



PLAY AND LEARN BRIDGE IN A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

## ALERT – JULY 24, 2017

### **Puslinch Power**

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

- **George and Sue Malon**, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 treats.

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.



4♠×	N 5	♥♠A 690	7.50	0.50
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4♠	N 5	♥♠A 450	5.50	2.50
4♠	N 5	♥♠A 450	5.50	2.50
4♠	N 4	♦♠A 420	3.50	4.50
4♠	N 4	♦♠A 420	3.50	4.50
3♠	N 5	♦♠A 200	2.00	6.00
2♠	N 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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