



PLAY AND LEARN BRIDGE IN A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

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ALERT – February 6, 2023

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Looking Ahead

- Our inaugural **F2F 299er game** will take place on Wednesday afternoon, February 8 (more information below).
- We will be holding our annual **499er Valentine's Swiss Teams extravaganza** (includes lunch) at our club on Sunday, February 12. The sign-up sheet is posted beside the Events bulletin board (more information below).
- There will be **no online game on Sunday, February 12** to encourage attendance at the Valentine's Day Swiss.
- [The Niagara Sectional Tournament](#) runs from Friday, February 10 through Sunday, February 12.
- There will be **no Friday night game on February 17** because so many of our players will be at the [Barbados tournament](#) that weekend.
- **WRONG INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED IN LAST WEEK'S ALERT. HERE IS THE CORRECT INFORMATION.** Our face-to-face afternoon games on Tuesday, February 14, Thursday, February 16, and Friday, February 17 will be **STaC games** = EXTRA MASTERPOINTS, all of them **silver** (\$2 surcharge). The Wednesday 299er game will NOT be a STaC game.
- **The spring team league** starts on Sunday, February 26 (more information below).



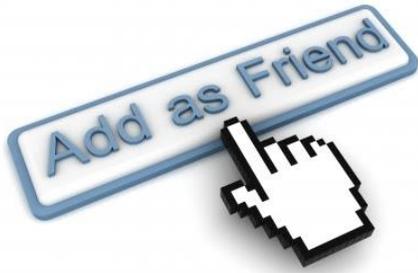
Love will be in the Air at our Valentine's 499er Swiss

To stimulate a return to Face-to-Face play, we are offering a bargain price of \$20 for our 499 Swiss tournament (as compared to a normal price of \$25-\$30). There is a sign-up sheet beside the director's desk – with the cut-off for registration on Wednesday, Feb. 8 (we need to know numbers so we can order the right number of lunches). If you can't get in to the club to sign up, just email Dave Quarrie (daviquar@bell.net).

Swiss teams are arguably the most popular form of bridge. Try it – you'll like it! The best part of Swiss teams is that if you and your partner mess up a board, your teammates may compensate for your mistake and let you carry the day regardless!

Volunteers will be available to assist with scoring for those players who have not previously played a Swiss format. The tournament will finish between 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm and you will not need to miss the Super Bowl. 😊

Although not quite guaranteed, it's almost certain that everyone will earn masterpoints.



Bring-a-Friend Month

February has been designated Bring-a-Friend month at our club.

- If one of our players (not necessarily a member) who hasn't played at our club since March 2020 turns up at our club, we will be so glad to see them that the game fee will be waived for him or her and partner.
- Similarly, if one of our players shows up with someone who hasn't played at our club since March 2020, the game fee will be waived for both players.

This option can be used (for regular club games only) up to three times during the month of February by the same player – with the same partner or with different partners (but only those who haven't played at our club since March 2020).



Inaugural 299er Face-to-Face Game

On Wednesday, February 6 at 1:00 pm we will kick off our first face-to-face 299er game since before Covid. There will be a festive air as old friends renew their acquaintance, and we suggest that you arrive at 12:30 pm or a little after for socializing. Any home baking will be hugely appreciated by the hungry hordes (hint hint).

If you have no partner for whatever reason, you can call Kevin Latter (519 208 6628) who will be your game director, or Mary Lynn Benjamins (519 880 9086), and they will endeavour to fix you up.

And, as per the above article, if either you or your partner hasn't played at the club since before Covid, you both play free! We're really looking forward to seeing you!

Why Swiss Teams is my Favourite Format in Bridge

Contributed by Allen Pengelly

As we approach the Valentine's Swiss 499er event on February 12, we have had many articles on what a Swiss format is and how it is scored. I would like to encourage participation in the event using a different method, namely explaining why Swiss Teams is my favourite format!

1. The score on your hand matters a lot more.

When asked, I have always described the differences between Duplicate Bridge and Swiss Teams in terms of scoring in golf. Duplicate Bridge is like a Skins game – you are compared on whether you did better or worse than each other team. It doesn't matter whether you beat them by 10 points or 1000 points, you still get the same score. The

score you receive on that hand is averaged with each other hand over the whole game – so there are no big “swings” on any particular hand.

Swiss Teams is like Stroke Play. If you make a 4♥ contract while at the other table your opponents bid to the same 4♥ but go down one, you win a lot of points, and sometimes that one hand can be enough of a swing to win the whole match!

2. The “goal” for the hand is a lot more apparent.

In Swiss Teams, the #1 goal is to make your contract (or, on defense, to set the opponents in their contract). Some may think that the same holds true for Duplicate Pairs, but in Duplicate Pairs trying for overtricks is sometimes more important than guaranteeing making the contract!

3. Swiss Teams has more “gamble” to it.

An example: Let’s say your partner has bid to 3♥ and you are trying to decide whether or not to bid to 4♥. For some reason you know that the opponents at your teammates’ table are going to stay at 3♥. How sure should you be to bid 4♥?

In Duplicate Pairs, if for some strange reason you knew that everyone else was going to stay in 3♥, then you should go to 4♥ if you are 50% sure of making it. At the break-even point, 50% of the time you would get 100% on the hand, and 50% of the time you would get 0% on the hand.

In Swiss Teams, the math works out differently (calculating when vulnerable):

- If you bid 4♥, and the opponents stop at 3♥ and you both make 10 tricks, then you would beat your opponent by $620 - 170 = 450$ points, winning +10 IMPs.
- If you bid 4♥, and the opponents stop at 3♥ and you both make nine tricks, then your opponents would beat you by $140 - (-100) = 240$ points, losing -6 IMPs.

The break-even point for the probability p that we need to be sure of to make this a break-even proposition is $+10(\text{IMPs})p - 6 \text{ IMPs} (1 - p) = 0$. Solving for p we get 37.5%, meaning that it is a much better gamble to bid games at teams than pairs! This also works for bidding slams too!

If you are still on the fence, I hope that you will decide to come to our Valentine’s Swiss event. A Swiss event that is not at a Regional or higher event is a rare treat!

Here are some tips for playing in Swiss Teams

- Make your contract (don’t bid risky contracts).
 - Do your best to defeat opponent’s contract.
 - Don’t double your opponents unless you are absolutely sure you can set the contract.
 - Bid to game when you are confident it will make.
 - Play the safest contract when given a choice (3NT, 4M or 5m).
 - Making game is more important than a risky slam.
 - Don’t try to make overtricks at the risk of not making game.
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Congratulations

To the following local player who has advanced to the next level.

Club Master

- **Kevin Loader**

And a warm welcome to the following local players who have joined the ACBL.

- **John Hann**
 - **Katie Plaisance**
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The Bean Counter

Contributed by Steve Allen, Treasurer

Bean sprouts have numerous health benefits, including improved metabolism, regulating cholesterol levels, increased bone density, stopping congenital diseases, aiding in weight loss, relieving anxiety and stress, supporting the immune system, and promoting cardiovascular health.

What Makes a Good Life?

[One of the ten most-watched TED talks ever](#) was given by Robert Waldinger, MD. Dr. Waldinger was talking about his longitudinal study (lasting 80 years) that looked at what contributes most to good health. We all know that genetic factors, diet, and exercise are very important, but Dr. Waldinger's study found an even more important factor: having strong social relationships. Close relationships, more than money or fame, are what keep people happy and healthy throughout their lives. Those ties protect people from life's discontents, help to delay mental and physical decline, and are the best predictors of long and happy lives.

This is yet one more reason to learn and play bridge in our welcoming environment!

Good health and happiness is in your cards!



The Answer Lady

Contributed by Susan Lawton

The Answer Lady will be taking a short break from writing. You are welcome/ encouraged to keep on sending her questions, but there won't be another Answer Lady column until the end of March. In the meantime, you can write to Susan at suzan2420@yahoo.ca.

Question

My partner and I played this hand in an online game through another club. I was sitting North and as you can see had 19 points, so I decided to open 1♣. We received a bottom score on the hand after we ended up in 5♣ for a result of only 7%. The best results were 6NT for 100%, followed by 3N, making +3 for 71%, and then 4♥ with 35%.

Several Norths opened the bidding with 2NT, and then South transferred them to hearts. I considered bidding 5♥ after my partner bid 5♣ but wasn't sure my partner had five hearts. In any case, that would have been only marginally better.

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Answer

Thank you, newer player, for sharing this hand and the bidding sequence. For sure, the pairs that opened 2NT on this hand had an easier time getting to the right place – since the strength of North's hand is immediately known, plus a 2NT bid makes it more difficult for the opponents to enter the bidding. You ended up in 5♣ because of that initial 1♣ bid, allowing the opponents to bid up to a game in spades. South took a chance by bidding 5♣, emboldened by her void in spades. Luckily, North had length in clubs to support that 5♣ bid.

Dave Baker in his June 13, 2022 Alert column highlighted a slightly-different approach to determining hand strength with the premise that aces and kings are undervalued while queens and jacks are overvalued. Dave's approach recognizes that the traditional point count method does not always reflect the true value in a hand. Here is an excerpt from Dave's column.

First, we will deal with the point count requirement for opening 2NT. Using my point-count methods (A=4½, K=3¼, Q=1¾, J=½), this hand counts to 20½ points. Adding in the worth of three tens, a nine, and an eight, my evaluation is that the hand is that it is almost too strong for your 20-21 range! You don't have to memorise and use this point count method, but you should always be aware that the traditional point count method does not always reflect the true value of a hand. Aces and kings are undervalued and queens and jacks are overvalued. A wealth of 10s, 9s and 8s are also worthwhile.

As you can see, Dave awards aces a value of 4½, kings 3¼, queens 1¾, and jacks ½. In other words, more value for aces and kings, less value for queens and jacks. In your hand, there are three aces, one king, two queens, and no jacks. Using Dave's formula, we have a total of 19.75 HCP, just a little shy of the 20-21 for a 2NT opening. That said, you have three useful intermediary cards, a ten and a couple of nines. Given that strength, you might consider opening 2NT.

If you had opened 2NT, your partner would then bid 3♦, a Jacoby transfer to hearts. West would have to be very very pushy to bid spades vulnerable at the three level, and you would thus likely be able to explore for slam at your leisure.

There would be various forms that this slam exploration could take, but regardless it should be South leading the charge. As soon as North defines her point range, South becomes the captain and can appropriately value that wonderful spade void. A possible bidding sequence for very experienced players would be: 2NT P 3♦ P 3♥ P 4♣ (cue bid showing the ace of clubs and a club suit) P 4NT (Blackwood in hearts) P a bid showing 2 keycards P 7♣ All Pass.

2023 Spring F2F Team League

Dates: Six consecutive Sunday afternoons (February 26 thru April 2 inclusive)

Time: 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: Grand River Bridge Club: 2481 Kingsway Drive, Kitchener (note: please be sure to park in the parking lot stalls labelled "GRBC")

Cost: \$8 per person per session

Depending of the number of teams registered, we will hopefully run two or three divisions.

Please register by Feb 21, either on the sign-up sheet beside the director's desk at the club or alternatively online at <https://forms.gle/U1K9L9qaSF9m9EcVA>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mike Peng (michael.peng@rogers.com) or Allen Pengelly (apengelly@golden.net). Hope to see you out there!

TIME YOU LEARNED OUR LESSONS!

We have had to cancel the **Beginner/Novice** Common Game workshop due to low enrollment.

In the cards (get it?) are the following online workshops.

- **Hand Evaluation**, Saturday morning, February 4. Online. \$20 members/ \$25 non-members. Instructor: Jack Cole. Current enrollment: **12**. Level: **Beginner/Novice**
- **New Minor Forcing**, Monday morning, February 6. Online. \$20 members/ \$25 non-members. Instructor: Malkin Howes. Current enrollment: **14**. Level: **Intermediate**.
- **Negative Doubles**, Monday morning, February 13. Online. \$20 members/ \$25 non-members. Instructor: Malkin Howes. Current enrollment: **6**. Level: **Intermediate**.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register for any of these workshops.



DONT, Cappelletti, and Meckwell: Throw a Monkey Wrench into the Opponents' No Trump Bidding

Modern no trump bidding is really slick. What with Stayman and transfers, even your lesser opponents can bid accurately to their optimum contract once one of them opens one no trump. Few of your opponents, however, are comfortable with interference. Out the window go their Staymans and their transfers, and now they have to wing it. The playing field becomes leveller. This workshop teaches when and how to safely interfere once an opponent opens one no trump. There are three popular interference systems used at our club – DONT, Cappelletti, and Meckwell, and this workshop will teach them all. After a bidding exercise using all three systems, participants will play up to 12 hands that practise interference bidding. Regular partners may find it beneficial to attend this workshop as a pair.

Instructor: Malkin Howes

Level: **Intermediate**

Mode: ONLINE

Dates: Monday morning, February 20, 9:30 am – noon

Cost: \$20 members/ \$25 non-members

Current Enrollment: **6**

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Coming Soon

- **Play of the Hand (Suits)**, Five Lesson Course, Wednesday Evenings, February 22, March 1, 8, 15, & 22. In person. \$95 members/ \$105 non-members (includes a \$20 text). Instructor: Dianne Aves. Current enrollment: **1**. Level: **Novice**.



An Old Dog Learns a New Trick

Contributed by Robert Griffiths

I was playing in a team game with a partner I play with occasionally. The game was divided into two halves of 12 boards each.

In the first half a board came up where we had a big hand. After a Keycard sequence, my partner chose to bid 6♠. We easily made 13 tricks and in discussing the bidding, my partner said that after my response to his keycard ask, he would have bid 7♠ if he had known that I held the ♦Q. He said that with some other partners, after the five-level response to a keycard ask, a bid of six of a lower suit asked specifically for third-round control in the bid suit.

- If responder held the queen of the bid suit, he would bid 6NT
- With a doubleton, he would bid seven of the agreed suit.
- With no third-round control in the suit, his bid would be six of the agreed trump suit.

Although this asking bid seemed sensible, it is the sort of convention that comes up so rarely that I thought we could talk about it and firm up the details before we played again.

Then, a couple of boards into the second half, this hand came up.

Board 12

South Deals ♠ 9
 ♥ Q 9 8 6 3
 E-W Vul ♦ A 4 3 2
 ♣ A Q 2

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♠ A 10
 ♥ A K J 5 4
 ♦ K 10
 ♣ K 10 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♠ ¹	Pass	3 ♣ ²
Pass	3 N ³	Pass	4 N
Pass	5 ♣ ⁴	Pass	6 ♣ ⁵
Pass	6 N ⁶	Pass	7 ♥
All pass			

1. good heart support with spade shortness
2. tell me more
3. opening bid with one spade
4. two keycards in hearts plus queen of hearts
5. I hope he takes this as a third-round club ask
6. I hope he's asking about clubs; I have the queen of clubs

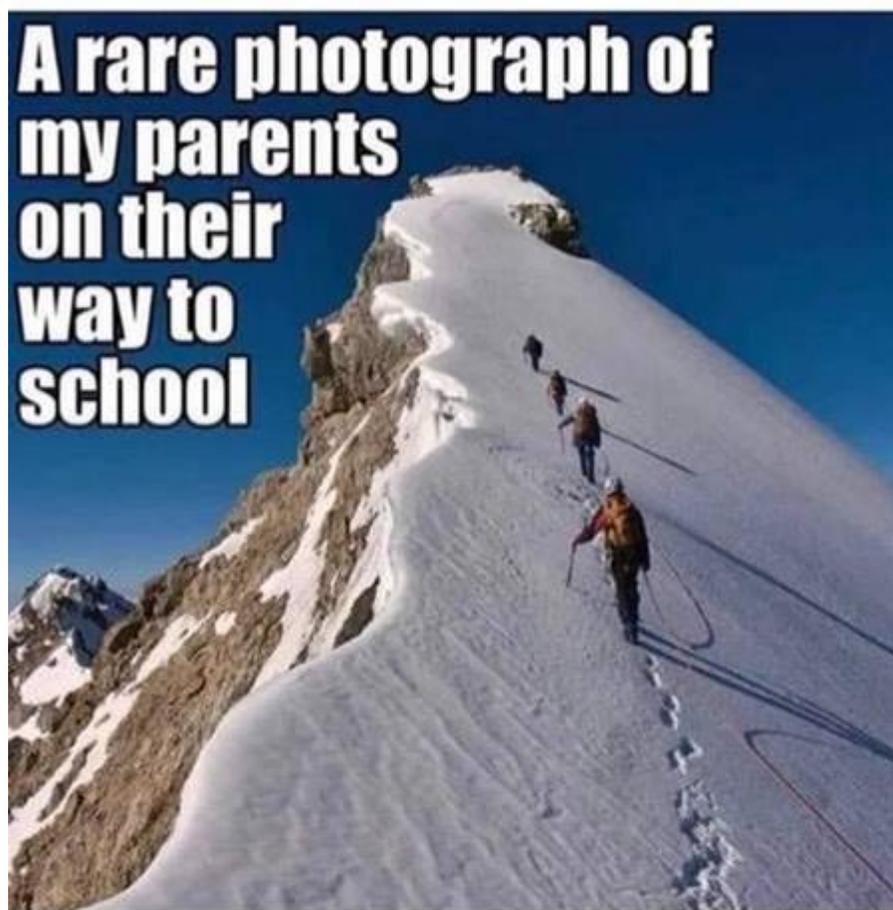
I was South and opened 1♥. Over the next few rounds of bidding, I learned that partner held good heart support with a singleton spade and roughly an opening bid. I bid 4NT, asking for keycards and his reply was 5♠, promising two keycards plus the ♥Q. By this time, I could see that we had no spade losers, no heart losers, and no diamond losers. If my partner held the ♣Q, that suit would almost surely come in with no losers.

So, I bid 6♣. We had not actually agreed to play this convention, but what else could my bid mean? North understood and bid 6NT, which I took as a promise that he held the ♣Q and I bid 7♥.

With the help of our new toy, we landed in the best contract; 13 tricks came home easily. It seems that when two old guys talk about a convention then use it within the hour, their chances of getting it right improve.



Don't try this at home.



FOR OPEN PLAYERS



Dear David

Counting and Tempo

When you are defending, it's important to keep track of the distribution (shape) of both declarer's hand and your partner's hand. It is often equally important to have the ability to utilize that knowledge in a timely fashion, so as not to give away information that may be vital to declarer's success.

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2♠ was alerted as 10-14 HCP with five+ spades. A low diamond went to the jack and ace. ♠A and a spade to the queen were next, partner dropping the ♠J. The ♥J to declarer's king was next, and then declarer cashed the ♠K, partner showing out as expected. This is the point where you wait to turn down your card from this trick until you have collated what you have learned. Declarer has seven spades and one diamond. If he had four hearts with only one club for his five unknown cards, he would have jumped to game, so has at least two clubs. Turn your card down. You are ready to play.

	N North ♠ ♥2 ♦10 ♣K8543
W West ♠ ♥Q86 ♦K ♣AQ10	♣2

We know that declarer can't have ♠AK98765 ♥AK95 ♦Q ♣2. He must have at least two clubs, so it costs nothing to play the ♣10 on the ♣2. Declarer squirms a bit and plays small from dummy. The ♥6 goes to partner's ♥A (declarer following suit), and partner's heart continuation is trumped by declarer. If you have continued to count, you will know that declarer had seven spades, two hearts, one diamond, and therefore three clubs. When he leads another club at this point, it once again costs you nothing to play the ♣Q. An even longer squirm ensues and declarer

once again plays a small club! One diamond, three hearts, and three clubs = down one.

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Declarer's play was actually quite thoughtful. The smooth ♣10 on the first round (after you ascertained with certainty that it was not a singleton), made him believe that East had the ♣A. The second smooth ♣Q play convinced him that West had ♣QJ10 and East had ♣A7. The upshot: Do your critical thinking at a time in the hand where it will not give declarer information. If you wait until the critical moment arrives, even a small hesitation may give declarer the info he needs.

English is the Worse for Lacking These Words

- **Suadade:** Portuguese for “a nostalgic longing for something that no longer exists and knowing that it may never return”.
- **Verschlimmbesserung:** German noun for an attempted improvement that only makes things worse.
- **Kalsarikännit:** Originating in Finland, in which the drinker consumes alcoholic drinks at home, dressed in as little clothing as possible, mainly in underwear, with no intention of going out
- **Água-Viva** (Brazil/Portuguese), it's jellyfish but if you translate it word by word it means “alive-water”.
- **Tokidoki:** “Sometimes” in Japanese, just really fun to say LOL.
- **Kuchisabishii** (Japanese). Kuchi means mouth and sabishii means lonely. Kuchisabishii means you're longing to put something in your mouth, especially the feeling you have when you eat something because your mouth feels bored.
- **Krankenwagen:** German for ambulance.
- **Puto:** Sometimes it's rice; sometimes it's a swear word, you never know.
- **Lebensabschnittspartner** = Lover or Partner (literally, the person I am with today).
- **積ん読:** Acquiring books and letting them pile up unread.
- **Sanguagsuga:** blood-sucker, leech, or bed bug in Italian, can be used to describe a person too.

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

#105

♠ KJ743

♥ 65

♦ A43

♣ KJ6



♠

♥ AK10974

♦ 1095

♣ AQ104

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

I was sitting South declaring a 4♥ contract. West led the ♦K, and I took the trick with my ♦A, East following suit. If you were in my shoes, what would you do now?

SOLUTION

You have two sure losers in the diamonds, meaning that your contract is safe provided that you lose only one trump trick.

Did you consider banging down the ♥AK? With a 3-2 distribution that would work, but with a 4-1 distribution there is a definite potential to lose two or even three trump tricks if you mishandle it.

If West is the opponent with four trumps, there is probably not much you can do about it (unless East's singleton is one of the missing honours), but if East is the one with four trumps you can arrange to lose only one trump no matter how the honour cards are distributed. So, your plan must be based on the assumption of a 4-1 distribution with East being the opponent with four trumps.

(If the distribution is in fact 5-0, it will be super tough and you're on your own. 😊)

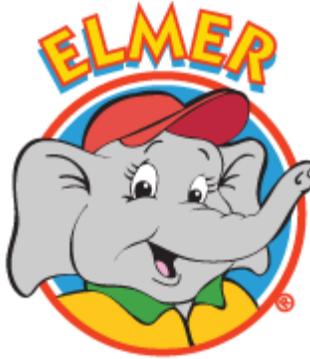
- At Trick 2, lead a trump from dummy to your ♥K. This prevents West from taking a trick with the singleton ♥Q or ♥J – about a 20% chance.
- At Trick 3, enter dummy with the ♣K (both West and East will follow suit).
- At Trick 4, lead dummy's last trump and, if East plays a small trump, insert the ♥9! (If East plays an honor, of course take it with your ♥A. As it happens, East will follow with a small trump.) If you lose this trick to West, that means trumps are distributed 3-2 and you will lose only one trump trick. Today, though, West will discard a spade. So now you can cash your ♥A and let East take his remaining high heart whenever he chooses - for only one trump loser.

Here is the full hand.

	♠ KJ743	
	♥ 65	
	♦ A43	
	♣ KJ6	
♠ AQ852		♠ 1096
♥ 3		♥ QJ82
♦ KQJ2		♦ 876
♣ 873		♣ 952
	♠	
	♥ AK10974	
	♦ 1095	
	♣ AQ104	

Of course, if you had been able to see through the backs of your opponents' cards, you could make an overtrick by repeatedly finessing East in hearts. But that strategy would fail if West had the heart honours.

Cashing the ♥A first and then finessing is an example of a safety play. Safety plays sometimes result in one less trick - but they always guard against disaster. This is a message from Elmer the Safety Elephant.



Towel animal left by the hotel staff



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 December.

Open Players			499er Players			99er Players		
	Name	MP		Name	MP		Name	MP
1	Ted Boyd	28.10	1	Suzanne Edwards	16.42	1	Rick Arthur	7.71
2	David Baker	25.81	2	Shelley Metcalfe	13.27	2	Louise Dawdy	7.60
3	Colin Harrington	20.57	3	John Kip	12.56	3	Belinda Burt	7.14
4	Mike Peng	19.32	4	Cheryl Kip	11.84	4	Nancy Cattanach	7.03
5	Mary McClelland	17.24	5	David Dennis	11.20	5	Brian Gaber	6.53
6	David Longstaff	15.76	6	Barbara Arthur	10.74	6	Molly Worden	5.57
7	Cindy Mahn	15.39	7	Lori Cole	10.47	7	Don Slowinski	4.99
8	Sandy Graham	15.38	8	Renate Boucher	10.29	7	Ben Cornell	4.99
9	Moira Hollingsworth	15.09	9	Martin Jones	10.05	9	Elaine Doyle	4.55
10	Edith Ferber	14.18	10	Kevin Latter	9.17	10	Paul Raymond	2.80
11	Liz McDowell	13.94	11	Jack Cole	8.43	11	Casi Zehr	3.61
12	Robert Griffiths	13.07	12	Bev Hitchman	7.87	12	Debbie Miethig	3.55
13	Margot Stockie	10.50	13	Jean White	7.67	13	Kathy Chandler	3.44
14	Neil Jeffrey	10.01	14	Brian Kirkconnell	7.65	14	Audrey Cook	3.37
15	Stephen Young	8.34	15	Stephen Nantes	7.40	15	Jane Wilson	3.16
16	Kathy Russell	8.13	16	Cheryl White	7.25	16	Chris Beck	3.14
17	John Hanemaayer	8.07	17	Marlene Dopko	7.24	17	Doug Livesey	2.86
18	Bonnie Kains	7.88	17	Jim Dalglish	7.24	18	Ginny Marshall	2.58
19	Malkin Howes	7.82	19	Robert Gilck	6.92	19	Donna McKay	2.46
20	Neil Coburn	7.81	20	Susan Durance	6.58	20	Joan Stroud	2.15
21	Dianne Aves	7.28	21	Nanci Phelan	6.44	21	Pauline Copleston	2.10
22	Diane Bourdeau	6.80	22	Lynda Burnett	6.22	22	Valirie Binkle	2.09
23	Scott Hills	6.09	23	Gordon Hunter	5.96	23	Jennie Leforge	2.00
24	Sharon King	5.96	24	Virginia Alviano	5.71	24	MJ Hartleib	1.95
25	Wayne Jordan	5.41	25	ML Benjamins	5.64	25	Robert Darby	1.76

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- 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.

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