

PLAY AND LEARN BRIDGE IN A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

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Puslinch Power

Congratulations to the following section winners at last weekend's 499er tournament in Puslinch.

• George and Sue Malon, 1st in C, Saturday afternoon 299ers

Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Races

At the halfway point in the year, it seems like a good time to look at how local players are doing in the ACBL's masterpoint races. It turns out that local players are stacking up extremely well compared to those in the other seven units in our district.

The Ace of Clubs Race ranks players in terms of their accumulated masterpoints derived solely from club play.

0-5 Masterpoints

- 1. Donald Slowinski
- 6. Marion Allan
- 8. Sameera Mufti
- 11. Dianne Hause

5-20 Masterpoints

- 3. Sue Moses
- 4. David Embury
- 6. Brenda Semple
- 9. Sydney Carruthers
- 10. Jack Cole
- 11. Judy Bailey

20-50 Masterpoints

- 1. Lynda Burnett
- 2. Dianne James
- 3. Kim Wakeford

50-100 Masterpoints

- 3. Sandy Graham
- 4. Mary McClelland

200-300 Masterpoints

- 1. Neil Jeffrey
- 4. Bill Cunningham

300-500 Masterpoints

1. Bernice Muma

1000-1500 Masterpoints

2. Robert Griffiths

3500-5000 Masterpoints

2. Cindy Mahn

5000-7500 Masterpoints

2. Colin Harrington

Over 10,000 Masterpoints

4. David Baker

The Mini-McKenney Race ranks players in terms of their accumulated masterpoints derived from both club and tournament play.

0-5 Masterpoints

- 3. Tong Chen
- 5. Donald Slowinski
- 9. Sameera Mufti
- 10. Marion Allan

5-20 Masterpoints

- 1. Sue Moses
- 5. Brenda Semple
- 6. David Embury
- 8. Jack Cole

20-50 Masterpoints

- 3. Lynda Burnett
- 5. Dianne James
- 6. Kim Wakeford

50-100 Masterpoints

- 1. Mary McClelland
- 3. Sandy Graham

200-300 Masterpoints

- 4. Neil Jeffrey
- 5. Bill Cunningham
- 7. Susan Lawton
- 9. Sharon Boyd

300-500 Masterpoints

- 2. Bernice Muma
- 5. Stephen Carpenter

1000-1500 Masterpoints

- 1. Robert Griffiths
- 2. Mike Peng
- 3. Thea Davis
- 4. Bruce Roberts

1500-2500 Masterpoints

- 1. Margot Stockie
- 2. Adrian Record
- 3. Dianne Aves
- 5. Diane Bourdeau

2500-3500 Masterpoints

- 1. Joan Viidik
- 1. Tony Viidik
- 3. David Longstaff
- 4. Edith Ferber

3500-5000 Masterpoints

- 1. Cindy Mahn
- 2. Liz McDowell

5000-7500 Masterpoints

- 1. Colin Harrington
- 2. Tom Ramsay

Over 10,000 Masterpoints

3. David Baker

Volunteer Appreciation, Part I

Contributed by Beverley Pope

Many members of our club bring in special treats that are enjoyed both before and during the game. There is no obligation on anyone's part to do this - it is simply a warm and generous act. Some of these treats are purchased and then assembled beautifully at the club. Others are made at home with love and care (perhaps a favourite family recipe or a challenging new recipe or simply a lip-smacking basic).

We recognize all our members who have provided such treats and say Thank You. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated. This month we want to recognize the special contributions of Wayne Jordan, Dave Quarrie, and Diane Jamieson.

Wayne Jordan offers us an alternative to sweets. He prepares and assembles vegetable platters regularly and makes a dip with just a hint of garlic (some hint!!). He also brings in jars of garlic and hot peppers for the courageous. To complement the veggies and dip, Wayne often brings in an assortment of local cheeses and, on occasion, salmon sandwiches.

Dave Quarrie has wowed all the 499ers! He's not just a great director and bridge teacher extraordinaire, he's loved for all the treats and unbelievable cheeses that he presents (with name tags no less - very classy!) These cheese arrangements are fantastic but soon fall prey to our members' onslaught.

Diane Jamieson

Diane Jamieson is a very special person. She helps with the club deposits, she helps with district tournaments, and she helps with sewing, cleaning and preparing food for special events. BUT, she is mostly known for her Monday night bridge game! Those players look forward with anticipation to Monday night at the club where a warm, welcoming environment awaits them. Diane doesn't just direct, she BAKES! - muffins - cakes – loaves - pies! When she's presented with some rhubarb, it's soon in a tasty goodie. Diane's spirit and enthusiasm have caught on, and now many others also bake and bring in their special treas.

WOW! MONDAY NIGHTS ARE INDEED SPECIAL!

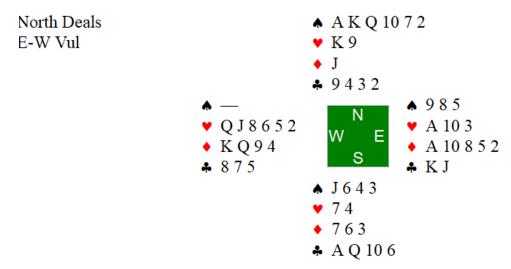
We are very fortunate to have Wayne, Dave, and Diane in our club. Thank you so much for all you do!

North American Bridge Championships

Click here for an article about the nationals currently on in Toronto.

A Double Fit

Contributed by Robert Griffiths



E6; EW5; NS4; W5; NS1

Par -300: NS 6 ×-2

North will open 1♠ and with only EW Vulnerable, some EW pairs will barely get into the auction. There are good reasons why East should pass - a flat hand, three small cards in the opponents' bid suit, club KJ of dubious value - but if East overcalls 2♠, the auction could get busy. South will raise to 2♠, and West can either raise diamonds or he might introduce his own sixcard suit by trying 3♥ planning to bid 4♠ over NS competing to 3♠.

And, of course, North does compete. If he goes only to 3♠, then East will likely raise to 4♥ and North, not wanting to defend, will push on to 4♠, passed back to West. What should West be thinking now? First, it is unlikely that his side has more than half the HCP. NS have shown about 20 with their bidding and East has only overcalled, as opposed to showing a big hand. But where are East's cards? He surely has at least five diamonds and three hearts and thus has to have some spades, leaving not many clubs – ergo not many losers. West is the only one at the table that knows that EW have not just a good heart fit but also a big diamond fit. Even vulnerable with a mere eight HCP, there is good justification for bidding on, either to 5♦ or 5♥. The double fit means that there is little room for losers in the other two suits. Of course, West cannot be sure that his side can make 10 or 11 tricks in a red suit, but I think that on this auction he could reasonably bid to the five level, thinking that NS will make 4♠ and his side will go down only one in 5♦ or 5♥.

And going back two paragraphs, if after West's 3♥ bid North jumps right to 4♠, EW may never find their magic double fit and get shut out of the auction. There's a lot to be said for North's taking all the bidding room with the jump, before EW learn too much.

In the play, NS will make either four or five spades, depending on whether East impatiently cashes his A♥. EW cannot be stopped in 5♥, while East magically can make 6♦.

The moral of this story is – in a competitive auction, try to sever the opponents' communication by jumping directly to your safe level.

Possible Auctions:

W	N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W	N	E	S
	1♠	2♦	2♠		1♠	2♦	2♠		1♠	P	2♠
3♥	3♠	4♥	P	3♥	4♠	AP		P	3 or 4♠	AP	
P	4♠	P	P								
5♥	AP										

4□♠×	Ν	5	♥□A	690		7.50	0.50
4□♠×	Ν	5	♥ □A	690		7.50	0.50
4□♠	Ν	5	♥□A	450		5.50	2.50
4□♠	Ν	5	♥ □A	450		5.50	2.50
4□♠	Ν	4	•□A	420		3.50	4.50
4□♠	Ν	4	$\bullet\Box A$	420		3.50	4.50
3□♠	Ν	5	$\bullet\Box A$	200		2.00	6.00
2□♠	Ν	4	♦ □5	170		1.00	7.00
5□♥	W	5	∳□A		650	0.00	8.00



Beginners' Lessons

If you are reading this, you probably like to play bridge. A lot. And you probably know someone who hasn't yet been initiated but would likely enjoy it a lot too. Why not do that person a favour and tell him or her about our beginners' lessons?

Starting Tuesday, September 5, at 6:30 pm, Raina King – ably aided by June Leitch - will be offering a 10-week introductory course on the basics of our game – with a big spoonful of sugar to make the medicine go down. Here's what two former students had to say about Raina's course.

"Raina is a wonderfully patient and knowledgeable teacher, and the students all appear to be devoted to both learning bridge and having a wonderful time doing it."

THANK YOU to the administration of GRBC for this fun and informative introduction to the game we will be playing, we hope, for many years to come."

Our beginner classes are the hardest for our club to populate because, unlike our more advanced courses that fill up mostly as a result of word of mouth, we need to somehow reach out beyond our membership. For this, we need your help. For more information about the beginner lessons, including how to register, click here.

Coming Events

Wednesday, July 19 – Sunday, July 30, Toronto Summer Nationals
Tuesday, August 1, 9:00 am, Balancing Module
Saturday, August 12 – Sunday, August 13, Tillsonburg Sectional
Saturday, August 19 – Sunday, August 20, Niagara 299er Sectional
Saturday, August 26, Swiss Team Challenge and BBQ @ Guelph Club

We have fun in **spades**.
We play with all our **hearts**.
We treat our members like **diamonds**We like to eat at our **club**.

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