



PLAY AND LEARN BRIDGE IN A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

ALERT – November 23, 2020

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 October.

Open Players			499er Players			99er Players		
	Name	MP		Name	MP		Name	MP
1	David Baker	47.20	1	Mary McClelland	13.80	1	Suzanne Edwards	15.42
2	Cindy Mahn	31.69	2	Stephen Nantes	13.22	2	Shelley Metcalfe	10.70
3	Margot Stockie	30.31	3	Kathy Russell	12.51	3	Barbara Arthur	10.19
4	Robert Griffiths	28.84	4	David Embury	12.36	4	Nanci Phelan	9.08
5	Mike Peng	24.39	4	Roy Dandyk	12.36	5	Joan Slover	8.15
6	Edith Ferber	22.34	6	Sandy Graham	12.28	6	Andy Martinek	6.64
7	Moira Hollingsworth	21.32	7	Brian Kirkconnell	11.10	7	Steven Allen	6.54
8	Colin Harrington	17.93	8	Janet Howell	11.03	7	Joe Blake	6.54
9	Diane Bourdeau	15.28	9	Keith Prosser	9.66	9	Susan McDonald	6.41
10	Malkin Howes	15.26	10	Brian Silva	9.43	10	Susan Kerrigan	6.19
11	Dianne Aves	15.03	11	Sue Moses	9.27	11	Salvatore Pace	5.53
12	David Longstaff	14.52	11	Brenda Semple	9.27	11	Marion Allan	5.53
13	Liz McDowell	14.48	13	David Dennis	9.18	13	Edward Murphy	5.23
14	Tom Ramsay	14.12	14	Judy Widdecombe	9.07	14	Connie Green	5.20
15	Stephen Young	13.92	14	Vivian McLellan	9.07	15	John Kip	5.15
16	Stephen Carpenter	13.22	16	Ron Lawrence	8.72	16	Robert Gillick	4.98
17	Neil Jeffrey	12.24	17	Cheryl White	8.01	17	Noah Pace	4.78
18	Bruce Roberts	11.35	18	Keith Latter	7.89	18	Marlene Dopko	4.71
19	Peggy Pearson	11.18	19	John Hanemaayer	7.64	19	Casey Baron	4.60
20	Pat McMillan	10.86	20	Dave Leitch	7.26	20	Denise Ontonovich	4.20
21	Ted Boyd	9.21	21	Sue Peterson	7.02	21	Nancy Cattanaach	4.17
22	Adrian Record	8.74	22	Lori Cole	6.99	22	Martin Jones	3.94
23	Kandis Smith	8.63	23	Fred Young	6.94	23	Virginia Alviano	3.93
24	Sharon King	8.42	24	Mildred McQuillin	6.61	24	Anita Hanson	3.87
25	John Moser	7.86	25	Sue Voll	6.22	24	Barb Neibert	3.87

Christmas Party Zoom

See and talk to your fellow players after the second session on December 12 on Zoom! Send an email to DearDavidBridge@hotmail.com by December 11 to sign-up and receive the Zoom link.



All bridge players should be buried with honours.

Stardust Week Returns

All this week, our games will award DOUBLE masterpoints, and they will be $\frac{1}{4}$ gold and $\frac{3}{4}$ black. Due to the ACBL's surcharges, our club will be charging **\$BBO 7 per game**.



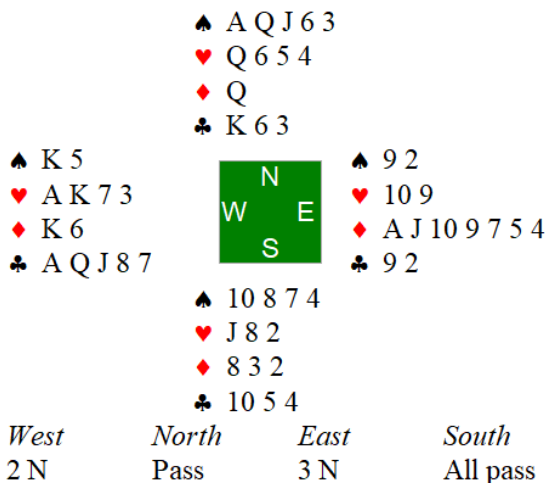
Greed is a Terrible Thing

Contributed by Robert Griffiths

West was a greedy matchpoint player who was always after an extra trick. The auction was simple: West opened 2NT and East raised him to 3NT. North knew from the auction and his 14 HCP that there could be almost nothing left for South.

Board 4

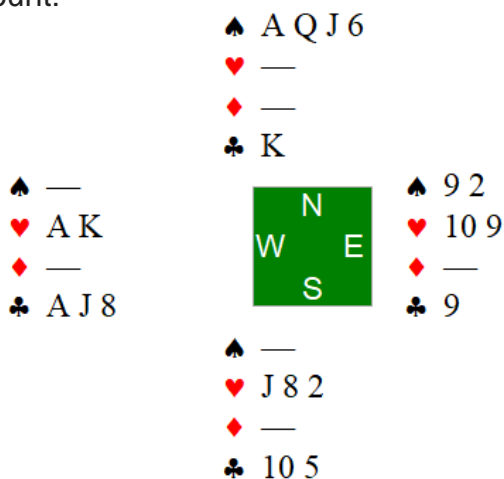
West Deals
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Looking for a neutral opening lead, North tried the ♦Q. It didn't give anything away but it removed any worries that West had about the diamond suit.

Now, West started scheming. Perhaps the ♣K would be as easy to find as the ♦Q. He could count seven diamond tricks, two hearts, and one club, but the lead gave him ideas. He won Trick 1 with Dummy's ace, dropping his king under it. Next, he led a club to his queen. North had a good idea where this was going and smoothly played his ♣3, declining the club trick. After winning the first club, West led his ♦6 to Dummy and ran all of his diamond tricks. West considered which five cards he wanted left in his hand after the run of the diamonds. He decided to abandon spades and thus kept the ace and king of hearts and the AJ8 of clubs. He could see 12 tricks after another successful club finesse, perhaps 13 if they split. North kept four spades and the unguarded ♣K.

Here we are after the run of the diamonds. Note that South didn't throw any of his clubs away, just in case Declarer could count:



Of course when West came off the Dummy with a club finessing his jack, North won the king and set the contract with four spade tricks

Only now did West consider that it would have been a better plan to cash his two heart tricks before running the diamonds, at least making his contract with an overtrick (still a poor matchpoint score)

Did this actually happen? No, but it might have. I was West, and on the lead of the ♦Q, I was too sleepy to realise that I now had two entries to the Dummy and could take the club finesse twice. Greed might have led me astray.

👉 **Greed has been the downfall of many a poor man (and woman).**



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Learning the Lingo – RUN THIS CARD

Contributed by Jean Farhood

The expression that we will examine today is “declarer runs this card to dummy’s jack of hearts”.

Let’s say that in the play of the hand - either in a suit contract or no trump contract - declarer’s right-hand opponent (RHO) leads a small heart.

If declarer holds ♥AQx and dummy holds ♥Jxx, declarer will “run the heart” to dummy’s ♥J.

This simply means that declarer will not play either of the honours in her hand, basically finessing RHO for the ♥K.

Declarer hopes that RHO has led from the ♥K and by so doing declarer will not lose any heart tricks. Of course, LHO could have the ♥K, and in that case declarer was always going to lose a trick to the king of hearts.

By running the small heart to dummy’s ♥J, declarer optimizes her chances for three heart tricks instead of two.



Dear David

How should we have bid this hand?

This question is a favourite of those that come to me with strange hands. I frequently tell them that the answer is that there is no answer. Everyone flails about and half the players are thrilled with their score and the other half are sad, sad, sad. These hands are exciting, however, and lead to a lively discussion in the Zoom party after the Friday night game. Here is the hand in question.

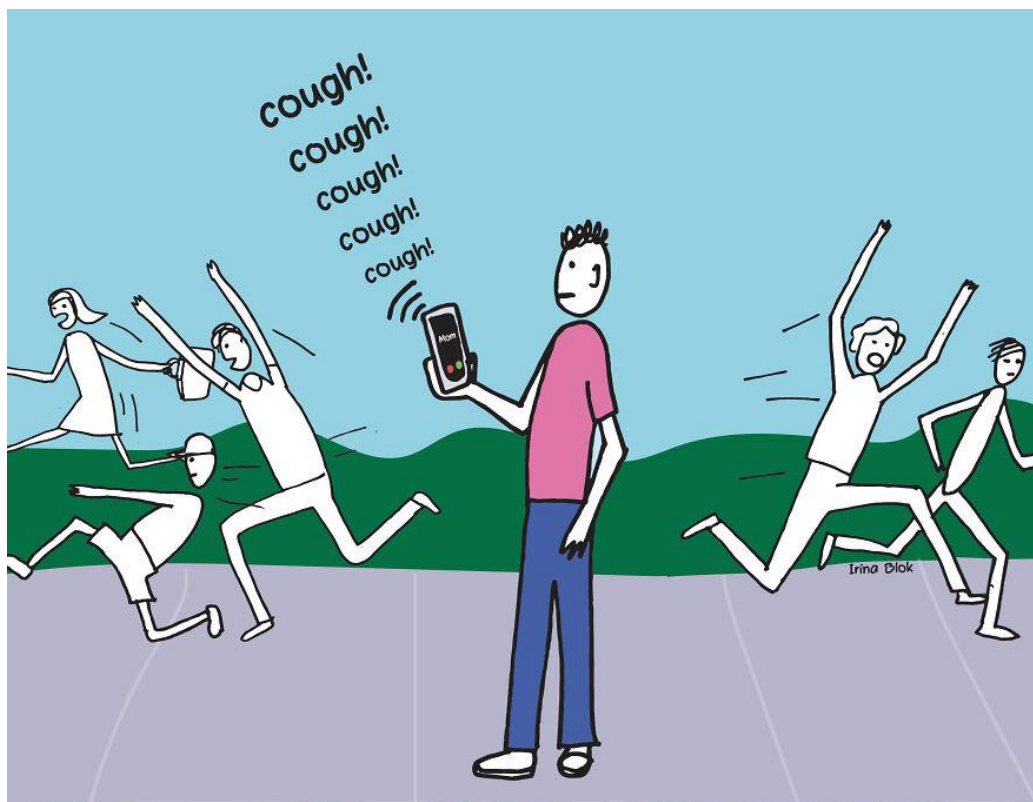
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Here is what happened at my table. Our opponents were in 7♥ doubled, down three. Curiously, with West on lead 6♠ is impregnable on a red suit lead (I'll leave it to you to play it out.) We bid 6♠ partly because both of us were enamoured with our heart void. 😊 East made a sneaky (but excellent) pass after her partner showed five hearts! Whether you were on the winning or losing side of this hand, it was fun. Here are the table results.

27	4♠Nx=	590	100%	0%
27	7♥Wx-3	500	78.6%	21.4%
27	7♥Wx-3	500	78.6%	21.4%
27	5♥Wx-1	100	50%	50%
27	6♥Wx-1	100	50%	50%
27	5♥W-1	50	21.4%	78.6%
27	5♥E-1	50	21.4%	78.6%
27	6♠Nx-1	100	0%	100%

New ACBL Initiatives

- If you have tried to turn your children and grandchildren on to bridge, you will know that it is a very uphill battle. They much prefer to play video games. So now the ACBL has launched [Tricky Bridge](#), a new and exciting online bridge game with multiple levels that range from teaching bridge to beginners to playing games (online or offline) to competing in duplicate tournaments.
 - As you know, there are lots of social bridge players who have no interest in duplicate bridge – too competitive! For them, the ACBL has [Social Bridge Online \(Bridge with Friends\)](#) – aka Trickster Bridge. Although Trickster Bridge is not as good as BBO (at least from the point of view of duplicate bridge players), nevertheless it provides a comfortable and friendly online environment where players can talk to their friends and see their faces as they play bridge.
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Social distancing ringtone

Guelph Christmas Party

Just a reminder that the Guelph Bridge Club is having its annual Christmas party on Saturday, November 28. This year it will be an easy commute – from your living room to your computer! All GRBC members are more than welcome. There will be three flights – open, 0-499, and 0-99. Two sessions, single session entries welcome. Because the party falls in Stardust Week, gold points will be available at no extra cost (the \$BBO5 fee is the club's Christmas present to you). Overall winners will receive LCBO gift certificates. Click [here](#) for more information.

LESSONS NOT YET LEARNED



Tips for Extra Tricks

There is still time to sign up for this **novice/intermediate** workshop on Wednesday, December 2, 9:30 am – noon. The teacher is Stephen Carpenter. Want to earn an extra trick as declarer? Then this is the workshop for you! This workshop will focus on techniques like loser-on-loser plays, making the opponents lead the suit you want, safety plays, and keeping the dangerous opponent off lead.



Declarer Puzzles

This is an ALL PLAY workshop for intermediate players who will be challenged to solve a series of tricky but makeable contracts. This workshop is only for people who like to laugh (and cry) a lot. Your genial host will be Malkin.

Level: **Intermediate**

Instructor: Malkin Howes

Fee: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 9:30 am - noon



2021 Winter Lessons

The schedule for winter lessons is up on our website now. Click [here](#) for information about Learn Bridge in a Day and the beginner lessons. Click [here](#) for the workshops for advancing players.

Players who sign up for one or more of the intermediate winter lessons will receive a free bonus - Barbara Seagram's fantastic Zoom lesson on the two over one bidding system, along with extensive lesson notes.

Click [here](#) for more information about our lessons and to register and [here](#) for information about paying.



John Hayward

We are very sad to report the death of John Hayward, a member of our club almost from the beginning and a member of our board of directors at one point.

John grew up in England where he played whist. Later he joined the military, switching over to bridge in Panama when his fiancée's parents needed a fourth. John had lots of hobbies and pastimes, being an avid squash player, a movie buff, and a Sudoku and cryptic crossword addict. The above photo shows John being his usual relaxed self.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Coming Virtual Activities at our Club

- Friday, November 20, 1:00 pm, **499er game** (26-28 boards)
- Friday, November 20, 7:00 pm, **open game** (26-28 boards)
- Saturday, November 21, 1:00 pm, **199er game** (20-22 boards)
- Sunday, November 22, 10:00 am, **499er game** (18 boards) 
- Monday, November 23, 12:30 pm, **49er game** (18 boards @ 8 minutes) \$BBO7
- Monday, November 23, 1:00 pm, **open game** (26-28 boards) \$BBO7
- Monday, November 23, 7:00 pm, **499er game** (24 boards) \$BBO7
- Tuesday, November 24, 12:30 pm, **199er game** (20-22 boards) \$BBO7
- Tuesday, November 24, 1:00 pm, **open game** (26-28 boards) \$BBO7
- Wednesday, November 25, 1:00 pm, **499er game** (26-28 boards) \$BBO7
- Wednesday, November 25, 6:45 pm, **199er game** (20-22 boards) \$BBO7 
- Wednesday, November 25, 7:00 pm, **open game** (24 boards) \$BBO7
- Thursday, November 26, 9:30 am, **99er game** (20-22 boards) \$BBO7
- Thursday, November 26, 1:00 pm, **open game** (26-28 boards) \$BBO7
- Saturday, November 28, **Guelph Christmas Party**
- Saturday, December 12, **GRBC Christmas Party**

We have fun in **spades**.
We play with all our **hearts**.
We treat our members like **diamonds**.
It's Stardust Week at our **club**.