



# Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

## Getting ready for winter...

It has now been almost six months since we settled into our new Face-to-Face bridge room at Edith Rankin Memorial United Church, and it's safe to say how much we are all enjoying the venue, and the opportunity to play in-person bridge with our friends, again.

As the weather turns colder and wetter, please enter the lower level by the far double doors — this area is carpeted and has a coat rack and benches for taking off your boots.

Please bring indoor shoes to change into—we can't track mud and snow into the playing area from our boots!



## Meanwhile, back in the kitchen...

We are trying to be as eco-friendly as possible with our food waste and garbage disposal at ERMUC.

Please take care to dispose of items in the bins as marked: plastics, paper, garbage. If items get mixed up, it is an extremely messy job for someone to sort it out afterwards.

We also have a dedicated, labelled, container on the counter for used coffee pods (and only used coffee pods!) Please put your pod in this special receptacle after your coffee is ready so the grounds can be composted and the plastic recycled. This also ensures the coffee maker is empty and ready for the next user.



**Many thanks for your attention to these items!**

**Your KDBC Board**



# Membership Matters



## Dear KDBC Members,

KDBC is a member owned club which operates under a specific set of bylaws.

Your membership, through the board members you elect at the annual meeting, provides you with direct input to decisions on every aspect of the club, including venue, frequency of games, virtual and F2F costs, special colour pigmented games, and special events such as our local sectional and regional tournaments.

In other words, we as members created our club and continue to make sure it functions for all of us. We are the corporation members.

Previous club members were 'grandfathered' through COVID. Now it's time for annual membership dues to resume.

Membership Fees for the 2024 calendar year are \$20, payable by cash or cheque at a regular club game, or by e-transfer to [kdbctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:kdbctreasurer@gmail.com).

As a little incentive to renew before the end of January 2024, there will be both member and non-member pricing for our Christmas luncheon on December 16th. Stay tuned for details!

A members' club is a vibrant club.

*Join soon!*

## Your KDBC Board of Directors

**BOT-free KDBC BBO Game**  
**Wed, Nov 15, 7:00 pm**

Join your fellow humans  
on-line for a KDBC game on  
BBO.

♥ your local ♣!

**Save the Date!**

**KDBC Holiday Party**

**Saturday, December 16, 2023**

**Luncheon followed by a STaC Game**

**Edith Rankin Memorial United Church**

**11:30 am — 5:00 pm**



**Don't Get Caught Out!**

**Remember to 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/](https://www.bridgewebs.com/kdbc/)**



## Let's Go KDBC! 12 by 12!

Back in early October, Suzanne Ryan suggested that the Board set an informal goal of having 12 tables at our regular F2F pairs games by December, 2023.

At the Instant Matchpoint Game F2F on Oct 25 we had 12 tables...

At our Team Game F2F on Oct 30 we had 12 tables...

And on Nov 1 at a regular F2F game (pictured) we had 12.5 tables!

**SCORE!**

**NOW FOR THE NEXT**  
**CHALLENGE...24 by 24!!!**



♥ Come on out, see your friends and play some bridge. ♥

# Hello all KDBC Intermediate and Novice Players!!

## It's Been a Busy Fall in the I/N Section!

Whether it is in lessons, in-person games, team games, special event games or online games, many Intermediate and Novice players are active in our club! New partnerships are being formed, new mentorships are starting, and table counts are growing!!

We were thrilled to see 12 Novice players out for the Erin Berry Memorial Game on Oct 17. Thanks to all the "Rookies" and "Masters" who participated in this special game. Super congratulations to the partnerships of **Carole Weir & Paddy Allan** and **Margery West & Bill Mitchell**, who respectively placed 9th and 10th in CANADA in the Erin Berry Game!!!!

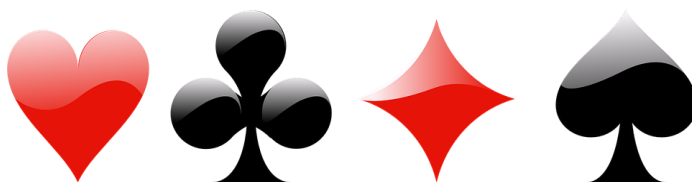
*Well Done!*

## The next I/N Mentor game is Monday, November 20 on BBO

- ✓ Register with your partner at 6 pm
- ✓ Stay on-line for the pre-game chalk talk at 6:15 pm on the topic of "Bidding Slams" (a favourite!)
- ✓ The game will start at 6:45 pm.

We welcome new players to this monthly game. Contact me if you know of a Mentor or Mentee who would like to join us.

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**KDBC I/N Representative**



## Bridge Lessons

Lessons are currently being offered at the Seniors Center (56 Francis Street) on Saturdays from 10-12. We have 12 students enrolled so far. You do not need to be a member of the Seniors Association to participate.

## New Lessons Planned for 2024!

Next year the lessons will start on Jan 6 and will be every Saturday from 10-12 until April 27, also at the Seniors Centre. Lessons are \$10 per class.

Some of the topics we'll be covering will be: Bidding majors (part 2), Jacoby 2 NT, the 2/1 bidding system, balancing and defence, with lots of practice play.

We are hoping to have a newcomer section at the Club soon.

Contact Gaylia for more info on lessons or how to register.

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**KDBC Education Chair**

# An Interesting Hand

## Don Kersey's Hand Analysis of Board 7 from Wed Nov 1 (F2F game)

This was Board 7 from the  
November 1 face-to-face game:  
South Dealer, both sides vulnerable

♠ A Q J 8 4

♥ K 8

♦ A J

♣ J 7 6 2

♠ 9 6 5 3

♥ Q 7

♦ 10 9 6

♣ Q 10 8 4

♠ K 10 2

♥ J 10 6 5 4 3 2

♦ Q 8

♣ 5

♠ 7

♥ A 9

♦ K 7 5 4 3 2

♣ A K 9 3

The auction should start 1D - Pass -  
1S, and East should pass (3H is  
inadvisable when vulnerable).

South will probably rebid 2C, and  
the auction could then proceed in  
several ways.

North-South can make 12 tricks in

either minor suit, but since the  
three declarers who reached 5C or  
5D all went down, it is perhaps  
fortunate that nobody bid a minor  
suit slam.

3NT can make 11 tricks, but on a  
heart lead (likely if North declares),  
South will win to finesse the  
diamond jack, losing to the queen,  
and another heart will take out  
North's stopper. After running the  
diamonds and cashing the top  
clubs, declarer could make 11 tricks  
by leading toward the club jack, but  
this only works because West has  
no more hearts, so it would be a  
bold declarer indeed who tried that  
play, and 10 tricks would be a satis-  
factory result (and in fact proved to  
be a tie for top).

How about the minor suit slams?  
6D has to lose a trump trick, but  
with careful use of the entries to  
the North hand, declarer can set up  
the spades to provide discards for

## Don's Analysis...continued

South's two club losers. 6C, on the other hand, is a tight-rope walk. Say West leads a spade, to North's ace. Declarer cashes the ace-king of clubs, learning about the evil split. Now South must play diamond ace, diamond king, diamond ruff, even though that seems to leave West with two trump tricks. Declarer continues by cashing the heart king (optional, but it clarifies the further play) and leading the spade queen, covered by the king and ruffed, weakening the trump holding still further. The position now looks like this:

♠ J 8 4

♥ 8

♦ -

♣ J

♠ 9 6

♥ Q

♦ -

♣ Q 10

♠ 10

♥ J 10 6 5

♦ -

♣ -

♠ -

♥ A

♦ 7 5 4

♣ 9

The three winning diamonds serve as trump substitutes, neutralising West's menacing holding. When South leads a diamond, West can see that ruffing with the queen won't work (West would have to return a black card, allowing North to draw West's last trump, or a heart, allowing South to win the ace and continue diamonds to pick up West's remaining trump). Ruffing the diamond with the ten doesn't work either (North would overruff and cross to South's heart ace, and further diamond leads would limit West to one trump trick). So West discards on the diamond, and North discards a spade. On the next diamond lead, the same considerations apply, so West again discards and North discards another spade. Now on the last diamond, if West discards yet again, North will discard the heart 8, and South will lead the heart ace; whether West ruffs high or low, North's trump jack will be declarer's twelfth trick!

*What a great analysis...Thank you Don! I think I pre-empted (wrongly) as East. (Ed.)*

# Let's Keep the ♥ in Bridge

## Promoting and Practicing ZERO TOLERANCE at KDBC

KDBC is a ZERO TOLERANCE Club. This means that players' behaviour must be ethical and considerate at all times. The purpose is to ensure a pleasant atmosphere at the Club (and on BBO).

Our Club by-laws state, in part, that: "Any complaint about the conduct of a member during a game should be addressed to the Director." (By-Law 3-1)

"While most complaints should primarily be addressed to the Director, members may make a formal complaint about another person's behaviour or ethics. This complaint shall be in writing and be addressed to the Recorder." (By-Law 3-5)

ACBL has a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY to which KDBC subscribes. It states in part:

"Below are some examples of commendable behaviour, which, while not required, will significantly contribute to the improved atmosphere:

- Being a good "host" or "guest" at a table.
- Greeting others in a friendly manner
- Praising the bidding and/or play of the opponents (not your partner!)
- Having two clearly completed convention cards readily available for the opponents (*this is actually a regulation, not just a nicety.*)

The following are examples of behaviour that will not be tolerated:

- Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats or violence.

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- Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding.
- Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.
- Loud and disruptive arguing with a Director's ruling.

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the Director should be called immediately."

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## HELPFUL HINTS & HELPFUL FOLKS

### ♥ BBO Etiquette TIPS ♠

Please greet your opponents, and let them know if you have any special systems, right at the start.

Remember to alert your own bids (even as “mundane” as 1NT = 15-17 hcp or transfers).

Use the **private chat function** to chat with your partner after the boards are completed. Don't use the table chat. Just select “private” on the chat screen and type in your partner's BBO name.

### ♣ Do You Need a Partner? ♦

KDBC can help you find a partner for our games. Marilyn Lindsay is our Partnership Coordinator. Just email Marilyn at [KDBCpartners@gmail.com](mailto:KDBCpartners@gmail.com) and leave a message. Marilyn will get back to you!



## MEET THE 2023-24 KDBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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