

GRAPEVINE - SUMMER 2021



EDITORS NOTES

This is our 'Summer Edition' of the Grapevine, so it's a little longer with
LOTS of photos for you!

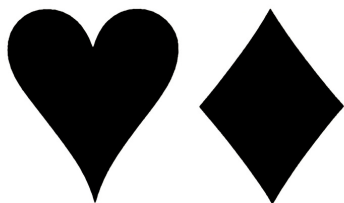
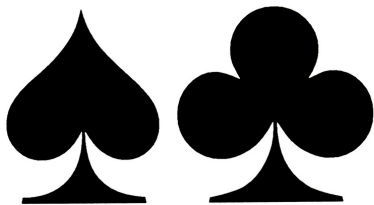
Once again, THANK YOU to everyone who provided such positive feedback
on our GRAPEVINE, a few comments we thought were worth sharing:

"Another great Grapevine...interesting how some people look so unlike I
pictured them".

"Thanks for the newsletters, it's great to read and see people we haven't
seen in so long".

Another player who submitted a photo, along with his partner, for the June
Grapevine and 'didn't see it' sent a note: "What happened to us? Are we fired
now?" No, you weren't fired, we saved a special place for all those who play
in our limited games and dedicated the July Edition to all of you. You'll see
yourself soon!

"I really enjoy reading the whole Grapevine front to back. It was great
hearing about some of the players that we don't "see" at the club games. "



BRIDGE HUMOUR



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PLAYERS CORNER

We would like to congratulate all our players, too many to mention, who moved up a level with their masterpoints, you've worked so hard on your game and it is showing not only in the results but in your master point levels. However, a few players achieved new milestones in their bridge journey that we felt should be 'called out' so a BIG CONGRATULATIONS to:

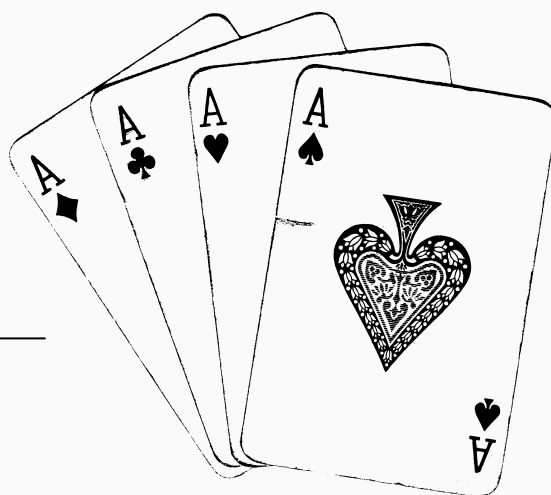
Larry Duffy on achieving his Gold Life Master
Richard Garlick on achieving his Ruby Life Master
Li Qiang on achieving his Life Master

UPDATE ON BRIAN COWAN – Stella tells us Brian is doing well, he has put back some weight and is holding his own. We continue to keep them both in our thoughts and prayers.

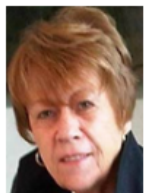
LET'S MEET OUR UP-AND-COMING PLAYERS!

The following are some of the players who play in all the Limited Games. They are the ones who are aiming for the 'next level' and are doing an awesome job. They love the game; they work hard to improve and we see the outcome in their results!

Watch for them, they'll soon be at a table near you!



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Denise Chamberland
is dchamber



Fred Picavet
is Dutchief



Richard Wright
is nsx1186



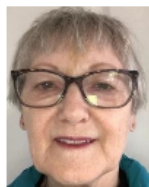
Donna Clarke
is dlclarke



Pam Russell
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Sheila Sullivan
is sambobsam



Helen Sullivan
is Helencats



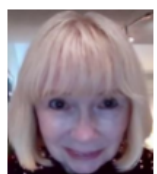
Marion Fox
is Blond Head



Bea D'Andrade
is Qbea



Jane Kozma
is jjaine



Valerie Wallace
is valeriewal



Hellie Weller
is parana23



Evelina Branisky
is salsa877



Gleys Moss
is gemnl



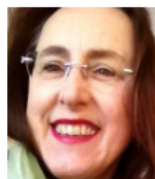
Joe Brake
is darandme



Zel Fellegi
is zfellegi



Ruth Gray
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Eizbieta
is Eliz2016



Lynne Ypma
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Bonnie
MacTavish
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Linda Ujihara
is smigor



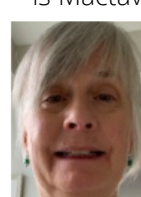
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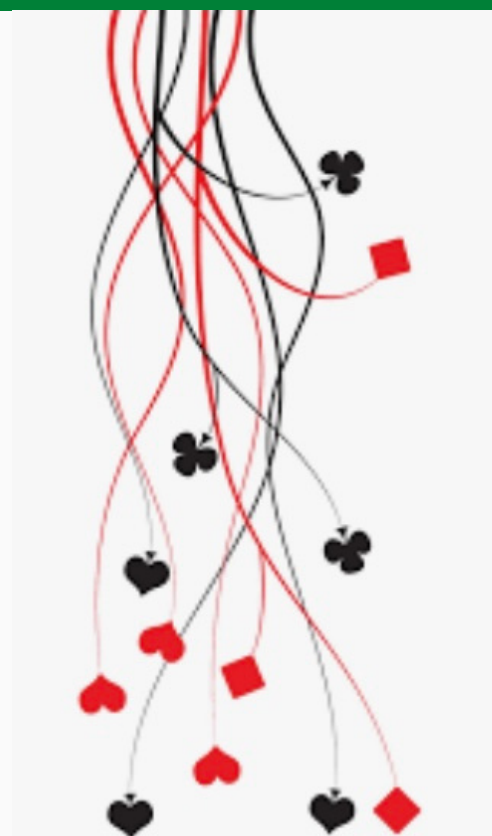
Judy Hackett
is bridge4675



Sandra
Robertson
is aarh1315



Mary Ann Lundy
is thomaslund



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Susan Wheeler
is SWheeler57



Mary-Rose Weir
is mrweir



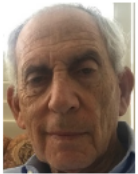
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Jacquie Boyd
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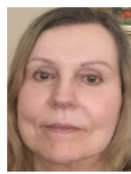
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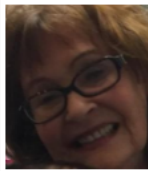
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Joan Swinburne
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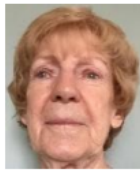
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is Honey1960



Ann Clarke
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Rashid Rajah
is benducci



Mary McDonald
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Rachel McAllister
is Rachel103



Judi Egelnick
is jegelnick



Mohamed
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is mhm2tech



Neil Currie
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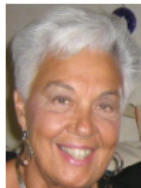
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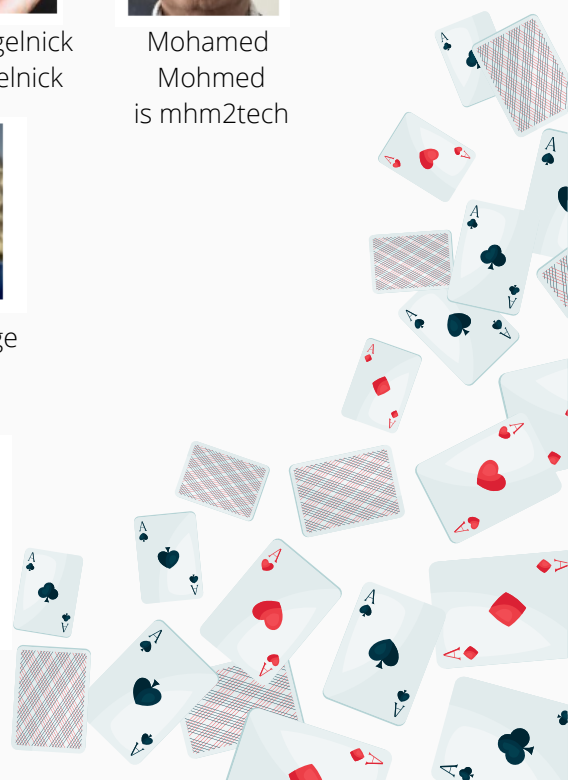
Greg Seale
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Jinny Hunter
is jhunter20



Kim Schultz
is ksbbo



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WHO ARE THESE PLAYERS REALLY?

[NOTE: Only the players not previously seen in past Grapevine Editions are below](#)

DENISE CHAMBERLAND has played in RHBC for many years, loves the game and we have been able to watch her game improve. She told us "I play on BBO 4 times a week, which has helped me improve my game with my various partners. Wishing everyone a great "mask-free" summer!"

FRED PICALET and RICHARD WRIGHT have played on BBO together since mid-2020 as regular partners. Fred is a member of the Aurora club and while Richard is a member of both RHBC and Aurora, they had never met. It was on BBO that they 'found each other' to become bridge partners in the Limited Games!

DONNA CLARKE is an avid golfer, but loves bridge! We have watched her grow her game over the past several months and she plays with a few partners, but we see her often with PAM RUSSELL.

PAM RUSSELL is a regular player in the limited games and often plays with DONNA CLARKE or JOAN SWINBURNE she is an avid golfer and has introduced many of her friends to our games!



HELEN and SHELA SULLIVAN are indeed sisters and are from the East Coast, Newfoundland. They love our limited games and play in them as often as they can. They just recently decided to up their game and move to the 0-500 game. Watch out for these two ladies, they are heading for the Open Waters!

MARION FOX has played since the beginning and LOVES the game. She works very hard on improving by playing and taking lessons. You will often find Marion partnering with LAWRENCE BEESLEY!

BEA DANDRADE is a Novice in the bridge world and she and her bridge partner are also golf partners. She recently moved to Aurora from King City and in Jan 2021 Bea took Josee's 8-week bridge course. Bea told us "It was frustrating at first with no one to guide us, but I found other beginners and found the Richmond Hill Club with Claude and Susan, who have been great. I look forward to many years of playing!"

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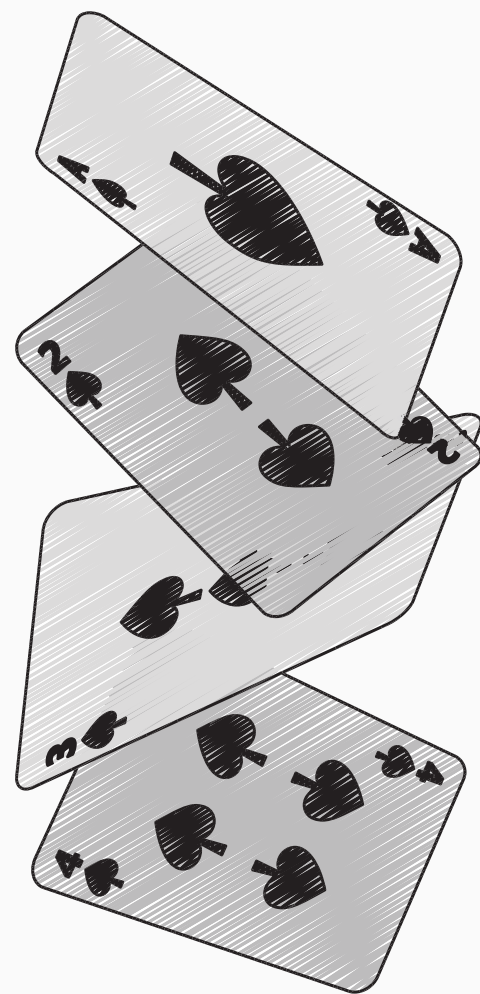
JANE KOZMA started playing in our games a few months ago and has played with RHBC and Aurora alike. She loves the game and recently took a D.O.N.T. Lesson offered and said "It was very good".

VALERIE WALLACE lives in North York with her dog Ruby, who accompanies her on long walks. Valerie found our club through her friend JILL LYNCH and now plays in several of our games and has introduced several friends to the club. Valerie also shared how much she enjoys the Sunday Zoom Call.

HELLIE WELLER is an Aurora club member who plays in many of the limited games. You see her often playing with LAURA AUSTIN-SMITH or LYNNE YPMA no matter whom she plays with she has been doing well. Hellie told us "I am an avid golfer and since I retired, I have been fortunate enough to see more than 100 countries"!!

EVELINA BRANISKY is new to our club, she works full-time in Real Estate for The Sutton Group but LOVES bridge. You will see her playing with a few partners, but most often with BONNIE BRICKLES.

GLENYS MOSS found RHBC all the way from Newfoundland through the "Sullivan Sisters." Glenys told us "I am Nanny to three, Mom to two, Partner to one, lover of much, but trying hard to concentrate on Bridge, gardening, and long walks".



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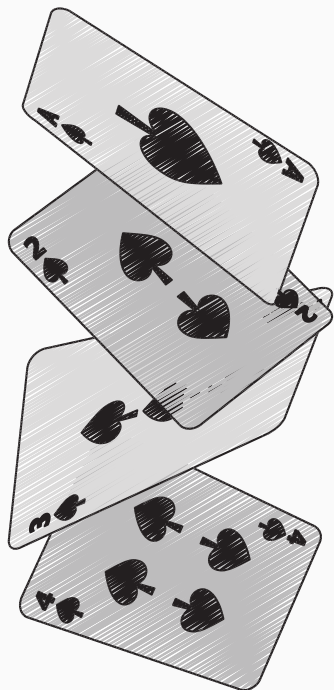


JOE BRAKE has lived in Willow Beach, south side of Lake Simcoe, for the past 40 years with his soulmate Darlene. He is new to bridge, only playing for 3 years and we have paired Joe up with several partners. Joe told us "I've come full circle with online bridge, first I hated it and really missed the face-to-face, but now I love the online bridge and expect I will be playing online in some fashion for the rest of my life".



ZEL FELLIGI is lives in downtown Toronto and is new to our club, she heard about us from a friend. She told us "Everyone has been welcoming, supportive and encouraging... I really enjoy the games".

RUTH GRAY has played bridge at Thornhill Golf Club with lots of lessons from Bill and Marj. Ruth started online bridge when Covid started and has enjoyed many hours playing with the Richmond Hill Bridge Club and her sister, MARY MITCHELL, who lives in Bracebridge has also joined in the games.



ELZBIETA MUIR – is a beginner player who found us through her lessons. She looks forward to playing in the limited game, particularly the 0-50 games in September, she tells us "I am going to the cottage for the summer now that Province is opening back up".

LYNNE YPMA – is an Aurora player who plays F2F and online with HELLIE WELLE. They have been doing very well in the Limited Games and are working very hard to grow their game and improve, it is showing in the results! Keep it going ladies.

BONNIE MACTAVISH – is a regular player in both RHBC and Aurora F2F and online. You'll see her playing with various players, working around her golf schedule, and sometimes managing to golf and play!!

LINDA UJIHARA – found us on our website when she was looking for limited games. She loves bridge and often plays with JANE YATES. Linda, like so many others, tries to fit bridge in with her golf game.

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KATHRYN MCCALLUM-PIPES – is a regular player at Thornhill Golf Club where she curls, but she found our limited games and has been a regular player. She loves the game and has been doing very well with various partners including ANN WALKER.

JUDY HACKETT – found our club early in 2020 and has been a regular player in all the limited games with a few partners, particularly BRIAN BOAKE and BILL LINTON.

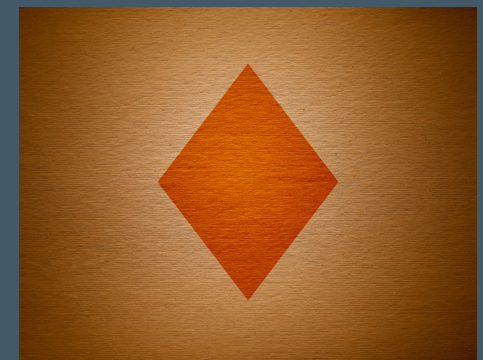
SANDRA ROBERTSON – lives in Newmarket, she's a widow, who loves bridge. She often played F2F in Aurora and now loves the online games and has been doing very well.

MARY-ANN LUNDY – is brand new to our club and to the game of bridge. Like a few others, she was introduced by a friend, VALERIE WALLACE, along with her partner

SUSAN WHEELER. We hope to see more of all of them in the coming months.

MARY-ROSE WEIR – is a regular club player and plays online. Mary-Rose learned bridge from her mom, JOYCE STANGA, and the two of them play often together. Mary-Rose also plays with LAURIETTE D'SOUZE in the Tues limited game and they are really improving together!

CLARA NOWSKI – has lived in Unionville for more than 40 years and started playing Tues F2F evenings with KAREN COLL in a game Claude directed. She told us "Thanks to Claude's encouragement we found RHBC – what a wonderful experience". Like so many others Clara is a golfer, but she said "we discuss bridge and our convention cards on the golf course". Great multi-taskers!



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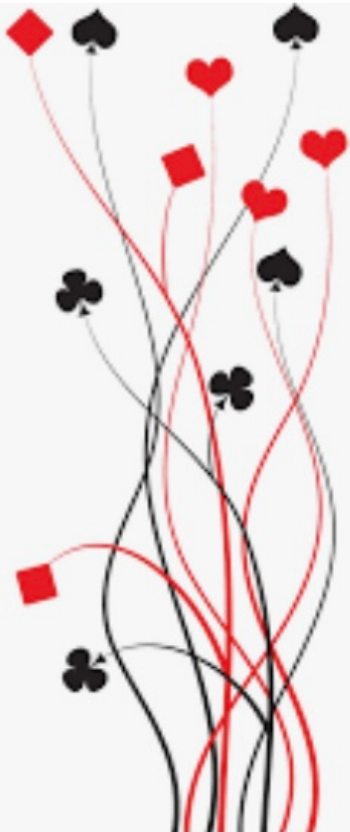
JACQUIE BOYD – is a regular Aurora player who started playing online and we now see her playing with a Richmond Hill Player, MARILYN GEORGE. The two of them have really worked hard on their game, taken lessons, and continue to ‘want to learn more’!

MAUREEN CRAWFORD – is brand new to the club and to the game. She loves to play when her family and other commitments allow. You will often find her in one of the morning games or on Sunday.

PHIL WEINTRAUB – is brand new to the club and to bridge. VALERIE WALLACE told Phil about our games and he played his first club game this month with RICHARD WRIGHT. The two of them did very well for the first time and Phil told us “I need to do some homework so Richard will stick with me”.

MOIRA CLARK – is new to the game and our club and like a few others were introduced by VALERIE WALLACE they met while taking lessons with Barbara Seagram. She is happy to play with RHBC as she expands her game.

LYDIA POWER – lives in Richmond Hill, but played in the Aurora Novice F2F Games with her partner LICIA VERARDO. Since COVID they’ve been playing in most of the online limited games and have really been working on their game, it’s showing in the results. Lydia told us “I’m looking forward to the day when we can play bridge in person and be able to socialize face to face”. Aren’t we all!



JOAN SWINBURNE – grew up in Don Mills and has spent the last 32 years in Unionville. My friend PAM RUSSELL, who has been a good friend since 1969, suggested I play bridge online with her. I did play bridge in my teens and twenties but had not played since then so it is a relearning strategy at best. Hopefully, the club will teach this old dog some new tricks, pardon the pun.

SAMEERA MUFTI – found our games on BBO and has been a regular player for the past few months. She strives to improve her game and has moved from Kitchener to the Toronto area!

CAROLYN CARRUTHERS and ANN CLARKE - are a mother daughter team! Carolyn found us through her friends at the Thornhill Golf Club and started playing with her daughter! They join us in many of the limited games and are doing great together, a formidable team!

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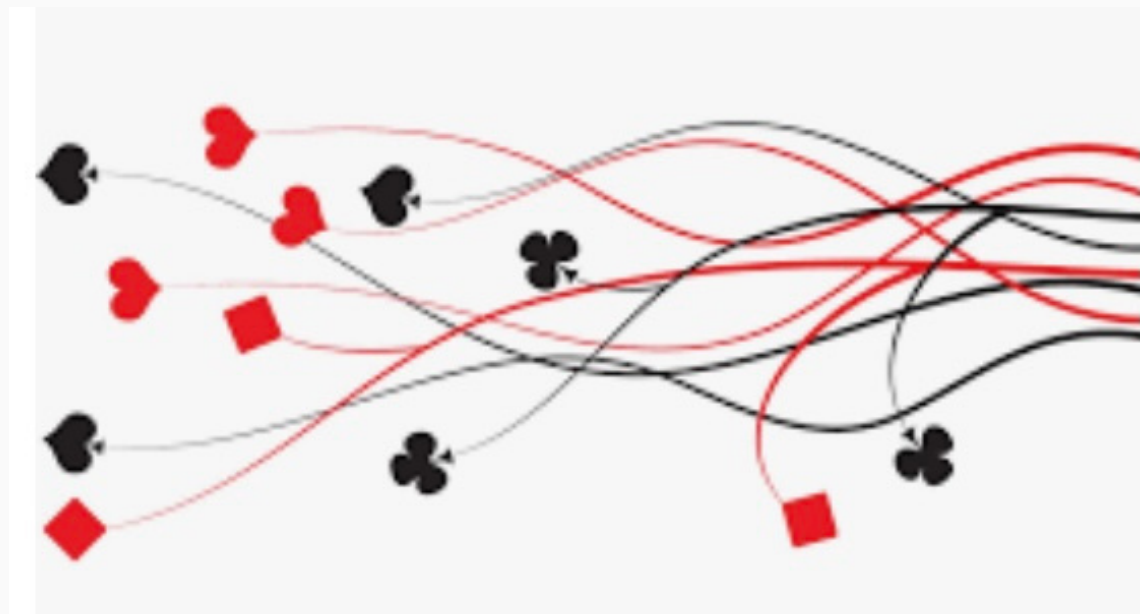


CLUB CORNER - Going Back Face-to-Face (F2F) Feedback and News

Last month we asked for your thoughts on returning F2F and what you want to see and would be comfortable with returning to F2F. We reviewed them and are able to say that the feedback aligns not only to each other, but to the direction the club is considering.

Now to address the ELEPHANT in the Room and the question we are asked frequently – What is going to happen to Online Bridge when we return Face-to-Face? Well, what we do know is: Online bridge is here to stay, just ask ACBL. What it will look like or how it will ‘coexist’ with F2F, we don’t know yet.

As a club we are looking into various options, but it is difficult to plan when we don’t know what facilities we will have available to us or when, but the earliest is mid to late September. We do not know how many of you, our players, will be willing to return F2F; Susan has been doing a phone survey to get a feel for how players feel, we need so many tables in each game to cover rent and game costs.



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When we do return, we know there will be changes in how we play F2F, but what they will be we don't know. Izhar, Claude and Susan have put together safety protocols for our return and of course we will have to adhere to the Towns and Government Rules and Regulations. Here are a few things

1. Vaccinations – all players must be fully vaccinated and provide proof
2. Face Masks - all players must wear approved face masks at all times unless having the vaccination allows us to not wear masks under government and town guidelines
3. Table Spacing – we will space tables to allow for more room between aisles
4. No Food or Drink – we will not provide food or beverages initially, bring your own
5. Game Preregistration (initially) – we need to know how many tables we can expect in advance, we don't want to set up too many or too few. We may also have restrictions on how many people are allowed in the rooms.
6. Decrease Masterpoints on BBO - Starting July 1st – ACBL/BBO will be decreasing the multiplier from 1.50x to 1.25x for Master Points earned online and they will eventually eliminate the multiplier, it will be 1 for 1 points earned.
7. Welcome Back Games with extra MPS - We will offer Club Championship games, to encourage F2F and “Super Welcome Back Games” with even more MPS, for 2-weeks, sometime in the Fall, when (if) we get back F2F.
8. Increase Online Game Fee – we will increase the BBO game fee so it aligns to the F2F fee.
9. Temperature Taken BEFORE Entry – we want to protect each other, so we have a purchased a ‘touchless’ Thermometer and will take everyone's temp before entering, if you have a fever you will be denied entry.
10. Buy Your Own Bid Box Sale – encourage all players to bring their own bid box. To assist with this RHBC is going to provide new and used bidding boxes to players at discounted prices.
11. Cards – we are going to rest the cards for a minimum of 2 weeks between games. For example, the boards used on Jan 2nd would not be cycled back into play until Jan 16th
12. Hand Sanitizer – provided for use between rounds, upon entry to facilities and throughout
13. Bridgemates – will only be handled by NORTH, they will show WEST who agrees (or not), and NORTH will push the appropriate button(s)
14. Boards – will be moved from table to table by WEST only, NO ONE will move before the round is called, allowing for tables to be sanitized between rounds
15. Table Sanitation – SOUTH will wipe down the table between each round

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As you can see from the above, we have done a lot of planning and our number one priority is player safety, health and well being. However, we also hope there is a light at the end of the tunnel and that these protocols will ease or be eliminated as things evolve.

NEXT ON DECK and UPDATES

July 26 – Aug 1 – Stardust Week earn 2x regular club points, 25% gold/75% black

Note: ACBL has not decided on how many more of the Silver Linings, Stardust, etc. games they are going to run on BBO, so we have no more information on 'special' games after August 1st

Next Grapevine: September – we decided to have a Summer Edition of the Grapevine, so the next one will be September. However, you may see a one or two-pager in August if we have any news to share on going Face to Face!

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BRIDGE FLASHBACKS

MARCH 13, 1982 Article, submitted by Larry Duffy

Larry Duffy (aka cannuck197) is moving! The good news is he's no going very far, but while packing he came across this article and wanted to share it with everyone, about our very own Mike Kenny!

Kenny and crew dominate the Metro championship

The 37th annual Metropolitan Championship two weeks ago at the Hyatt Regency Hotel proved to be a benefit for Montreal's Team-of-Four League co-ordinator, Michael Kenny, and his entourage.

Mike's Midas touch was working overtime all weekend as he won three (count 'em) events, finished second in another and fifth in his remaining outing. That covered all possible sessions to be played! And his was the best local performance by any player in recent memory.

The tournament was a disappointment in other ways, however. Attendance dropped to 340 tables from last year's relatively low total of 415. The good news is that the tournament probably made a few dollars, largely because we were given one day's free playing space in consideration for our waiving another weekend's commitment for the Hotel's benefit.

The results follow:

Thursday evening's events were earmarked as fund-raisers for our 1985 Fall North American Championships and the 24-team **Swiss** was won by Mike Kenny, Eric Marchand, Larry Duffy and Chuck Martineau who just pipped Renee Mancuso, Mark Rosenbloom, Beverly Kraft and I for the victory. The Pair game was won by Mark and Norman Yudin with E. Toczo and L. Crevier second.

West Islanders Marie Giesler and Mac Paterson edged May Vosberg and Mary Kerdman to cop the **Ladies Pairs** title. Kenny-Marchand took the **Men's Pairs** crown, besting Gilles Boivin-Bob Hart by a single matchpoint. Our Men's Pairs champs split up for the **Mixed Pairs** (perforce) but they nearly matched one another's performance with their distaff side partners. Mike won the Mixed with the ever-radiant Joan Lupovich while Eric teamed up with Joan's sister, Judi Levine, to finish tied for second and third with Mae Vosberg and Roy Vernon.

Norm Yudin and Phil Silverstein won Saturday's **Open Pairs** with Francois Gauthier-Kamel Fergani second, and Steve Goldstein-Rhoda Habert, third. E. Humphreys and H. Wener won the **Consolation** while M. and J. Wilansky finished second. The **Future Masters Swiss Teams** attracted only five

entries and the winners were A. Scholl, E. Nagy, L. Seiler and V. Bloomfield. Everyone else was second! The **Novice Pairs** was won by J.C. Laihung and M. Miller with E. Turcot and D. Dagenais second.

Sunday's **Flight A Swiss Teams** was won by Francois Gauthier, Francine Cimon, Daniel Doston, Kamel Fergani and Toronto's own Mary Paul (she of the flaming locks). The ubiquitous Kenny teamed up with Michel Lorber, Ziggy Marcinski and Gord Crispin to finish second. The **Flight B Swiss** was won by C. and Y. Boisvert, D. Lacroix and S. Quenneville with P. Stewart, J. Desnoyers, D.M. Gauthier and L. Perras second. J. and T. Villeneuve, J. and M. Bourbeau won the **Flight B Consolation** with three teams tied for second.

Fifteen candidates ran for the eight vacant spots on the MBL Board of Directors and the successful ones are: Louise Beaulieu, Gary Bernstein, Stephen Brown, Nick Gartaganis, Mike Kenny, me, Mari Retek and Norm Yudin.

Please note: The B'nai B'rith Bridge Club will be resuming its weekly duplicate sessions each Monday at 7:45 p.m. at the Beth-El Synagogue, 1000 Lucerne Rd., TMR. The \$2.50 entry fee includes refreshments and proceeds go towards the Passover Basket Program. Swiss Team enthusiasts will have two good ones to choose between on Friday, March 19, at 8 p.m.: The Verdun Club's will be a Unit Game (366-4317); the West Island Club's will be their usual monthly affair (637-6182).

Most interesting

Watch Mike Kenny in action. The hand was not played at the Metro Championships but it's the most interesting one I have on file. Mike was South, Steve Goldstein North and their opponents two of Ontario's finest. Mike did the best he could when his partner doubled for takeout. He was called upon for bigger things at his next turn when North continued with a cue-bid but he had to rebid his non-suit of spades because he had nowhere else to turn.

West attacked with his club singleton and declarer won in dummy. He cashed the spade king and West played a crafty ten. Undaunted, declarer drew two more trumps, ending in his hand, and then made the key play: A heart.

West could, of course, have continued hearts upon winning his ace, establishing the setting trick for East's spade eight, but West didn't know that it was his partner who held the outstanding trump. With the imposing clubs in dummy, a diamond switch seemed only too natural, so switch he did. The diamond king was taken by the ace and a diamond came back.

Declarer won his queen and ducked a club to East. A third diamond was won by the ten in the closed hand and a club to dummy cleared that suit and left declarer in the right hand to draw the last trump (at last) and claim. Had Mike not played a heart himself, East would have done so himself upon winning his club and cashing the diamond ace. Right?

MARCH 13 1982

Bridge

ERIC KOKISH

BOTH VULNERABLE
WEST DEALS

NORTH

♠ A K Q 9
♥ K
♦ K J
♣ A K 9 8 5 4

WEST

♠ 10 4
♥ A Q J 10 7 6 3
♦ 9 5 4
♣ Q

EAST

♠ 8 5 3
♥ 5
♦ A 8 7 6 2
♣ J 10 7

SOUTH

♠ J 7 2
♥ 9 8 4 2
♦ Q 10 3
♣ 6 5 2

THE BEDDING:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NT
DBL	P	3S	P	
4H	P	4S	P	
P	P			

OPENING LEAD: Club queen