by 2/3 majority of the members present.

