



PLAY AND LEARN BRIDGE IN A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

ALERT – September 25, 2023

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

Looking Ahead

- ♥ Both of our F2F games on Friday, September 22, as well as the Saturday morning, September 23, F2F game are **club championship games** = extra masterpoints, no extra charge.
- ♥ **Beginners 1 lessons** begin, Saturday September 23, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
- ♥ **Annual General Meeting, Tuesday, September 26 (no BBO game that day)**
- ♥ **Brampton Bridge Blast Local Sectional**, Saturday, Sept. 30 and Sunday, Oct. 1
- ♥ All of our F2F games during the weeks of October 2 and October 9 are **Club Appreciation games** = extra masterpoints, no extra charge.
- ♥ **Free bridge etiquette mini-lesson**, Monday, October 2, 9:00 am
- ♥ **NEW BBO SWISS TEAM GAME**, October 3, 7:10 pm
- ♥ **Play of the Hand course** starts on Wednesday, October 4
- ♥ **No Monday morning bridge lab**, Thanksgiving Day (October 9)
- ♥ **90th Western Ontario Sectional Bridge Tournament**, London, October 21-22
- ♥ **Intermediate Bridge Lab**, October 26

New BBO Swiss Team Game

Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 7:10 pm, we will begin our BBO Swiss Team experiment. The plan is to offer the game on the first Tuesday night of each month. If it is well attended, we can look at offering more team games on BBO. The game will be stratified, meaning that we want players of **ALL LEVELS** to get their teams together and come join the fun and get masterpoints.

Pre-registration is necessary in order to ensure an even number of teams. Only the players who are pre-registered will be put on the special BBO list of eligible players for this game. To pre-register your team, appoint a team captain and ask him or her to email Allen at apengel-ly@golden.net with all four BBO usernames (make sure you spell them correctly including any spaces) before 8:00 am on Tuesday, October 3.

The game will be 24 boards with the number of rounds dependent on the number of teams. The cost is \$5BBO dollars per player (charged by BBO when the game starts). One person from each pair registers with his or her partner as if it was a pairs game. Then the person who did the inviting goes to the "Select Teammates" tab in game and invites the other pair of their team. The inviter on the other pair is the one who must accept the team invitation. Either inviter can Select Teammates. Here's [a link](#) to pictures of the registration process. In addition, the ACBL has provided this information about the match-ups and scoring: [swiss_player.pdf \(acbl.org\)](#).

Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendars for our annual general meeting on Tuesday, September 26. The day's festivities will include an outdoor (weather-permitting) potluck lunch at 11:30 am; our annual general meeting at 12:30ish; followed by a rookie/master game at 1:00ish. **THIS GAME WILL BE FREE TO MEMBERS!** The regular BBO 199er game that day has been cancelled because we want those players to come to our party!

Sign-up sheets for both the potluck and rookie/master games have been posted on the sign-up sheet board beside the director's desk. If you are not going to be at the club for a couple of weeks and want someone to sign you up, email [Joe Blake](#). **Registration closes tomorrow, Saturday, September 23.** We will not be providing hard copies of the AGM package at the meeting, but you are welcome to print out any of the information that was sent out on Sept. 5. If it's not raining, the gathering area is the front lawn across the street from our club. Please bring your own lawn chairs, plus we are looking for volunteers to bring tables for the potluck. If you can help, please let Joe know. Hope to see you there! It's going to be lots of fun!

They Learned Bridge in a Day?



Photo credit: Nethy Sudswong

Eighteen would-be bridge players spent last Saturday at our club getting a taste of our game. Aply led by Sue Peterson, with assistance from Isabel Hetherington, all of the participants reported that they had had a very fun day. We now have 18 students signed up for our Beginners 1 lessons.

Thanks also to table coaches Sue Moses, Randall DeKraker, John Kip, and Ginny Scott.



In case you can't read the sheets that are being held up in the photo, they say "Negative Doubles" and are the work of the Answer Lady, Susan Lawton, who taught a free mini-lesson to this week's Monday morning bridge labbers. More on negative doubles in the Answer Lady's column below.

The next free mini-lesson will be taught by Malkin Howes on Monday, October 2. Topic: Bridge Etiquette

Photo credit: Sue Moses



We Cleaned Up Real Good

A crew of 16 descended on our club last Sunday and for five hours cleaned and fixed and organized everything to within an inch of its life. Here are some of the things that were accomplished.

- The bidding boxes were cleaned.
- The Bridgemates were cleaned and repaired.
- The kitchen cupboards and drawers were cleaned and organized. The fridge and teapots and coffee machines were cleaned.
- The director's desk and drawers were tidied, organized, and notices updated.
- The teaching room and storage vault were organized.

A big thank you to (from left to right) Pat McDonald, Dave Quarrie, Cheryl White, Mary McClelland, Kathy Russell, Sharon Boyd, Moira Hollingsworth, Dave Baker, Jim Weir, Jim Dalglish, Diane Jamieson, Margot Stockie, and Fumiyo Kawamura. John and Cheryl Kip and Malkin are not in the photo.



Found

An astonishing number of your items have been left at our club, including several pairs of glasses, a couple of notebooks, one earring, and lots and lots of thermoses. They are currently languishing in the lost and found drawer beside the director's desk. If they haven't been claimed by the end of September, they will be given away or discarded.

Lost and



Player Profile – Jack Cole

I enjoy teaching people new things and have a technical background, so I have been writing a bunch of Alert articles about online tools that help improve game play and analysis. I've taught a few beginner classes online, done some beginner coaching, and have been part of the "On Track To Online" group, which is working hard to keep our online games healthy. I also drafted potential floor plans for candidate bridge clubs when we were searching for a new home, and still do them for our regional tournament, to confirm table counts and placements. "Jack of all trades, Master of none" applies.

Euchre was king in my family. We learned to play as soon as we could hold cards. Every social event, including big family Christmases, ended up as progressive euchre tournaments. My dad was renowned for naming trump on nothing and making it. He'd have been a great bridge player, if bridge had been an option in rural southern Ontario.

On to the University of Waterloo and the 70's, and a friend-of-a-friend, Lori, offered to teach some university pals to play bridge in her kitchen on Erb Street. She wasn't terribly experienced herself, so we all learned together. Those were "four-card major" and "strong jump overcall" days, and I still find myself thinking that way too often! We played some social bridge with three other couples from my first job for a while, taking turns hosting dinner and a small tournament. After that, I didn't play more than once a year until retiring and, at wife Lori's suggestion (the same Lori!), I joined GRBC.

A 1978 UW Math grad, I worked for several local hi-tech companies, making lots of cool new products you've never heard of. Like the dAVID Computer, the Imagnet network, the DCDM X-Ray diffraction, and PLM photoluminescence mappers, instruments for the semi-conductor industry. After Philips Electronics bought Waterloo Scientific, I became the R&D development manager. Then they sold us to a competitor, who closed us down five days before Christmas. I then turned to teaching at Conestoga College, where I helped create the Electronic Systems Engineering program, and taught math and computer science for several years. My one-person consulting company, Foundation Software Inc., has recently developed software to calculate the amount of gold (etc.) in a high-resolution photograph of a rock, an extension of a research project started at Conestoga.

Besides programming and bridge, I have a passion for folk music and group singing and started the monthly Old Chestnuts Song Circle in 1995. Next came concerts which evolved into Folk Night at the Registry, a concert series that entered its 16th year this month, featuring performers like Peter Yarrow (Peter, Paul and Mary), Valdy, and Sylvia Tyson. We've also produced touring tribute concerts celebrating Harry Chapin and Stan Rogers, in which I was privileged to perform. I also support Lori's pottery making, which culminates in her annual sale at the Frederick Art Walk (which we co-founded 22 years ago) happening October 14 and 15. I've written some articles describing pottery making, which you can find at Lori's website loripottery.com.

My best bridge tip is almost the first thing you learn and so simple, but "get the kiddies off the street" (that is, draw trumps) seems to be difficult advice for new players. Playing online gives one lots of opportunities to wonder "OMG, why isn't my partner pulling trump??" I guess it doesn't hit home until you lose a good ace to a singleton trump or let the opponents in to exploit a crossruff. Of course, there are times not to pull trump, but new players should see those as the exceptions.

My first time playing at GRBC, our opponents opened the bidding and then doubled themselves! I had played so infrequently before this, and so rarely used doubles, that I thought this must be an obscure duplicate thing that I didn't know about! Fortunately, the rest of the table noticed and had a good laugh.

Lori and I live in a century old home near downtown Kitchener, with our three very pampered cats.

What is a contronym?

Single words that have two contradictory meanings (they are their own opposites) are known as contronyms, and they are quite rare. Here are ten of them:

1. **apology:** a statement of contrition for an action, or a defence of one
2. **bolt:** to secure, or to flee
3. **bound:** heading to a destination, or restrained from movement
4. **cleave:** to adhere, or to separate
5. **dust:** to add fine particles, or to remove them
6. **fast:** quick, or stuck or made stable
7. **left:** remained, or departed
8. **peer:** a person of the nobility, or an equal
9. **sanction:** to approve, or to boycott
10. **weather:** to withstand, or to wear away



Holding Hands

Contributed by Joan Slover

We are still looking for mentors and mentees, both online and F2F. The pair-up can be for playing in a game together (either F2F or online) or for post-mortem analysis in the case of online players. I can also arrange for an online teaching table whereby four mentees play together and the mentor offers advice in real time.

Mentors are usually asked to spend about four games with their mentee(s) (one game/week for a month). They do volunteer out of kindness, so a suggested remuneration is to cover the cost of the mentor's game if you are playing with them.

For more information about mentoring – either as a mentor or as a mentee – please email me (rxjoan@rogers.com) and tell me more. I will then do my best to match you up in your preferred format. Please have your request/offer in by the end of Friday, Sept. 29.



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.

This week, the Answer Lady was in the teaching room at GRBC giving a brief introduction on negative doubles to the Monday morning bridge lab participants. Nine players attended the session, including two brand-new graduates from Saturday's Learn Bridge in a Day workshop.

Question: What exactly is a "negative double"?

Answer: The opportunity for a negative double *always* occurs after Partner opens and opponents immediately make an interfering bid. In other words, the Right Hand Opponent (RHO) overcalls before Responder has an opportunity to bid.

With the hand below what would you as Responder do after the bidding has gone: 1♦ -1♥-?

♠A432 ♥76 ♦Q83 ♣A543

- You can't bid 1♠ as that promises five spades after the 1♥ overcall.
- You can't support partner's diamonds with only three diamonds.
- You can't bid 1NT because you don't have a stopper in hearts.
- Your hand is not strong enough to bid at the two level.

In this case, Responder should "double", that magical negative double. It tells your partner that you have the other major (spades) but only four, and that you have at least six points (provided that your partner can respond at the one level; you need more if your negative double will force your partner higher). If your partner has support for your spades, they will bid them and you may be off to the races.

The diagram shows a bridge hand with the following cards:

- North (N):** ♠8 5 3 2, ♥Q 8 2, ♦8 7 4 3 6 5, ♣8 7 4 3
- South (S):** ♠K Q J 9 4, ♥J 7 4, ♦K 5 A 8 7, ♣5 A 8 7
- West (W):** ♠7 6, ♥A K 6 5, ♦K 10 9, ♣Q 10 9 6
- East (E):** ♠A 10, ♥10 9 3, ♦Q J 4 3 2, ♣A J 2

The bidding sequence is shown in a central box:

	W	N	E	S
			1♦	1♠
Dbl	3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass				

West has 6+ points and East has 6 points.

This is a hand I played with one of my partners in a recent online game. In a similar scenario, I was sitting East and opened the bidding with 1♦. The opponents immediately overcalled 1♠ and my partner doubled, a negative double to show hearts and, like the hand above, also clubs. Unfortunately, the opponent sitting North was too quick for us and immediately bid up to 3♠, with very few points but good spade support, likely anticipating we had a game somewhere. As opener, I did not have four hearts so was unable to bid on, and the end result was a poor score of 41% for us, even though the opponents went down one.

The negative double can be a challenging topic to learn with many false starts before success is achieved. In the Monday morning session, the concept of negative doubles was just introduced, but rest assured the wise teachers at GRBC are frequently providing additional instruction. So, keep your eye out.

Next up for my bridge lab mini-lessons will be cue bids on October 16 and responding to overcalls on November 6.

A huge thank you for all the assistance at yesterday's lab to Sue Moses and Sonja Miner.



Bean There Done That

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

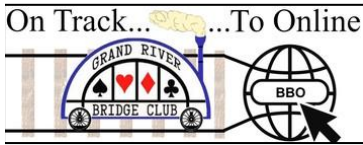
One year ago, a young man in his thirties was introduced to the GRBC Annual Meeting audience as the new treasurer. Not an accountant. Curious about the club's finances. Asked too many questions. Good with computers and software. Able to learn. Willing to try. A bona fide sucker.

This followed three summer months of being shown the ropes by the Covid 19 years' treasurer, Bev Pope. He never expected the ropes would be an open fire hose of information. So many accounts, debits, credits, suppliers, directors, player names, cheques, e-transfers, taxes, banks, reconciliations, reporting, interpreting, detecting data entry faux pas, correcting mistakes, ... you know, "accounting s**t". Lucky for him, Bev stayed on as Yoda for his first year. Use the force, Mr. Bean, she'd say.

His goal was to do the job as well as the Pope. Plus, he wanted to make the finances of the club transparent via the weekly ALERT and make something so boring ... well, entertaining!

Thanks goes to his minion, Diane Jamieson, who visits a teller (remember them?) each week to deposit moolah collected at the club. Another bona fide sucker.

So now he is in his second year in the role, still in his thirties. Keep beaning.



AND THE WINNER IS...

Week One of our four week, **online playing draw** has concluded with our first winner, and it is.....(drum roll)..... **Jane Wilson!** Jane’s name was selected at random from 107 entries to win a \$30 gift card from her choice of places, like Timmies or the LCBO. The drawing hat has been reset for next week, and every time a current GRBC member plays in one of our online games, their name goes in! Next week this could be you!

BBO Helper Part 3: Cool Copy Stuff with Hands

Contributed by Jack Cole



First, here’s homework, to practice your skill with **BBO Helper**. Use the BBOH Quick Settings to uncheck “Show timing on board copy HTML”. That will make the next section clearer, and your BBO Helper recipes more palatable!

BBOH has a feature to copy hands for publication, and while it’s not *really* all that useful for you and I, it **does** lead to some even cooler stuff. With BBOH installed, go to your BBO, select History, and call up a board that you find interesting. Hold down the **Alt** key and press **H**. (On a Mac, use the Options key instead of Alt.) Here’s what you will see:

This pop-up contains **everything about the hand**: the bidding and contract, the DD analysis, and the actual **play**, which is in the big table on the right (each row is a trick, and the card with the green background is the lead). If you didn’t suppress timing information with the little practice exercise above, then you would also have the elapsed time between bids and plays, *really* cluttering things up.

Board Copy-and-Paste Aid
Copy to clipboard with 5th button

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S	4	5	8	5	6
E	9	8	5	8	6
W	8	5	8	6	6

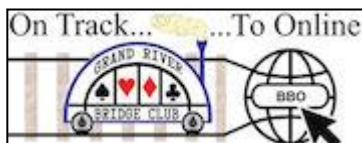
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NS 3♥x-1

W	N	E	S
♥A	♥K	♥6	♥8
♦J	♦6	♦5	♦2
♣K	♣A	♣7	♣4
♠7	♠Q	♠T	♠2
♠K	♠4	♠J	♠Q
♣5	♣3	♣J	♣K
♦3	♦9	♦T	♦8
♠T	♠A	♠2	♠8
♠7	♥J	♠5	♥3
♠Q	♠6	♠4	♠9
♠3	♠8	♠A	♠2
♠7	♠T	♦Q	♥4
♠9	♥9	♠6	♥5

The first 4 buttons on top let you rotate the table positions, so that you can put a particular hand at the bottom; the star puts declarer at the bottom.

The 5th and 6th buttons copy everything to the clipboard, so that you can save both the **bidding and play** of this particular hand (and perhaps send it to The Answer Lady)! But they are not copied in a very useable way; one format pastes into Word as a table, and the other format is HTML code for websites. Better, is to just use the screen capture tools of your computer to save this BBO Helper window as a picture.

However, there are 2 more blue clickable links **well worth knowing about** – and I will give you the full, meaty scoop of BBO-Burger Helper on them, next time!



Time You Learned our Lessons!

In the Cards

Play of the Hand (No Trump) five-week course. Instructor: Lynda Burnett. Level: **Novice**.

Venue: In our teaching room. Dates: Wednesday mornings, 9:30 am – noon, October 4, 11, 18, 25, & Nov. 1. Cost: \$75 members/ 285 non-members (\$20 optional text). Current Enrollment: 2

The Guelph Bridge Club also offers lessons. Coming up are lessons on slam bidding, defence against no trump, doubles – take-out and negative, reverses, mini-splinters, and the Meckwell game try. Click [here](#) for more information.

Continuing

- **Newcomer bridge labs** every Monday morning, 9:00 am – 11:30 am, except on holiday Mondays (no lab on Thanksgiving Day, October 9). Mini-lesson on F2F bridge etiquette by Malkin on Monday, October 2 – no extra charge! \$8 members/ \$10 non-members.



Get that Extra Trick By

Playing Card Combinations Correctly

The dummy comes down and in a side suit you have:

Dummy: A 7 6 2

Declarer: Q J 5 3

How do you play this suit to maximize the tricks you take? Think about it...

If you said to lead the Q or J or lead towards the Q or J, then you need to take this workshop.

Learn how to play card combinations and earn that extra trick.

The workshop will start with simple finessing situations and advance to frozen suits, safety plays, and more complicated plays that require the knowledge of card distribution percentages. The lesson is suitable for all novice and intermediate players.

PS If you attend, you will learn why playing the ace at Trick 1 is the correct play.

Instructor: Stephen Carpenter

Level: **Novice**

Venue: Online

Date: Friday, October 13, 9:30 am – noon

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

Current Enrollment: 2

Click [here](#) to register.

From Our Unit

Contributed by Ted Boyd

Unit 249 held its Annual General Meeting on September 10 in St. Thomas, before the Sunday Swiss Sectional. Tom Ramsay gave his final report as president stating that the unit has solid financial footing, has run four sectional tournaments and one regional tournament this year, and continues to support clubs in the unit. Elections were held for the unit board, and yours truly was elected and will assume the president's role effective immediately. The board had previously given Tom a parting gift and presented him a card with a multitude of signatures from local clubs.

The last board held its final meeting of the year on August 27 in Goderich before the Sunday Swiss Sectional. At that meeting, the board approved funding a game director's course to be held in November at the London Bridge Club and will be free for any Unit 249 member. As well, directors who wish to update their skills are welcome to attend.

The board discussed and approved in principle a policy to facilitate local sectionals (sectional tournaments that are held in clubs) agreeing to sanction local tournaments as per regular sanctioning protocol, charge a small table fee, and leave the operation to local clubs.

Ted Boyd,
El Presidente

"Do you, Linda, take David the
Optometrist to be your lawfully
wedded husband, for better or
worse? Better... or worse? Better...
or worse?"





Dear David

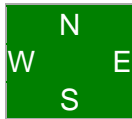
IOU 2 – The Right Stuff

Now that you have had the preamble about quantitative bids, here's one that's a little different.

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ J 6 5
♥ 10
♦ K J 10 7 4 3 2
♣ 9 7

♠ 9 3
♥ K J 9 4 2
♦ —
♣ K J 10 8 6 3



♠ A K 10 7 2
♥ 7 5 3
♦ Q 8 6 5
♣ 5

♠ Q 8 4
♥ A Q 8 6
♦ A 9
♣ A Q 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
2 ♦	2 ♥	3 ♦	4 ♥
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	?

South opens 1♣, showing two-plus clubs and 11 to 19 HCP. North's 2♥ bid promises five hearts and 8 to 11 HCP. South's 4♥ bid shows 18 or 19 HCP, since the most he should bid with 12 to 14 HCP is 3♥. Armed with that knowledge, North has a problem. If partner's hand is something like: ♠A84 ♥AQ86 ♦Q9 ♣AQ42, he could draw trumps, throw two small spades from the South hand on the fifth and sixth club and trump his little spade – making 13 tricks! So, it seems like North "owes" his partner a bid, since 6♥ has a reasonable play even if North holds the right 12 HCP: ♠A42 ♥A863 ♦32 ♣A532. It looks as if a cuebid is called for, but the only first-round control he has is in diamonds. Maybe that's a good thing. It's not unusual to cuebid aces, kings, singletons, and voids, but it would be foolish to cuebid a second-round control (king or singleton) as your very first cuebid of the auction at the five-level. South should realize that if it is a first-round control (a void), the ♦A is not useful. That reduces South's hand to an ugly 14 HCP.

On another day, the ace and king of spades would be split between the East/West hands, or West would have both and a diamond would be led. Alas, it was not to be. Down one. For future reference -- holding a "useful" void (opposite only small cards), drastically reduces the number of HCP needed to make game or slam.

Hard to believe, I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.

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

No. 122

♠ Q
 ♥ AK854
 ♦ AQ972
 ♣ AQ



♠ AK9
 ♥ 9
 ♦ 108654
 ♣ J862

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	6♦
All pass			

Sitting South, I was declaring a 6♦ contract and received the ♥10 opening lead. Dummy's ♥K won the trick, East following suit. If you were in my shoes, what would you do now?


SOLUTION

The only suit you need to fear is the trump suit, in that if you manage to lose only one trump, your contract is in the bank. It is important to bear in mind that **if you and your partner have distributional hands, your opponents are likely to have distributional hands too**. Now remember that West chose a heart for his opening lead even though your partner had bid hearts. That should set off alarm bells! It is overwhelmingly likely that the ♥10 is a singleton.

You have to tackle trump right away to ward off a ruff. Furthermore, you can't let East in lest he give his partner a ruff.

So, to prevent such a nightmare you should lay down the ♦A at Trick 2! This play gives you a 95% chance of making your contract - since the only lie of the cards that will defeat it is the one where East holds all three outstanding trumps. And if this is the case, there is no way you can make your contract.

Here is the full hand.

	♠ Q	
	♥ AK854	
	♦ AQ972	
	♣ AQ	
♠ 108765432		♠ J
♥ 10		♥ QJ7632
♦ J		♦ K3
♣ 1093		♣ K754
	♠ AK9	
	♥ 9	
	♦ 108654	
	♣ J862	

If you don't get the kiddies off the street right away and instead start trying to dance between the raindrops in the side suits, West's heart shortness and East's spade shortness could easily lead to your contract's death by a thousand ruffs. Well, maybe not a thousand, but enough to put you down.

When dealing with distributional hands, you should usually KISS your cards – **Keep It Simple, Stupid.**

Imagine you're traveling and opening your passport at the airport and boom!!!..... 🤔🤔🤔



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 August.

Open Players			499er Players			99er Players		
	Name	MP		Name	MP		Name	MP
1	David Baker	41.86	1	Denis Williams	9.68	1	Doug Fickling	6.68
2	Cindy Mahn	22.33	1	Regina Williams	9.68	2	Mark Sherwood	6.41
3	Mike Peng	20.65	3	Lynda Burnett	9.59	3	Rick Arthur	5.56
4	Edith Ferber	19.59	4	Nancy Cattanach	8.79	4	Debbie Miethig	4.63
5	Roy Dandyk	14.80	5	Bev Hitchman	8.13	5	Russel Kerr	4.27
6	Margot Stockie	14.60	6	Lori Cole	7.70	6	Peter Gaasenbeek	4.23
7	Ted Boyd	13.78	7	Jim Dalgliesh	7.39	7	JP Fraresso	4.17
8	Moira Hollingsworth	13.34	8	Jack Cole	6.90	8	Brian Gaber	4.02
9	Stephen Young	12.20	9	David Dennis	6.62	9	Jane Wilson	3.96
10	Neil Jeffrey	11.84	10	Elinor Girouard	6.57	9	Paul Raymond	3.96
11	Robert Griffiths	11.56	11	Nanci Phelan	6.35	11	Randall DeKraker	3.25
12	Scott Hills	11.12	12	Janice Pengelly	6.30	12	Pat Pietrek	2.93
13	Dave Embury	10.13	13	Sue Moses	5.92	13	Audrey Cook	2.80
14	Kathy Russell	9.53	14	Joe Blake	5.79	14	Joan Stroud	2.65
15	Ed Hills	9.40	15	John Kip	5.79	15	Nancy Kennedy	2.49
16	Neil Coburn	8.90	16	Anita Hanson	5.73	16	Pat Northey	2.42
17	David Longstaff	8.45	17	Andy Wilson	5.61	17	Kathy Chandler	2.33
18	Diane Bourdeau	8.10	18	Barbara Arthur	4.78	18	Julia Prendiville	2.23
19	Steve Carpenter	7.34	19	Michael Pengelly	4.75	19	Larry Brooks	2.00
20	Adriaan Kempe	7.06	20	Kevin Latter	4.68	20	Louise Dawdy	1.91
21	Suzanne Edwards	6.86	21	Pat McDonald	4.63	21	Carol Gerber	1.89
22	Malkin Howes	6.80	22	Bob Giiick	4.53	21	Judy Johnston	1.89
23	Wayne Schroeder	6.34	23	Renate Boucher	4.51	23	Jeannie Leforge	1.78
24	Dianne Aves	5.42	24	Judy Widdecombe	4.37	24	Karen Young	1.60
25	Tom Ramsay	4.89	25	Lissa Lowes	4.33	24	Jean Stevens	1.60

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.

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 We play with all our **hearts**.
 We treat our members like **diamonds**.
 We cleaned up our **club**.