

# Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club

## March 2023



### A Message From Our President, Jock Devonshire

Dear bridge-playing friends,

What a blessing it is for all of us who have discovered the fascinating world of Duplicate Bridge!!

My dear cousin Sheila Allard was lamenting to me last week about only taking up Duplicate recently, thus missing out on so much. Many of us can relate. Sheila is one of the many students who are being brought along with the help of fellow players.

The classes at the Seniors Centre, initiated by Tammy and now run by a collective of our members, are going extremely well. Many thanks.

If you are a more-experienced player, please consider helping our novices and intermediate players—there are so many ways to help outside of the lessons (mentoring, special games etc), we've devoted an entire page of this newsletter to describe the many ways

you can contribute. Please help if you are able. You'll find it very rewarding, not to mention tons of fun.

There are many Special events happening in the next few months----- see the Newsletter and our website for details. We are also excited that Tournaments are returning to Kingston!!----Hopefully, we will host a local Sectional later this year and are waiting for final approval for a Regional in May 2024.

Lastly, a " Help Wanted" request: **to all our members**. You may feel that you are not needed or you may be too shy to volunteer. But there are many ways to volunteer, whether a little or a lot, at a game, or event, on a committee, or in the background. **We need you!** Please call or email a Board member or someone you know, to see where you could participate.

Thank you, and here's to Spring!!

**Jock**

## A Message From our Club Manager, Terry Demers

There are exciting signs of renewal at KDBC. Last September we started beginner bridge lessons on Saturday mornings at the Senior Centre. The students are energetic and keen and the time spent is so much fun.

We usually have about 5-7 tables and offer a mix of lessons, supervised play and recently, sanctioned games! The game on April 29 will be open to all KDBC members with 0-300 points. You do not have to be an ACBL member. Join us as we celebrate a great year of BRIDGE!

April 29th will be our last meeting at the Senior Centre. In September we will reopen the doors to a new cohort of students, novice players, and new KDBC members! **Thanks to our 2022-23 students and volunteers! It has been a wonderful experience for us all!**

Help us spread the word about our beginner program. Students wishing to join the September lessons can contact the club. Check out the Education Tab on the website for lessons and events.

**AND PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING** our newest Director, **Keith Prytulka**, who will take over the Sunday evening games on BBO. Keith joins our cadre of great game Directors: **Don Kersey (Chief Director), Jock Devonshire, Kathy McDonald** and **Chris Caswell**. Congratulations Keith, and welcome to the team!

**Don't Forget!**  
Clocks "spring forward" at 2:00 am on March 12th!



## SPECIAL EVENT OUR VERY OWN KDBC Q&A WITH JERRY HELMS

**MAY 28, 2023 at 1:00 pm (on ZOOM)**



Jerry Helms is a Grand Life Master with over 27,000 MPs. He is a teacher, author, analyst and bridge expert, with over 350 Regional wins and has placed 34 times on the ACBL Top 500 list. He is well-known to readers of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin and his "Ask Jerry" column is a favourite among intermediate and novice players.

We will have a chance to submit questions to Jerry in advance, and he'll spend an hour with us working through the answers. It will be an entertaining, informative bridge lesson—right in your living room.

Stay tuned for more details on how to submit questions etc., and ... **SAVE THE DATE!**





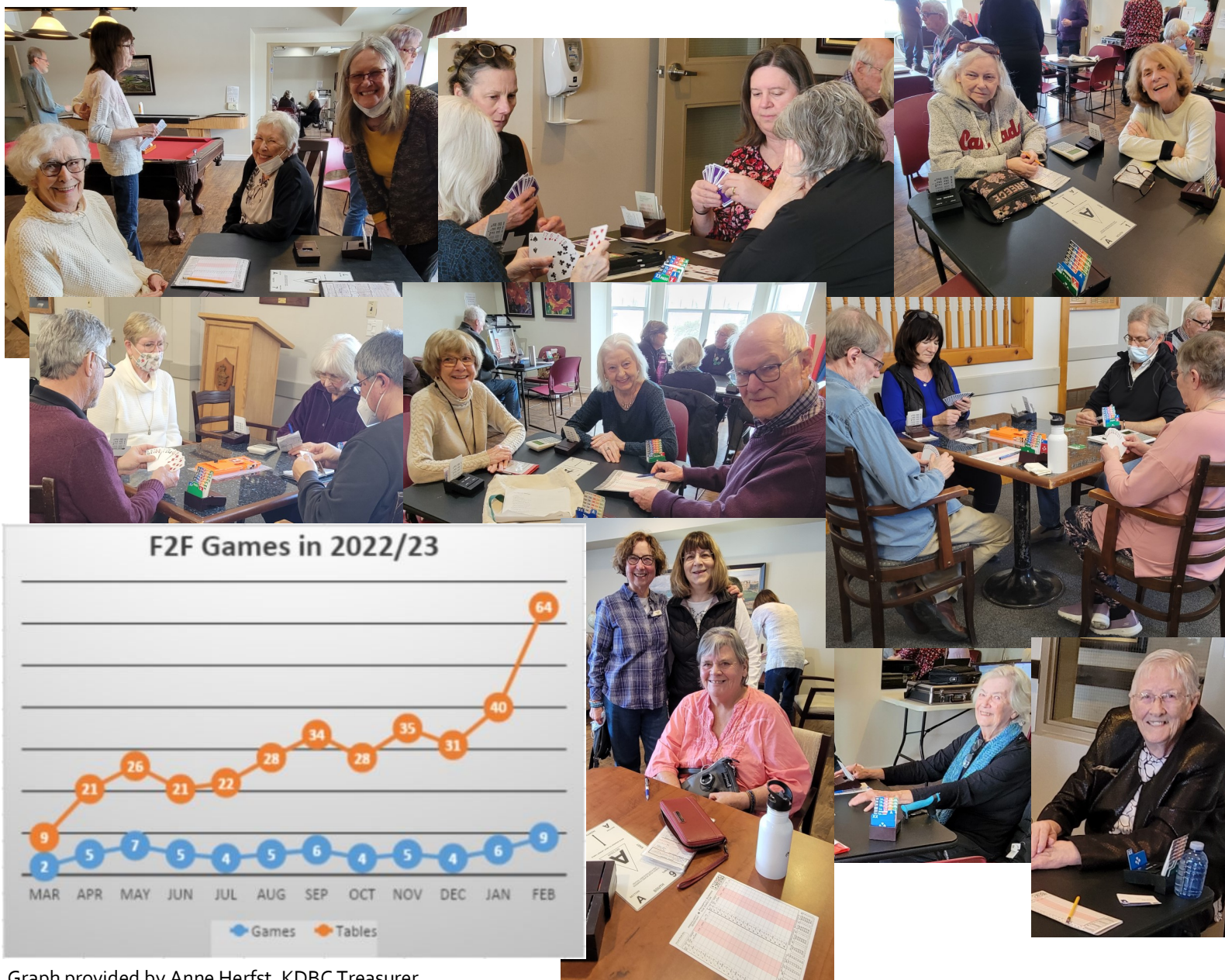
## F2F BRIDGE IS GROWING AGAIN!



AFTER THE LONG WINTER CALLED COVID, in-person, face-to-face, bridge is slowly emerging from the deep-freeze. Our first F2F game was held on March 16, 2022, after a two-year hiatus! Initially, we held games on Wednesdays at 1 pm at the RCAFA Club. This January, we added a game on Mondays at 1 pm at Chartwell Conservatory Pond. We also hold a F2F game for newcomers on the last Saturday of the month at the Seniors Centre,

which will continue until the end of April. As our intrepid, incredibly hard-working Club Manager, Terry Demers, notes

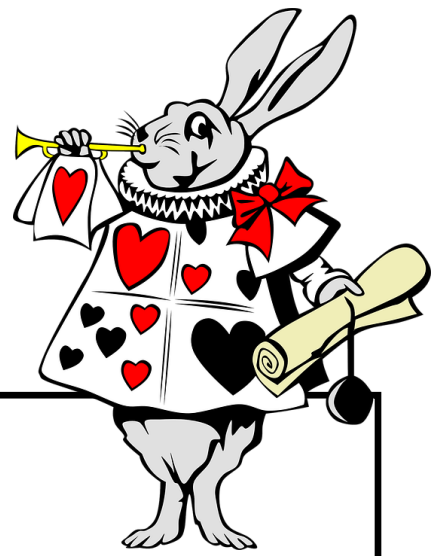
**“Our F2F table numbers are increasing. It is so nice to sit at a table with friends, holding cards and watching as our directors are called for leads out of turn and many other infractions. If you are ready for in-person play, we look forward to seeing you soon.”**



Graph provided by Anne Herfst, KDBC Treasurer

# Upcoming Special Games

(in addition to our regular, fabulous schedule of F2F and BBO games!)



## **Monday March 13 @ 1:00 pm**

District 1 STaC—SILVER POINTS  
Conservatory Pond Residence

## **Wednesday March 15 @ 1:00 pm**

District 1 STaC—Silver Points!  
RCAFA Club

## **Monday March 20 @ 6:50 pm**

Intermediate Mentor Game on BBO  
Chalk Talk at 6:30 pm (on Zoom)  
Sign-up with Suzanne Ryan

## **Thursday, April 13 @ 1:00 pm**

Canadian Bridge Federation  
Helen Shields Rookie-Master  
Partners Game, RCAFA Club  
(rookies must have under 100 MPs)

## **Monday April 17 @ 6:50 pm**

Intermediate Mentor Game on BBO  
Chalk Talk at 6:30 pm (on Zoom)  
Sign-up with George Yon

## **April 24-30th @ various times on BBO**

On-Line Silver Linings Week on BBO  
150% Points, All Silver! No Bots!

## **Wednesday, April 26 @ 1:00 pm**

ACBL wide Charity Game  
RCAFA Club

## **Sunday, April 30 @ 9:30 am**

Dennis Johnston Team Game  
Walnut Grove Community Centre  
(one pair on the team must have under  
500 MPs each, 2nd pair is unlimited ).

\*\*\* Watch the website—more special  
games can be added at any time! \*\*\*

REMEMBER—Please sign-up for F2F  
games in advance—SPACE IS LIMITED.

Need a Partner? Email us at  
[KDBCpartners@gmail.com](mailto:KDBCpartners@gmail.com)

Register/find partners/find teammates  
for the Dennis Johnston Team Game or  
the Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game  
by emailing [KDBCpartners@gmail.com](mailto:KDBCpartners@gmail.com)

# Let's Play Bridge!



# Opportunities to Partner with Our Newer Players and Help Grow our Club!



## ANNOUNCING OUR NOVICE MENTOR PROGRAM

We are looking for KDBC Members to buddy up with a KDBC student from the Saturday Morning lessons!

- No masterpoint limit.
- Please commit to at least one casual game on BBO/wk or some other casual Bridge interaction.
- The aim of this program is to provide a buddy for every student in the lessons from May to August until the lessons resume in the fall. **We need YOU!!!**

Contact Suzanne Ryan/or KDBC to get more information or to register as a BUDDY for this new initiative! [misssryan44@gmail.com](mailto:misssryan44@gmail.com)



## Dennis Johnston Team Game

**Sunday, April 30 @ 9:30 am**  
**Walnut Grove Community Centre**  
**136 Ellesmere Avenue**

To celebrate spring and our 1st anniversary of F2F play, we are holding a Dennis Johnston Team Game on April 30th. We will serve tea, coffee and food prepared by Marlene Gryspeerdt and her committee. The game will start about 10:15.

A team will be four players, and at least one partnership on the team must consist of two players each of whom has under 500 masterpoints. The other partnership may have unlimited Masterpoints. Email us to let us know if you want to play and we will do our best to get a team together for you. This is an

upgraded club championship - 81.8% sectional rated black points.

## Canadian Bridge Federation Helen Shields Rookie-Master Partners Game

**Thursday, April 13 @ 1:00 pm**  
**RCAFA Club, 200 Hampton Gray Gate**

Rookies must have under 100 masterpoints. Sign up by contacting the club or contact [KDBCpartners@gmail.com](mailto:KDBCpartners@gmail.com) and leave your name, noting that you are looking for a partner for the Rookie Master Game. This fun game is F2F and Canada-Wide!

[bridgecentrekingston@gmail.com](mailto:bridgecentrekingston@gmail.com)



## Spring I/Nto Action with these Great Games for Intermediate-Newcomers

### Intermediate Mentor Games

#### Monday March 20

Chalk Talk ( Zoom) with Jock at 6:30 pm

Topic: strong opening bids

Game on BBO at 6:50 pm, \$3

Register for this game with Suzanne at

[misssryan44@gmail.com](mailto:misssryan44@gmail.com)

#### Monday April 17

Chalk Talk (Zoom) at 6:30 pm, topic TBA

Game on BBO at 6:50 pm, \$3

Many thanks to George Yon for coordinating this game. Register for this game with George at [gyon99@gmail.com](mailto:gyon99@gmail.com)

### Sanctioned 0-300 Games

#### Saturday March 25

#### Saturday April 29

9:30 am, Seniors Centre, 56 Francis St.

Register for these friendly 18-board games with Kathy McDonald at

[KDBCpartners@gmail.com](mailto:KDBCpartners@gmail.com)

### Canadian Bridge Federation Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game

#### Thursday, April 13 @ 1:00 pm

#### RCAFA Club, 200 Hampton Gray Gate

This Canada-Wide F2F game pairs Rookies (players with under 100 MPs) with more experienced players. Contact [KDBCpartners@gmail.com](mailto:KDBCpartners@gmail.com) a partner for this fun challenge.

### Dennis Johnston Team Game

#### Sunday, April 30 @ 9:30 am

#### Walnut Grove Community Centre

This is a team game (four players), and at least one partnership on the team must consist of two players each of whom has under 500 masterpoints. The other partnership may have unlimited Masterpoints. Email us at [bridgecentrekingston@gmail.com](mailto:bridgecentrekingston@gmail.com) to let us know if you want to play and we will do our best to get a team together for you.

### Play in A Bridge Tournament

A tournament is a multi-day event where players from different communities gather to enjoy the game we all love – bridge. You have the chance to win gold, silver or red MPs. You can play in as many, or few, games as you like, and you'll meet new bridge friends and have tons of fun.

If you are an I/N player, it's a great time to start going to Tournaments. Check out the Arnprior Tournament (May 2023) with many opportunities for Gold points for I/N players, and others on the Tournament page of this Newsletter. Practice up for our very own Kingston Regional scheduled for next year— May 2024!

**What do you think, Partner?**  
**Is it time to think about**  
**going to a Bridge Tournament?**  
**YES!!! YES!!! YES!!!**



Who doesn't love tournaments? These multi-day events draw players from different communities together to enjoy competitive bridge. It's fun and challenging to play against people you don't know. You'll have the chance to win gold or red MPs (Regionals) or silver MPs (Sectionals). You can play in as many, or as few, games as you like. And you'll meet new bridge friends across the table!

**April 4-9, 2023**

Toronto Easter Regional, Sheraton Centre  
<http://unit166.ca/tournpages/easterreg2023.pdf>

**May 5-7, 2023**

Arnprior I/N Regional & Open Sectional  
Nick Smith Centre, Arnprior  
<http://priorbridgeclub.ca/2023-arnprior-regional/>

This is a great tournament (home-cooked meals!) with GOLD points for I/N players!

**May 12-19, 2023**

Canadian Bridge Championships Regional  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Niagara Falls, ON  
<https://cbf.ca/BWeek/23files/regional.shtml>

**June 28—July 2, 2023**

Can-At Regional, Fredricton NB  
<https://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2023/07/2307112.pdf>  
Celebrate Canada Day, play bridge and enjoy some east-coast hospitality, all at once!

**May 16-20, 2024**

**THE BEST TOURNAMENT OF ALL—THE KINGSTON AND THE ISLANDS REGIONAL!**

Back after being cancelled twice due to COVID, we are in the midst of planning (and just waiting for final approvals) for our tournament. Come out and support our Club and our local Regional.

Chris Caswell, Tournament Chair has put together a super organizing committee:

- Sharon Boal
- Chris Caswell, Chair
- Terry Demers
- Don Kersey
- Mike Ryan
- Suzanne Ryan
- George Yon



Volunteer to help out—there are lots of small jobs before and during the tournament (email Chris at [caswellbruins@gmail.com](mailto:caswellbruins@gmail.com)) and plan to attend to vie for gold and red MPs.

**Early Notice!**

**July 18-28, 2024**

North American Bridge Championship (NABC)  
Toronto ON  
NABCs happen only 3 times a year, and rarely are held in Canada. This huge event draws international competition, and is a chance to mingle with the best players in the game.

# KDBC Players Are Rocking the Races!



KDBC Players are starting off the year with a bang in Unit 192 or District 1 (all of Canada east of Kingston!) races: Ace of Clubs (YTD MPs F2F/Virtual) and Mini-McKenney (YTD MPs from club games & tournaments).

MP	Ace of F2F Clubs Unit 192/District 1	Ace of VIRTUAL Clubs Unit 192/District 1	Mini-McKenney Unit 192/District 1
0-5	-	Marlo Whitehead <a href="#">5th</a> , <a href="#">12th</a>	Marlo Whitehead, <a href="#">10th</a>
5-20	Paul Peloquin <a href="#">3rd</a> , <a href="#">12th</a> Marlene Gryspeerdt <a href="#">10th</a>	Marlene Gryspeerdt <a href="#">3rd</a> , <a href="#">7th</a>	Paul Peloquin <a href="#">4th</a> , <a href="#">18th</a> Marlene Gryspeerdt <a href="#">5th</a> , <a href="#">19th</a>
20-50	-	Mary-Jean McIntyre <a href="#">3rd</a> , <a href="#">3rd</a> Carol Sirman <a href="#">7th</a> , <a href="#">9th</a> Conrad Debarros <a href="#">9th</a> , <a href="#">12th</a>	Mary-Jean McIntyre <a href="#">4th</a> , <a href="#">7th</a>
50-100	George Yon <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">7th</a> Valerie Gowsell <a href="#">9th</a>	George Yon <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">3rd</a> George McKeever <a href="#">4th</a> , <a href="#">8th</a>	George Yon <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">2nd</a> George McKeever <a href="#">5th</a> , <a href="#">21st</a>
100-200	Ruth Pettis <a href="#">4th</a>	Jack Eady <a href="#">8th</a> , <a href="#">12th</a>	Anne Lamarche <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">1st</a> Ruth Pettis <a href="#">7th</a>
200-300	-	Keith Prytulka <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">1st</a> Mary Reid <a href="#">3rd</a> , <a href="#">8th</a> Maureen Rush <a href="#">4th</a> , <a href="#">10th</a> Wilf Menninga <a href="#">5th</a> , <a href="#">11th</a> Carol Anne Ralph <a href="#">10th</a> , <a href="#">18th</a>	Keith Prytulka <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">6th</a>
300-500	Marlene Young <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">19th</a> Anne Herfst <a href="#">8th</a>	Suzanne Ryan <a href="#">9th</a> , <a href="#">20th</a>	Anne Herfst <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">5th</a> Marlene Young <a href="#">5th</a> Suzanne Ryan <a href="#">10th</a>
500-1000	-	-	Elaine McDougall <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">1st</a> Hamish Taylor <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">1st</a> Pamela Walmsley <a href="#">6th</a> , <a href="#">16th</a>
1000-1500	-	Chris Caswell <a href="#">5th</a> , <a href="#">5th</a> Sharon Boal <a href="#">8th</a> , <a href="#">15th</a>	Chris Caswell <a href="#">3rd</a> , <a href="#">9th</a>
1500-2500	Gaylia Ohlman <a href="#">4th</a> , <a href="#">9th</a>	Bob Fowkes <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">3rd</a> Michael Fobert <a href="#">2nd</a> , <a href="#">4th</a> John Finucan <a href="#">8th</a> , <a href="#">16th</a> Doris Waddell <a href="#">10th</a> , <a href="#">19th</a>	Gaylia Ohlman <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">1st</a> Bill Mitchell <a href="#">2nd</a> , <a href="#">5th</a> Bob Fowkes <a href="#">3rd</a> , <a href="#">8th</a> Michael Fobert <a href="#">8th</a> , <a href="#">19th</a>
2500-3500	Terry Demers <a href="#">10th</a>	Marvin Baer <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">1st</a> Carol Harries <a href="#">5th</a> , <a href="#">8th</a> Terry Demers <a href="#">6th</a> , <a href="#">9th</a> Joan Renzoni <a href="#">10th</a> , <a href="#">13th</a>	Terry Demers <a href="#">6th</a> , <a href="#">9th</a> Marvin Baer <a href="#">7th</a> , <a href="#">10th</a> Joan Renzoni <a href="#">8th</a> , <a href="#">13th</a>
5000-7500	Greg McKellar <a href="#">2nd</a> , <a href="#">7th</a> Paddy Allan <a href="#">7th</a> Pat Briggs <a href="#">8th</a>	Paddy Allan <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">1st</a> Pat Briggs <a href="#">7th</a> , <a href="#">11th</a>	Paddy Allan <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">2nd</a> Greg McKellar <a href="#">5th</a> , <a href="#">12th</a>
> 10,000	Don Kersey <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">2nd</a>	Don Kersey <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">1st</a>	Don Kersey <a href="#">1st</a> , <a href="#">3rd</a>

Special kudos to our members who are in 1st place in at least one race as of the end of February...Keep up the good work until the end of the year!

Paddy Allan ~ Marvin Baer ~ Bob Fowkes ~ Anne Herfst ~ Don Kersey  
 Anne Lamarche ~ Elaine McDougall ~ Gaylia Ohlman ~ Keith Prytulka  
 Hamish Taylor ~ George Yon ~ Marlene Young