

Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow...

Just don't bring it indoors!

Charles Dickens wrote "Nature gives to every season some beauties of its own", and while this may be particularly true of winter days, with their bright sun, white snow and glistening trees, winter also brings slush and road salt.

Please bring indoor shoes to change into so that we don't get melted snow and grit on the floors at ERMUC. Wet floors are a slipping hazard and a mess to clean up. Your boots may be left with your coats at the cloakroom at the west end of the hall. There is a bench there for changing into your shoes.



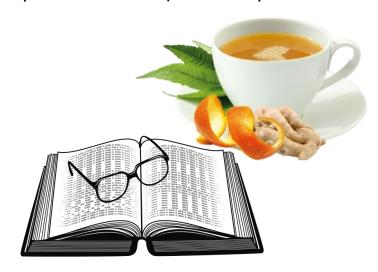
And while we're talking about things <u>not</u> to bring into the card room...

Winter is peak season for coughs, colds, and all kinds of respiratory illnesses.

If you are feeling unwell, please stay home, for your health, and the health of others at the Club. We'll miss you, but we'd rather see you when you are well.

Remember, bridge is just a game. Good health is priceless!

While you are recuperating, enjoy a good book and a cup of tea with lemon and ginger. You can even read up on splinter bids or squeezes if you like!



If you're not feeling 100%...stay home & stay safe!



Join The Choir! (or the Club as the case may be)

Become a KDBC Member

KDBC is member-owned and member-run. Have a voice in our special club! Membership allows you to vote at the AGM for our Board, which makes decisions with your input on all manner of Club operations. You also get special member-only perks from time-to-time, like a discount for the Christmas Party!

2025 Membership Dues are only \$20

Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Fund

Once again KDBC members have the chance to contribute to our local Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Fund (all proceeds stay in Kingston).

Carol Harvey is our Charity Coordinator.
Stay tuned for details.



Fantastic Fives!

New F-2-F Special Games Fifth Week of the Month

KDBC will be offering some special face-toface games <u>during the fifth week</u> of each month for the next little while, as we work on programming for the new year.

All games are at ERMUC, 1:00 pm start.

Friday, November 29, 2024
Special Game: Rookie-Master +/-500

Newer players with fewer than 500 points are encouraged to sign up for this game to play with more experienced player.

Sharon Boal is circulating a list at the Club.

Experienced players (with over 500 points) who are willing to be partners please sign the corresponding signup sheet.

If Sharon isn't at the club with the lists and you are interested in playing in this game, email your name to Sharon at sharonboal3@gmail.com



Monday, December 30, 2024 Special Game: Individual Game

No partner? No problem!

In this game everyone plays with a random set of people— and results are based on your own individual score at the end of the match.

It's a great way to mingle and maybe even form new partnerships going forward.

Friday, March 28, 2025 Special Game: Rookie-Master +/-500

Save the date! Details to be announced closer to the game.

Mark your Calendars Local Sectional Tournament at ERMUC

January 24-26, 2025

Keep on Top of Things (but stay off ladders)

There's lots going on at KDBC!

Regularly check the KDBC Website for the most up-to-date information on Club games and times, special games and special events.

https://www.bridgewebs.com/kdbc/





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BOOT CAMP! GET YOUR GAME I/N SHAPE!

Come learn or review various intermediate bridge topics and play supervised hands under the capable leadership of Mike Bowman. Thank you for sharing your expertise during these sessions, Mike!

Fridays 10 am to noon
Conservatory Pond, 3rd floor Games Room
1499 Stoneridge Drive, Kingston
\$5 per session (pay at the door)

Last session this year is December 13.

Boot Camp resumes January 10, 2025.

All are welcome!

MENTORS ARE I/N DEMAND!

I/N players appreciate the support and guidance offered by our fantastic Mentors.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge during monthly online games, either on a regular or occasional basis, please consider volunteering to be a Mentor!

Beginners + I/N Mentors: 3rd Monday I/Ns + Expert Mentors: 1st Thursday All games on-line on BBO

For more information on any of KDBC's programs for I/N players, contact Sandra Theriault (KDBC I/N Rep) at

theriault_s@sympatico.ca

MEET YOUR 2024-25 KDBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Let's Play Bridge!
bridgecentrekingston@gmail.com

Bridge Lessons and More!!

Lessons

KDBC is currently offering Saturday morning lessons at the Seniors Centre (56 Francis St) until Dec 21st. There are over 20 students enrolled and attendance is typically in the mid 'teens. You do not need to be a member of the Seniors Association to participate. Upcoming classes:

- Nov 30 (10 am noon): Leads against NT contracts with Glenn Torrie
- Dec 7 (10 am—noon): Stayman over a 1NT opener with Elaine McDougall
- Dec 14 (9 am—11 am): Transfers over a 1NT opener with Elaine McDougall (note time is earlier due to the KDBC Christmas Party!)
- Dec 21 (10 am—noon): Quiz and Supervised Play with Gaylia Ohlman

\$10 per session, pay at the door

New lessons start Jan 4, 2025, and will continue most Saturdays (10 am—noon) until April 26th. The new session will be a continuation of the current lesson sequence but newcomers with some basic knowledge of bridge are most welcome. We will cover topics such as declarer play, basic defensive tactics and signalling, overcalls, strong 2C and 2NT openings, weak two bids, and more, with lots of practice play. No advance registration is necessary ... just show up at the LaSalle Room of the Seniors Centre at 56 Francis St., Saturdays at 10 am.

Watch the KDBC web site for details.

Social Bridge for Students on Mondays

Students in the KDBC classes, or Elaine's Thursday classes through the Senior's Association are welcome to play social bridge at the Club (at ERMUC) on Monday's at 1:00 pm. These games are a great opportunity for you and three bridge friends to practice your play and bidding.

- Please bring your own foursome in order to play—we'll supply the playing cards!
- Cost is \$2 per person to cover snacks and beverages.
- Please arrive by 12:45 pm.
- Parking is free. We play in the lower hall use the lakeside entrance.



Questions about Bridge Lessons?

Contact Glenn Torrie (KDBC's Education Chair) 613-549-7304 gtorrie@sympatico.ca

Let's Learn To Play Bridge! bridgecentrekingston@gmail.com

KUDOS to our KDBC STARS who placed in the overalls, all over the Country! (or Continent, or Region, or Tournament, or...)** AND GOOD LUCK TO THOSE GOING TO LAS VEGAS!

Oct 30 ACBL-WIDE IMP Pairs (played across North America and Bermuda)

Brian Bowman & Michael Bowman (70.46%) 3rd overall in all of ACBL and 1st in District 1 (District 1 includes Kingston and all of Canada east of Kingston)

Oct 16 CANADA-WIDE Erin Berry Master-Rookie Pairs (played across Canada)

- Jess Hayes & Doris Waddell (67.42%), 3rd in Canada & 1st in Zone II
- * Carol Harvey & Michael Bowman (64.65%), 11th in Canada & 4th in Zone II
 - * Chris Paul & Tammy Gauvin (61.94%), 20th in Canada

Oakville Regional

Nov 5 & 6 Tuesday-Wednesday KOs Brkt 2

Carol Clements, Gail Pimm, Gaye Villa, Charles Smith, 1st overall

Nov 9 Open Bracketed Teams Brkt 2

- Gaylia Ohlman, Keith Prytulka, Ken Salter, Steve McGrahan, 1st overall
- Anne Lamarche, Bill Mitchell, Gave Villa, Charles Smith, 2nd overall

DISTRICT 1 STaC (played in Kingston and all of District 1)

Oct 21st Open Pairs

- Pat Briggs & Terry Demers, 1st overall
- Anne Herfst & Bill Mitchell, 2nd overall, 1st in B
- Sharon Boal & Keith Prytulka, 3rd overall, 2nd in B
- Peggy Hutchison & Vickie Lynn Macauley, 6th overall, 1st in C

Oct 27th Open Pairs

- Terry Demers & Jock Devonshire, 1st overall
- Don Kersey & Greg McKellar, 2nd overall

Oct 27th '99er Pairs

- Linda Callaghan & Gail Potts, 1st overall, 1st in A, B & C Sep 19 Open Pairs
- Joanne Lambert & Irene Malinowski, 2nd overall, 2nd in A, B & C

Kingston Local Sectional

Oct 4 Open Pairs Session 2

- Eva Wiseman & David Cross, 1st overall
- Glenn Torrie & Barry Wilson, 2nd overall

Oct 5 Open Pairs Session 1

Amar Banerjee & Jack Klaassen, 2nd overall, 1st in B & C Aug 6 Open Bracketed Teams Brkt 2

Oct 5 Open Pairs Session 2

- Gaylia Ohlman & Keith Prytulka, 2nd overall
- Eva Wiseman & David Cross, 3rd overall, 1st in B
- Suzanne Ryan & Linda Tindall, 4th overall, 2nd in B, 1st in C

Oct 5 299er Pairs

Sandra Theriault & Marlo Whitehead, 1st overall

Oct 6 Open Swiss Teams

Gaylia Ohlman, Keith Prytulka, Ray Rothenbury, Barry Wilson, 2nd overall

Kingston Local Sectional, continued

Oct 6 Open Swiss Teams

- Carol Harries, Doris Waddell, Larry Heide, Kathleen Sullivan, 3rd overall
- * Kathy McDonald, Jack Cooper, Jack Klaassen, Amar Banerjee, 4th overall, 1st in B & C

Ottawa Regional

Sep 17 KOs Brkt 1

Paddy Allan, Don Kersey, Greg McKellar, Bill Koski, Kim Koski, 1st overall

Sep 17 Gold Rush Pairs

Marg Beck & Anne Herfst, 2nd overall

Sep 18 Super Gold Rush Pairs

Marg Beck & Anne Herfst, 2nd overall, 1st in B Sep 18 Stratified Swiss Teams

Eva Wiseman, David Cross, Richard Darling, Judy Darling, 3rd overall, 1st in C

Sep 19 Bracketed Swiss Teams Brkt 1

Paddy Allan, Don Kersey, Greg McKellar, Bill Koski, Kim Koski, 3rd overall

- Glenn Torrie & Barry Wilson, 2nd overall, 1st in B & C Sep 19 Gold Rush Pairs
- Marg Beck & Anne Herfst, 3rd overall

Rochester Regional

Aug 5 Open Bracketed Teams Brkt 1

Barry Wilson, Gaylia Ohlman, Anne Lamarche, Bill Mitchell, 4th overall

Barry Wilson, Gaylia Ohlman, Anne Lamarche, Bill Mitchell, 2nd overall

Aug 7 Open Bracketed Teams Brkt 2

- * Anne Lamarche, Bill Mitchell, Sharon Boal, Joan Renzoni, 1st overall
- Kathy McDonald, Gaylia Ohlman, Xiang Long, Debbie Carpenter, 3rd overall

Aug 8 Open Bracketed Teams Brkt 1

Kathy McDonald, Gaylia Ohlman, Xiang Long, Debbie Carpenter, 3rd overall

** Apologies if we've missed anyone. Let us know!