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The *KDBC*

Board Update

Partnerships:

When looking for partnerships please do not phone or text our partnership co-ordinator directly. Phone the club and leave a message on the machine, you will be contacted when a partner has been arranged for you.

Final Report from our Past President

As I finished my term as president of our club on September 30th I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support, good humour and unfailing help provided to your Board and myself during the last three years to make our club the envy of the competitive bridge world in Eastern Ontario. I want to first of all thank you, the members as well our Board members, for your valuable input, interest and suggestions to make our club an even a better place to play the game we all love to play.

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Noreen Sugarman Award

The Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club has established this award in remembrance of Noreen Sugarman. For over fifty years, Noreen was one of Kingston's finest bridge players, enjoying considerable success in both local games and tournaments and amassing over 4500 masterpoints.

In addition to her excellence as a player, Noreen actively contributed to the development of a sense of community within the Kingston club. Moreover, she became an active mentor for new players and an excellent teacher whose lessons and instruction both generated new players and improved the performance of existing club members.

In recognition and remembrance of her invaluable contribution to the development of inexperienced players, the Noreen Sugarman Memorial Award shall be given annually to the Kingston novice or intermediate player who has demonstrated the most improvement over the calendar year. The recipient shall also have exhibited respect for both their partner and opponents, good sportsmanship and a friendly and welcoming presence at the table and within the KDBC.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN BEFORE Nov 15th

Regional Tournament Chair!

We will be accepting proposals for the position of Regional Tournament Chair. Tournament will be held May 2020. More info to follow

\$80 Pre-Paid Pass

Please remember to bring your Pre-Paid pass with you when you come to play and present it at the Collection desk as you enter.

Friday Game Time

Friday's Game time will remain the same, games will continue to start at 12:30 pm

Ken Allan Award

The Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club has established this award in remembrance of Kenneth Allan. Across four decades, Ken enjoyed tremendous success in both local games and in tournaments throughout North America. He was widely regarded as a highly imaginative player who devised a complex, highly effective bidding system known as the K Club. At the time of his retirement from the game he was Kingston's second all-time masterpoint holder having amassed over 5000 points.

In addition to his excellence as a player, Ken was a model of comportment at the bridge table and actively contributed to the development of a sense of community within the Kingston club. Moreover, Ken consistently exemplified sportsmanship and highly ethical conduct at the table. In recognition and remembrance of these characteristics, the Kenneth Allan Memorial Award shall be given annually to the Kingston player who best exhibits:



- 1) respect for both their partner and opponents
- 2) active ethics
- 3) good sportsmanship
- 4) a friendly and welcoming presence at the table and within the KDBC
- 5) support for new and inexperienced players
- 6) an overall contribution to the enhancement of the Kingston bridge community.

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Upcoming Kingston Tournaments:

Kingston Sectional Tournament

Jan 25th-27th, 2019

Portuguese Cultural Centre

959 Division Street

Kingston Regional Tournament

May 12th -18th, 2020

TBD

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I especially want to thank our secretary Elaine- for keeping us on the straight and narrow at our board meetings while providing us with comprehensive and complete agendas and minutes; Marilyn, our partnership chair, and others from time to time- for spending numerous hours in finding playing partners for our members; Bill, our treasurer- for looking after our finances on a day to day basis - and indeed every member of our Board these last three years for their positive contributions and ideas to make our club the best it can possible be.

A very special thank you to Terry for her hard work and dedication. She was an extremely competent and excellent manager since our new enlarged club came together some 7 or so years ago. She always provided patient guidance and firm direction to your Board of Directors.

I also want to thank wholeheartedly the numerous volunteers who help out in so many different ways- whether in providing delicious food at nominal costs for our special events, cleaning up afterwards or tidying up at many other times, or in so many other ways too numerous to mention -for their never ending cheerfulness. And willingness to do whatever was necessary from time to time.

I also want to pay a very special tribute to our playing directors who make sure that our games are conducted to the highest standards. Don, Jock, Charlie, Brian and Kevin and up to recently Marvin, are true professionals who allow us to compete in a friendly but strict playing environment.

Our teachers- Charlie, Assunta, Brian and Terry- deserve a lot of credit in preparing new players to the game. Many of their students have joined our ever expanding IN section. It is great to see that often there are as many playing tables in the IN section as there are in the Open section.

I want to also acknowledge and thank the cash collectors and all those who help out from time to time in keeping our premises looking tidy and sharp and in moving playing equipment to the various off site locations for our tournaments. As you can see our club belongs to all of you, the members. We will only continue to be successful as a club in the future if all of us do our share to help out when we are needed or called upon to assist.

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Our club is in good sound financial shape. This is primarily due to a number of decisions made by your board over the last six years as well as the successes of the annual Sectionals, held in January, and the last three successful Regionals held in the spring. Gaylia and Brian and their teams deserve a tremendous amount of credit for making them not only financially successful but also for making playing in the tournaments so enjoyable not only for ourselves and but also for our out of town bridge playing guests .

Next year's Sectional from January 25 to 27 will be held at the Portuguese Cultural Centre on Division Street. It is a great facility with excellent lighting and great amenities and parking. Brian will once again chair this event. I know that all of us will assist Brian and his committee in whatever manner necessary to ensure the success of this annual tournament once again.

Our club is now open seven days of the week for daily competitive games of bridge. Our club facility looks better than ever with the new flooring- cost shared with the landlord- a special thanks to Riet and her team for making it a reality.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for your support, your continuing help, in sharing your views and opinions on all things related to our game of competitive bridge. I have enjoyed being your president and know that you will give Greg McKellar, your new president, and our new Board of Directors your full support in the year ahead.

We have a great club, ranking 105th out of all the 2800 ACBL clubs in North America, in number of tables played annually. Finally, remember our Club belongs to each and every member. I know that all of us will continue to contribute in different ways to ensure that our club remains an outstanding place to play competitive bridge in a friendly and welcoming environment.

To great winning bridge and good enjoyable times,

John Gerretsen