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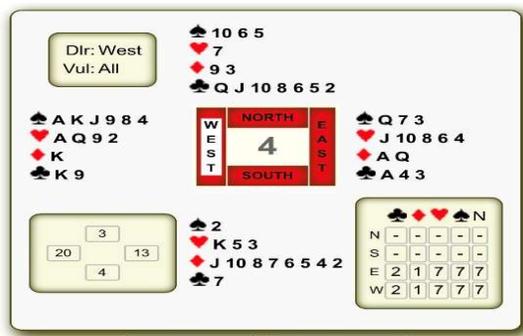
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## MObridge News

A very positive development for the club in October was the return of F2F bridge lessons. See the story on the following page and the photo below. In terms of activity levels, October was another mixed month for the Club. The Club held 4 F2F games per week: a 1500 game on Monday night, an open game on Tuesday afternoon, a 2500 game on Thursday afternoon and an open game on Saturday morning. The Club also offered 7 BBO games per week. F2F games increased to 88.5 tables in October from 83.5 tables in September. A modest increase but still an increase. On the other hand, BBO tables decreased from 181 in September to 159 in October, resulting in a net decrease in total tables month over month.

### *Danielle Gosselin and the Bridge Basics I Class at Mobridge. Story on Page 2*





Board No 4 Both Vul Dealer West									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	8	7♣	E	♣Q	7		2210	1.00	4.00
6	3	7♥	E	♠2	7		2210	1.00	4.00
7	10	7♣	W	♦9	7		2210	1.00	4.00
9	5	6♥	E	♣7	7		1460	4.00	1.00
11	4	6♥	E	♣7	7		1460	4.00	1.00
12	2	6♣	W	♦9	7		1460	4.00	1.00

## 7 Grand Slams Bid and Made

7 Grand Slams were bid and made at MObridge in October. On Thursday, October 13 **Lee Stem & Laima Stem** bid and made 7 NT. On Saturday, October 15 the above hand was played at 6 tables. Three EW teams bid and made 7 Hearts (**Bev Ross & Sally Rewbotham**) or 7 Spades (**Jay Hamann & Rory Ryan** and **Peter Milligan & Jenny Jiang**). Three EW teams bid and made 6 Hearts or spades with an overtrick. Notice that if the K of Hearts had been in the North hand, the three Grand Slams would have failed and the results of the hand reversed. On Tuesday, October 18, the pairs of **Pat Fairfield & Donna Viviani** and **Bala Balasubramanian & Bob Beecroft** each bid and made 7 NT. On October 25, **Jim Flowers & George Fotopoulos** bid and made 7 Spades.

## Top Games of the Month

**0 – 500:** On October 4 in our BBO 100 game, **Mhairi Godley & Judith Porchuk** scored 72.69%.

**501 – 2500:** On October 10 in our BBO 1000 game, **Glen Davison & David Kitchen** scored 67.78%.

**Open:** On October 18 in our F2F Open game, **Charles Overland & Richard Alcock** scored 66.67%.

## Bridge Lessons with Danielle Gosselin Have Returned

F2F bridge lessons have returned to Mobridge on Wednesday afternoons. Danielle is teaching a Bridge Basics Part I course to 16 new students of the game.

Danielle started her bridge journey in England (ACOL) before coming to North America and converting to 5 card majors. After certifying as a teacher with the ACBL, Danielle began teaching at Mobridge and Etobicoke Bridge Center. Her hope is to convey her love and passion for bridge to new players. While Danielle did virtual teaching during the pandemic, she is very happy to be back to F2F teaching with its live interaction with students.

Bridge Basics Part I is an introductory bridge course. The students are very keen and have expressed a high degree of interest in future courses and play at MObridge. Those future opportunities will include, in addition to another Bridge Basics Part I, a Bridge Basics Part II (Competitive Bidding) and perhaps a shuffle and play session to start the transition from lessons to active duplicate play.

## Debacle of the Month

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While there were 8 hands involving doubles that resulted in scores of more than 1000 points, the standout debacle this month occurred in the October 11 Open F2F game. As a F2F game, the bidding is not known but it sure looks like a hand where everything that can go wrong did go wrong for East/West. Vulnerable North played in 2H doubled and made 6 for a plus score of 1470. My guess is that West holding a 1 NT opening hand made a takeout double of the 2 Heart bid that was not taken out. I don't know how the play went, but West's two Aces and an offside King managed only 1 trick.



## Member Profile - Mary Zadorozniak

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I grew up in a family that loved playing cards...so it seemed fitting to sign up for bridge lessons back in the fall of 2018. My expectation was that I would get the hang of it pretty quick. Little did I realize that mastering bridge would be a journey ... not a destination. Four years later I can humbly say that I have barely scratched the surface.

I have been retired for almost 10 years. Prior to taking up bridge...golf, billiards, bowling and pickleball filled my days.

I love the complexity and the challenge that bridge has brought to my life...but I am most grateful to the wonderful people I have met along the way. Thank you to my mentors...my bridge partners and to Mobridge. I LOVE this game!

**Member Mike Young Comments:** As someone in my mid-80s I am naturally cautious about exposure to Covid. I've had 4 jabs and looking to have my 5<sup>th</sup> soon. I've avoided catching Covid, so far.

I recently decided it was long overdue for me to put myself back into the community. As a very late-in-life starter at bridge and, mainly through BBO on-line games, I have only acquired about 200 points.

In a "what the heck" moment I invited Janet, my partner, to tryout the 1-1500 game on Monday night at MObridge. She agreed to give it a try. We played. I wore my mask (the only one to do so. Many ops politely asked me if I wanted them to also wear a mask – I didn't). It was fun.

We so enjoyed ourselves we came back last week and plan to make this a regular game. Everyone was friendly, forgiving of our lapses playing F2F for the first time in years, we figured out the Bridgemates, and we learned new aspects of the game from the more experienced players who happily volunteered their knowledge. We didn't come last (close though) but the whole experience was most enjoyable, and we like the challenge of improving our standings in this accepting atmosphere.

I suggest that those of you who are 'waiting for the right moment' to start F2F bridge again come down to the club on Monday night and have the pleasure of playing with pleasant people who make this club the good place to be.

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