



From the Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club

New Year, New Games!

NEW ➡ F2F Open Game on Fridays at 1:00 pm at ERMUC (this is in addition to our ERMUC F2F games on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, and Tuesday evenings).

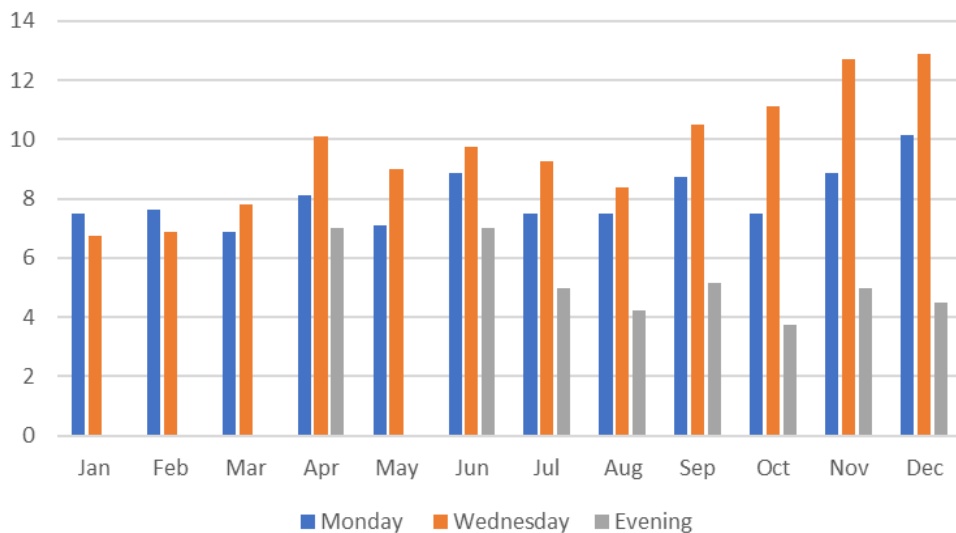
DIFFERENT ➡ The Friday BBO Open Game has moved to 7 pm (the Friday afternoon BBO game is no more!) **All KDBC BBO Open Games will only allow Robot Partners for KDBC members.**

F2F NUMBERS ➡ Anne Herfst has provided the summary chart (above right) showing the ups and downs of our F2F table counts over 2023. **Let's keep it growing! Join us for a game!**

New Year's Resolution? Be a STAR!

It's not too late to buy a 2024 Membership in KDBC (only \$20 for the year). Joining as a member helps support our Club in all its activities and needs. Our table fees cover the Director and ACBL costs (and sometimes not even that!) Other expenses that the membership fees help support include facility rental, storage locker rental, insurance, bridge supplies etc.

Average Number
of F2F Tables per Day in 2023



Food for Thought

Thanks to everyone for helping us to recycle used Keurig Pods and tea bags. Now for the next challenge... please consider bringing your own re-fillable container for your beverage of choice (yes, you can fit a travel mug in the Keurig). Your beverage will stay hot (or cold) during the game, we'll reduce the number of paper cups used, and when you take your container home to wash, it saves time at the end of the game for our hard working Kitchen Crew. Thank you!



Join Us for our Local♣ Sectional Tournament

January 26-28, 2024

KDBC is hosting a local sectional in January. Earn some silver points while you warm up for our Regional Tournament in May! All the games are at Edith Rankin Memorial United Church (4080 Bath Road) (lower level). There is free parking. Lunch will be available for purchase on-site both Saturday and Sunday.

To help with our planning, please let us know if you intend to play! For Swiss Teams, please register your team early—there is a limit of 25 tables for all games. To register, email: KDBCtournaments@gmail.com

We're offering three special games for newer players:

'299er games on Friday & Saturday afternoons, and a '99er game on Saturday morning.

If you need a partner, contact one of our Partnership Coordinators with your name, MPs, the date(s) and session(s) for which you need a partner. **Marilyn Lindsay (Open & team games)** at 613-532-8586 or KDBCtournamentspartners@gmail.com ; or **Suzanne Ryan ('99er & '299er games)** at 613-329-4064 or misssryan44@gmail.com

All the fine print is on the flyer, available at <https://www.bridgewebs.com/kdbc/>

GAME SCHEDULE

ALL PAIRS GAMES ARE SINGLE SESSIONS; SWISS
TEAMS ON SUNDAY ARE DOUBLE SESSION

Friday, Jan 26th	Open Pairs	2:00 pm
	'299er Pairs	2:00 pm
	Open Pairs	7:00 pm
Saturday, Jan 27th	Open Pairs	10:00 am
	'99er Pairs	10:00 am
	Open Pairs	3:00 pm
	'299er Pairs	3:00 pm
Sunday, Jan 28th	Swiss Teams	10:00 am & TBA

Teams consist of 4-6 players, all of whom must play in at least half the matches. Teams must play in both sessions. '99er games have no players with > 100 MPs. '299er games have no players with > 300 MPs.

TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION

Director-in-Charge: Don Kersey
Tournament Chair: Marlene Young 613-770-3566 or
KDBCtournaments@gmail.com

GAME FEES

\$8 per person per '99er or '299er session ♥
\$12 per person per Open session
\$96 Swiss Team (both sessions, all players)

Players need an ACBL # to play. Free memberships are available for non-members (contact the Club). Lapsed ACBL members add \$4 per session.

♥ If a player registers for a '99er or '299er session that is not held due to insufficient entries, that player has the option of playing in the Open session offered at that time at no extra cost, or a refund.

♣ All games award 80% Silver + 20% Black MPs at 100% Sectional rating. All games subject to sufficient entries. Stratification: none/1500/500 (Open games); 300/100/50 ('299er games); 100/50/20 ('99er games); based on average MPs. Stratification may be changed by the D-I-C.

Let's Play Bridge!

Ring in the New Year

Special news for our I/N Players!

Welcome to the KDBC '99ers!

Since Nov 15th, KDBC has offered a '99er Game to those players who have under 100 masterpoints. These games are held at ERMUC (4080 Bath Road) on Wednesdays at 1pm, and are only 18 boards and cost \$5. We have had a great response to this new initiative!! You do not need to be a member of ACBL to play in these games, and if you need a partner, please contact Suzanne Ryan for assistance. BTW, if you are planning to play, it's really helpful if you let us know ahead of time (and saves us a phone call!)

I/N Mentor Game is back in January 2024

in its Monday evening slot for the coming season! ACBL membership is required.

The first game will be Jan 22nd on BBO, with registration at 6pm, free Zoom Chalk Talk at 6:15pm and the game at 6:45 pm. If you would like to join this line-up of I/N players helping other I/N players, as either a mentor or a mentee, contact Suzanne Ryan.

NEW!! Intermediate Boot Camp

Calling all I/N players who want to take their game to the next level. These sessions are open to all I/N players who want questions answered, defence strategies clarified, tips on bidding effectively, etc. You bring the questions, we provide KDBC senior players with answers, then we will play 4 hands.

FIRST SESSION: Friday Jan 19

TIME: 10am - 11:30 am

LOCATION: The Westen, 845 Gardiners Road

Meet at the front door. Guest parking is limited, please carpool if you can.

During this first session we will discuss future locations, times, and direction of this program. Space is limited to 5 tables. To reserve a spot, email Suzanne Ryan and include your question, problem, difficulty, specific hand from a specific game etc.

Contact for any of the above programs:

Suzanne Ryan, 613-329-4064

misssryan44@gmail.com



Some of our '99ers enjoying a game at the Club in December



And The 2023 Winners Are...

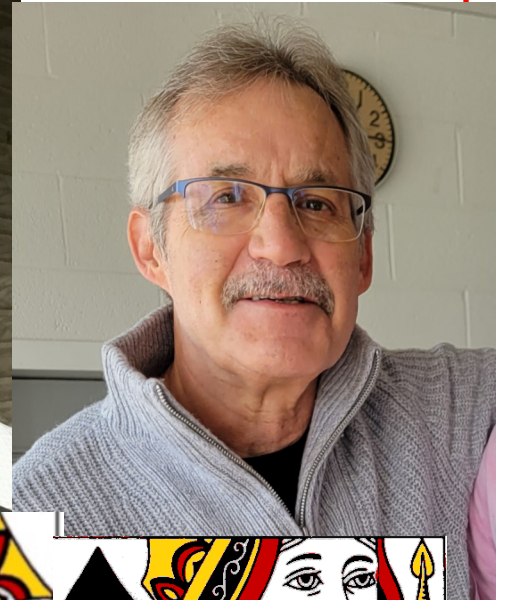
The Ken Allan Award

Don Kersey

70% Open Games

**Don Kersey &
Greg McKellar**

**Apr 19, 2023 80.91%
NEW ALL TIME HIGH!**



70% Open Games Runners-Up

Don Kersey & Greg McKellar
Jan 11, 2023 78.57%



The Dennis Johnston Team Award

**Don Kersey
Greg McKellar
Mary-Jean McIntyre
Mary Reid**

The Noreen Sugarman Award

Kathy McDonald

ABC Winners

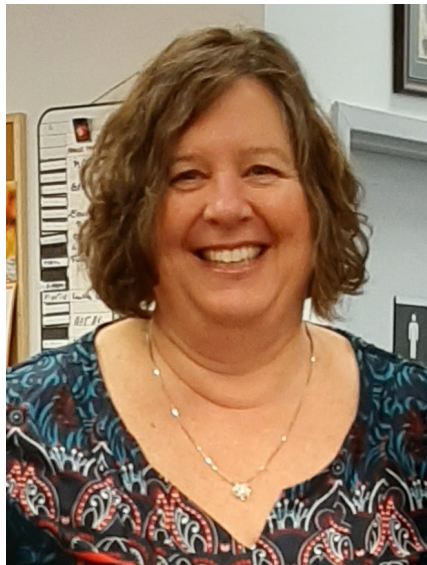
**Anne Herfst &
Kathy McDonald**

Mar 29, 2023 70.63%

ABC Runners-Up

**Paul Peloquin &
Emily Pittfield**

July 26, 2023 69.64%



Congratulations Everyone!

KDBC's BRIDGE LESSONS

Come yourself, or suggest these lessons to someone you know

♣ Make new friends ♦ Sharpen your mind ♥ Enrich your life
♠ Never be bored again

Class Schedule (Winter 2024)

Date	Time	Topic/Activity
6-Jan	10am-12:00	Review of Opening Bids: Majors, No Trump, Weak 2s, and Weak 3s
13-Jan	10am-12:00	Opening Majors (part 2); Jacoby 2NT
20-Jan	10am-12:00	Defence
3-Feb	10am-12:00	Balancing
10-Feb	10am-12:00	2/1 (part 1)
17-Feb	10am-12:00	2/1 (part 2)
24-Feb	9:30-12:30	Practice Your Play: Sanctioned Game
2-Mar	10am-12:00	Opening leads, responses, and follow-up leads
9-Mar	10am-12:00	Evaluating hands
16-Mar	10am-12:00	Defence tactics; lead directing and support doubles
23-Mar	10am-12:00	Continuation of Strong 2♣ openings and responses
30-Mar	9:30-12:30	Practice Your Play: Sanctioned Game
6-Apr	10am-12:00	Slam Try (part 1); Gerber
13-Apr	10am-12:00	Slam Try (part 2); cue bids and Blackwood
20-Apr	10am-12:00	Review
27-Apr	9:30-12:30	Practice Your Play: Sanctioned Game

- ♣ These classes are open to anyone
- ♦ Lessons are at the Seniors Centre at
56 Francis St. (LaSalle Room)
- ♥ Price: \$10.00 per session

Contact Gaylia Olhman to register for one,
several or all the classes

gcohlman@gmail.com

Christmas 2023 Lunch & Game at ERMUC

Twenty Tables, Great Food, Home Baking, Friends
from Near and Far, Songs and
A Crackling Fire (almost) - How Great Was That?

