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London Bridge Centre Newsletter

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Virtual Club Games

LBC

Monday	6:45	Open
Tuesday	9:15	Open
Wednesday	9:15	0-500
Thursday	9:15	Open

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Tuesday	7:00	Open
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LBC members welcome

Join or Renew Your Membership



It's Easy !!

Current members may renew their memberships online using the e-transfer feature of their financial service provider. **New members:** Membership Application forms are available at the club or you may print the Member Application form and bring it to the club or mail it to the club with a cheque (if you don't use the e-Transfer feature). E-transfer instructions are available on our website.

After our new membership year begins on July 1st, all non-members will pay a game fee of \$9. For the best value, it's recommended that you renew or purchase your membership before July 1st.

Good News - Registration No Longer Required

There is no need to register for any of our face-to-face games effective Monday, May 16th. Thank you for your consideration with past registrations while we made the transition back to games at the club.

If you need a partner, you can login to Pianola (front page of our website) and click on Partner Finder where you will find instructions.

OR

You can contact Kim Hauley about our Partnership Desk. For more information, [click here...](#)

A Change in Our Online Schedule

The Saturday afternoon 0-200 MP game is being cancelled for the summer effective immediately. We hope to run this game in the fall when cooler weather brings people indoors.

We are currently looking for another time to run this online game, possibly in the evenings. For those who play in the 0-100 and 0-200 MP games, be on the look out for further information.

News from the ACBL



Click [here](#) to access the latest news

Are you ready for a serious relationship. [Read](#) how bridge is like a romantic relationship.



Canadian Bridge Federation

Reminder next CBF BBO monthly game – Saturday, May 21st

Please join us for our next BBO game May 21st .

CBF 499er Game \$5 1:00 p.m. EDT (20 boards)

CBF Open Game \$6 1:15 p.m. EDT (24 boards)

To find the game please go to Virtual Clubs then select All Clubs and type CBF in the search and our games will show up. If you have any trouble registering, please let the Director know by clicking on the vacb button to the left of the name of the game. For more information, please see our website cbf.ca

Registration is now Open for COPC and CIPC

Our premiere pair events, the Canadian Open Pairs Championship (June 4 & 5) and the Canadian IMP Pairs Championship (June 11 & 12) will be played on BBO. Pairs must register on our website, as registration will not be available on BBO. The registration deadline is **May 31** for the COPC and June 7 for the CIPC. [Register now](#)

The cost is \$80 per pair per day. Pairs who qualify for the second day will pay for day 2 on our website when they find out they qualified.

Prizes for the COPC and CIPC are in the form of CBF Credits which can be used for entries to CBF events. Your entry fees will be refunded and the remainder will be awarded as CBF credits.

1st Place: 1st place pair receives \$1,000 CBF credit

2nd Place: 2nd place pair receives \$700 CBF credit

3rd Place: 3rd place pair receives \$300 CBF credit

The entry fees will be refunded and the pair will split the remainder as credits towards future CBC or CBF Online Team League entries.

Canadian Bridge Championships Continue

Our Championships continue on RealBridge with the Mixed teams round robin finals May 21-23 and the Senior team Championships May 27-30. Participants should look on our website for practice sessions on RealBridge. We have added a number of [new dates](#).

Remember that you can kibitz these events on the RealBridge kibitz server:

kibitz.realbridge.online. Look for CBF CMTC in the list of upcoming broadcasts. Kibitzing will be available starting at approximately 12:30 p.m. EST on Friday. [More information](#).

Results, times and teams are available on the [Championship website](#).



In Case You Have Forgotten...

(This is the second in a series about etiquette and protocol at the bridge table)

Play of the Hand

Say 'thank you' to your partner when he/she puts the dummy on the table.

You, as the opening leader, may ask for any review of the bidding, before you make your opening lead. Remember to lead by laying the card face down on the table and **then** write the contract on your scoresheet. This prevents irregularities such as leading out of turn. After the initial face down lead, all players, except dummy, may request a review of the auction and an explanation of any alerted calls.

If you are sitting in the north seat, lead first **before** entering the contract into the Bridgemates.

Other players may ask for a review of the auction at their first opportunity to play.

Do not SNAP your cards down on the table. This can damage the cards which can, in turn, affect the functioning of the automated card dealer.

Do not detach a card from your hand before it is your turn to play.

Do not pull up a card, push it back into your hand and then pull up another card.

Never rearrange your hand when you are out of a suit. This will provide additional information to your opponents and your partner.

You have the right to inspect the cards that have been played on the current trick as long as your card remains face up. Once all cards have been turned over (facedown) no one can ask to see the cards that were played.

At the end of a hand, ensure that you do not gather up your cards until the result is agreed upon with the opponents.

North, before entering the result into Bridgemates, you must present it to East/West for their acceptance.

Do not look at your opponent's or partner's cards after the hand has been played without their permission.

Most importantly, avoid any behaviour that would make anyone (especially newer players) feel uncomfortable.

Profile – Deb Ellison - Board Member

Where were you born? I was born in Key West, Florida while my father was in the U.S. Navy. He got discharged when I was three months old so I have no memories of that place!

Where did you go to elementary school? My father got transferred quite a bit when I was young so I actually attended three elementary schools in various parts of New Jersey. We moved to the Chicago area just before I went into grade 9 and I stayed there for 6 years until I married and came to Canada.



What was your first job? I worked as a server for a catering company. It probably wasn't legal since I was only 14!

What job did you hold the longest in your working career? I spent quite a few years in school so my working career was fairly short. Probably my longest job was the one I retired from as Quality Assurance and Research Manager for Family and Children's Services in Elgin County. I also did work in that capacity for Windsor-Essex CAS and Sarnia-Lambton CAS.

In how many cities have you lived? I have lived in 11 cities if I get to count London twice.

What was your best vacation? This is hard because I am an avid traveler! The best was probably Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. We spent a week in Melbourne attending the Australian Open tennis, a week in New Zealand hiking the Milford track and four days on the beach in Fiji. A close second was a trip to South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

How old were you when you first started playing bridge? I was 19 when I sort of learned the game. I worked in an office with four men who played every lunch hour. If one had an errand to run, I was conscripted to fill in. That was very stressful and I remember praying with every hand that I would have no points so I could just pass!

How did you find LBC? I was encouraged to try coming out by my friends, Carol and Ken Wigle and Ruth Edwards. It was a very good move as I have made so many new friends that I will treasure for many years.

What motivated you to become a Board member? I believe that as a volunteer-based organization, we all have an obligation to contribute so when I was asked I saw this as my opportunity to give back.

What has surprised you most about being a Board member? I guess I hadn't realized how much work our founding members put in to establishing the club and keep it running. I know it didn't just happen by magic but the work that a small group of volunteers has given is astonishing. I thank them for making our jobs as the second generation of Board members so much easier!

What have you found most challenging? Trying to find the right balance as we reopen the club. It takes a lot of thought and patience and certainly is a work in progress. The reopening committee has done an excellent job.

What do you like best about LBC? Hands down the people! What a great group we have. I have especially appreciated the encouragement that more experienced players show to those of us taking up competitive bridge for the first time.

Tell us about your other hobbies. I am an avid reader and love to knit, although my knitting mojo seems to have waned over the pandemic. I also enjoy working out, Pilates, and am just trying out yoga.

What would people be surprised to know about you? I have taken a serious liking to boxing! I am not ready to enter the ring any time soon, but boy hitting the pads or the bag is satisfying.



NEW RANK ACHIEVEMENTS

To check out all new rank achievements, click [here](#).



New Junior Master
New Junior Master
New Club Master

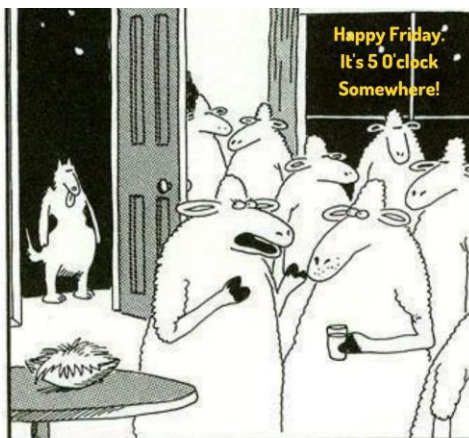
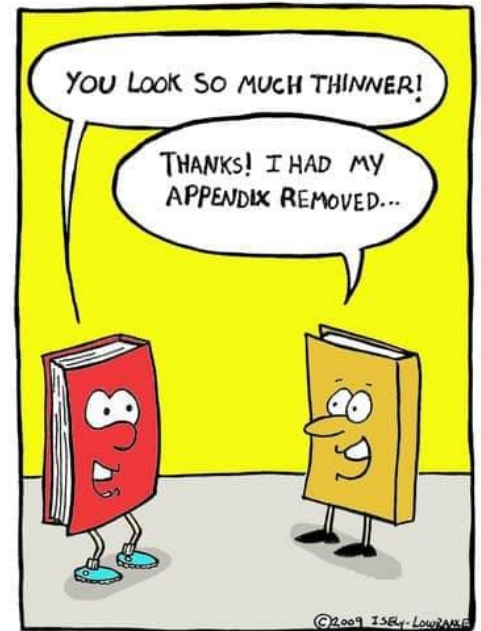
Sheila Handler
Anne Toal
Lydia Lee

Please note: There can be a delay of about two months before rank achievements are confirmed by ACBL and reported to LBC.

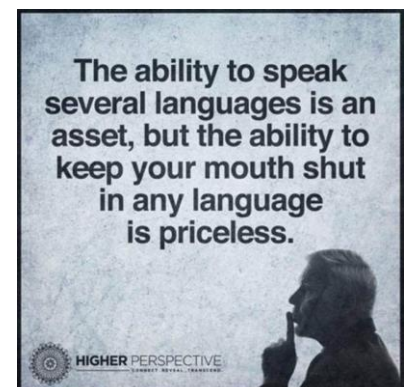
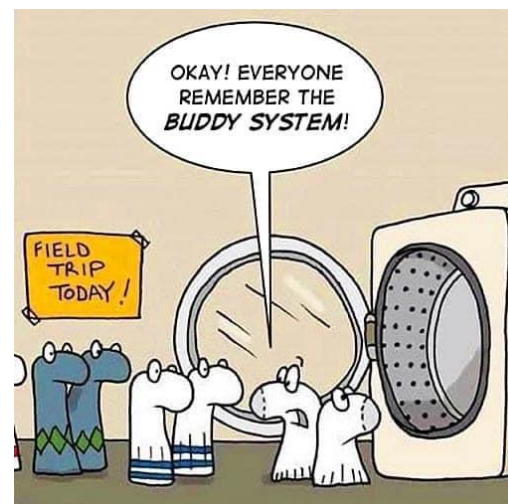
TO MAKE YOU SMILE



THANKS FOR
TEACHING ME
THE MEANING OF
-PLETHORA-
IT MEANS A LOT



"Henry! Our party's total chaos! No one knows when to eat, where to stand, what to ... Oh, thank God! Here comes a border collie!"



COLUMBIA EMPLOYEE STORE INVITATION

Columbia Employee Store Invitation Details:

- **London Bridge Club** offer is valid **May 20th - June 12th!**
- Store is stocked with current season products from our family of brands – Columbia, Mountain Hardwear, SOREL and prAna – **items are priced up to 50% off retail.**
- For store access, please provide your digital invite from the next page(printed or shown on your mobile device) and **LBC name tag (those without name tags should show the original email with the invite along with photo ID)**
- Invitees may bring up to four additional guests with each visit
- This offer is for store access (not valid online)

Find store location and hours on the invite.

Please note the store will be closed on Monday, May 23rd in observance of Victoria Day.



INVITE EXCLUSIVELY FOR:
London Bridge Club

ITEMS ARE MARKED UP TO 50% OFF RETAIL PRICING

VALID DATES

05/20/2022 - 06/12/2022

VALID FOR YOU + 4 GUESTS

WHAT TO BRING

- **THIS INVITATION**
- **PHOTO I.D.**
- **PROOF OF AFFILIATION**
*business card | membership card |
company email signature | pay stub |
original email | other form of affiliation*

LOCATION & HOURS

1-1425 Max Brose Dr
London, ON N6N 0A2

MON-FRI: 10AM - 8PM

SAT: 9:30AM - 6PM

SUN: 10AM - 5PM

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Observance of Victoria Day



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Peter's Lesson



Peter Tuttle

It has been tremendous to see so many of you at the Tuesday afternoon Bridge Lab at LBC.
My lesson today is based on a comment I frequently hear.
Those Darn Reverses!

What is a reverse?

- It is a sequence of bidding used by an opening bidder.
- It is meant to show a strong hand without making a jump bid.
- It is used when the opener has an unbalanced hand with 17+ points.
- The first bid suit is longer than the second bid suit.
- The second bid suit is higher ranking than the first bid suit.

♠ 10 9
♥ A K Q J
♦ A J
♣ Q J 10 9 8

Look at the first example on the left.

- 18 high card points
 - 5 clubs and 4 hearts
 - Game is a strong possibility.
 - You open 1 club. Partner responds 1 spade. You then bid 2 hearts.
- Hearts rank higher than clubs.** This shows a reverse and suggests that partner should consider game. **It is the GAP bid.** Even though partner showed that she likely doesn't have 4 hearts, you bid the gap suit (hearts) emphasizing your strong hand.

♠ 10 9
♥ A K 6 2
♦ A J
♣ Q J 4 3 8

In the next example, you open 1 club. Partner responds 1 spade. Please bid 1 no trump. If you bid the gap bid of 2 hearts this time your partner will think you have at least 17 points and the bidding may get too high.

Joke of the Day

Why do we tell actors to break a leg!
Because every play has a cast.

