



PLAY AND LEARN BRIDGE IN A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

ALERT – November 20, 2023

Click [here](#) to access our regular game schedule.

Looking Ahead

- ♥ Don't forget the Saturday morning 99er game.
- ♥ The F2F games during the week starting November 19 will be **Club Championship games** = extra masterpoints, no extra charge.
- ♥ Saturday, November 18, **NAP District 2 Finals**
- ♥ Malkin Howes will be giving a **mini-lesson on initial hand evaluation** at the bridge lab on Monday morning, November 20.
- ♥ **BBO Team Game**, Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 pm
- ♥ **Local Sectional at our Club**, Saturday, November 25 and Sunday, November 26
The November 24 Friday night open F2F game, the November 25 Saturday morning 99er game, the November 25 499er Saturday morning BBO game, and both of the November 26 Sunday morning BBO games have been cancelled because of the local sectional.
- ♥ Dave Quarrie will be giving a **mini-lesson on declarer play in suit contracts** at the bridge club on Monday morning, November 27.
- ♥ **Royal STaC Week**, Monday to Saturday, December 3-9
- ♥ **Upgraded Club Championships**, week starting December 10
- ♥ **Christmas Parties**, Tuesday afternoon, December 12; Wednesday afternoon, December 13; and Friday afternoon, December 15.
The Friday night open game on December 15 has been cancelled.
There will be no games on Christmas Day, December 25.

Three-Chip Saturday Morning 99er Game

In order to encourage better attendance, **starting December 2** Al Pengelly will be bringing in a supply of poker chips to the Saturday morning game. Each player will be given three chips, which they can spend one by one to ask questions of Al regarding what they should bid or play in real time. Hilarity will doubtless ensue.

The parameters of this game have been changed such that it is no longer necessary that all of the players must have fewer than 100 masterpoints in order to earn masterpoints. Eligibility is now based on the **AVERAGE** number of masterpoints of each pair – meaning that for example Harry (with 25 masterpoints) and Sally (with 150 masterpoints) can play together and still earn masterpoints.

If you would like to play in this game but lack a partner, email the game director [Joe Blake](#) and he will see what he can do.



Congratulations

to the following local players who won masterpoints during the latter part of the Niagara Regional....

- **Adrian Record and Jennifer Verdam**, 9th in A, Thursday Open Pairs
- **Moira Hollingsworth and Sharon King**, 4th in B, Thursday Open Pairs
- **Lynda Burnett and Nancy Bowslaugh**, 1st in A, Thursday Gold Rush Pairs
- **Noah and Salvatore Pace**, 5th in A, Friday Gold Rush Pairs and 5th in A, Saturday Gold Rush Pairs
- **David Baker, David Longstaff**, Andrew Risman, and David Cohen, 1st, Thursday-Friday Knockout Bkt 1
- **Neil Jeffrey, Susan Lawton, Wayne Schroeder, and Sharon Boyd**, 3rd, Thursday-Friday Knockout Bkt 2
- **Mike Peng, Edith Ferber, Peter Peng, and Robert Griffiths**, 4th in A, Saturday Side Swiss and 2nd in Sunday Teams 2
- **David Baker and David Longstaff**, 10th in A, Saturday Open Pairs
- **Andy Martinek and Martin Jones**, 3rd in A, Saturday Gold Rush Pairs
- **Sue Moses, Nancy Bowslaugh, Lynda Burnett, and Brenda Semple**, 3rd, Sunday Teams 6
- **Sandy Graham, Jake Liu, Suzanne Edwards, and Jim Dalgliesh**, 1st, Sunday Teams 5
- **Neil Jeffrey, Neil Coburn, Sharon Boyd, and Susan Lawton**, 3rd, Sunday Teams 4
- John-David Marskell, Joan Soifert, **Ed Hills, and Scott Hills**, 2nd, Sunday Teams 3
- **Kathy Russell, Sharon King, Thea Davis, and Margot Stockie**, 6th, Sunday Teams 3
- **Peter Peng, Bob Griffiths, Mike Peng, and Edith Ferber**, 2nd, Sunday Teams 2
- Doug Barnes, John McWhinnie, Danny Ioannidis, and **Stephen Young**, 4th, Sunday Teams 2
- **David Baker, Ted Boyd, David Longstaff, and Adrian Record**, 8th, Sunday Teams 1

The Davids versus Goliath

Contributed by Dave Baker

Dave Longstaff and I were going to play in the St. Catharines pairs games on Thursday and Friday, but Dave scouted around and found Andy Risman and David Cohen to play with us in the KO teams (known thereafter as the Dave, Dave, And(y), Dave team). After qualifying for the second day of Open teams, we dispatched a strong team led by John Rayner and moved on to the final.

A gentleman named Laurence Lebowitz was the captain of our new opponents. Scuttlebutt says he ferries his youthful teammates around in his private jet to all the big tournaments, including the Nationals, where they recently won the Life Master Teams. Laurence's partner was Adam Grossack, and their teammates were Joel Wooldridge and Finn Kolesnik. They collectively have three times as many masterpoints as we do.

In the first half, (12 boards), neither side managed a double-digit swing (unusual) and we were up by 17 IMPs. They decided to switch opponents for the second half (running scared!). There was only one double-digit swing (10 IMPs) for a terrible 3NT they bid and made on 22 combined HCP, while we reasonably stopped in 2NT. When neither side generates many double-digit swings, that's called good bridge. In the second half, we added two IMPs to our total to easily win by 19 IMPs, garnering more than 42 gold points. Fun, fun, fun!

Next month, our bridge posse is heading to Boca Raton. 😊



Player Profile – Suzanne Edwards

My husband and I started to learn to play bridge a long time ago courtesy of my father-in-law who lived in Toronto. Sadly, we were lucky if we visited and played once or twice a year. I loved to play, but unfortunately I had no one to play with. My husband likes to play – but only for a short time.

It took me a LOOONG time to find the courage to join a bridge club. Before that happened, I read the entire book *Bridge for Dummies* by Eddie Kantar three or more times. Then I spent hours writing different versions of a cheat sheet to organize what I had learned. In time my cheat sheet was superseded when I found the much-better-done Barbara Seagram Intermediate Red Card. I joined GRBC in the spring of 2019 and started playing with the 99ers, and I remember being disappointed at the small number of boards we played. COVID came, and I played online, thus missing out on learning lots of bridge rules. Lately, I have been playing F2F a couple of times a week in the open games. I thank the open players for their kindness and patience when I do something wrong.

I grew up in Chicoutimi and got a job at Mutual Life there. When I was in my early 20s, I asked for a transfer to head office in Waterloo because I wanted to learn English. I ended up being a typist in a French translation office, where needless to say I didn't learn much English. All my friends were French-speaking LOL. My father cried when he dropped me off at my new apartment in Waterloo, and after he left I cried all day. My father still cries sometimes about me being so far away. I drive back there at least once a year and I call him often. My plan was to move back once I became bilingual, but it took longer than I thought.... ☺ There are still lots of jokes and sayings that I don't get, and I worry that I will say something embarrassing because I translate in my head and sometimes it doesn't come out right.

When I was still in my 20s, I left work to go to U of W to make English friends. Then I went back to Mutual Life, got a job in an English department, got married, and had two beautiful girls. By then there was no moving back to Chicoutimi. I am happy here.

Early in my marriage, I learned to play tennis and it became my main hobby. I retired from Mutual Life, now Sun Life, over ten years ago, even though at the time I had a very exciting job mocking up user experiences for the website, along with usability testing.

I lived in Waterloo until two years ago when we moved to Innerkip to be closer to Woodstock where my granddaughters live. As it turned out, it's been a hard last two years. For one thing, moving was harder than I thought (it's not the same as when you're 40 or 50). Then our place in Florida, which we bought just before I retired, went through a disastrous hurricane called Ian. Fortunately, we just recently found a buyer who could fix it up and live there.

My daily routine is to get up at 6:30 am, drive to Woodstock and get my granddaughters ready for school. It is a hectic two and a half hours, but I love it. I do wish their mom would cut their long straggly hair LOL. That would give me more time to just hug them!

Then a few days a week I play bridge. I haven't played tennis since the beginning of the year because it has become too hard to play both, what with the ever-changing bridge schedule plus the long drive back and forth. So, I had to make a choice, and I picked bridge.

My one advice for newer players is to study the Barbara Seagram Intermediate Red Card inside out, and for intermediate players I suggest they review it once in a while. It seems that we forget things, like for example how high to bid when your partner makes a take-out double....

PS If you're interested, here is the story of how my ancestors came to Canada. In 1818, a three-masted sailing boat with English colours came down the Saint Lawrence River and anchored at Quebec City. Because the ship was becalmed for several days, the captain sent two young boys to shore to get provisions. These two boys were Charles Pearson (my ancestor) and James Stride, aged 17 and 18 respectively. The boys had been stolen from their families five years earlier and forced into servitude ever since. They came back to the ship with food the first time, but when they were sent ashore a second time, the boys decided to go to ground, successfully evading repeated search parties. Finally, the wind rose, and the ship had to sail away without Charles and James. Now they were free Englishmen who stayed on in Quebec City and learned to speak French. Charles had 17 children, and one of them – Thomas, born in 1830 – moved to the Saguenay region. And so, in the fullness of time, little Suzanne came to be born in Chicoutimi.

Try Our Bridge Labs! You'll Like Them!



Cindy Mahn sent in this photo of the participants in our teaching room at her mini-lesson on pre-empt at last Monday morning's bridge lab. According to Cindy, they were a very enthusiastic group and had lots of fun!



The Answer Lady

Contributed by Susan Lawton

As the “The Answer Lady” I have been responding to questions from “newer” players over the past several weeks. A request has been made to share those players’ questions and my responses in the Alert, essentially a column for the beginner player! You can write to me at suzan2420@yahoo.ca.

Question

I have been following along with your discussion on minor suit openings. I was always taught that you want to be playing in no trump as opposed to playing in a minor suit contract. However, there have been instances where my partners and I have ended up in no trump with a long minor suit and were unsuccessful, going down one or even more. Do we always need to be playing in no trump or are contracts in a minor suit sometimes a better option?

Signed, a beginner player

Answer

Hello beginner player. In the beginning bridge teachings taught through our club, the concept of playing in a no trump contract vs a minor suit contract is introduced and reinforced. The idea: it is much easier to win the nine tricks in no trump than it is to claim the 11 tricks required for 5♣ or 5♦. Sometimes, as you and your partner have discovered, success is not attainable in no trump and thus players look to find a contract in those minor suits, either part score or even game. Perhaps the hands are unbalanced, with long diamonds or clubs. Maybe one of the pairs has a void or singleton. On other occasions, the opponents enter the auction and bid a different suit, and you and your partner do not have a stopper in that suit so must look for other places to play if you wish to compete.

Larry Cohen in his Bridge Bulletin column “Bidding Basics by Larry Cohen”, pp. 30-31, 2017, provides several examples of those *unbalanced hands*. (see below). All hands shown have at least 13 points and should be opened. As Larry notes, a minor suit opening is not a limiting bid and can have quite a high-card-point range. The first hand shown has 18 HCPs while the second hand has 16 HCPs. A 1 NT opening was not feasible on the second board due to the heart void.

Unbalanced hands

If you are not balanced, your 1♦ opening bid has quite a wide high-card-point range. Anything from a dead minimum up to just short of a 2♣ opening is possible. Each unbalanced hand below is a 1♦ opening:

♠K 2 ♥Q ♦K J 8 7 6 5 ♣A K Q 2

♠K 6 5 ♥— ♦A K Q J 10 7 6 ♣K 3 2

♠K 8 7 6 ♥Q 8 7 6 ♦A K J 7 ♣2

♠2 ♥Q J 7 2 ♦A Q 7 5 3 2 ♣A 2

In these situations, a minor suit contract is the answer.

Players can also be extremely successful in a minor suit contract, as shown by the hand below, played recently in a GRBC Open game. Many pairs ended up in 3NT making three overtricks, but the top board was achieved by this pair who bid on to 6♦ and successfully made seven! (The entire auction is not shown due to technical issues.)

D 1	N	W	N	E	S
	♠ AJ72 ♥ AQ10 ♦ K1076 ♣ 82		6♦	P	P
W		E			
♠ KQ943 ♥ 972 ♦ Q9 ♣ 953		♠ 10865 ♥ J854 ♦ J8 ♣ KJ6			
	S				
	♠ ♥ K63 ♦ A5432 ♣ AQ1074				
			6♦ N	NS: 0	EW: 0

So don't despair, minor suit contracts can sometimes be the only and best option.

Letter to the Editor

In duplicate bridge, 11, 12, and 14 full tables offer the opportunity to play the same cards as the rest of the field. This allows for the quality of play to influence the results more than the luck of the cards and boards. Recently there have been three sessions with appropriate table numbers and yet none were played as two-board rounds offering a relatively level playing field. Too many changes, takes too much time, etc. are offered as reasons.

Personally, a chance to test my skill instead of my seat choice is a better use of my time at the bridge table. At the very least, the game director should offer this option for the players to consider.

Respectfully, Elinor Girouard

Local Sectional Update (November 25/26)

We currently have **40** registered pairs (out of 48 available spots) for the Saturday morning game, **40** pairs (out of 48) for the Saturday afternoon game, and **17** teams (out of 24) for the Sunday Swiss. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Registration will close for each game as it sells out or at 6:00 pm this coming Tuesday (November 21), whichever comes first. After the deadline, our home page will announce which games, if any, still have space, and players who wish to register for non-sold-out games or to add their name to the waiting list are welcome to send an email to GRBCSectional@gmail.com.

Just a reminder that bridge players are always very hungry and greatly appreciate home baking!

On Track... To Online



GM & TY 4 RDNG!: BBO Chats Part 1 – Abbreviations

Contributed by Jack Cole

If you've played on BBO, then you know about the Chat window for interacting with people at your table and the director. Like visits to any foreign land, it's helpful and more sociable if you speak the language! I'll be your guide over the next three weeks.

BBO players use a lot of abbreviations when they chat, and you've probably caught most of them. Here is a partial list of well-recognized BBO chat abbreviations, split into two areas – general conversation and bridge-specific terms.

lol	Laughing out loud
jk	Just kidding
IMHO	In my humble opinion
AFAIK	As far as I know
GM	Good Morning!
B4N, BFN	Bye for now!

gl or glp	Good luck partner. (Sometimes accurately pronounced "GULP!".)
ty, typ, tu, thx	Thank you. Thank you partner. "Thank you very much."
wdo, wdp	Well done opponents or partner. Also wpp – well played.
nt, ntp, nto	Nice try partner or opps. Or, with g instead of n , for "good" – gtp .
sp or sry	Sorry partner, or just generally sorry.
np	No problem, to partner or opps. Usually after "sp".
111qq2333	Cat lying on keyboard (other variations are very possible) (jk)

hcp	High card points.
uda, udc, udca	Upside down attitude, count, or both
SA, Sayc	Standard American yellow card – the common bidding system
CC	Convention card, or Canadian Club. As in "I need a CC!"
nmf	New minor forcing
xfer	Transfer (used in Alerts)
o/e	Odd/even

There are literally dozens more: you can see some more examples [here](#). Next time I'll tell u how 2 save more typing by +ing symbols like ♣♥ and ☺. B4N!

Do you know what 50 Cent did
when he got hungry?

58.

Please don't delete me.



Bean There Done That

Contributed by Steve Allen, Treasurer (GrandRiverBridgeClubTreasurer@gmail.com)

Our TD Canada Trust chequing account needs about \$15,000-\$20,000 balance to ensure the GRBC can comfortably manage the timing of expense and income arrivals. In boom boom times, we sometimes have excess cash at the end of a quarter. If it's a significant dollar amount, it is invested in short term cashable GICs (currently 4%) whose principal and interest will be reinvested for a similar term upon maturity. But if needed, we can receive the P&I in cash. We also have longer term non-cashable GICs, purchased in past years (currently 4.5%) that are also reinvested at maturity. With a Dare Foods lease that goes into 2028, we need these assets to ensure our survival on such a long voyage. How much coin are we talking about here? Look at the Balance Sheet tacked on the wall at the club.

Why don't we invest in equity funds like stocks, EFTs or mutual funds? Too much risk.

An Air Purifier a Day Keeps the Doctor Away

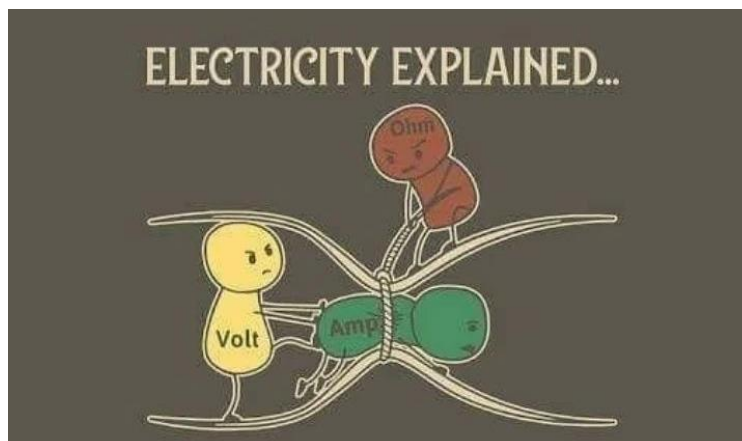
Contributed by Joe Blake

I'm sure everyone is aware that we are heading into the winter months, and you know what that means: more respiratory type afflictions! I know you're thinking this is another Covid 19 alert reminder. Well partially, but Covid is only part of the story. We still call it flu season for a reason, and there will be an increase in colds too!

One of the precautions our club takes is having our air purifiers running during games and lessons. I know a couple of them are loud, but they are serving a purpose because good air circulation is helpful in preventing the spread of disease. So, think of your neighbours, and please don't shut our air purifiers off when they are running during a game.

PS If the noise makes it hard to hear, just bear in mind that you're not really supposed to be talking during the game! 😊

PPS Click [here](#) for a very interesting 60 Minutes clip on the importance of air purifiers.



Time You Learned our Lessons!

Continuing

- **Newcomer bridge labs** every Monday morning, 9:00 am – 11:30 am, except on holiday Mondays. Mini-lesson on **Initial Hand Evaluation** with Malkin Howes on November 20, and **Planning the Declarer Play in Suit Contracts** with Dave Quarrie. **More are in the works for December!**
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Recorded Lessons

- **Get That Extra Trick by Playing Card Combinations Correctly**, two-hour digital workshop by Stephen Carpenter.
 - **Scoring Matters**, two-hour digital workshop by Jack Cole.
- Pay \$10 in any of the [usual ways](#), and ask [Malkin](#) to send you the link.
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"I thought you said you were excited to go to the apple store. Why the change in attitude?"

FOR OPEN PLAYERS



Dear David

Kill Me Now

I commented in a previous article that sometimes, when two hands are balanced, it might be advantageous to play in NT rather in an eight-, nine-, ten- or even eleven-card fit. So it seems with today's example.

W	W	N	E	S	E
W dlongstaff					E dbaker
♠AKJ32				Pass	♠Q764
♥A105	1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass	♥QJ62
♦764	3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass	♦AQ8
♣A10	Pass	Pass			♣K8

The "modern" tendency is to open 1NT with any balanced 15-17 HCP hand, even if it contains a five-card major. I would be extremely hesitant to do so if I held something like ♠AKJ32 ♥J86 ♦76 ♣AK4, because most of my strength is in only two suits and the opponents would have two suits they might successfully attack. 3♣ is Puppet Stayman, asking for a four- or five-card major. The 3♣ response promises five spades. Since the combined E/W high-card strength is between 29 and 31 HCP, any game would probably be easy. If I were playing a team game in which the over-riding concern is to make your game, I would certainly opt for the safer contract of 4♠. Matchpoint contests are a different animal. Taking chances is often the difference between having an average game and having a winning game. If West held ♠AKJ32 ♥A105 ♦KJ5 ♣102 and North were to lead a club against 3NT (with South holding the ace), 3NT would fail by at least one trick, while a 4♠ contract would easily make.

As you can see from the hand above, both 3NT and 4♠ make exactly the same number of tricks. If one of West's diamonds had been a club, a club ruff might have garnered an extra trick for E/W. Sometimes you win and sometimes you fail miserably. The only thing you can do is take the plunge and hope. My online comment to my partner as my hand was revealed as dummy was "Kill me now!".

Started growing my own pot...

Not sure if I'm doing it right...



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

No. 126

♠ A52
 ♥ -
 ♦ AK108743
 ♣ A86

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J7
 ♥ AK43
 ♦ 52
 ♣ KJ753

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♣
2♣	Dbf	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
4♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♥	6♣	Dbf	All pass

I hoped to either declare 5♣ or else double the opponents' 5♥, but as you see I ended up having to play 6♣ doubled.

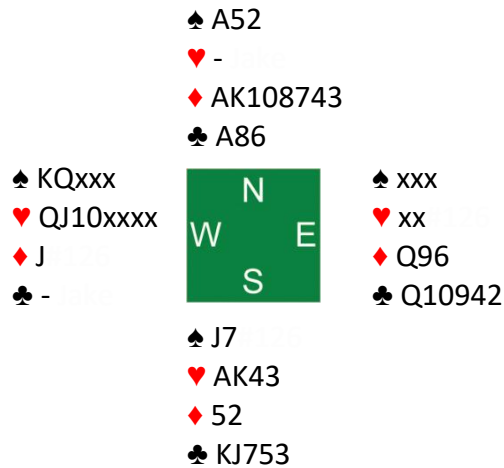
West led the ♠K, and I won the trick in dummy, East following suit. At Trick 2, I led the ♦K from dummy, East followed with a small diamond, and West dropped the ♦J. If you were in my shoes, what would you do now?

SOLUTION

If you're going to make this contract, you are going to have to correctly visualize your opponents' hands.

Let's try to visualize West's hand first. His Michaels bid showed five-plus spades and five-plus hearts, but then he competed all the way to 5♥ with no support from his partner and missing the ♥AK! He must have seven hearts to do this. If this is the case, he has at most one minor card (five spades and seven hearts) and has already shown up with the ♦J.

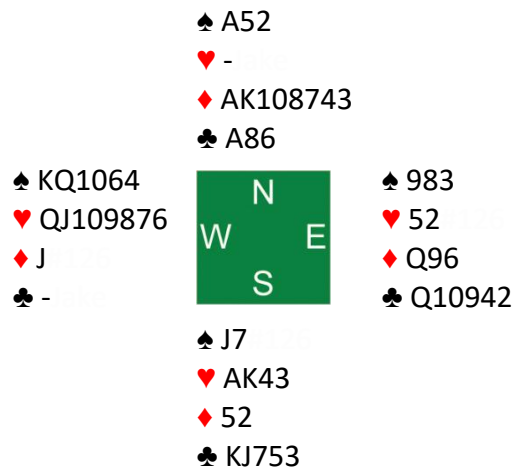
Once you know West's hand, you can easily figure out East's hand. So, here's your best guess about the layout.



I never promised you a rose garden. The best way to deal with a bad trump break like this is to play winning cards in front of the hand with long trumps and discard if he discards and overruff if he ruffs. Rinse and repeat.

- At Trick 3, lead the ♦A, East will follow suit as expected. You play your last diamond and don't forget to cross your fingers that West has no trump. He throws away a heart: you guessed right! 🍀
- At Trick 4, lead another diamond from dummy, East will contribute his last diamond, the ♦Q, which you ruff small in your hand. Dummy's four remaining diamonds are now good.
- At Tricks 5 and 6, cash your ♥AK and pitch dummy's two small spades, East will follow twice as expected.
- At Trick 7, lead the ♠J from your hand and ruff small in the dummy, East will follow suit.
- At Trick 8, lead a diamond from dummy. If East discards, pitch a losing heart. If East ruffs, overruff as cheaply as possible. Let's assume East throws away a spade: you discard a losing heart.
- At Trick 9, lead another diamond, East has nothing but trump left in his hand so he must ruff your diamond. Whatever trump he chooses, you overruff as cheaply as possible.
- At Trick 10, you lead your last heart and ruff it in dummy with the ♣A. Be sure to enjoy the sight of East underruffing. This is East's face 😏

You do end up losing a trump trick, but that's okay. You make your doubled slam. Here is the full deal.



As you can see, if trump had been led even once, you would not have been able to make this contract. Your diabolical technique is called **a trump coup**.

Top 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 October.

Open Players			499er Players			99er Players		
	Name	MP		Name	MP		Name	MP
1	David Baker	31.73	1	Jim Dalglish	14.00	1	George Rybiak	5.25
2	Edith Ferber	16.31	2	Martin Jones	11.41	2	Richard Rybiak	4.86
3	Mike Peng	15.63	3	Cheryl White	8.48	3	Brian Gaber	4.45
4	Scott Hills	12.22	4	Judy Beauchamp	8.13	4	Audrey Cook	4.38
5	Margot Stockie	12.04	5	Andy Martinek	7.64	5	Randall DeKraker	4.12
6	Cindy Mahn	11.55	6	Janusz Poniatowski	7.10	6	Russel Kerr	3.85
7	Ted Boyd	11.54	7	John Kip	6.84	7	Don Slowinski	3.84
8	Bob Griffiths	11.20	8	Nancy Cattanach	6.81	7	Ben Cornell	3.84
9	Stephen Young	10.87	9	David Dennis	6.57	9	Pat Northey	3.51
10	Neil Coburn	10.40	10	Cheryl Kip	6.56	10	Robert Darby	3.39
11	Liz McDowell	10.11	11	Barbara Arthur	6.40	11	Paul Raymond	3.27
12	Bonnie Kains	9.89	12	Denis Williams	6.18	12	Sharon Nesbitt	3.23
13	Neil Jeffrey	9.61	12	Regina Williams	6.18	13	Debbie Miethig	3.03
14	Kathy Russell	8.63	14	Janice Pengelly	6.05	14	Jim Fox	3.02
15	Suzanne Edwards	8.58	15	Elinor Girouard	6.05	15	Stu Cowan	2.75
16	Roy Dandyk	7.59	16	Lori Cole	5.29	16	John Aldridge	2.74
17	Lynda Burnett	7.06	17	Bev Hitchman	5.27	17	Pat Pietrek	2.64
18	Moirra Hollingsworth	7.04	18	Nanci Phelan	5.12	18	Jane Wilson	2.63
19	Wayne Jordan	7.00	19	Anita Hanson	4.87	19	Andrew McNaught	2.61
20	Steve Carpenter	5.92	20	Kevin Latter	4.86	20	Louise Dawdy	2.50
21	Peter Peng	5.73	21	Sharon Schnarr	4.84	21	Ellen Libertini	2.19
22	Malkin Howes	5.66	22	Virginia Alviano	4.82	21	Susan Murray	2.19
23	Susan Lawton	5.55	23	Jake Liu	4.70	23	Marianne Dziarski	1.89
24	Sharon Boyd	4.91	24	Judy Widdecombe	4.63	24	Pat Gascho	1.85
25	Dave Quarrie	4.90	25	Glenn Mockford	4.34	25	Peter Gaasenbeek	1.82

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

- For both online and f2f games, log on 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. *When you use Partner Finder, it will allow folks to see your contact information. If you have posted a Partner Finder ad, kindly remember to check your phone and email and, when you've found a partner, delete your ad. Someone who replied to your ad may be waiting for a response.*
- For online games only, log in to the game in question and register yourself on the Partnership Desk tab (or look to see if someone else has already registered there).

If you are looking for a regular partner, contact [Joan Slover](#), our membership lead. Please let her know what sort of game/partner you are interested in – your playing level, your available time slots, F2F and/or online, and any other pertinent information.

We have fun in **spades**.
 We play with all our **hearts**.
 We treat our members like **diamonds**.
 We use air purifiers at our **club**.