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Top Online Master Point Earners at our Club

Contributed by Allen Pengelly

This table lists the individuals who have earned the most master points at our club in each of three master point bands since the beginning of September.

Open Players			499er Players			99er Players		
	Name	MP		Name	MP		Name	MP
1	David Baker	18.24	1	Roy Dandyk	14.65	1	Reinhold Kauk	6.59
2	Cindy Mahn	17.55	2	Brian Kirkconnell	13.41	2	Anita Hanson	6.50
3	Margot Stockie	15.71	3	Salvatore Pace	12.62	3	Barb Neibert	5.49
4	Colin Harrington	14.42	4	Ron Lawrence	10.88	4	Belinda Burt	4.74
5	Moira Hollingsworth	14.12	5	Barbara Arthur	10.08	5	Joe Blake	4.33
6	Robert Griffiths	13.21	6	David Embury	9.03	6	Elisabeth Graham	3.80
7	Mike Peng	12.72	7	Suzanne Edwards	7.56	7	Brian Gaber	3.76
8	Sandy Graham	12.46	8	Stephen Nantes	6.80	7	Rick Arthur	3.76
9	Neil Coburn	11.75	9	Barbara Lindsay	5.87	9	Steven Allen	3.65
10	Neil Jeffrey	11.68	10	Gale Small	5.28	10	Charlene Schell	3.49
11	Ted Boyd	11.19	11	Sue Peterson	5.27	11	Lynn Campbell	3.30
12	Bruce Roberts	10.91	12	Kathy Russell	5.02	11	Marilyn Rootham	3.30
13	Dianne Aves	10.40	13	Cheryl Kip	4.97	13	Elaine Doyle	3.29
14	Stephen Young	9.22	14	Sue Voll	4.87	14	Aggie Udvari	3.24
15	Liz McDowell	8.86	15	Shelley Metcalfe	4.79	15	Elinor Girouard	3.23
16	Peggy Pearson	7.75	16	Grant Roberts	4.65	16	Nancy Cattanach	3.20
17	Tom Ramsay	6.78	17	Nanci Phelan	4.61	17	Trent Robinson	3.11
18	Sharon King	6.46	18	Renate Boucher	4.49	17	Carol Robinson	3.11
19	Edith Ferber	6.15	19	Lissa Lowes	4.28	19	Virginia Alviano	3.07
20	John Moser	5.96	19	John Kip	4.28	20	Susan McDonald	3.04
21	John Vandergrift	5.72	21	Betty Wendling	4.20	20	Susan Durance	3.04
22	John Hanemaayer	5.28	22	Paul Latimer	4.00	22	Ginny Scott	3.00
23	Scott Hills	4.72	23	Kevin Latter	3.97	23	Audrey Cook	2.84
24	Wayne Schroeder	4.67	24	Marlene Dopko	3.92	24	Molly Worden	2.75
25	Paul Stillman	4.64	25	Sue Moses	3.88	25	Marg Sanderson	2.44
25	Ronald Sayle	4.64						



Congratulations

To the following local players who have advanced to the next level.

Junior Masters

- **Sheila Charters**
- **Blaine Cruikshank**

The ACBL has welcomed the following new members.

- **Gay Booth**
- **Rosemary Newkirk**
- **Patricia Northey**



Sorry, Partner: A Bridge Podcast

There's a new bridge podcast in town entitled Sorry, Partner. You can listen to it free of charge by clicking [here](#). The most interesting episode so far is a 34-minute interview with Barry Rigal.

Excerpts from a New Yorker Book Review of Turning Tricks by David Owen

“When I was in ninth grade, back in 1970, we finished our geometry textbook six weeks before the end of the school year and spent the final grading period studying our math teacher’s principal extracurricular passion, which was bridge. He gave us quizzes on the Goren bidding system, and we got so hooked that we often dealt quick hands in the halls between classes. We played on weekends too, sometimes at tables wreathed in marijuana smoke. Our teacher told us that we would love playing in college as he and most of our parents had done. By the time I got there, in 1973, nobody seemed to know anything about it. I didn’t play again until five or six years ago, when, during a family vacation, I was reintroduced by my brother-in-law, who had begun taking lessons as part of his midlife crisis. Now it’s the main thing I think about when I’m not thinking about golf.”

Contributed by George Pepall

Time You Learned Your Lessons!

For the foreseeable future, pending that wonderful day when we can re-open our club, all of our lessons are online.

We are adding a few online workshops, but there is only so much we can ask of our over-worked online teachers. Click [here](#) for more information about our fall workshops and to register.

John Hanemaayer succeeded in recording his **novice** workshop on **Filling out your Convention Card**, and it is available for \$10. Click [here](#) for information on how to pay.

The currently-scheduled lessons (online perforce) for October are as follows.



When to Lead Trump

Intermediate

Monday, October 25, 9:30 am – noon

Instructor: Malkin Howes

Fee: \$20 for members/ \$25 for non-members



Signalling for Killer Defence

Novice

Wednesday, October 27, 9:30 am – noon

Instructor: Stephen Carpenter

Fee: \$20 for members/ \$25 for non-members



FOR INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS



Finding the Right Slam

Contributed by Robert Griffiths

Board 1	♠ J 10 7 6 2	
North Deals	♥ 10 8 2	
None Vul	♦ K 9 4 2	
	♣ 6	
♠ A Q 5		♠ K 4 3
♥ K Q 7 3		♥ A 4
♦ J		♦ Q 6 5
♣ K 10 7 4 3		♣ A Q J 9 2
	♠ 9 8	
	♥ J 9 6 5	
	♦ A 10 8 7 3	
	♣ 8 5	

EW 6♣; EW 3♥; EW 2N; EW 2♠; Par -920: EW 6♣=

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	1 N	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 N	Pass
4 N	Pass	6 N	All pass

I was East and opened 1NT, passed to my partner who bid 3♣. This is Puppet Stayman, asking about my four- or five-card majors. I replied 3NT, showing no major suits longer than three cards.

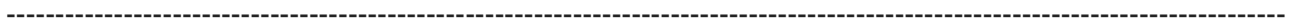
After a little thought, my partner bid 4NT. This is not Blackwood; my partner is suggesting that I bid 6NT if my hand is a maximum.

Well, is 16 points a maximum? I decided that with a nice five-card suit, I would consider it so and bid 6NT. Wrong! I was quickly down when South led the ace and another diamond.

I did have a good hand with a nice five-card suit, but I had the chance to show both. A bid of 6♣ after the 4NT invitation would suggest a maximum with a good club suit. With five clubs and an outside singleton, Partner would have been happy to play in the club slam which is unbeatable.

Oddly, most of the pairs that played 3NT by East scored the same -50 that I did in 6NT. A lead of South's fourth-best diamond gives N/S the first five tricks against 3NT. Against the slam, South's lead of his ace restricted his side to two diamond tricks, as my queen had become a stopper.

👉 It's sometimes a good idea to get creative with your bidding.





Dear David

Star Trek: Discovery

This is about a form of discovery play. It has absolutely nothing to do with Star Trek, but I have been a Trekkie for over half a century, so.....

The key to solving the hand below comes in three parts.

D 17	N North	W	N	E	S
	♠ J4		P	P	1♦
	♥ 1098	1♥	P	2♦	X
	♦ 53	4♥	P	P	P
	♣ QJ10764				
W West		E East			
♠ A973		♠ Q865			
♥ KQJ43		♥ A62			
♦ K62		♦ J94			
♣ 8		♣ A95			
	S South				
	♠ K102				
	♥ 75				
	♦ AQ1087				
	♣ K32				
		4♥ W NS: 0 EW: 0			

We are West, declaring four hearts. North leads the ♦5. South wins the ♦A and switches to a safe heart. Why? He is very likely to hold the queen of diamonds and wants to lead safely. We draw trumps and find South with two.

Now, declarer leads the ♣3 and North *quickly* plays the ♠4. Even the best players would have trouble playing low if they had the ♠K. Since we figure that South probably has the king of spades, we play low and South wins the 10. South is once again in a pickle. If he leads a diamond or a spade, he gives up a trick for sure, so he leads a club and hopes it does not give up a trick.

Here comes the fun part. Who has the ♠2? If South has it, you should lead the ♠Q and smother the ♠J into oblivion. If North has it, you need to lead a low spade and hope the king appears. If South started with KT of spades, he might have led the king back right away instead of the risky club because he would want to get it on the table before his partner accidentally crushed it with his ace (ouch). Besides that, wouldn't it be more fun to smother the jack?

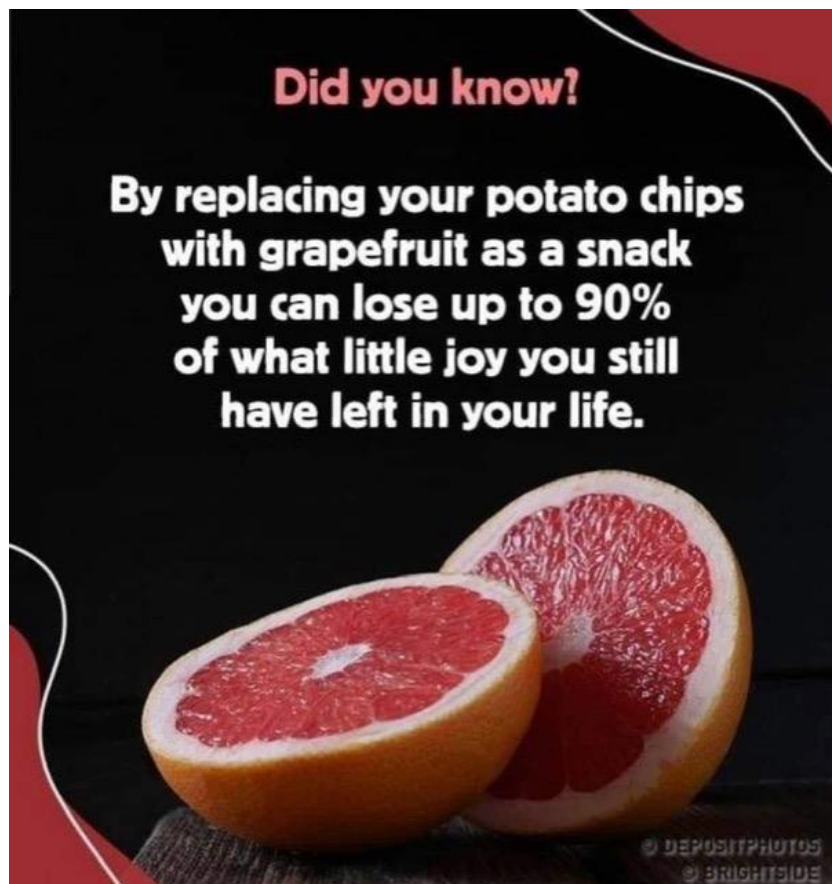
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	S South ♠ K102 ♥ 75 ♦ AQ1087 ♣ K32		4♥ W NS: 2 EW: 3																

Part 1: Card Placement by Assumption (CPA)

Part 2: Intra-finesse (♠3-4-5-10)

Part 3: Smother play (♠Q)

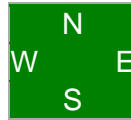
“Where no one has gone before”



For Intermediate *Jake's*
Play a Bad Hand Well

#42

♠ A K 2
 ♥ 8 4 2
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ 7 6 5 3 2



♠ Q 4 3
 ♥ K Q J 10
 ♦ Q 8 6 5
 ♣ A 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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Pass	1 ♠	2 ♥	Dbl
3 ♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All pass			

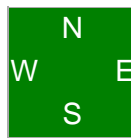
1. support double (three spades)

Sitting South, you are defending three hearts doubled. Your opening lead was the ♥K, your partner followed with the ♥9, and Declarer took the trick with his ♥A. At Tricks 2 and 3, Declarer cashed his ♦A and ♦K, and your partner's carding told you that he had an odd number of diamonds. At Trick 4, Declarer ruffed a diamond in dummy, and your partner followed with the ♦J. Declarer then led a small club from dummy. Your partner put in the ♣J and Declarer played the ♣10. What should you do?

SOLUTION

Here is the situation at Trick 5 (you haven't played yet).

♠ A K 2
 ♥ 8
 ♦ —
 ♣ 7 6 5 3



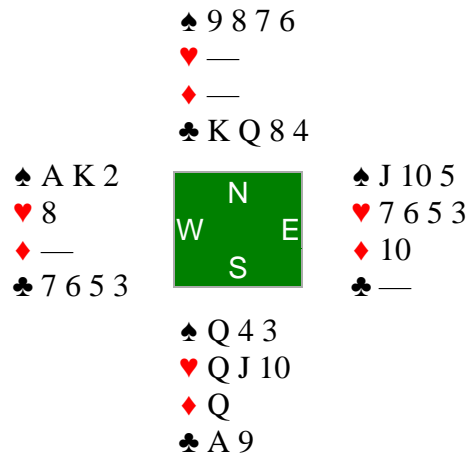
♠ Q 4 3
 ♥ Q J 10
 ♦ Q
 ♣ A 9

It is your turn to play a club - but which one? Let's take stock.

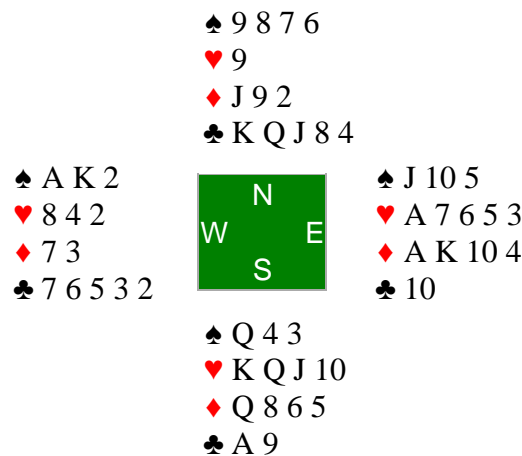
1. You know that your partner is out of diamonds (he told you he had an odd number and he can't possibly have had five of them), meaning that Declarer has still got a diamond (the ♦10).

2. If Declarer had the ♣K or the ♣Q, he would have covered the ♣J with a higher card, but he didn't. This means that your partner holds both the ♣K and the ♣Q.

3. Your partner can't possibly have another trump (Declarer must have started with five.) If you draw dummy's trump right away, you will be able to score a diamond trick. So you must go up with your ♣A, cash two of your high trumps, and cash your ♦Q to put the contract down. Here are all four hands at Trick 5 at the point of the key play.



As you can see, if you lazily played the ♣9, your partner will still be on lead. The best he can do is lead a club which Declarer can trump and then practically break his wrist in his haste to get his last diamond on the table for dummy to ruff. Making three, doubled. Here is the full deal.



It's a terrible shame to waste an ace!

Quickie

Never add a convention to your methods if you have not agreed on how to play the convention. Saying you will use Jacoby is not sufficient. When you use a convention, you have to know all the parts to it. It's like going to an auto dealer and buying a quart of oil for your ailing car. You better know where to put it. If you put it in the window washer system.....

(From *Insights on Bridge, Book 2*, by Mike Lawrence)

Tenth Annual Ray Millie Memorial Tournament

The Guelph Bridge Club is holding its 10th annual Ray Millie Memorial Tournament on Saturday, October 16. There will be three flights. The fee is \$7 BBO per session. Two-session players can win \$10 LCBO or Tim Horton's cards. Click [here](#) for more information.

Coming Virtual Events

- Friday, October 8, 12:30 pm, **99er game (20-22 boards) \$5**
- Friday, October 8, 1:00 pm, **499er game (24 boards) \$5**
- Friday, October 8, 7:00 pm, **open game (24 boards) \$5**
- Saturday, October 9, 1:00 pm, **199er game (20-22 boards) \$5**
- Sunday, October 10, 10:00 am, **499er game (18 boards) \$5**
- Monday, October 11, 12:30 pm, **49er game (18 boards @ 8 minutes) \$5**
- Monday, October 11, 1:00 pm, **open game (24 boards) \$5**
- Monday, October 11, 7:00 pm, **499er game (24 boards) \$5**
- Tuesday, October 12, 12:30 pm, **199er game (20-22 boards) \$5**
- Tuesday, October 12, 1:00 pm, **open game (24 boards) \$5**
- Wednesday, October 13, 1:00 pm, **499er game (24 boards) \$5**
- Wednesday, October 13, 6:45 pm, **199er game (20-22 boards) \$5**
- Wednesday, October 13, 7:00 pm, **open game (24 boards) \$5**
- Thursday, October 14, 9:30 am, **99er game (20-22 boards) \$5**
- Thursday, October 14 1:00 pm, **open game (24 boards) \$5**
- Thursday, October 14, 6:30 pm, **19er game \$5**
- Thursday, October 14, 7:00 pm, **999er game (24 boards) \$5**
- Saturday, October 16, **[10th Annual Ray Millie Memorial Tournament](#)**

If you would like to play in a particular game but lack a partner that day, you can either:

♠ Log in to [Pianola](#), click on Partner Finder, and create a Partner Finder Advert. This needs to be done at least a few hours in advance of the game. OR

♠ Log in to the game in question and register yourself on the Partnership Desk tab.

If you are looking for a regular partner, contact [Cheryl Kip](#), our membership lead.

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