



### What is The Common Game?

ACBL Board member Jay Whipple, III and his team at [The Common Game](#) (TCG) run a series of bridge games where performance and attendance are rewarded. Clubs all over North America play the same set of hands from a common library for morning, afternoon, and evening games. Visit ["Where in the World"](#) to see what clubs participate in *The Common Game*

The deals are created completely randomly with [BridgeComposer](#) software. TCG uses the option in BridgeComposer of employing Hans van Staveren's Big Deal algorithm, the use of which is required for World Bridge Federation and European Bridge League events. For a bit of background on Big Deal, visit <http://sater.home.xs4all.nl/doc.html>. Even so, some have questioned the randomness of TCG deals. [Click here for statistics](#).

Currently both the Monday morning and Thursday evening games in Kelso take part in TCG. In Vancouver, all sessions except the Tuesday and Friday evening games that start at 7 pm participate. TCG originates in Florida, so west coast evening games must start by 6:30 pm for security reasons. Also because of the time difference, the LBC and VBC morning games use the TCG afternoon deals.

### The benefits to you are:

- » A personal page is created that keeps track of your partners, games, and results
- » Hand analysis by experts is available for some of the hands you played
- » You can compare scores and ranking with many other players throughout the country who play the same hands

### What you need to do:

- » Nothing! You get the same Masterpoints as normal. You see your daily results online the same way as usual (from the [VBC results page](#)).
- » To view your personal page, go to [thecommongame.com](http://thecommongame.com) and login with your ACBL number.
- » To view nationwide results for a **day game**, go [here](#).
- » To view nationwide results for a **nite game**, go [here](#).

### What you need to know:

- » The Common Game answers Frequently Asked Questions at [here](#).
- » There are some great Common Game tutorials [here](#).
- » If the game is a Howell, and you are stationary, your scores will be under N/S or E/W not "Howellers."
- » If the game has fewer than four players over 500 masterpoints, it is considered a 299er game.
- » If you have fewer than 300 masterpoints you will show up in the 299er results.
- » If you have fewer than 300 masterpoints and play in an open game, you may show up both places (open and 299er).

### How can I display my picture on the TCG results pages:

Submit a photo you like to [the administrator](#).