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MObridge News

MObridge members were very successful participants in the Niagara Regional held in St. Catherines from November 8-13. See the photo below and the full story on page 3.

On Wednesday, December 14, the Club will be holding a **Holiday Party**. Mingling and munching starts at 5:30 followed by a game at 7:00. See you there!

In terms of activity levels, the general trend is that BBO games are declining while F2F games are very slowly increasing. Four F2F games per week produced a total of 83.5 tables for the month. The club also offered 7 BBO games per week (now reduced to 5 BBO games per week), which produced a total of 159 tables. Full recovery from the Covid disruption continues to be elusive. It was very good to see a number of players return to MObridge for the first time.

***Mobridge Members at the Niagara Regional
November 8 - 13. Left to Right: Paul Inglis, Peter
Giannandrea, Claude King, Max Rutherford and
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Top Games of the Month

0 – 500: On November 22 in our BBO 200 game, **Michele Broley & Maureen Casey** scored 70.37%.

501 – 2500: On November 28 in our BBO 1500 game, **Asit Nundy & David Bodnaryk** scored 68.06%.

Open: On November 8 in our F2F Open game, **S. Bonnar & Bruce Cameron** scored 71.24%.

Top Masterpoints Earned in October (latest month available)

0 - 500	501 - 2500	Open
M. Sattar Ali - 5.03	Bob Beecroft - 8.95	James Priebe - 5.48
Pat Fairfield - 4.77	Ann Hennum - 8.68	Bev Ross - 5.37
Brian Gray - 4.7	Max Rutherford - 6.42	Roman Klein - 5.25

Debacle of the Month

Tough call this month. Notwithstanding that it was only the second highest double related point total, I have gone with hand 5 of the November 17 Thursday 2500 F2F game as the debacle of the month. In this hand, a non-vulnerable but doubled west in a 5 club contract went down 6 for minus 1400. The actual highest doubled related point total occurred in hand 12 of the November 22 Tuesday Open F2F game where a doubled and vulnerable north made 6 clubs for a plus 1540. I downgraded this debacle to second place because the double itself only cost 170 points. With the winning hand, the double contributed 1100 of the 1400 points. Note: zero grand slams bid and made in November!

Member Profile - Brian Gray



Brian Gray is the son of bridge playing parents who brought the game into his home and taught him to play on Sunday afternoons. Having learned bridge as a youth, Brian continued to play through university (at some peril to his studies) and afterwards with his golf buddies. After a long period of rubber bridge, Brian came to John Rayner's club (now MObridge) in 2011 and entered the duplicate bridge world. Brian brought an inquisitive nature to duplicate bridge. During the COVID shutdowns he played duplicate in an English bridge club to learn the ACOL system and generally have a different experience. Having made a thoughtful transition from rubber to duplicate, Brian has authored two bridge books. The first, "A Newcomer's Guide: A Stress-Free Introduction to Duplicate Bridge" focuses on the transition from rubber to duplicate. The second, "A Handy Bridge Player's Guide to Duplicate – A Tale of Twin Bridge Clubs – Stamford BC Lincolnshire UK and MObridge Ontario Canada" also provides an introduction to the duplicate bridge playing environment, but does so from an English bridge perspective. The books are available at the club.



MObridge Members at the Niagara Regional. From left to right: Mary Zadorozniak, Marcia Baker, Dean Hartwell, Lee Stem, Mark Pickett and Laima Stem

Report on MObridge at the Niagara Regional - by Marcia Baker

The Niagara Regional was held in St. Catherines from November 8-13th and was a huge success. With 729 total tables, attendance was over 60% of the table count from the 2019 pre-covid tournament. People came from far and wide, including as far away as Newfoundland and California. There was a happy buzz in the room as old friends reacquainted and new friendships were made.

MObridge members were strongly represented in terms of both participation and achievements. More than 50 members attended and played at least one session. Team wins included: i) **Max Rutherford, Peter Giannandrea, Paul Inglis and Claude King** winning the St. Catherines Thursday-Friday KO-2; ii) **Lee Stem, Laima Stem, Mark Pickett and Dean Hartwell** winning the St. Catherines Friday Compact KO-2; and iii) **Iain Macdonald, Paul Pointet, Tamara Colbourne and Graham Dixon** winning the Sunday Teams Bracket 3.

Notable pair play was as follows: **Iain Macdonald/Tamara Colbourne** - 1st place Tues. Open Pairs; **Charles McLeod/Isabel Meharry** - 2nd place Tues. Gold Rush Pairs; **Hugh Pilkington/Priscilla Healy** - 3rd place Tues. Gold Rush Pairs; **Ringo Chung/Motaz Farag** - 2nd place Weds. Open Pairs; **Roman Klein/ Andrew Firko** - 3rd place Weds. Open Pairs; **Zachary Suski/Ted Suski** - 1st place Weds. Gold Rush Pairs and Thurs. Gold Rush Pairs; **Yale Zhong/Ringo Chung** - 1st place Thurs. Open Pairs; **Joanne Pooley/Jill Gray** - 3rd place Thurs. Gold Rush Pairs; **Joanne Pooley/Sharon Ridsdale** - 1st place Friday Gold Rush Pairs; **Mary Zadorozniak/Marcia Baker** - 3rd place Friday Gold Rush Pairs; and **Amy Yin/Gary Westfall** - 3rd place Sat. Open Pairs.

If you wanted to beef up your Masterpoint level, this was clearly a great opportunity with 5779 Masterpoints earned by 480 players.

Upcoming tournaments include the Jan. 6-8/23 Toronto NLM (Non-Life Master) 0-750 mps Winter Regional and the Toronto New Years Sectional, also scheduled for Jan. 6-8. Mark your calendars!

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