



Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club & Seaway Bridge Club ~ Dec 2020

Bye Bye Gardiners Road—Hello BBO!

What a year! The pandemic was officially declared on March 11, 2020. KDBC held its last in-person game on March 15th. For a moment it looked like bridge was over, but with help from the ACBL (special shout-out to Nancy Strachan), the KDBC Board moved quickly and, in record time, KDBC was back in business, holding its first sanctioned game on BBO just three weeks later, on April 7th. A huge “THANK YOU” goes out to the folks doing all the work behind the scenes who make it possible for us to continue to play bridge with our friends, and keep our Club operating. **SANTA HATS OFF TO:**

- **Our Directors:** Jock Devonshire, Don Kersey & Brian Moorby
- **Our BBO Technical Team:** Terry Demers, Anne Herfst & Kathy McDonald
- **Our Club Managers:** Terry Demers (KDBC) & Diane Lafrance (Seaway)
- **Our Players** Who Have Volunteered as Spares

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CLUB MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO PLAY ON BBO.
GO TEAM!!!!**

KDBC BOARD ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Due to COVID-19, the Board met less frequently this year, and focused on getting BBO games up and running. Significant decisions included letting go of our rental space on Progress Ave, postponing the AGM, Board elections, and the nominations for the Noreen Sugarman and Ken Allan awards. The AGM and Board elections will now be held **January 26, 2021 at 5:00 PM.** Board member nomination materials will be emailed to you shortly, followed by the AGM Agenda and your ZOOM meeting invitation. If you have questions for the Board before the AGM, please email them to any Board Member or KDBConBBO@gmail.com

**SAVE
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Happy Holidays to ALL KDBC & Seaway Players—Unwrap Some Bridge Games!

The following KDBC BBO Special Holiday Games will be only \$3.00 BBO!



Thursday, Dec 24 @ 10:15 am (open)
Friday, Dec 25 @ 1:05 pm (0-500 MP) & 1:15 pm (open)
Saturday, Dec 26 @ 1:15 pm (open) - **special Saturday game!!!**
Sunday, Dec 27 @ 7:00 pm (open)
Monday, Dec 28 @ 1:15 pm (open)
Tuesday, Dec 29 @ 1:05 pm (0-300 MP) & 1:15 pm (open)
Wednesday, Dec 30 @ 7:00 pm (open)
Thursday, Dec 31 @ 10:15 am (open)
Friday, Jan 1 @ 1:05 pm (0-500 MP) & 1:15 pm (open)



Bridge Highlights and Milestones

Despite the challenges this year, KDBC and Seaway Club members have made a number of significant achievements.

Don Kersey's team placed second overall in the **Canadian National Team Championship**, the premier event in Canadian Bridge. COVID forced the event into an on-line format which started in June with the initial field of 24 teams, and culminated in the final contest of 128 boards, played between Sep 28 and Oct 18. While their names won't be on the trophy this year, the team did take home "about 100 gold points or so". Don played with partner Bill Koski (King City), and the other team members were Ron Bishop (Toronto) & John Duquette (Oshawa); and Judy & Nick Gartaganis (Calgary). Well done!

Life Master Milestones *

Sapphire Life Master: Mark Donovan, James Carroll

Gold Life Master: Carol Harries, Moira O'Reilly

Silver Life Master: John Gerretsen, Nancy Louwman, Eva Wiseman

Bronze Life Master: Lucia McCurdy, Rita Menninga, Pamela Walmsley

Life Master: Elaine McDougall, Hamish Taylor, JoAnn Olson, Glenn Torrie

Advanced NABC Master: Tammy Gauvin, Judy Prince

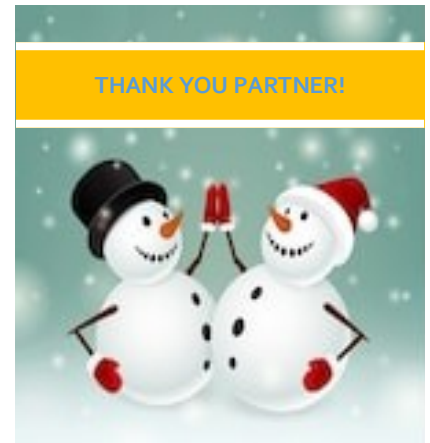
NABC Master: Josette Arassus, Florence Campbell, Don Gardner,
Diane Lafrance, Frances Szewczuk

Regional Master: Gonny Moncur

Sectional Master: John Eady, Doug Graham, Patricia Lennie, Helen Thiebout

Club Master: George McKeever, William Ward

Junior Master: Conrad Debarros, Anne Lamarche, Helene Pratt

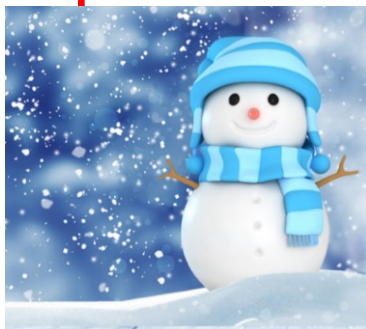


** Our records from Jan—Mar 2020 are in storage and inaccessible, so some rank advancements achieved in those months may be missing . Please accept our sincere apologies, and a promise for acknowledgement as soon as possible!*

Calling All Bridge Players!

We have been lucky at KDBC with table numbers (over 2400 tables on-line since April 7!), even as some Club members and regulars are not joining us in our Club Games on BBO. We respect your choice. But...if you are not playing with us because you have questions or concerns about the technology, or don't know how to find a partner, please email us at KDBConBBO@gmail.com. We can help! We are having great games, with lots of tables. **We'd love you to join us @ KDBC on BBO, until we can all be back playing live bridge!**

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow



No need to worry about shoveling the driveway or scraping off the car to get the to Bridge Club when you play @ KDBC on BBO!

Monday: 1:15 pm Open

Wednesday: 7:00 pm Open

Friday: 1:05 pm 0-500 MP, 1:15 pm Open

Mentor Game: first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm

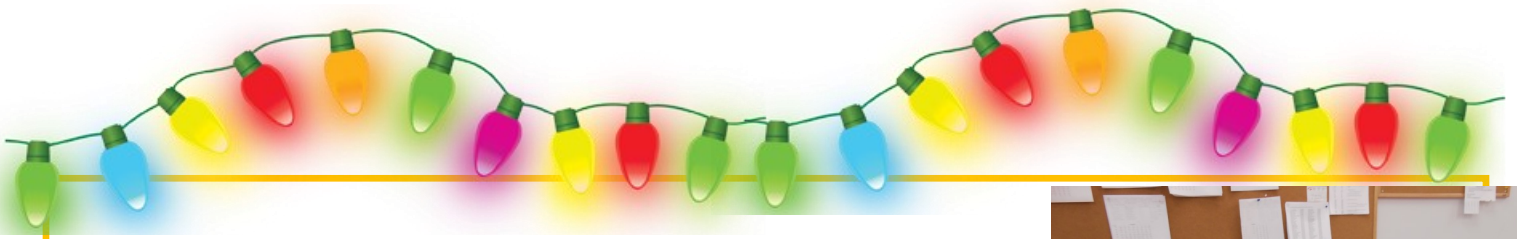
Tuesday: 1:05 pm 0-300 MP, 1:15 pm Open

Thursday: 10:15 am Open

Sunday: 7:00 pm Open

All games subject to attendance. We also hold special games from time to time.

Complete details are always at <https://www.bridgewebs.com/kdbc/>



Happy 50th Anniversary Jerry, and Good Luck!

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Jerry MacDonald's membership in the Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club. It is believed that this makes Jerry our longest consecutive year member. But what is certain, is that Jerry is one of the kindest and most decent people to ever sit down at a bridge table.

It is the rare member of our club who has never received a compliment, encouragement or simply a friendly word from Jerry. Moreover, it has been Jerry's longstanding practice to write congratulatory cards to members of our club on their reaching masterpoint milestones. His partners and opponents alike, can readily attest to Jerry's thoughtful recognition of the achievements of others while remaining very modest about his own. And make no mistake – Jerry has long been one of Kingston's finest players. He is remarkably creative in the play of the cards and imaginative in the bidding, all while being technically sound.

For many months now, Jerry has been waging a very challenging battle with prostate cancer. He recently concluded his radiation treatment and is guardedly optimistic about his future. He has been served well by his genuinely indomitable spirit and by the notable assistance of his dear friends and fellow club members: Peter Johannsson, Terry Demers and John Gerretsen.

I know all club members unite with me in wishing Jerry a full recovery and a very Merry Christmas in this difficult time.

Greg McKellar



Jerry, at the Club on Gardiners Road

Charitable Donations in 2020



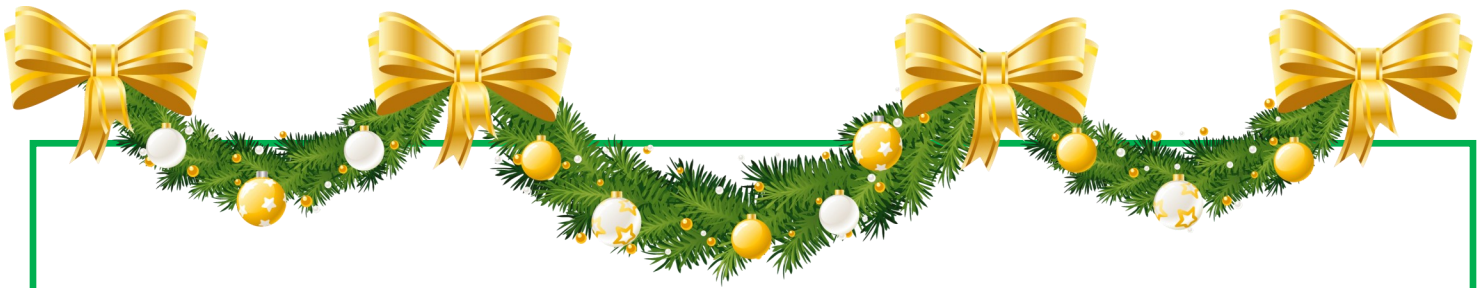
Bridge Clubs and their members are known for their generosity to local charities, and we are no exception. This year has prevented us from holding our regular charitable games; but we encourage members who wish to support local charities by donating to them directly. This is year of great need – please give generously if you are able!

Local charities that KDBC has supported in the recent past include:

Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Fund (must donate before Dec 30!) Donate by cheque (payable to "The Salvation Army Kingston – Hamper Fund") dropped off or mailed to "The Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Fund, 342 Patrick St., Kingston, ON, K7K 6R6". Questions or credit card donations: Contact Bonita McCourt at 613-548-4411, ext. 121, or email cfsdirector@kingstonsa.ca; or Brita Owen at 613-548-1600, ext. 154, or email bowen@kingstonsa.ca

The Loving Spoonful Donations can be made at: <https://www.lovingspoonful.org/>

Alzheimer Society of Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Donations can be made at: <https://alzheimer.ca/kfla/en/home>



An Interesting Hand (discussion by Don Kersey)

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When the auction begins 1H-1S-2D, North can use the following tip: if a perfect minimum holding for partner will make slam cold, then it is worth exploring for slam. Here North can imagine South having x Axxxx AKxxx xx, a minimum on which even grand slam is a good bet, so North should be willing to bid slam unless there aren't enough keycards.

On the auction given (slightly cut off in the screen shot above), North bid 3C, fourth suit forcing, and South showed the fifth diamond, so North asked for keycards and stopped in 6D, making 7 when the king of trumps was onside.

Need a partner? You can play with a Bot on BBO!

If you and your partner have scheduling problems, or something comes up—no worries! Now you can play with a Bot partner in KDBC Virtual Club Games. Players who have done this report that it has been fun, and the Bots are both very good players and very polite.

There are some caveats: you have to buy your Bot's entry (\$0.25), use the Bot's convention card, and you and your Bot partner will be seeded as "A" players, regardless of your total MPs.





Club Races—2020 is not quite over yet, but the leaderboards as of mid-December are:

70% Open Games

77.08% Chris Caswell & Jock Devonshire, Jul 25
 75.91% Mark & Shona Donovan, Oct 30
 75.61% Paddy Allan & Don Kersey, Jul 8
 73.92% Tammy Gauvin & Judy Prince, Sep 21
 73.50% Shona Donovan & Don Kersey, Jun 10
 73.48% Mark & Shona Donovan, May 11
 73.46% Paddy Allan & Don Kersey, May 8
 73.13% Pat Briggs & Chris Caswell, Sep 30
 72.95% Bill Mitchell & Ray Rothenbury, Nov 11
 72.79% Carol Harries & Barry Wilson, Oct 1
 72.75% Terry Demers & Jock Devonshire, Oct 29
 72.62% Chris Caswell & Don Kersey, Jul 1
 71.36% Paddy Allan & Don Kersey, Oct 15
 71.25% Lew & Niki Mitz, Aug 28
 70.83% Chris Caswell & Don Kersey, Jun 8
 70.77% Glenn Torrie & Barry Wilson, Sep 28
 70% Marvin Baer & Mike Fobert, Sep 16
 70% Chris Caswell & Bob Fowkes, Nov 6

70% I/N Games (5 table minimum)

75.45% Pat Lennie & William Ward, Nov 17
 73.55% Emily Pittfield & Marlene Young, Jan 29
 72.02% Mary Reid & Mary-Stewart Ross, Nov 10
 70.24% Judy Cardwell & Doug Graham, Nov 3
 70% Tammy Gauvin & Frances Szewczuk, Sep 25
 70% Doug Graham & Pat Lennie, Oct 2
 70% Doug Graham & Pat Lennie, Oct 23

Kingston Pembroke Challenge (July 2)

67.25% Elaine McDougall & Hamish Taylor
 63.68% Dave Cross & Eva Wiseman

ABC Winners Open Games

68.45% Kathy McDonald & Maureen Rush, Jun 6
 67.08% Gayle Seto & Linda Tindal, Apr 22
 65.65% Chris Caswell & Tara Oberai, Feb 3
 65.18% Dave Cross & Eva Wiseman, Mar 2
 65.08% Gayle Seto & Linda Tindal, Apr 29
 64.77% Tammy Gauvin & Judy Prince, Jul 28
 64.02% Tammy Gauvin & Judy Prince, Oct 5
 63.83% Peggy Hutchison & Vicki Lynn Macauley, Nov 16
 63.81% Elaine McDougall & Hamish Taylor, Jul 11
 63.64% Peggy Hutchison and Vicki Lynn Macauley, Sep 14
 63.19% June Leach & Ruth Pettis, May 19
 63.01% Peggy Hutchison & Vicki Lynn Macauley, Dec 4
 62.61% Gayle Seto & Linda Tindal, Jun 3
 62.20% Elaine McDougall & Hamish Taylor, Sep 8
 61.56% Anne Herfst & Maureen Rush, Sep 3
 61.11% Jack Klassen & Ray Rothenbury, Jan 29
 60.74% Tammy Gauvin & Frances Szewczuk, Jan 28
 60.12% Rita Menninga & Wanda Slawinski, Mar 2
 60.07% Jack Klassen & Ray Rothenbury, Jan 15
 59.26% Tammy Gauvin & Frances Szewczuk, Jan 31

Most KDBC Games Played on BBO

196 Doris Waddell	149 Carol Harries
177 Paddy Allan	147 Kathy McDonald
164 Josette Arassus	136 Claudine Lallemant
158 Charlie Waddell	136 Rita Menninga
151 Assunta Gerretsen	133 John Finucan

From Seaway:

118 Gail Wells	104 Diane Lafrance
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KDBC Awards Ceremony

It may be on-line, but we will find a way to celebrate!

DATE: TBA

Watch your Email or the Website for Details!

In Memoriam—Remembering the Friends We Have Lost This Year



Rita Carey
 Margaret Craig
 Maurice (Mo) Daniel
 Larry Sands

