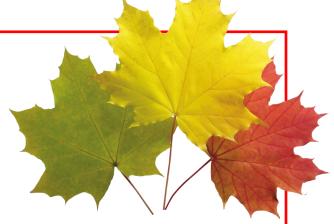


# Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club & Seaway Bridge Club

on-line update October 2021

#### KDBC BOARD FALL UPDATE

With restrictions lifting, the Board will be getting together to discuss **F2F play**. Contact the club or any board member if you have a suggestion for a temporary venue.



We are **updating the partnership list**. Members should receive a copy of the old list and we ask that you let us know if corrections are needed. If you do not get a copy, contact us and we will get your information updated and on the list.

Again in 2022 we are offering **free club memberships**. We will be contacting our present members to let them know their membership will be rolled over for 2022. We also have a list of Kingston and area players not presently members and will be inviting them to join. Family and friends who are playing regularly with our players will also be offered a free membership. Members receive newsletters, updates and qualify for club awards. Members make our club a great place to play.

#### UPCOMING SPECIAL GAMES!

Saturday, Oct 30 @ 7:00 pm We're having a Special Trick and Treat game. Each pair keeps track of all the tricks they take on each board and totals them up. After the game, and by Nov 1, pairs submit their totals and the pair with the most tricks get free plays. Even if the opponents are in a contract you still count the tricks you took on that hand. Email your partnership trick totals to kdbconbbo@gmail.com.

**Thursday, Nov 4 @ 6:30 pm Anniversary Mentor Game**. November is our 1 year anniversary. We are going to change it up a bit. There will be a 10 minute break at half time so pairs can discuss hands.

Friday, Nov 5 @ 1:15 pm Robot-free game! Humans must have a human partner. A Bot + Bot substitute pair may be included, if necessary.



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### OUT OF THE DARKNESS AND I/N to THE SUNSHINE

# Special News for Intermediate and Newcomer Players

New to our games??? Check out our new "Joining the KDBC games" tab on our Club Website. We have posted a user-friendly 4 Step Guide to joining BBO and playing in the KDBC Virtual Games!!!! If you have friends who want to know how to get started on BBO, this is a great resource.



Until further notice, we will continue with one I/N game a week on Tuesdays at 1:05 pm. The new spares for this game will be Pat Lennie and William Ward. Thank you Pat and William!

All I/N players will be offered free memberships in the KDBC for 2022! This newsletter will be mailed out to current members, past members, former students at KDBC as well as friends and relatives who play in our virtual games. Welcome to all!

We have LIMITED SPACE in our upcoming class on Bidding Basics for Beginners. See the details in the box below. Lastly, stay tuned for more info re F2F games! As always, email me if you have questions, comments or concerns!

Suzanne Ryan, I/N Representative for KDBC misssryan44@gmail.com

## FREE LESSONS on BIDDING BASICS FOR BEGINNERS

Sign up now! Very limited spaces left !!!!

**Dates:** Saturdays - Nov 6, 13, 27, Dec 4, 11, & 18 **Time:** 10:00 am - 11:30 am

**Location:** Senior Centre (56 Francis Street) **Instructors:** Tammy Gauvin & Charlie Waddell

Contact Suzanne Ryan (misssryan44@gmail.com) if you'd like to join the classes.



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# CHARITY WEEK DEC 6-12, 2021

Carol Anne Ralph is our Charity Coordinator and we will be having a special charity week December 6-12 in support of the **Salvation Army Hamper Fund**.

More information to follow...mark your calendars!

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY THIS YEAR!

#### STARS IN OUR MIDST!

Barry Wilson and Glenn Torrie had a **BIG GAME** Sep 8 with **77.95%**. They will be featured in an upcoming ACBL Bulletin (it may take a couple of months) in the 75% game section. **CONGRATULATIONS!** 



### AND MAYBE FEWER BOTS IN OUR MIDST ... ?

25 members attended a forum on October 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss concerns dealing with our BBO games. We have allowed players to partner with robots for some time now. This is discouraged and the Board prefers that players try to find a partner or connect with a player in the partnership desk. This is especially true for

special games with extra or pigmented points.

However, we understand that it is not always possible to find a partner especially at the last minute and robots will remain an option in Open games. I/N games will continue to be robot free.

Since the forum, robot use has declined significantly showing that the member suggestions seem to be working.

Occasionally, we will hold robot-free games (the first one is Friday, Nov 5), where robots will not be available as partners. If needed, the director will add a pair of robots as spares.

Jock Devonshire, President, KDBC Board