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*The 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary F2F Game at MObridge on September 28*

## MObridge News

September was a mixed month for the Club. The Club held 3 F2F games per week: a 1500 game on Monday night, an open game on Tuesday afternoon and a 2500 game on Thursday afternoon. The Club also offered 11 BBO games per week. The positive news for the Club was that F2F games increased to 83.5 tables in September from 65 tables for the month of August. The less-positive news is that the BBO tables decreased from 223 in August to 181 in September, resulting in a net decrease in total tables for the month in comparison to August. While the 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Game held on September 28 (see report below) contributed to the increase in F2F play, there was also an increase in F2F play apart from that game.



*Pre-Game Planning and Mingling at the 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary F2F*

## September 28, Special 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary F2F Game Has Strong Turnout

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On Wednesday, September 28, the Club held a special 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary F2F Game at the Club. Proceedings started at 6 pm with an opportunity for members to mingle and enjoy snacks and beverages and, maybe, work on convention cards and strategy. Linda Planeta spoke briefly to the members about the importance of getting back to the Club to play and thanked everyone for coming. Danielle Gosselin said a few words about the in-person bridge lessons that are returning after Thanksgiving. The bridge lessons have a strong initial signup.

At about 7 pm the game began. It was an open stratified game with 10.5 tables and Phyllis Jones as director. **Steve Gural** and **Adele Pick** were first in North/South with a score of 59.10. **Mike Etherington** and **Helen Pennington** were first in East/West with a score of 64.08. This game showed the benefit of stratified games for all players as a couple of teams playing in the lowest strat (including the editor's) were able to take home masterpoints with a less than 50% game. The atmosphere was relaxed and a good time was had by all.

## Great Games and Debacles

### Top Games in September, 2022

There were some very good games this month. The top games in each of the specified categories:

**0 – 299:** On September 2 in our BBO 100 game, **Mark Trojanowski** and **Anthony Wing** scored 73.61%.

**300 – 1000:** On September 8 in our BBO 500 game. **Audrey Farrell** and **Mary Scott** scored 75%.

**1000+:** On Sept 27 in our BBO open game **Paul Pointet** and **Lee Daugharty** scored 66.07%.

## Grand Slams Bid and Made

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On Tuesday, September 6, in the F2F Open game, **Wendy Wade** and **David Hawkins** bid and made 7 clubs for a score of 1440. They did this while missing the AK of spades and the K of hearts. The bidding cannot be seen but it must have been excellent. Everybody that bid clubs made 7 but only Wendy and David bid 7 clubs.

## Debacles

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One of the best features of duplicate bridge is that you cannot do worse than a bottom board. Most bottom boards are a just a little off. Sometimes however, there are true debacles. We choose to highlight these debacles to show that it can happen to anyone and everyone. Names will be withheld to protect the innocent.

**First Runner-up:** 4 Hearts by South, doubled and vulnerable, made 6 for a score of 1190. South (12 HCP) opened 1 heart, West (3 HCP) passed, North (9 HCP and 5 hearts) jumped to 4 Hearts, East (16 HCP) doubled, all pass. The fates were cruel to East. We do not know if East intended a take-out but we can see that a 4 spade or 5 club bid by West would not have been a debacle. At another table East/West did play in 5 clubs doubled and went down 3 for a score of minus 500. That was a top board for that East/West and a bottom board for that North/South.

**Winner:** South (18 HCP) was the dealer and opened one diamond, West passed, North (5 HCP and 5 spades) responded 1 spade, East (8 HCP) doubled, and South redoubled. In defense of East, he/she was short in diamonds and spades so the bid did have a whiff of a negative double, except his/her partner had not bid. Anyway, North/South made 5 after the double and redouble of a 1 level contract and scored a positive 2320 points.

## Member Profile - Peter Milligan



Peter learned to play bridge in high school from the parents of a friend. At university in the late seventies, bridge was still played in residence common rooms and Peter played regularly there. Then life and career put bridge on hold for a number of years. Over time, Peter returned to bridge first by buying software programs and then by playing in robot games online. Eventually Peter found his way to MObridge and took the rusty bridge course. Then it was on to the 20 point game. Peter has just passed 100 master points and his ambition is to participate as a competent player at whatever level he is at.

Outside of bridge, Peter is a recently retired lawyer whose non-bridge hobbies include curling, cottaging and sailing. He and his wife Terry live in Port Credit and have 3 grown sons and now 2 grandchildren.