



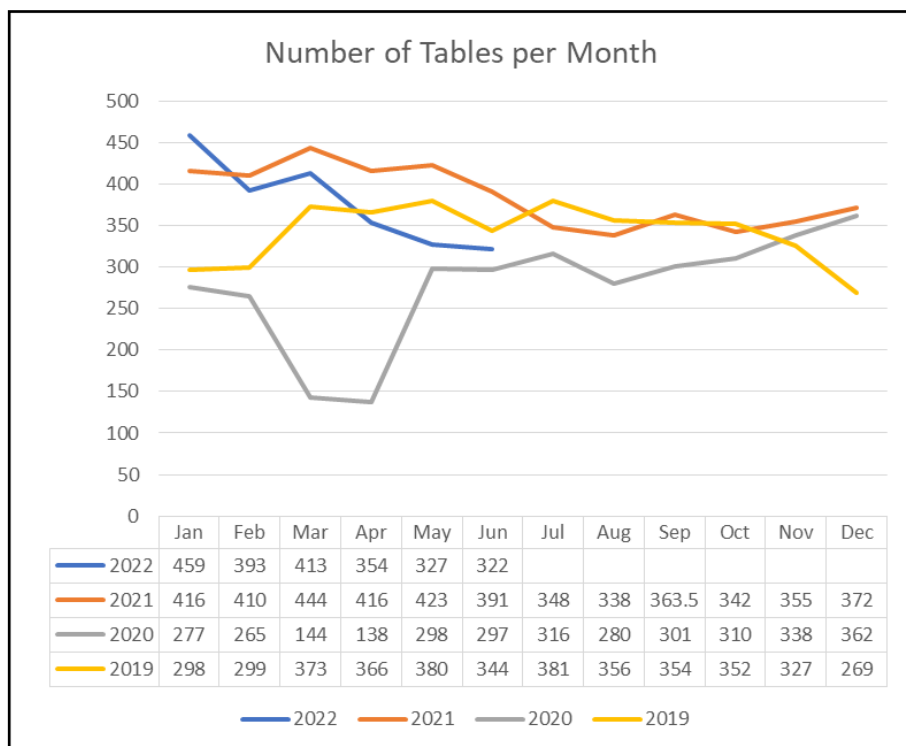
LETTER FROM THE KDBC PRESIDENT TO THE MEMBERS

Face-to-Face bridge, or F2F as we now call it, is slowly making its way back from its almost complete absence, precipitated by Covid-19.

As most of you know, we have resumed playing F2F on a very limited basis at the RCAFA Club at the Kingston Airport, currently only on Wednesday afternoons. Once September arrives, depending on certain factors, we would like to try to expand our F2F games. The health and safety of our players remain paramount, regardless of our personal opinions about the risk of infection. We will continue to follow KFLA guidelines erring on the side of caution.

Many of you miss F2F bridge and the camaraderie and all-around goodwill that we were blessed with, pre-Covid. We encourage anyone who has an opinion or suggestion about F2F or online bridge to contact a Board member and we will address your concerns and discuss your ideas.

Sincerely, **Jock Devonshire**
(on behalf of the KDBC Board)

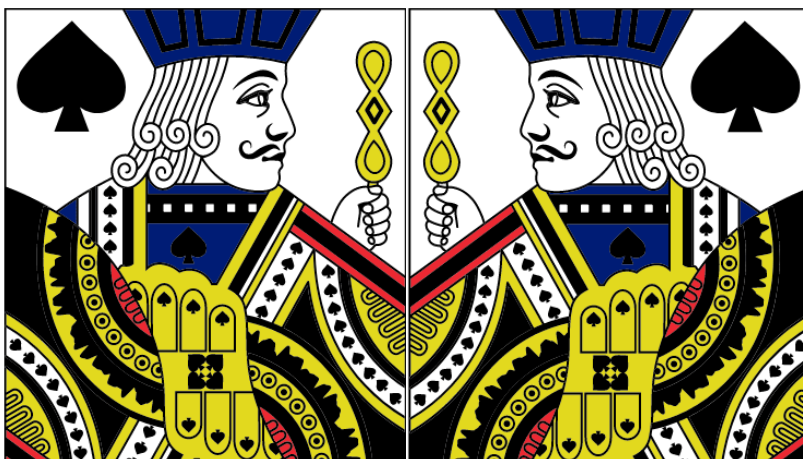


The graph at left shows the number of tables per month over the past 4 years. The data for 2019 through March 2020 shows face-to-face games only; subsequent entries are for both online and F2F games. The number of tables has been going down since January this year.

Information provided by
Anne Herfst, KDBC Treasurer.



LET'S SEE OUR FRIENDS AND PLAY BRIDGE, KDBC!



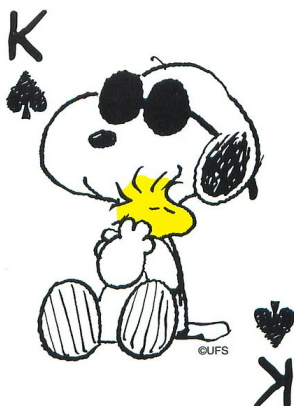
The KDBC Board encourages all players to return to F2F games as soon as they feel comfortable. KDBC members really stepped up when we needed to pivot to on-line play. Now we need to pivot back to F2F play. If you are comfortable playing in person, please come out to a game at the RCAFA Club*.

- ♦ The RCAFA games room is large, with natural lighting, and there's free parking.
- ♦ We have bridge mates, hand records *and* you get to hold the cards in your hands!
- ♦ Need a partner? Just email Paddy Allan at KDBCpartners@gmail.com
- ♦ Per KFLA guidelines, proof of vaccination and masks are no longer required to play, but to respect everyone's needs, we ask all participants to bring a mask, and wear it at the table if the opponents request it. How easy is that?

**Face-to-Face Games
@ KDBC**

**1:00 p.m., Wednesdays
RCAFA Club at the Airport
(200 Hampton Gray Gate)**

\$8 Cdn, cash accepted.



**Face-to-Face Games
@ KDBC**

**What's better than Bridge
with your friends?**

Please join us!

* Sadly, so far we are only averaging about 3.5 tables for our F2F games. If attendance does not pick up, the Board will consider suspending these games for the summer (after July 20th) and try again in September.



KDBC MEMBER NEWS



From lower L, clockwise: Ian, Suzanne, Zellie, Adrian

On June 27, **Adrian Leitch** and his aunt **Suzanne Ryan** played F2F at the Salt Spring Island Duplicate Bridge Club in BC. This long-time Mentor-Mentee partnership came in second with 58%. The Salt Spring Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Senior Centre in Ganges.

Suzanne first pitched the idea of learning bridge to her nephew, Adrian, in Oct 2019, on her last visit out there. This was their **FIRST TIME** playing in person together after almost 3 years of mentoring and playing on-line. Suzanne reports **"It was really special!!!"**



Don Kersey reports that "At the end of May Regional Tournament in Independence Ohio, **Shona Donovan** and long-time friend Marc Sylvester of Edinboro, PA teamed up with Don and Kathleen Sulgrove of Twinsburg, OH to play in two team games.

On Friday May 27, this team **WON** the AXY Swiss Teams for a total of 16.80 Gold points.

Then, in the Saturday Bracket 1 Knockout Teams, they **WON** again, this time for 34.60 Gold points."

51.40 Gold points in two consecutive games - well done Shona!





INTERMEDIATE-NOVICE NEWS

Calling all I/N Players!

- ♦ Watch for our September line-up of events, games, and programs for Intermediate and Novice Players!
- ♦ Meanwhile, the Limited Game on Fridays at 1:05pm is your best bet for on-line I/N play this summer!
- ♦ AND please join us for fun, social, F2F games on Wednesdays at the RCAFA club at the airport this month! 1pm start time. See you there!!



A happy group gathered at Lake Ontario Park on June 30th for the very first I/N Mentor Program “**Picnic in the Park**”. Participants enjoyed some great food, wine, conversation and a lovely sunset bridge game. What a beautiful way to start summer! Many thanks to Diana Macaulay, George McKeever, Gonny Moncur, Carol Anne Ralph and Carole Weir for joining me to celebrate the I/N Mentor Program. Thank you to George for taking the photos!



Let's “Picnic in the Park” Again!

August 18th at Lake Ontario Park—I/Ns unite!

Bring your dinner and plan to play bridge! If you can attend, email your RSVP by August 4th to Suzanne Ryan.

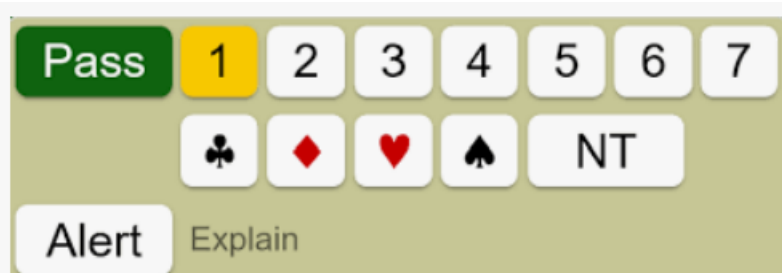
Remember: BRIDGE IS LIFE!

Suzanne Ryan, KDBC I/N Representative
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BBO CORNER: HOW, WHEN & WHY TO ALERT

Terry Demers offers some tips on alerting and explaining bids on BBO...



In our virtual games on BBO, players alert their own bids. Opponents see the alert but your partner does not. When it is your turn to bid a bidding box appears with an alert button and an area to explain your bid. You alert and explain an alertable bid before you make your bid.

Some bids require an announcement. If your partner opens 1NT and you want to transfer to spades, type “spades”, then bid 2♥. You do not need to hit the alert button. It is courteous to explain bids even if they are not alertable.

Here is an example: 1♦ pass 2♠

The 2♠ bid is a jump shift. You jumped in a new suit. It can mean very different things:

- Some players use this bid to show a strong hand, with 17+ points and strong spades.
- Others prefer to show a weak hand with spades (3-5 points and 6 spades).

You don't have to alert jump shifts, but they must be explained on your convention card.

Before you bid, type your agreement (in this example, type “weak” or “strong”) in the “explain” area. It will save time, and save the opps from asking you for an explanation.

Here is another example: 1♠ 2♦ 3♠

The 3♠ bid is a jump raise after an overcall. It can mean very different things:

- Some players use this bid to show a weak raise (0-5 points).
- Others prefer to use this bid to show an invitational raise (10-12) points.

You receive a request to explain your bid from the opponents (to ask for an explanation of the opps bid, click on it). A box will pop up on the bidder's screen. Only the player who made the bid will see and answer the inquiry. Type your explanation in the space provided. **Do not use chat, as that will give your partner unauthorized info. Do not just say “spades”. Give the details of your agreement. Your opponent already knows you have spades.!!!**

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Alerting and explaining bids on BBO... continued from previous page.

1♥/♠	Art Raises: 2NT <input type="checkbox"/> 3NT <input type="checkbox"/> Splitter <input type="checkbox"/>
1 st /2 nd Length: 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="text"/>
3 rd /4 th Length: 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/>	Drury: 2♣ <input type="checkbox"/> 2♦ <input type="checkbox"/> In Comp <input type="checkbox"/>
1NT: F <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-F <input type="checkbox"/> Bypass ♠ <input type="checkbox"/>	Jump Raise: Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed <input type="checkbox"/> Inv <input type="checkbox"/>
Other <input type="text"/>	After Overcall: Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed <input type="checkbox"/> Inv <input type="checkbox"/>

This is a section from the most recent ACBL convention card which applies to responses over major suit openings. Responses in red are alertable, blue are announced.

- It is courteous and helpful to explain a bid when you make it (on BBO)
- If you receive an inquiry, fully disclose your agreement.
- Know what is alertable. If you are learning a new convention, check out what and when you alert.
- Do not hesitate to ask about an opponent's bid. You are entitled to know what a bid means.
- Be kind, courteous and helpful!

Terry Demers, KDBC Club Manager

KDBC BOARD NEWS

Unit 192

Sharon Boal, who has done an amazing job for many years as Kingston's Unit Rep is stepping down from the position. If you are interested in serving as the Kingston rep for Unit 192, email Terry Demers at bridgecentrekingston@gmail.com, or speak with any member of the KDBC Board. Applications will be accepted until July 29.

KDBC AGM

The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28 (face-to-face) at the RCAFA Club. More information to follow.

NAP Qualifying Games will continue in July and August. Check the website for game dates. NAP games award 2X the points, and are 50% red points and 50% black points.

