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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 May.

Open Players			499er Players			99er Players		
	Name	MP		Name	MP		Name	MP
1	David Baker	55.32	1	Stephen Nantes	25.42	1	Nancy Cattanach	12.69
2	Mike Peng	51.56	2	Shelley Metcalfe	23.99	2	Martin Jones	12.51
3	Cindy Mahn	34.28	3	Brian Kirkconnell	22.83	3	Mary Lynn Benjamins	11.05
4	Margot Stockie	33.29	4	Suzanne Edwards	21.22	4	Anita Hanson	9.29
5	Moira Hollingsworth	31.02	5	Barbara Arthur	20.17	5	Virginia Alviano	9.02
6	Robert Griffiths	30.39	6	Ron Lawrence	19.46	6	Aggie Udvari	8.28
7	David Longstaff	29.78	7	Salvatore Pace	17.14	7	Belinda Burt	8.18
8	Bruce Roberts	29.66	8	David Embury	15.03	8	Susan McDonald	7.96
9	Ted Boyd	29.09	8	Roy Dandyk	15.03	9	Susan Kerrigan	7.72
10	Liz McDowell	26.90	10	Kathy Russell	14.32	10	Noah Pace	7.38
11	Colin Harrington	26.65	11	Karen Whitworth	14.20	11	Barb Neibert	7.36
12	Steve Carpenter	21.05	12	Margie Whyte	13.55	12	Joan Slover	7.19
13	John Vandergrift	20.33	13	John Kip	12.80	13	Marg Sanderson	7.09
14	Neil Jeffrey	19.57	13	Cheryl Kip	12.80	14	Jane Wilson	6.98
15	Dianne Aves	19.06	15	Lori Cole	12.39	15	Audrey Cook	6.55
16	Sandy Graham	16.84	16	Lynda Burnett	10.75	16	Sue Andersen	6.33
17	Pat McMillan	15.94	17	John Hanemaayer	10.70	16	Jane Rushby	6.33
18	Edith Ferber	15.83	18	Kevin Latter	10.31	18	Brian Gaber	6.20
19	Tom Ramsay	15.76	19	Nanci Phelan	10.01	18	Rick Arthur	6.20
20	Malkin Howes	14.62	20	Cheryl White	9.45	20	Elinor Girouard	6.13
21	Adrian Record	14.15	21	Jim Veitch	9.43	21	Patricia Malvern	6.03
22	Janet Howell	13.06	22	Donna Angst	9.23	22	Isabel Hetherington	5.98
23	Kandis Smith	12.37	23	Jake Liu	9.14	23	Joan Lawson	5.95
24	John Moser	12.07	24	Gale Small	8.93	24	Joani Horvath	5.70
25	Susan Lawton	10.46	25	Sandy Lee	8.27	25	Christine Kelly	5.53



Rookie Ramblings – *What to do over a 1NT Opening with your own 15-17 Count*

Contributed by Cindy Mahn

You are all ready to open 1NT when your RHO beats you to it! What to do???? Since you both have 15-17 HCP, that leaves between 6 and 10 HCP between the other two players.

It depends what system you and your partner play, but let's assume you have an agreement that a double in this situation is a penalty double. You must have a good source of tricks to make such a penalty double, as your partner could have none to very few of the remaining points. Sometimes, it is in your best interests to just pass and hope that you can set 1NT.

So, with the following hands, double. You have a good source of tricks of your own.

♠ K7	♠ A5	♠ 76
♥ AQ875	♥ AQJ763	♥ AJ9
♦ KJ87	♦ KQ5	♦ AKQJ98
♣ A8	♣ 98	♣ 53

With a flat hand like one of these, probably best to pass.

♠ J75	♠ KJ4
♥ AQ7	♥ A75
♦ KJ75	♦ KJ8
♣ A54	♣ QJ73

When 1NT has been doubled for penalties, one or other side may be in serious trouble.

- If *opener's partner* is very weak, he *knows* they are in trouble and desperate measures are called for. If he has a five- or six-card major, even with no or very few points he can make a transfer to hearts or spades (if you play systems on) or just bid his suit.
- If *doubler's partner* is very weak, he fears they *may* be in trouble but is uncertain since his partner could have 20 plus points. So, what to do?

HAND A	HAND B	HAND C
♠ 974	♠ Q8643	♠ T5
♥ T75	♥ Q76	♥ KQJ9864
♦ 863	♦ 873	♦ 9
♣ J864	♣ 92	♣ QJT

If the bidding has gone 1NT by your partner doubled by your RHO (1NT X ?)

With Hand A, pass. With Hand B, bid 2 hearts (transfer) or spades. With Hand C, bid 4 hearts.

If the bidding has gone 1NT by your LHO, your partner has doubled, and your RHO has passed (1NT X P ?)

With Hand A, pass. With Hand B, pass. With Hand C, bid 4 hearts.

Do remember to be careful when doubling 1 NT, especially if you are vulnerable and the opponents are not. If you do not have a good source of tricks, they will have a decent chance of making it, doubling their score and getting an additional 50 points for the insult.

Membership Renewal Information

The 2021-2022 cost of a membership in our club is only \$50 – a bargain at the price!

- In order to *renew* your membership, all you need to do is send in payment.
- In order to *take out a membership for the first time*, you need to fill out [our membership form](#) AND send in your payment.

Memberships are valid from July 1 – June 30 each year.

We now have **200** fully-paid-up members (as compared to a total of 259 club members at the end of last year) – totally excellent at this point in our cycle. Thanks for your support!

Pay by cheque: payable to Grand River Bridge Club and mailed to: Bev Pope, 40 Piccadilly Square, New Hamburg ON, N3A 0C7 OR

Pay by e-transfer: Recipient: Grand River Bridge Club

Email: clubmanager@grandriverbridgeclub.com

A warm welcome to the following player who has recently joined our club for the first time.

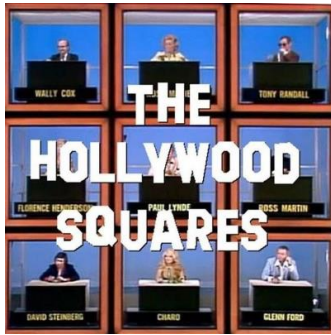
- **Shireen Saban**
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Upgraded Club Championship Game

The ACBL awards its clubs an upgraded club championship game (extra master points at no extra cost) whenever a club is credited with ten new ACBL members. Our club has just been awarded one of these upgraded club championship games, although it probably can't be applied until we resume face-to-face bridge. Thank you to our club's newest ACBL members who earned us this game!

We encourage our other new players to join the ACBL, not only because it helps us but also because there are other benefits – for example, its wonderful monthly magazine. If you do decide to join the ACBL, please make sure our club gets credited for your membership! Click [here](#) for more information.





FOR THOSE OF US WHO REMEMBER

These great questions and answers are from the days when the Hollywood Squares game show responses were spontaneous, not scripted, as they are now.

Q. If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be

A. Charley Weaver: **Three days of steady drinking should do it.**

Q. True or False, a pea can last as long as 5,000 years...

A. George Gobel: **Boy, it sure seems that way sometimes.**

Q. You've been having trouble going to sleep. Are you probably a man or a woman?

A. Don Knotts: **That's what's been keeping me awake.**

Q. According to Cosmopolitan, if you meet a stranger at a party and you think that he is attractive, is it okay to come out and ask him if he's married?

A. Rose Marie: **No, wait until morning.**

Q. As you grow older, do you tend to gesture more or less with your hands while talking?

A. Rose Marie: **You ask me one more growing old question, Peter, and I'll give you a gesture you'll never forget.**

Q. Paul, why do Hell's Angels wear leather?

A. Paul Lynde: **Because chiffon wrinkles too easily.**

Q. It is considered in bad taste to discuss two subjects at nudist camps. One is politics, what is the other?

A. Paul Lynde: **Tape measures.**

Q. It is the most abused and neglected part of your body, what is it?

A. Paul Lynde: **Mine may be abused, but it certainly isn't neglected.**

Q. Back in the old days, when Great Grandpa put horseradish on his head, what was he trying to do?

A. George Gobel: **Get it in his mouth.**

Q. Jackie Gleason recently revealed that he firmly believes in them and has actually seen them on at least two occasions. What are they?

A. Charley Weaver: **His feet.**

Q. Paul, what is a good reason for pounding meat?

A. Paul Lynde: **Loneliness!**

(The audience laughed so long and so hard it took up almost 15 minutes of the show!)



The Not-a-Penalty Double Makes for a Big Penalty

Contributed by Robert Griffiths

Board 12					
North Deals	♠ K 10 7 2				
N-S Vul	♥ A 4				
	♦ A				
	♣ A K J 7 4 2				
♠ A 3		♠ 6 5 4			
♥ Q 5 3	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♥ J 9 8 7 2
N					
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♦ K Q J 9 8		♦ 10 6 4 3 2			
♣ Q 9 8		♣ —			
	♠ Q J 9 8				
	♥ K 10 6				
	♦ 7 5				
	♣ 10 6 5 3				
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>		
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠		
2 ♦	3 ♦	5 ♦	Pass		
Pass	6 ♠	Dbl	All pass		

North had a very nice 19-HCP hand and opened 1♣. East passed, and South eked out a 1♠ bid. West's 2♦ overcall is normal, and now North is getting good feelings about the hand. He likes the spade fit, and he likes that the opponents are bidding his short suit. North shows his enthusiasm with a 3♦ bid, which is absolutely forcing and asks for more info from South. South shudders, but is momentarily saved when East, who can also see that this could be a big hand for N/S, tries to get in their way with a jump to 5♦.

South and West pass, and North considers. South has promised only four spades and six HCP, but North reasons that the opponents have made it clear that South will have no wasted values in diamonds. Since his partner's cards should be in the majors, he thinks that 12 tricks is reasonable for his side and he bids 6♠.

Against a passive defence, 6♠ will make. The only loser for NS is the ♠A. But East, with the weakest hand at the table, has a secret weapon. He doubles 6♠.

This double is a Lightner double, not a penalty double. When playing Lightner doubles, a double of the opponent's slam by the player not on lead asks partner for an unusual lead. It says first to avoid any suits bid by the doubler's side and suggests that a ruff is available in a side suit, usually one bid by the opponents. In this case clubs is the obvious option.

A club lead would normally be the last thing that West would consider, but trusting his partner he leads the ♣8. East gets his ruff at Trick 1 and another after West wins the ♠A. Down two doubled is a top board for E/W.

More information about Lightner doubles can be found [here](#).

FOR ADVANCED PLAYERS



Dear David

Double Double Toil and Trouble (Macbeth)

		N North ♠5 ♥K93 ♦KQ1052 ♣Q654	
W West ♠AJ872 ♥J ♦A63 ♣J1092	W N E S 1♠ 2♦ 2♠ Pass Pass 3♣ Pass Pass 3♠ Pass Pass Dbl	E East ♠Q43 ♥A108542 ♦J874 ♣	
		S South ♠K1096 ♥Q76 ♦9 ♣AK873	

North led the ♦K, and West won the ace and proceeded to cross-ruff clubs and hearts to reach this position.

W West ♠AJ872 ♥J ♦A63 ♣J1092	♣6 ♣10 ♠Q ♣8	E East ♠Q43 ♥A108542 ♦J874 ♣
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E/W have seven tricks so far (two red aces and five spade tricks) and nothing will stop them from making the ace and ack of spades for nine tricks. 3♠ doubled, making. So why am I talking about this hand?

The auction strongly suggests that North/South has the balance of strength. South's double of 3♠ is penalty-oriented, suggesting good defense. How can the opponents have enough to make their contract? If it's not because of high-card strength, then they must be planning to make ruffing tricks. How do you stop them? **LEAD TRUMP!**

If you replay the hand after a trump lead, you will see that declarer will end up one trick short of making the contract. Many partners will say "I didn't want to pick off your honour if you had one, partner." The fact is, South's double already advertised that he had most of the missing trumps, so you are not giving declarer anything he could not have done for himself.

The rule: Always lead trump against a doubled part-score, even if it looks as if you may be giving up a trick. The only way the opponents can prevail is by means of a cross-ruff, and your goal should be to stop it.

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

#28

♠ A K 9
 ♥ K J 9 5
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ K 10 9 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 5 3
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ A 9 5 2
 ♣ A 6 5 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 N
Pass	3 N	All pass	

West led the ♦K and East played the ♦10. Sitting South as declarer, I ducked. West continued with the ♦4 to East's ♦J. What now?

SOLUTION

Counting your losers, you have a sure heart loser and as many as three diamond losers and two club losers.

In order to make your contract, you have to eliminate some of these losers. You obviously can't do anything about the ♥A, meaning you can afford to lose only one club and limit your diamond losers to two. Your clubs are good enough (missing only the queen and jack) that the club suit should not be a problem; however, diamonds are going to be tricky. Judging by the first two tricks, it appears likely that West holds four or five diamonds (because if East had four or more, he wouldn't be spending his jack and ten).

If this analysis is true and if West holds the ♥A, you cannot prevent your opponents from collecting three diamond tricks. When you can't make your contract if the cards lie in a particular way, you have to mentally assign the cards to lie in a way that will make it possible for your contract to make. In this case, you should mentally assign the ♥A to the safe opponent – East - and plan your play based on this assumption.

If East has the ♥A, there are two possible scenarios.

- East holds two diamonds. If so, no matter what you do at Trick 2 West can't get in to play diamonds. In this case, your ♦9 could even become a second stopper in the suit. Therefore, you do not need to worry about this scenario at all.
- East holds three diamonds. This is the worst-case scenario, because now East can get to West's hand when he gains the lead with his ♥A.

You need to hope for the best but prepare for the worst (that East holds three diamonds). To guard against this possibility, you should hold off taking your $\heartsuit A$ until Trick 3, just in case East can continue diamonds (he does). Here is the full hand.

\spadesuit A K 9		\spadesuit 8 7 2
\heartsuit K J 9 5		\heartsuit A 10 4 3 2
\diamondsuit 8 3		\diamondsuit J 10 6
\clubsuit K 10 9 8		\clubsuit J 2
\spadesuit J 10 6 4	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	
\heartsuit 7 6		
\diamondsuit K Q 7 4		
\clubsuit Q 7 4		
\spadesuit Q 5 3		
\heartsuit Q 8		
\diamondsuit A 9 5 2		
\clubsuit A 6 5 3		

As you can see, your contract is safe if you hold up your $\heartsuit A$ until Trick 3 and you later finesse West in clubs.



On average, a Panda feeds for approximately 12 hours per day. This is the same as an adult at home under quarantine, which is why we call it a "Pandemic"

Reduction in Master Point Awards

Effective July 1, regular virtual club games will award only 1.25x black points, instead of the 1.5x multiplier we have all become used to. That means there are only six more glory days left! Play like there's no tomorrow.

Having said that, the ACBL is offering a regionally-rated online tournament called Endless Summer this weekend (June 25-28). Click [here](#) for more information.

As part of this tournament, the ACBL is posting [daily mini bridge lessons](#). These free lessons are short and snappy. Be sure to check out the one on defence by our dear friend Barbara Seagram.

Coming Virtual Events

- Friday, June 25, 12:30 pm, **99er game (20-22 boards) \$5**
- Friday, June 25, 1:00 pm, **499er game (24 boards) \$5**
- Friday, June 25, 7:00 pm, **open game (24 boards) \$5**
- Saturday, June 26, 1:00 pm, **199er game (20-22 boards) \$5**
- Sunday, June 27, 10:00 am, **499er game (18 boards) \$5**
- Monday, June 28, 12:30 pm, **49er game (18 boards @ 8 minutes) \$5**
- Monday, June 28 1:00 pm, **open game (24 boards) \$5**
- Monday, June 28, 7:00 pm, **499er game (24 boards) \$5**
- Tuesday, June 29, 12:30 pm, **199er game (20-22 boards) \$5**
- Tuesday, June 29, 1:00 pm, **open game (24 boards) \$5**
- Wednesday, June 30, 1:00 pm, **499er game (24 boards) \$5**
- Wednesday, June 30, 6:45 pm, **199er game (20-22 boards) \$5**
- Wednesday, June 30, 7:00 pm, **open game (24 boards) \$5**
- Thursday, July 1, 9:30 am, **99er game (20-22 boards) \$5**
- Thursday, July 1, 1:00 pm, **open game (24 boards) \$5**
- Thursday, July 1, 6:30 pm, **19er game \$5**
- Thursday, July 1, 7:00 pm, **999er game (24 boards) \$5**

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**.

Our players earned us an upgraded club championship game at our **club**.