



Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club

NEW MEMBER WELCOME NEWSLETTER

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Dear New Member,

On behalf of the entire Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club, welcome to KDBC!

KDBC is Kingston's oldest and largest duplicate bridge club. We are a member-owned and member-operated, not-for-profit bridge club. We run almost entirely on the volunteer efforts of our members, all of whom are dedicated to preserving and growing the wonderful game of bridge.

We are thrilled you are going to be playing bridge with us! Welcome to the Club!

Sincerely,

Jock Devonshire

President, KDBC Board of Directors



A little bit about KDBC...

Founded in 1957, KDBC is Kingston's largest bridge club. We welcome players of all skill-levels, and offer mentor programs and lessons for new-to-bridge and developing players. We have an active partnership program to help find you a partner for our games.

KDBC is a member-owned, not-for-profit organization. KDBC is a member of, and sanctioned by, the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL). We are lucky to have a cadre of very experienced game directors.

KDBC offers in-person (face-to-face or F2F) games as well as on-line club games via the Bridge Base Online (BBO) platform. At the time of publication, regular F2F games cost \$8 CDN per person, and BBO games cost \$5 US per person. Special games may have an added premium, depending on charges imposed on us by the ACBL.

Our club website has loads of useful information: our game schedule, game results, newsletters, lesson information, etc.

Our website is the best place to check for the most up-to-date information on special games, any last-minute schedule changes, and special events.

Visit the KDBC Club website at:

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/kdbc/>

Let's Play Bridge!



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PAIRS GAMES & GAME TIMES



Like every organization, KDBC was dramatically changed by the lock-downs and the COVID pandemic. Before the pandemic, we played in-person bridge 5 days a week at our club site. When the pandemic hit, we pivoted to holding our club games exclusively on-line on the Bridge Base Online (BBO) platform. We are now in the transition phase—returning to some in-person games and maintaining some on-line games on BBO. It's a new world for bridge clubs! Below is our schedule (as of printing in January, 2023) but we ask members to check our website for up-to-date game times, of all types. We also email members regularly with updates on Club activities, schedule changes, etc., so check your in-box regularly!

In-Person, F2F Open Games* (\$8 CDN pp)**

Wednesdays, 1:00 pm

RCAFA (416 Wing) Club
200 Hampton Gray Gate, Kingston
(at the airport)

Space is limited! Please pre-register for all F2F games at KDBCpartners@gmail.com

Let us know if you have a partner (and who they are) or if you need one.

Parking is free at the RCAFA Club.



- * we will run a limited I/N section if numbers allow.
- ** game prices subject to change.
- *** how to join our BBO game is on the fourth page.

On-line Games on BBO*** (\$5 US pp)**

Open Games

Mondays, 1:15 or 7:00 pm Tuesdays, 1:15 pm
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm Thursdays, 9:30 am
Fridays, 1:15 pm Sundays, 7:00 pm

Limited Games

Fridays, 1:05 pm (0-750 mps)

Mentor Games

Limited Intermediate Mentor Game, third Monday of each month at 6:50 pm. Please contact Suzanne Ryan (KBBC I/N Coordinator) at misssryan44@gmail.com to register, or for more information.

Open Mentor Game, first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Club at bridgecentrekingston@gmail.com to register, or for more information.

Up-to-date game information is always on the KDBC Club website at:

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/kdbc/>



**We run special games (team, IMPs, etc) from time-to-time.
We also host occasional Regional & Sectional Tournaments locally.**



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INTERMEDIATE & NOVICE PLAYERS



♣ Intermediate and Novice Players

KDBC runs an active program for Intermediate and Novice (I/N) Players. You are the game's future!

Suzanne Ryan is KDBC's I/N Representative. She coordinates Novice and Intermediate Players for in-person and on-line games, and partnerships.

She coaches players in Duplicate Rules/Etiquette to prepare them for Duplicate games.

Suzanne also organizes the monthly Limited Intermediate Mentor Games for developing players who wish to be mentored by experienced Intermediate Players. These games are in the evening, 3rd Monday of the month.

If you are interested in participating in any aspect of our I/N program, please contact Suzanne. You can reach Suzanne at misssryan44@gmail.com or **613-572-4895**.

KDBC also runs an Open Mentor Game on the first Thursday of each month. Mentors are unlimited, and Mentees must have < 500 mps. Please contact the Club at bridgecentrekingston@gmail.com to register.

♦ Lessons & Education

In addition to the programs run by Suzanne (see above), KDBC offers lessons from time-to-time. Our teaching schedule and links to a variety of educational information is on our website (under the education tab at the left on the homepage) at:

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwop/bw.cgi?club=kdbc&pid=display_page16

♥ Why Play Duplicate Bridge?

"Bridge – the ultimate partnership game – is a game of skill, communication and infinite possibilities. Worldwide, millions of people play it at home. Many also play "duplicate bridge" in clubs and tournaments to enjoy its social and competitive aspects. Duplicate contract bridge, in which each competitor or team plays identical hands under similar conditions, is the main form of competitive bridge."*

Duplicate bridge is a variation of contract bridge where the same set of hands are played by different competitors, and scoring is based on relative performance. Usually, the North-South players will play the same set of N-S hands, and likewise the East-West players will play the same set of E-W hands. As a result, every hand, whether the cards are good or bad, is played in competition with others playing identical cards. The final scores are calculated by comparing all players who played the same cards, and therefore skill plays a large role in the final outcome, rather than the luck of the cards which players are dealt.

"A challenging and rewarding card game, bridge draws players of all ages and walks of life – from Bill Gates and Warren Buffett to astronaut Greg "Box" Johnson."*



* source: ACBL

♠ The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) ♠

"Founded in 1937, ACBL is the largest bridge organization in North America, serving over 165,000 members. Every year, we sanction over 3.5 million tables of bridge, played in more than 3,000 bridge clubs and 1,100 sectional and regional tournaments, plus one million tables played online."*

The ACBL has just launched a FREE Guest Membership for new members. Please remember to add KDBC as your recruiter when you register (club # 134494). Click here to see all the benefits you'll get for free <https://www.acbl.org/membership/> and then sign up at this link: www.acbl.org/guest-join

Sign up today! Once you're a Guest Member, you can truly see all that the bridge world has to offer.



Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club HELPFUL HINTS & HELPFUL FOLKS



♣ Do You Need a Partner? ♦



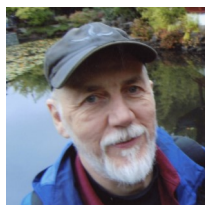
KDBC can help you find a partner for our games. Just email KDBCpartners@gmail.com and leave a message. Someone will get back to you! There is an active link on our website to this email as well.

♥ Do You Need Help to Join our On-line Games on BBO? ♠

KDBC's website has comprehensive step-by-step instructions on how to join our on-line BBO games. Click on the tab on the left "Playing Online" or go to https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwop/bw.cgi?club=kdbc&pid=display_page17

If you want to play in any of our BBO limited games, you'll need to join ACBL, if you are not already a member. See the previous page for information on joining ACBL.

MEET THE 2022-2023 KDBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Jock Devonshire*
President



John Gerretsen
Past President



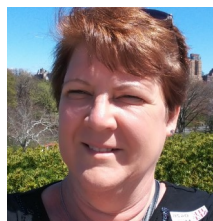
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* Game Director

** Non-voting Board Member

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Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club NEW MEMBER APPLICATION



PLEASE COMPLETE ALL 3 SECTIONS. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE #: _____

Please indicate if this is a cell phone or land line

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

ACBL STATUS

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE (ACBL) information. Please indicate one:

I am an ACBL Member and my ACBL Membership # is _____

I am not an ACBL Member, but please send me information on how to join ACBL.

I am not an ACBL Member and am not interested at this time.

BBO STATUS

BRIDGE BASE ONLINE (BBO) information. Please indicate one:

I am registered on BBO and my BBO username is _____

I am not registered on BBO, but please send me information on how to join BBO.

I am not registered on BBO and am not interested at this time.

IMPORTANT INFO

Let's Play Bridge!



- ♣ Membership dues: FREE for 2023.
- ♦ New Members receive one voucher for a free play in a F2F game.
- ♥ New Members receive a choice of a complimentary bridge book (while supplies last).
- ♠ You do not need an ACBL # to play in our F2F games or our open BBO games. You do need an ACBL # to play in our online "limited level" BBO club games and to accumulate ACBL master points in any game.

PLEASE SCAN AND EMAIL FORM TO KDBC OR BRING TO DIRECTOR AT ANY F2F GAME
GAME SCHEDULE & CLUB INFO on our website at <https://www.bridgewebs.com/kdbc/>
ANY QUESTIONS? email us at bridgecentrekingston@gmail.com

ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY	Date	Initials
Entered into M'ship roll	_____	_____
M'ship dues collected	NA for 2023 _____	_____
Welcome package sent	_____	_____
Free Play Voucher issued	_____	_____
Complimentary book issued	_____	_____
Requested ACBL info sent	_____	_____
Requested BBO info sent	_____	_____