



Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club December 2022

A Message From The President

On behalf of the KDBC, I wish everyone in the local bridge community and those who join us from other places, a safe and happy holiday season.

Thank you to all who continue to make our club such a welcoming place, both online and F2F.

Our small core of worker bees has again surpassed all expectations to keep our club humming along.

Please consider joining the Board or helping in some other capacity.

Finally, let's count our blessings and help others less fortunate in 2023.

Sincerely,

Jock Devonshire
KDBC President

KDBC Members Shine in 2022 Unit Races*

Mary-Jean McIntyre (5-10) 6th, 7th
George Yon (20-50) 2nd, 2nd
Kathy McDonald (100-200) 5th, 6th
Keith Prytulka (100-200) 8th, 3rd
John Dundas (200-300) 6th, 6th
Maureen Rush (200-300) 8th, NA
Marg Beck (300-500) 3rd, 4th
Frances Szewczuk (300-500) 9th, 9th
Chris Caswell (500-1000) 6th, 10th
Sharon Boal (1000-1500) 10th, NA
John Finucan (1500-2500) 4th, 7th
Bob Fowkes (1500-2500) 5th, 8th
Terry Demers (2500-3500) 1st, 4th
Marvin Baer (2500-3500) 9th, 10th
Carol Harries (2500-3500) 10th, NA
Pat Briggs (3500-5000) 6th, 9th
Paddy Allan (5000-7500) 1st, 2nd
Don Kersey (> 10,000) 1st, 1st

* Ranking in Ace of Clubs, then Mini-McKenney Races shown for KDBC members in the top ten, as of Dec 6, in Unit 192. Bracketed numbers are the player's MP category. CONGRATULATIONS!



The KDBC Board wishes you and your family a safe and joyous holiday season. Thank you for supporting our club. KDBC remains a strong and active club because of its members and many volunteers who work tirelessly to bring us great online and face-to-face games.

Special Holiday Games!

We will be closed on Christmas Day, but on **Boxing Day (Monday, Dec 26) at 1:15 pm on BBO**, we will have a special online game for only \$3!

Join us New Year's Day (Sunday, Jan 1st) on Zoom from 6:15-7:00 pm. Meet and share new year good cheer and wishes with friends online. We will conduct a survey on Zoom. This year we will ask club members about schedule changes. Would you prefer more morning, afternoon or evening games? What about F2F or I/N games? Do you have a question you would like to add to the survey? Let us know! bridgecentrekingston@gmail.com



Our first online game for 2023 will be on Sunday, January 1 at 7:00 pm on BBO, after the Zoom gathering.

We're having a January Special Deal for in-person (F2F) games. When you come and pay \$8 to play in any F2F game in January you will receive a free play for a subsequent game. The free play is not transferable and must be used by the end of February, 2023.

In-person F2F games are held on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm at the RCAFA Club (200 Hampton Gray Gate) at the airport. Need a partner? Email Marilyn Lindsay at KDBCpartners@gmail.com

KDBC's DECEMBER JINGLE MINGLE

Our Christmas Celebration and game was held on Dec 10 in the Walnut Grove Community Hall. We had 13 tables. The venue was beautiful, the luncheon delicious and everyone had a great time. A big thank you to **Marlene Young** and **Riet Haaksman** and all their helpers for making this day a huge success. Congratulations to **Helen Johnston** and **Jim Carroll**, who had the winning score (65%) and will get their names on the Christmas Trophy!



Just some of the happy faces of bridge players at the Holiday Party & Game on Dec 10.

Welcome New Bridge Players!

A big welcome to 14 new KDBC members. Some are from the beginner class **Tammy Gauvin** held in September, and **Suzanne Ryan** has encouraged new members to join in the KDBC games and lessons through her Wednesday morning Duplicate Coaching Sessions.

The Board has extended free 2023 membership to all our members and new players.



A big welcome to our Class of '22.

Lessons will resume on Saturday, January 7 from 10 am -12 noon at the Senior's Centre at 56 Francis St.

- Jan 7 lesson will focus on play of the hand.
- Jan 14 & 21 will introduce 2/1 bidding.
- Jan 28 will be a 0-500 limited ACBL sanctioned game.

All members who have under 500 points are welcome to join in the game on Jan 28 at the Senior's Centre. Come out and support our new players! Please pre-book for all events at the Senior Centre since it is a smaller room and we have limited space. Email Terry Demers at bridgecentrekington@gmail.com to RSVP for the game or join our lessons.

Lessons are open to anyone so make sure to spread the word to your friends.

"No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table." (Martina Navratilova)



Ring I/N The New Year with Bridge! The KDBC Intermediate-Newcomers Report

Hello all Intermediate Mentors and Mentees!

We will ring in the New Year with our first Intermediate Mentor Game on Monday, January 23! Please note this is a NEW date for this game! We welcome back former Mentors and Mentees and welcome new participants in this super program. If you would like to be a Mentor or Mentee, contact Suzanne Ryan.

The dates for the 2023 Intermediate Mentor Games are:

- Monday January 23
- Monday February 20
- Monday March 20

All games start on Zoom at 6:30 with a Chalk Talk, then 18 boards are played on BBO, starting at 6:50 pm. Cost is \$3.00.



I/N Person Games at the RCAFA Club at the Airport!

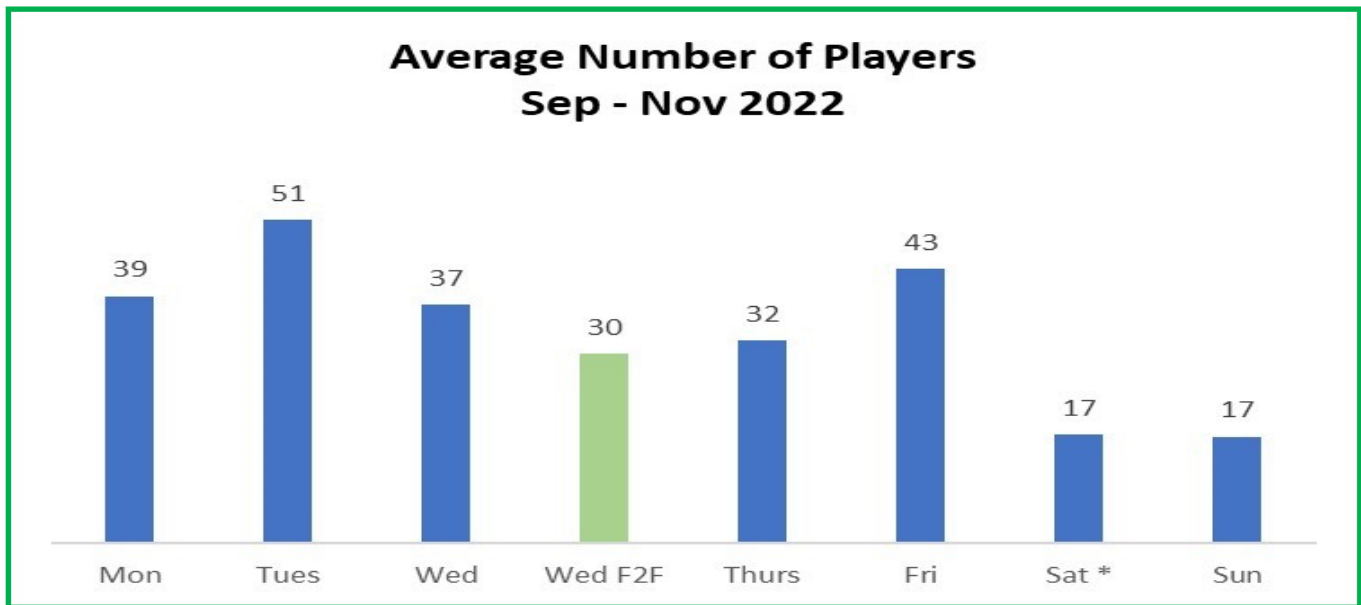


Every Wednesday at 1pm we hold our KDBC in-person game, with an I/N section! Yes, I/Ns are in-person at the RCAFA Club (at 200 Hampton Gray Gate at the airport) and we are looking for more players!! If you want to play on Wednesdays at 1pm, contact us at KDBCpartners@gmail.com and let us know that you are coming (and the name of your partner), or let us know if you need a partner or a drive. We look forward to seeing you!

Stay safe everyone, and have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Suzanne Ryan
KDBC I/N Representative
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WHO'S PLAYING BRIDGE WHEN (AND WHERE)?



* Average of 3 Saturday games held Apr—Nov 2022
NB—blue games are on BBO; green games are in-person (F2F)

Anne Herfst, KDBC's Treasurer, provided this snapshot of the average number of players at our live, and BBO, games this fall. Tuesday at 1:15 pm is our most popular game, followed by Friday and Monday afternoons (also at 1:15 pm) and Wednesday evenings at 7 pm (all on BBO). Our in-person (F2F) game on Wednesday afternoon is averaging 30 players per game, which is super, and we hope those numbers keep climbing. The Thursday morning game on BBO recently changed to a 9:30 am start time, but that is not reflected in these numbers.



WHEN & WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY ?

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If you can't join our Zoom survey on Jan 1st, please send your comments on game times, types and venue to Terry at bridgecentrekington@gmail.com, or any member of the KDBC Board.

More KDBC Board News

We're Making A List and Checking it Twice...

We are updating our partnership share list and ask that you notify us if you have a new phone number or email address.

KDBC Is Looking For Volunteers

To send cards - thank you, get well, thinking of you, congratulations. We supply the cards. This could be something you may want to do with a few friends. The cards could be sent online or through regular mail.

To plan social events. We had a pizza party and could hold something special on Valentine's Day.

To find a new venue. Members of the Board have checked out a few places but it would be great to get some new ideas.

If you would like to help and enjoy working with our amazing members and club please contact us at bridgecentrekingston@gmail.com



Wednesday, December 21 will be the last day to make your donation at the club for the "Loving Spoonful". All donations will be matched courtesy of the Larry Gibson Estate. More info is on the club website at <https://www.bridgewebs.com/kdbc/>



Let's Play Bridge!