



Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club, Seaway Bridge Club & Friends!

Celebrating One Year of Virtual Play (April 2021) And What a Year it has Been!

A Letter from the KDBC President

Hello all,

This past year has been a challenge. The pandemic has reminded us about how fortunate we are. On behalf of the board of the KDBC, I would like to express our deep gratitude for the ways in which our members have embraced the "new normal".

From competing with determination and respect, to providing valuable insights for improving the online game, to helping others to enjoy the benefits of playing from home, our members have shown the value of community.

Congratulations to all on our first anniversary of online bridge.

Sincerely, **Jock Devonshire** (aka jazzdad)

*Great
things
take
time
to*

grow

Treasurer's Report: A Quick Glance at the Numbers from April 7, 2020 to March 31, 2021

From a small beginning, we have done great things over the past 12 months...

- We have played 308 open games and 62 I/N games on BBO
- Players have included 140 KDBC members, 44 Seaway Club members and 49 guests
 - 26 people have played with a robot partner more than once
 - Average number of tables per month: 326
 - Estimated revenue before expenses: \$66,000 Cdn



Anne Herfst (aka 1autumn), KDBC Treasurer



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Milestones in our First Year of Virtual Play

First Virtual KDBC Game on BBO: April 7, 2020 (16 tables) (*WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?*)

11wammer & grace30
bomber69 & 1autumn
davercross & evaopice
elanah & chicoreyno
hamlet401 & peggymac
jr236100 & dorisi
kohima & fifirlarue
marknt & jane79
nin2 & foxrunplac

arassus & kmmcdonal
bridgegb & gillyt52
dilillian & blynkn
gangirl & littlevic
icefloe & lint75
kathryn13 & marl303
m000000 & nesterreg
mikeyj123 & mgbaer2
pansies123 & hopetown
tmlegal & speag

bennit & thebru
cubajudy & gyon99
dougout47 & natie1
gretel25 & cmw1939021
jazzdad & ayrieb
kerseyd & vmsmith
mac68 & oumalulu
mjl1957 & cheska2
sirharold & 4niko

First Official Seaway Club + KDBC Game on BBO: April 28, 2020 (14 tables)

Only two Seaway members (nightbreez & jessie88) played with us that day, but it was a great start!

First Virtual KDBC I/N Game on BBO: July 28, 2020 (5 tables) (Silver Points!)

1autumn & bomber69
cdmj & jdkingston
marl303 & wmenninga

19emm & gemini00
cdw1652 & arassus
omadegroot & kmmcdonal
willward & palennie

allemona & icefloe
chicoreyno & cubajudy
summernord & dougout47

Biggest Virtual KDBC I/N Game on BBO: Feb 16, 2021 (25 tables) (tied with Jan 5, 2021!)

11wammer & maggie010
48gentleb & carloon1
annealice1 & arassus
blynkn & dilillian
duchess79 & cheska2
galeforce & nightbreez
grace30 & dorisi
james1929 & karen1958
jdcarr & twoenns
josielaneg & maryfran88
littlevic & gangirl
mgbaer2 & robot
opie14 & bgraves
roho1966 & kmmcdonal
summernord & dougout47
tmlegal & speag
willward & palennie
wolfelake & eagar

1autumn & bomber69
4niko & sirharold
ayrieb & fifirlarue
bruth1 & dkathleen
elanah & chicoreyno
gemini00 & rar14
gretel25 & cmw1939021
janet0621 & gimlifan
jdkingston & cdmj
jr236100 & m000000
lyonsjim & queenofh
mikeyj123 & jfinucan
pansies123 & mac68
spike39 & 1bigsimba
sylviamo & kohima
vgordon & sueblay
wmenninga & robot

1coolone & natie1
allemona & icefloe
bennit & thebru
detted2019 & 11jackie
faying & chaofa
goulston & fralick43
jackeady & nesterreg
jcmagne & bearwood
jessie88 & normada
lavina86 & wildman12
mbgp & bwtj
mjl1957 & frankie957
peggy mac & hamlet401
stewball2 & ktownmmr
teepa2 & teepa

**Thought of the year... will we remember players' real names,
or just their BBO handles?**





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Reflections on Virtual Play (April 2021)



A NOTE FROM THE SEAWAY CLUB

Hello! About eleven months ago, Terry Demers and I discussed the possibility of the Seaway Bridge Club players joining in the Kingston DBC virtual games on BBO. Arrangements were made and the first of the forty active Seaway players started to play on April 28th, 2020.

During these past months, we have witnessed the warmth and the joviality of the Kingston members, not to mention the quality of the competition. Thanks to the Kingston online games, we have been able to play with relatives, old friends, and have also made new friends along the way.

I think I speak for all of the Seaway Bridge Club people when I say that this has been a wonderful experience and we look forward to the games ahead.

Diane Lafrance (aka nightbreez)

ONE I/N PLAYER'S THOUGHTS ON BBO PLAY AND OUR MENTOR PROGRAMS

Incredible! Where did the past challenging year go? Playing online bridge has made a big, positive difference. I hesitated to start, but my partner encouraged me to give it a go. Once you get used to the clicking (including the...ah...er...occasional misclick...), it's easy. Give it a try, you'll be glad you did - honest!



My bridge game is improving. Why? Regular play is important. But the Club's Mentor Games and Mentor/Mentee Program are key contributors, too. We're lucky to have a rich pool of expertise and experience. Don't hesitate to use them. Mentors have helped me to better grapple with bridge's complexities and the Mentor Games allow me to apply their advice. Besides, they are a very nice bunch! Thank you, all.

Maureen Rush (aka bomber69)

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF OUR BBO GAME DIRECTORS

We don't thank our Directors enough! A Director's job is never easy, and BBO has not made it easier. We don't see the work that goes on behind the scenes, and Don, Jock and Brian always make it look like no work at all. But as Don writes, it isn't so straightforward...

"...Ok, the I/N section started smoothly as usual...almost game time in the open section and two players not online - better call them...okay, everybody online now and there is a half table, get a robot pair to fill it...somebody disconnected, give them a minute to get back...they're not back, better give them a call...okay, they aren't getting back online soon, better sub in a robot and hope they will eventually get back online...the round is almost over and the usual pairs aren't finished; two tables didn't finish in time, check whether BBO adjusted the scores or gave averages, then check the play and adjust the scores appropriately...director call, player says they are frozen (then how did they call the director?); give them a call; ok, they were trying to lead when it was actually their turn to bid!...looks like everyone is finishing the round on time, on to round 3...time to check how the I/N section is getting along... "

Don Kersey (aka kerseyd)





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Keeping Strong With I/N Ourselves!!

Hello KDBC and Seaway I/N Players!

I'm so happy to report that more than 60 I/N players have been joining our KDBC BBO games. However, we still need new entry-level I/N Bridge Players!!! Please tell your friends, neighbours, and relatives that there are lots of ways to learn this amazing card game while we are still getting our vaccines!

We need to grow our numbers! Spread the word that lessons are readily available and even FREE! Once these new players have joined ACBL, they can start playing in our I/N games, Mentor Games, or sign up for a Coach! New players will be given FREE Membership in the KDBC for 2021. Looking forward to welcoming new players to our virtual KDBC games!!

Suzanne Ryan (aka icefloe), KDBC I/N Representative

Want Local, Friendly, Expert Advice? Play with a KDBC Mentor!

#1 Play with a mentor in an open game as part of the Club's Mentor/Mentee Program. You arrange the partnership and the number of times you wish to play. Contact Charlie Waddell at cmw193910@gmail.com for a list of friendly, experienced players who are willing to act as a mentor.

#2 Play in our structured Mentor Game (held on the first Thursday of each month). Join the Zoom session afterwards for a discussion of the hands. The next Mentor Game is Thursday, May 6 @ 6:30 pm. Contact Terry Demers at kdbconbbo@gmail.com if you are interested in playing. Please note, mentees must have fewer than 500 MPs.





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Educational Opportunities

There are a plethora of free bridge lessons on the web. Just Google “free bridge lessons” and you will find a long list. If you know someone interested in taking beginner lessons tell them to look for SE Carolina Club on the net (details also just below!).



If you are willing to pay for lessons, again there is a long list. Barbara Seagram, Audrey Grant, Larry Cohen, Gerry Helms, etc. Bridge 21 also has lessons. Recently, you will have received a flyer from Pam Husband offering courses. Pam lives in Ottawa and the KDBC Board agreed to send her flyer to all our players.

There are a number of Mentor/Mentee partnerships that were created when I put out a call for volunteers. There still are Mentees looking for Mentors. If you are looking for a Mentor let me know and I will help you find one. Brian Moorby, Glenn Torrie, Tammy Gauvin & Riet Haaksman have recently offered to be Mentors.

The first Thursday evening Mentor game has been well attended. The after-game zoom meeting is a good place to raise questions about a hand from the game while it is still fresh in your mind. All the details on all Mentor/Mentee opportunities are on the previous page of this newsletter.

May all your double fesses be on side!

Charlie Waddell (aka cmw1939021), KDBC Education Chair

FREE STUFF



FREE ZOOM BEGINNER BRIDGE LESSONS!!

Pass this information along to all your friends who are interested in learning the game of Bridge, or need to brush up on certain conventions!

This free 12-week course is being taught by Al Smith (ACBL District 7) and will cover the following topics:

Wk1: General Concepts	Wk 2: Opening Bids	Wk 3: Responses to 1NT openings
Wk 4: Responses to Suit Openings	Wk 5: Rebids—Part 1	Wk 6: Rebids—Part 2
Wk 7: Overcalls	Wk 8: Takeout Doubles	Wk 9: Stayman, Jacoby & Minor transfers
Wk 10: Reverses & Splinter Bids	Wk 11: Strong 2♣ & Pre-empt	Wk 12: Gerber & Blackwood

The course will be offered on three different days of the week, at different times.

- Tuesdays at 1:30pm (starting April 6th)
- Thursdays at 7:00 pm (starting April 8th)
- Saturdays at 10 am (starting April 10th)

To register, click on the following registration eForm link on the day you want to take the course. Fill out and submit. That is all it takes to register! [Course Registration Link](#)

For more information, contact Al Smith at: se.carolina.bridge@gmail.com

There is still time to register!



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Meet the new KDBC Board of Directors...



Jock Devonshire*
President



Brian Moorby*
Vice-President



John Gerretsen
Past President



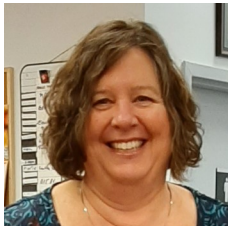
Anne Herfst
Treasurer



Charlie Waddell
Education Chair



Suzanne Ryan
I/N Representative



Kathy McDonald
Member-at-Large



Don Kersey*
Chief Director**



Terry Demers
Club Manager **

* game Director
** non-voting

...and the super volunteers working hard on our behalf...

Promotions Committee: **Tammy Gauvin, Anne Lamarche, Kathy McDonald & Carole Weir**

Charity Coordinator: **Carol Anne Ralph** Unit 192 Representative: **Sharon Boal**

And all the members who do/have acted as **spares** in our BBO games

A huge Thank You to these folks—they make it all happen, so that we can keep playing Bridge!



Thank You

Noreen Sugarman Award Winner for 2020: Anne Herfst

Awarded annually to the Kingston novice or intermediate player who has demonstrated the most improvement over the calendar year. The recipient shall also have exhibited respect for both their partner and opponents, good sportsmanship and a friendly and welcoming presence at the table and within the KDBC.

Ken Allan Award Winner for 2020: Terry Demers

Awarded annually to the Kingston player who best exhibits respect for both their partner and opponents; active ethics; good sportsmanship; a friendly and welcoming presence at the table and within the KDBC; support for new and inexperienced players; and an overall contribution to the enhancement of the Kingston bridge community.

*Congratulations and Thanks for All You Do
You make our Club a better place—on-line or in person!*



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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS...

- Wednesday, April 7th** One Year Anniversary **Meet & Greet on Zoom** @ 6:00 pm
One Year Anniversary **Games** @ 6:45 pm (299er) & 7:00 pm (open)
- April 12th —18th** Charity Week: **All games are 2X regular black points** (\$5 charge)
- Saturday, April 17th** **Our Very First Virtual Team Game** @ 6:30 pm (2X black points!), using an “Eight is Enough” format for creating teams. Teams must register by April 16th at 8:00 pm. Email Terry Demers with questions or help in finding teammates at kdbconbbo@gmail.com.
- April 22nd—25th** ACBL “**Stay @ Home, Play @ Home Regional**” (gold & red points)
This is an on-line Regional (not a Club event). For more info go to: https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/SAH_PAH_Sched0421.pdf
- Thursday, May 6th** **Mentor Game** @ 6:30 pm. Mentees must have fewer than 500 MPs. Cost is \$3. Join us for a Zoom discussion of the hands after the game. Email Terry Demers at kdbconbbo@gmail.com if you wish to play in the Mentor Game.

...AND DON'T FORGET OUR REGULAR WEEKLY GAMES TOO!

0-299er I/N Games (2X a week):

Open Games (6X a week):

Tuesdays @ 1:05 pm & Wednesdays @ 6:45 pm

Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays @ 1:15 pm

Wednesdays & Sundays @ 7:00 pm

Thursdays @ 10:15 am





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POST-COVID DREAMING...



Play bridge in Portugal!!!

KDBC has entered into

an agreement of reciprocity with the “Centro de Bridge de Lisboa” (Lisbon’s oldest, and only, bridge club), which has 110 members, including almost all of the best players in Lisbon, but also a large number of social bridge players. Currently closed for repairs and redecoration, the club will re-open as soon as Covid permits, offering lessons, games and tournaments in the afternoons and until late night, and aims to increase the practice of social and competitive bridge in Lisbon. The Lisbon club has formed a number of reciprocal agreements with clubs around the world (in Porto, Madrid, Barcelona, Montpellier, Casablanca, Copenhagen, Milan, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo!), in order to allow members of these clubs, when travelling, to play under the same conditions and prices as members. “It’s mainly a way to feel at home when a bridge player visits a foreign country and looks for a local bridge club and be welcome”, writes Manuel Capucho, the Lisbon club’s manager.

KDBC’s relationship with Centro de Bridge de Lisboa was started by Charlie Waddell and Riet Haaksman, and Charlie has played in Kingston with a club member and friend, Pedro Durão (both in person and on-line in our BBO games—you may have met him as PMD177), and Charlie and Riet have also played at the club in Lisbon. Hamish Taylor and Elaine McDougall visited Lisbon in 2018 (back when we could travel!) and on Charlie’s recommendation, contacted Pedro and played at his club. The players could not have been nicer or more welcoming, and the club is well-located in central Lisbon and near to a metro stop. KDBC is the first North American member to join the group!

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Put playing with our friends in Lisbon on your bucket list—live bridge and travel...think of that!!!!

Play bridge in Kingston!!! A New Home for KDBC?

As most of you are aware, KDBC currently exists on-line and in a storage locker or two, as we gave up our lease on our new rental space on Progress Avenue last year.

That decision was well-timed, and has allowed us to survive the COVID lockdown with a relatively strong financial cushion. However, we do hope to return to live play at some point (or some combination of live and on-line games), and the Board of Directors reassures you that they are actively looking into options for a club space.



VERSUS



As always, if you have questions or comments, please let us know by email @ kdbconbbo@gmail.com

**Stay Safe, Get a Vaccination (or two),
and Mask Up, Everyone!**