



PLAY AND LEARN BRIDGE IN A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

ALERT – June 3, 2024

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Looking Ahead

- ♥ May 31–June 2: [Niagara Sectional 0-750 Tournament](#)
- ♥ June 1: The 99er F2F game will be a **Club Championship game** – extra black points, no extra cost
- ♥ June 3: Dave Quarrie will be teaching a bridge lab **mini-lesson on card combinations** in Play of the Hand (Suits)
- ♥ June 3-9: all BBO games are **NAP games** – extra half red points, \$1 surcharge
- ♥ June 8-9: [Toronto 0-500 Sectional Tournament](#)
- ♥ June 8-9: [Goderich \(Seaforth\) Sectional](#)
- ♥ June 10: Jack Cole will be teaching a bridge lab **mini-lesson on scoring** via Zoom
- ♥ June 10-15: All F2F games will be **Membership games** – extra black points, no extra cost. Non-ACBL members can play in these games but will not be eligible for masterpoints...
- ♥ June 10-16: all BBO games will be **Silver Linings games**. \$1 surcharge, extra **silver** points
- ♥ June 17-21: all open games will be **NAP games**, \$1 surcharge
- ♥ June 22-23: **BBO Charity games**, extra masterpoints, \$1 surcharge
- ♥ June 24: Cindy Mahn will be teaching a bridge lab **mini-lesson on reverses**
- ♥ June 30: **BBO POP-UP Games**
- ♥ July 1: There will be **no bridge lab on Canada Day**
- ♥ July 8-July 12: **NAP Games** – Monday Open Game, Tuesday Open Game, Thursday Open Game, and Friday Open Game. \$1 surcharge.
- ♥ July 18-28: [Toronto NABC](#) (Canadians can save lots of \$\$ [up to \$14 per session] if they already are members or if they [join the Canadian Bridge Federation](#) **before June 1 (tomorrow)** and then buy their entries online through Entry Express [as of June 20]. This is called the Maple Leaf Discount. Your district is District 2 and your unit is Unit 249.) You're welcome.

POP-UP Games

On Sunday, June 30, we will be offering two BBO POP-UP games (749er and open) in honour of Father's Day. What in the world are POP-UP games? They are games created by the ACBL to revitalize weekend club games by offering special games that award 50% red and 50% black masterpoints.

Believe it or Not!

Pat Gascho and Donna McKay had a 79.5% game in Thursday morning's 199er game!



Congratulations

to the following local players who were in the money at last weekend's sectional.

- **Peter Peng** and Andrew Risman, 1st in A, Saturday A/X/Y Pairs
- **David Baker** and **David Longstaff**, 2nd in A, Saturday A/X/Y Pairs
- **Cindy Mahn** and **Tom Ramsay**, 6th in A, Saturday A/X/Y Pairs
- **Fred Young** and **Stephen Carpenter**, 8th in X, Saturday A/X/Y Pairs
- **Roy Dandyk** and **David Embury**, 6th in Y, Saturday A/X/Y Pairs
- **Barb Neibert** and **Anita Hanson**, 5th in A, Saturday 499er/NLM Pairs
- **George** and **Sue Malon**, 6th in A, Saturday 499er/NLM Pairs
- **Marion Allan** and **Judy Bailey**, 7th in A, Saturday 499er/NLM Pairs
- **Audrey Cook** and **Joan Stroud**, 4th in C, Saturday 499er/NLM Pairs
- **Adrian Record**, **Jennifer Verdam**, **Peter Peng**, and **Gabriel Sitarenios**, 1/2, Sunday Bracket 1
- **Mike Peng**, **Neil Jeffrey**, **Neil Coburn**, and **Mircea Giurgeu**, 3rd, Sunday Bracket 2
- **Rob Mackinnon**, **Bonnie Kains**, **John Hanemaayer**, and **Pat McMillan**, 4th, Sunday Bracket 2
- **Stephen Carpenter**, **Fred Young**, **Ed Hills**, and **Scott Hills**, 1st, Sunday Bracket 3
- **Sandy Graham**, **Mary McClelland**, **Sharon Boyd**, and **Susan Lawton**, 4th, Sunday Bracket 3
- **John** and **Cheryl Kip**, **Lynda Burnett**, and **Kim Wakeford**, 3rd, Sunday Bracket 4
- **Jim Dalglish**, **Tony Verhoeven**, **Barbara Arthur**, and **Shelley Metcalfe**, 4th, Sunday Bracket 4

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The Answer Lady

Contributed by Susan Lawton

As the “The Answer Lady” I have been responding to questions from “newer” players. 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

Answer Lady, can you please help my partner and me solve this bidding dilemma on the hand below? As you can see in the bidding sequence, we ended up in 3NT and went down, badly I might add. I was West and my partner East. My partner felt I overestimated my hand by bidding diamonds at the first opportunity and shouldn’t have bid 2♦. I felt that with the extra length in diamonds, my 2♦ bid was justified. Was my thinking correct?

Answer Lady, how should the bidding have gone on this hand to get to the right contract? Clearly 3NT wasn’t the correct one. Signed, two confused players

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West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 N	Pass
3 N	All pass		

Answer

Thank you “confused players” for sharing this hand. Sometimes as bridge players we “fall in love” with our hands and anticipate better outcomes. This is one of those situations. First, the good news. I like how you evaluated your hand after your partner opened. That said, I do believe you overestimated your strength. You “fell in love” with that diamond suit and placed greater value on it than actually existed.

The general line of thinking using a Standard American bidding approach is that a new bid at the two-level requires 10+ points. West's hand contains only eight HCPs and a poor eight at that - with no aces, one king, no support for spades, and an unsupported ♥Q. In addition, your 2♦ bid placed your partner in a precarious position. With no support for diamonds and no secondary suit to bid, they elected to bid 2NT, likely anticipating that a game was possible (East added West's potential 10+ points to their own 16 HCPs.)

West furthered the auction by bidding 3NT, again with insufficient strength to warrant that bid. My suggestion for West would be to bid 1NT at the first opportunity. Yes, 1NT! Remember that bid from your beginners' lessons? A bid of 1NT shows West's hand exactly: no support for spades and between six and nine HCPs. East now has a far better understanding of West's hand and would likely bid 2♠, showing not just five but six spades. West would pass 2♠, and that is where the contract would end.

In summary, shapely hands are a very good thing when you and your partner have a fit, but – especially when you haven't yet found a fit - HCPs are also necessary to avoid disappointment in any contract.

Addendum: BBO (Bridge Base Online for those living under a rock for the last four years) members, have you been receiving the e-newsletter from the BBO team? If you haven't been, you can subscribe [here](#).

These email alerts contain little nuggets for learning. The latest email blast had a column by Robert Todd: "Risk and Reward in Bridge", along with a video Masterclass on Squeeze Plays. Great learning tools. For those of you who aren't BBO members you might consider joining. It comes at no cost!

A worthy cause!!



Monty Python and the Holy Grail had a budget of \$319,000 that was bankrolled by Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, Genesis, Elton John, and Jethro Tull.

Tell Me About It - Alerts

Basically, bids are alertable when they represent a special partnership understanding that "may not be readily understood and anticipated by a significant number of players". Given bridge players' penchant for making up and tweaking conventions, there are an almost infinite number of alertable bids. Some common examples are: **Jacoby 2NT, splinters, inverted minors, 2♥ bust bid following partner's 2♣ opener, 2♠ transfers following partner's 1NT opener** (unless you and your partner are playing four-way transfers), **Ogust, new minor forcing, fourth suit forcing, Meckwell game tries, DONT and Cappelletti, and lebensohl.**

- Bids like Stayman and take-out doubles are so common that they are readily understood and anticipated by a significant number of players, thus not alertable.
- Bids like Michaels and the unusual no trump are considered self-alerting, thus not alertable.
- With the exception of splinters, bids past 3NT are not immediately alertable, but once the bidding is over the opponents must be notified of any ace-asking or key-card-asking sequences (delayed alerts).

As with announcements, in F2F games the alerting is done by your partner, while in online games you do your own alerting.

Alertable bids are in red on our convention cards, but some of the red bids on our convention cards are no longer alertable (they were dropped from the list after our cards were printed). For example, support doubles and redoubles and Puppet Stayman (although the responses to Puppet Stayman are still alertable).

Next week: what to do when there is a failure to alert.

Anyone Remember Hollywood Squares?

Here are some of Paul Lynde's best wisecracks.

Marshall: "Paul, how many fingers in the girl scout salute?"

Lynde: "Gee, I don't remember. The last time I saw it was when I didn't buy their cookies."

Marshall: "What are 'dual-purpose cattle' good for that other cattle aren't?"

Lynde: "They give milk... and cookies, but I don't recommend the cookies."

Marshall: "Paul, does Ann Landers think there is anything wrong with you if you do your housework in the nude?"

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Lynde: "No, but I have to be terribly careful when I do my ironing."



Marshall: "Back in the 1870s, Emile Berliner invented something, and without it, I wouldn't be able to do my job. What was it?"

Lynde: "Let's see... toupees? Facelifts? Contact lenses?"

Marshall: "Now cut that out!"

Lynde: "Makeup? Capped teeth? Loud sports jackets?"



Player Profile – Becky Blake

Contributed by Anita Hanson

Today we are introducing newcomer Becky Blake (blakebe on BBO), whose last name most of us are already familiar with, as she was preceded at GRBC by husband Joe.

We are all happy to see Joe's other half here now — particularly Neil Jeffrey. Becky and Neil worked together at one time, and he always strongly encouraged her to join the club once she retired. But what ended up happening? — “I fished for Becky, and got Joe”. Now he is lucky enough to have both.

Becky finally did retire in 2019 after a lifetime career in the insurance industry. Covid got in the way of her joining us immediately, but this past January she took Sue Moses' beginners' lessons and now attends the Monday labs as well as playing in the Saturday morning 99er games. Last winter, Joe (who directs those games) brought her along to serve as a sub when required, which gave her the valuable opportunity to play with a number of different partners. (Though she always introduced herself by saying, “I know nothing.”)

Like most of us, Becky particularly enjoys the social aspect of the game as well as the puzzle-solving component, although, always humble (see, “I know nothing,” above), says she still has a lot to figure out in that area. She finds it particularly valuable to play with those more advanced, as they have so much knowledge to offer. As well, Becky is now taking our basic bidding lessons.

Becky is originally from Port Dover, coming to K/W as a co-op student in 1979. She and Joe have two grown daughters, but as yet no grandchildren, which so far she is fine with. (“I only want them if the circumstances are correct!”) They share their home with two cats, a Himalayan, and a humongous Maine Coon.

When not playing bridge, Becky enjoys being outdoors, both gardening and golfing, and also keeps her fitness level up with a trainer at the gym. She was recently called back into work part-time as well, but is finding that less fun than bridge and gardening and golfing, so is planning on giving it up again soon.

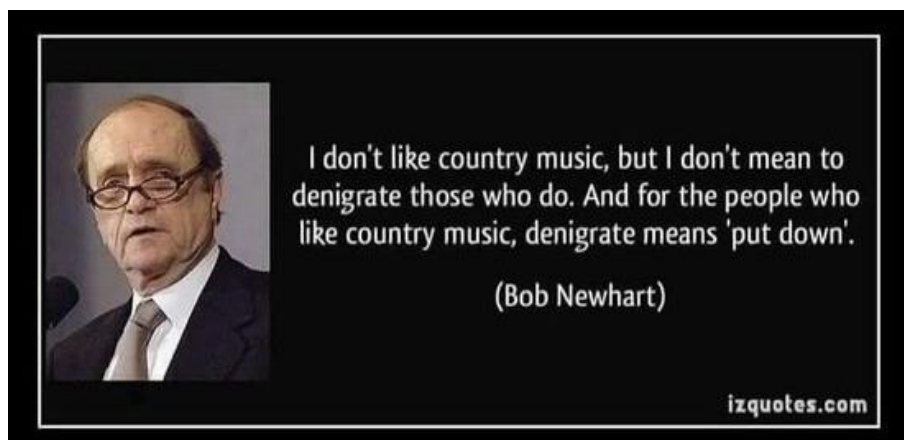
Not one to shirk, Becky already has an official job at GRBC — she is the one who keeps our coffee machines sparkling clean. (Malkin — also not one to shirk — encouraged her to take on that job before she was even a member.) Member recruitment is also on Becky's mind, and she can take a sizeable share of the credit for the signing on of one of last week's new members.

Thanks, Becky!

Favourite bridge tip time. As a beginner, Becky doesn't feel confident enough to give us specific advice, but still has something to offer, especially to other beginners — Just go play! What's the worst that could happen??

From the Archives - Get Your Card Out

Once the auction has ended, declarer is agog to see their dummy. Unfortunately, many opening leaders torture declarer by making them wait while they - in a totally relaxed and unhurried manner – ascertain what board it is and then ask the opponents for their pair number and then want to be reminded what the contract is and then slowly and deliberately write all this information down in their personal record. Of course, there is no reason why the opening leader couldn't go through this routine AFTER making their lead. In addition to being considerate of the declarer, opening leaders who change their order of operations in this way could save as much as a minute per hand. If everyone did this, what with an average of 27 boards per game, there would be a total time saving of almost half an hour every day. Think what you could do with all this extra time – probably save the world!



Nearby Opportunities to Earn Silver Masterpoints

Contributed by Ted Boyd, Unit 249 President

All of the 1,774 clubs in the ACBL belong to a unit, of which there are more than 300, and the Grand River Bridge Club is in Unit 249. Our unit has set a goal of offering sectional tournaments throughout South Western Ontario (from Guelph west) to ensure our members can have the experience of playing against a wider range of players than their own club and winning silver points as they play.

Tournaments that were “postponed” due to the pandemic are resuming, and last week’s sectional tournament in Cambridge was a welcome addition. In the past, the Cambridge Sectional has been the largest sectional in our unit and this year the robust turnout was a total of 157 tables in play over the two days. Many thanks go to the tournament organizers and volunteers who made it a huge success.

Here is a list of the sectional tournaments that are planned for our unit in the rest of the year.

- The [Goderich Sectional](#) moved from August to June 8 and 9. The location has changed to the Seaforth Community Centre.
- The [Tillsonburg Golden Leaf Sectional](#) will run August 10 and 11 at the Westfield Public School.
- The **St. Thomas Jumbo Sectional** will run September 7 and 8 at the St Thomas Senior Centre.
- The [London Sectional](#) will run October 19 and 20 at the London Bridge Centre.
- And tucked in on September 28 and 29 will be the second **Grand River Bridge Club Local Sectional**.

Most of these tournaments have flyers available through the ACBL website or the local clubs. We hope you will participate in our tournaments and make them a success.

On Track... To Online



AND THE WINNER IS... Week 5 of our **online playing draw** has dealt our next winner, and **Congratulations** go to **CHARLES WALKEY!** Charles (and 29 other players) competed in our 749 game on Monday evening, May 27. We had **66** entries this week to win a \$25 gift card from Timmies. **Every time a current GRBC member plays in one of**

our online games, their name goes into the draw. Play with us on BBO by Monday, and the next winner could be you!

Tournament Trail ... Kingston

Contributed by Kathy Russell

So, it's the last day of the Kingston tournament. Our group of eight has been mixing up our teams all week – it adds to the fun! This time, it is a one-day team game and my team is Edith Ferber, Adrian Record, and Dave Baker. So, 930-masterpoint me is playing in the top bracket and praying I don't make a mistake that costs us too dearly.

As I've written before, team games are the most fun. Here's a board that was exciting. At our table, LHO opened 1♥. Edith doubled. RHO bid 1♠. I had seven diamonds to the 10 and my only honour was the K♣, so I passed. LHO now jumped to 4♥. Edith doubled again, and RHO passed. Up to me ...

To recap, Edith made a take-out double of 1♥ and then doubled again. LHO showed extra hearts and a hand good enough for game opposite her partner's promised six points. Is Edith's double for take-out or penalty? I'm a deer in the headlights.

I finally decided that I had no defence against 4♥, so I bid 5♦. LHO now bid 5♥ which Edith doubled – this was definitely a "Kathy shut up, this is for penalties" double. We set it one trick for a score of 100 (whew!).

At the other table, Adrian opened the hand 4♥ and played there, making four for a score of 420. So that board was worth 520 for us which is 11 IMPs. Here's the extra-exciting part ... If I had passed 4♥ doubled, our opponents would have scored 590 for making it and taking off Adrian's 420, the opps would have got 170 which is five IMPs for them instead of 11 IMPs for us. So, my 5♦ bid resulted in a 16-IMP swing! We won that match - but would have lost the match without that bid. Team games are super fun!

Oh ... and as I should have realized from the tips I've gotten in the open games ... my bidding 5♦ was technically "wrong" ... A double of a pre-emptive 4♥ would be take-out, but at my table 4♥ was not pre-emptive, so Edith's double of 4♥ was for penalty. If she had wanted me to bid one of the two unbid suits, I now think she should have made a forcing bid ... either 4♠ (cheapest bid in an opp's suit) or 4NT (she can't possibly want to play 4NT).

NO MATTER HOW KIND YOU ARE,
GERMAN CHILDREN ARE KINDER.



Dear David

To Bid or Not to Bid: That is the Question

Dear David, East in third seat opened the bidding with 1♠ with only four spades in her hand and they ended up in 1NT which failed by two tricks. Despite that, N/S received a poor result. After the play was completed, South asked how they could open 1♠ with only four spades. The answer was that they open in third seat with minimal points but four good spades. It was an online game and N/S didn't look at their convention card. That bid prevented N/S from entering the auction. Although South had a good hand in balancing seat, she only had two four-card suits and her opponents already bid one of them. Is that 1♠ bid allowed? If so, should it be alerted?

You may deviate from partnership agreements any time you like (except for things like opening 1NT with a small singleton or a strong 2♣ bid with lots of playing tricks but only 14 HCP), as long as their partner has no prior (hidden/secret) understanding that his partner may deviate from their agreements. If they deviate often, then it becomes an agreement which should be marked on their card and alerted.

As to the issue at hand, there is a place on the Convention Card regarding opening length in the majors. If you usually open a major with five+ and never with four, you check only the "5" box. If you do both, check the "5" & "4" boxes. Sometimes, people who do both will write a note above or below the "4" box things like "In third- or fourth-seat only". They should be encouraged to do that if it comes up sometimes. If it is marked that way, you have no complaint, as it is not alertable. If it was a spontaneous deviation, that's okay. *[On BBO, if you click on the board number box, a menu will appear for you to see their Convention Card].*

Personally, I rarely open with only four cards in a major, so my card is not marked for that. On this hand however, I would open 1♠ because it is a very strong suit and my values are all in the majors. Would you be happy opening 1♦ with three small and seeing it being passed out when you have two strong suits?

In a match-point game, you should strive to make a "balancing" bid when your opponents have comfortably settled in a low-level contract. In this example, the opponents are trying to "buy" the contract in NT at the one-level. You should look for a reason to bid, because your partner is marked with some points (since your opponents have stopped bidding) and you will rarely score well defending 1NT. South needs to balance with a double (even a 4-3 heart fit will play ok) or balance with 2♣.

If we just look at the E/W hands and assume the opponents do not interfere (South **should** double 1♦), West would have an impossible problem if his partner opened 1♦ - too many points to pass, not enough points for 2♣ and no stoppers in either major for NT. The 1♠ opening bid made West's problem easy.

'Tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune....

♠ 9875			
♥ K62			
♦ K10963			
♣ 10			
♠ J			♠ AKQ2
♥ 1054			♥ QJ87
♦ QJ2			♦ 875
♣ A98632			♣ 75
			♠ 10643
			♥ A93
			♦ A4
			♣ KQJ4

West	North	East	South
pass	pass	1♠	pass
1NT	pass	pass	pass



No. 142

♠ J107643
♥ 9
♦ 76
♣ AJ87



♠ A82
♥ AKQ74
♦ Q54
♣ Q3

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠
All pass			

* Texas transfer - spades.

West led the ♦K, which held as everyone followed low. At Trick 2, West switched to a club, the ♣2. If you were in my shoes, what would you do now?

SOLUTION

It is very tempting to finesse the ♣K because if it wins your contract is ice cold. Furthermore, West led a small club which suggests that he has an honour (the ♣K?) in the suit.

However, opponents have been known to be untruthful (gasp!), and it is possible that West is trying to fool you. Let's think about what would happen if the finesse loses. East will practically break his arm getting a diamond on the table at Trick 3. Now you're tight! And you are certain to lose at least one trick later on - for down one or two.


Is there a safer way? Let's take stock.

You are missing four trumps, including the ♠KQ, meaning that if you lay down the ♠A followed by another trump in short order, better than nine times out of ten (91%), you will lose only one trump trick. In other words, losing a trump trick is inevitable, but there is only a 9% chance that you will lose two trump tricks if you play them this way. Obviously, 91% is better than the 50% finesse.

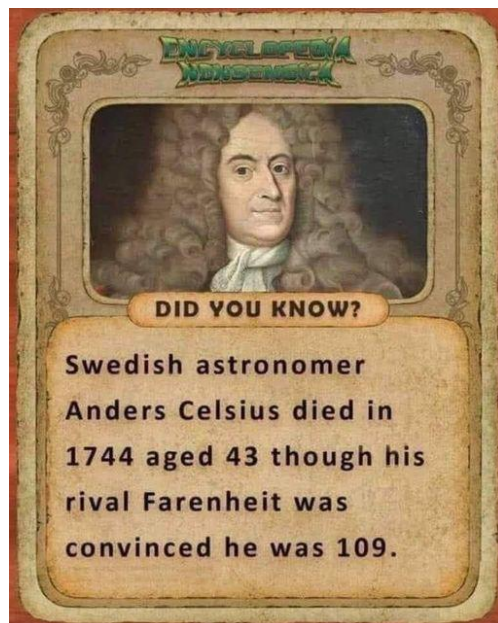
So, the right play is to go up with the ♠A at Trick 2.

- At Trick 3, bang down the ♠A. Both opponents will follow suit, but neither opponent will drop the ♠K or ♠Q. You can't afford to lose the lead yet: you have to get rid of your fast diamond loser first.
- At Trick 4, lead Dummy's singleton heart and win the trick in your hand. Both opponents will follow suit.
- At Trick 5, cash your ♥K and pitch Dummy's last diamond. Once again, both opponents will follow suit.

- Now at Trick 6, it's time to play another trump. Cross your fingers and hope to see both the ♠K and the ♠Q. Hurrah! Now you have to lose only one trump trick, a diamond trick, and a club trick, Here is the complete deal.

	♠ J107643	
	♥ 9	
	♦ 76	
	♣ AJ87	
♠ Q5		♠ K9
♥ 10632		♥ J85
♦ AK1098		♦ J32
♣ 92		♣ K10654
	♠ A82	
	♥ AKQ74	
	♦ Q54	
	♣ Q3	

The moral of today's story is - don't risk your contract near the start of the hand if you can possibly avoid it. The longer you can stay alive, the more opportunities can crop up - squeezes, pseudo-squeezes, or even defensive mistakes.



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 April.

Open Players			499er Players			99er Players		
	Name	MP		Name	MP		Name	MP
1	David Baker	33.80	1	Cheryl White	13.44	1	Andrew Widdis	20.13
2	Ted Boyd	23.67	2	John Kip	11.97	2	Mark Sherwood	16.73
3	Cindy Mahn	23.54	3	Jack Cole	11.00	2	Doug Fickling	16.73
4	Margot Stockie	21.95	4	Marlene Dopko	9.61	4	Sheila Charters	16.63
5	Roy Dandyk	20.78	5	Elinor Girouard	9.61	5	Randall DeKraker	13.94
6	Mike Peng	20.42	6	Brian Gaber	9.54	6	Peter Gaasenbeek	12.57
7	Kathy Russell	17.47	7	Renate Boucher	9.01	7	Paul Raymond	9.31
8	Stephen Young	16.19	8	David Dennis	8.41	8	Robert Darby	9.07
9	Pat McMillan	13.41	9	Molly Worden	8.20	8	Sharon Nesbitt	9.07
10	Suzanne Edwards	12.77	10	ML Benjamins	7.89	10	George Rybiak	8.40
11	Edith Ferber	12.54	11	Martin Jones	7.40	11	Richard Rybiak	8.12
12	Lori Cole	12.10	12	Bev Hitchman	7.12	12	Russel Kerr	8.08
13	Moira Hollingsworth	11.33	13	Andy Martinek	6.90	13	Phil De Montigny	7.84
14	Dave Embury	11.24	14	Judy Widdecombe	6.43	14	Pat Pietrek	7.69
15	Jim Dalgliesh	10.49	14	Vivian McLellan	6.43	15	Debbie Miethig	6.47
16	Malkin Howes	9.60	16	Susan Durance	6.35	16	Pat Northey	6.32
17	John Hanemaayer	9.29	17	Nanci Phelan	6.30	17	Pat Gascho	4.69
18	Dave Quarrie	8.88	18	Anita Hanson	6.21	18	Marianne Dziarski	4.61
19	Lynda Burnett	8.70	19	Sue Peterson	6.14	19	Judy Charbonneau	4.56
20	Barbara Arthur	8.41	20	Kim Wakeford	5.54	20	Carla Laubach	3.91
21	Liz McDowell	7.68	21	Janice Pengelly	5.38	21	JP Fraresso	3.88
22	Thea Davis	7.67	22	Rick Arthur	5.37	22	Kathy Chandler	3.75
23	Neil Jeffrey	7.64	23	Bob Gilck	5.36	23	Stu Cowan	3.71
24	Bob Griffiths	7.63	23	Cheryl Kip	5.36	24	Chris Beck	3.61
25	Neil Coburn	7.31	25	Barb Neibert	4.87	25	David Bell	3.59
						25	Louise Bell	3.59

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 never give up at our **club**.