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London Bridge Centre Newsletter

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Shout Out to Volunteers!

Thank you to all the members who volunteer to help make everyone's experience at London Bridge Centre enjoyable. Hospitality Break is back; it takes several people to make it happen.

A big thank you to:

- Ron Salt and Jane King for making sure we have coffee, tea, cream and milk
- Nancy Lemieux, Marg Steers and Gillian Richardson for purchasing the cookies
- Deb Ellison, Judy Brown, Adèle Woolfe, Lydia Lee, Judi Waters and Gayle George for setting cookies out and tidying up afterwards
- Gillian Richardson and Gayle George for looking after the dishwasher

Note - we always need more help in the kitchen. Please help to load/unload the dishwasher if you have a few minutes to spare at the end of the game or if you have a sit-out. Many hands make light work!

Effective Immediately

We just can't compete with vacations and other summer activities! As a result, we will be suspending the **Wednesday evening BBO 0-200 MP game** until the fall. Please refer to our September newsletter for information on the return of this game.

Virtual Club Games

LBC

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

Tillsonburg DBC

Tuesday	7:00	Open
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LBC members welcome



Check It Out



Looking for some light summer reading? The murder mystery - “Death in Duplicate” by Carole Coplea might give you some interesting ideas! Or we have several titles which combine excellent instruction embedded within quirky and humorous tales:

Bird: “All Hands on Deck”; “Bridge with a Feminine Touch”; “The Abbot and the Sensational Squeeze”; “The Rabbis’s Magic Trick”

Rubens: “Bridge in Muttropolis I”; “Bridge in Muttropolis II”; “Bridge in Wonderland”

Crawford: “Men, Women & Bridge”; “People Play Bridge”

Gooden: “Sherlock Holmes, Bridge Detective”

Hofman & Granovetter: “Jenny Mae - the Bridge Pro”

Mollo: “Masters & Monsters”

Silver: “Bridge the Silver Way”; “Tales Out of School”



NEW RANK ACHIEVEMENTS

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



New Junior Master

W. Laurence Burt

New Junior Master

William Handler

New Junior Master

Kathryn Kwiecien

New Club Master

Anthony Kilcoyne

New Silver Life Master

Sue Jordan

New Ruby Life Master

Bruce Moor

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

Unit 249 Sectional Tournaments

Unit 249 will be hosting sectional tournaments this summer. The Tillsonburg Golden Leaf Sectional will be held August 6-7 and the St. Thomas Jumbo Sectional will be held September 10-11. Further information on these two tournaments can be found on the Unit 249 [website](#).

LBC is hosting the Sectional Bridge tournament in October.

This is a great opportunity for all members to participate in a tournament. Tournaments are definitely not just for advanced players. Even the most junior players can have a great time and collect some points. One thing to note is that in club games you almost always get only black points. (We occasionally have some special games with silver points.) For any of you who are interested in achieving Life Master or other ACBL milestones, be aware that you need points of different colours. At this tournament you can get silver points.

The other great thing about tournaments is team games. We encourage you and your partner to start thinking about joining with another pair to create a team. The team games on Sunday are really fun and a bit of a different side to bridge. We hope that most of you will participate on Sunday as well as Saturday. The teams will be grouped with teams of similar points, which makes for a more enjoyable day, especially for newer players who might be intimidated playing at a table with advanced players.

Our club is well known for our hospitality, including providing a range of savoury and sweet snacks before the games begin. We will be looking for contributions closer to the tournament date, but you can start thinking about what your contribution might be.

Check out the flyer on the next page.



89th Western Ontario Sectional Bridge Tournament London, Ontario October 22 & 23, 2022



London Bridge Centre
1106 Dearness Drive, Unit 9
London, On N6E 1N9

Saturday October 22 at 10:30 am
Strati-flighted Pairs (play-through)
A/X: 2500+, 0-2500
B/C/D: 1000-2000, 500-1000, 0-500
Novice Pairs: 0-300 (1 session)

**Lunch at nearby local restaurants*

Saturday October 22 at 2:45 pm
Strati-flighted Pairs (2nd session)
Novice Pairs: 0-300 (1 session)

***Note:** Flight eligibility is based on the player with the highest masterpoints. Stratification within the flight is based on average masterpoints. Silver masterpoints awarded.*

Pairs: \$12.50 per person, per session
(Note: \$5.00 per person for those with 0-5 masterpoints and those 21 years old and under. 1 session only.)

Tournament Chair:
Janine Higgins
janine@janinehiggins.ca
(519-439-5136)

Partnership:
Gayle George
Gaylergeorge@gmail.com
(519-851-0316)

Sunday October 23 at 10:30 am
Swiss Teams: (play through)
A/X Teams: A: 2500+, X: 0-2500
B/C/D Bracketed Teams: 0-2000

***Note:** Teams are bracketed by total team points. Silver masterpoints awarded.*

Teams: \$100.00 per team

**A light lunch will be available on Sunday only. Cost is \$10.00.*

**Free coffee and snacks available both days.*

Covid-19 Protocols

**All participants must be fully vaccinated according to Health Canada guidelines.*

**Proof of vaccination is required. Please arrive early to comply with this requirement.*

**All participants must be both covid and symptom free for 7 days with no contact with someone know to have covid for 7 days.*

**Masks are highly recommended. Be prepared to wear a mask if necessary.*

**Hand sanitizers will be available.*

Note: These protocols are subject to change in order to comply with provincial guidelines.

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LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

LOST AND FOUND

Dwight Bender will be at the club to answer all your questions after the 0-1500 game on Thursday afternoons beginning September 8, 2022. For those of you not familiar with the format, after the game players can obtain a printout of the boards and Dwight will answer questions and discuss the bidding and play of those hands which people found challenging.

A TASTE OF BRIDGE

This course will be offered in early September. The date and specifics will be in the next newsletter. It is a 2-3 hour workshop that introduces newcomers to bridge. It is a perfect opportunity for you to encourage friends and family to learn about the game in one brief session.

OTHER IN PERSON COURSES

Bridge Basics I and III, 2/1 convention, and Advancing Your Game will be offered in the fall or early 2023. More details in the next newsletter and on the website.





In Case You Have Forgotten...

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

ETIQUETTE & PROCEDURE TIPS

(an excerpt [from LBC's Code of Conduct](#) first printed on January 14, 2018.)

TIP 1 - GENERAL “PLAY NICE”

- Be courteous at all times – to your partner, opponents, other players and the director (Law 74).
- The LBC Code of Conduct sets out the conduct expected of members and visitors at LBC and promotes Active Ethics.
- Remember that bridge is a game – a challenging, frustrating, glorious game.
- Be the player everyone else wants to play with or against.
- If you are an LBC member, you are an LBC owner. As such, you need the other players to come back! (You don't want to be playing Solitaire, do you?)
- Help to ensure that everyone enjoys the game in a quiet, comfortable, pleasant environment.

Tip 2 – THE LAWS

- Our games are governed by the ACBL Laws of Duplicate Bridge. These Laws are available on the ACBL website www.acbl.org.
- The ACBL Publication Duplicate Decisions helps with discussion and interpretation of the Laws. This document is also available on ACBL website www.acbl.org.
- The LBC Code of Conduct sets out the club's expectations of players.
- The LBC document Code of Conduct Regulations outlines the process for addressing breaches of the Code of Conduct and the potential consequences.
- These tips refer to several of the Laws, but do not attempt to cover all the Laws nor all of the considerations in applying the various Laws.

Tip 3 – NORTH & SOUTH HOST

- North is responsible for moving the boards (Law 8) and should ensure that the proper boards and proper opponents are present for each round. Check the Bridgemate, it knows!
- Because of this responsibility, by tradition North is the only player who handles the boards – unless North specifically asks others to do so. North may ask South to look after the boards while North records the scores (or vice-versa) to keep up the pace of play.
- North and South are responsible for keeping the table neat and ready for play (Law 7D).

News from the ACBL



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

Heading to a Face-to-Face Regional?

Let the tournament organizers know you're coming when you RSVP or buy entries with [Entry Express](#)!



Did you know that you can buy entries online for any event at the [Summer NABC in Providence](#)? You can even start buying them right now! To purchase entries, go here: [Entry Express - Providence](#)



We're heading to Phoenix AZ, November 24-December 4, for the Fall North American Bridge Championships, and we hope to see you there! Make sure you stay at the centre of the action by reserving a room at one of the host hotels at the **special discounted price** just for ACBL members. You can only access this deal when you make a reservation through our partners at ConferenceDirect. **Please do not call the hotel directly.** Need help making a reservation? Contact our NABC partners at acbl@conferencedirect.com or 855-956-0776.

Profile – Dwight Bender– Game Director

Where were you born? I was born at home on our family farm about 10 km north of Zurich, Ontario.

Where did you go to elementary school? I attended S.S. # 5 Stanley Township School which was a one room school with all 8 grades, 1 teacher and about 20 students.

What was your first job? My first job outside of farm chores was a summer job assembling and repairing farm machinery at a local Farm Machinery Case Dealer. In my second summer working there I was given a 50% pay raise going from \$0.50 per hour to \$0.75 per hour. During my university days at Western, I worked during the summers as a Lands and Forest Park Ranger at Pinery Provincial Park near Grand Bend, Ontario where my pay rocketed to almost \$7.00 per hour!

What job did you hold the longest in your working career? My entire working career was teaching Mathematics and Physics in several high schools in London, Ontario.

In how many cities have you lived? When I started Western University in 1966, I moved from our family farm near Zurich to London where I have lived ever since.

What was your best vacation? I have been fortunate to have had several “best” vacations ranging from bridge tournaments to basking in the sun on several Caribbean beaches. However, the best was a two-week tour of Peru along with my two older brothers in 2010. In many ways it was like going to a different planet, particularly for a shy country boy.

How old were you when you first started playing bridge? I was introduced to the game during my second year of teaching at Beal Secondary School in 1970 when I was 23 years old.



How did you find LBC? I guess a more appropriate question might be how did LBC find me? In the spring of 2015, I made the decision to commit some serious energy to starting a new bridge club in London. Along with my wife, Karen, I joined Al and Sue Edwards to kick off the birth of a new bridge club in London. We recruited a highly capable and qualified board of directors who together founded the current London Bridge Centre.

What motivated you to become a game director? In 2015, when LBC was born, I knew that as President it was imperative that I be a qualified director. It was my expectation I would need to direct at least some of the games. Fortunately, several members took on that role quickly relieving me of such duties.

What has surprised you most about being a game director? I think the most surprising thing about directing is the vast number of rules and regulations with which one must be familiar. The directors' handbook has an incredible amount of information to deal with the seemingly unlimited number of infractions that might occur at the table.

Without identifying the players, can you give a brief description of your most challenging call as a game director? When most infractions occur at the table the Rules and Regulations, as written by the ACBL, cover the situation and there is no room for interpretation by the director. A most challenging situation can occur when the director is required to make a ruling following an auction when a player has made a call after their partner has passed after a long hesitation. The ruling made is bound to be not well received by either the offending side or the non-offending side. Considering the situation and caliber of play, my ruling favoured the offending side, leaving the non-offending side quite dissatisfied.

What is your favourite part of being a game director? I really like to interact in a friendly manner with all players while still moving the game along. Too many players, even experienced ones, do not like to have the director called and that should never be the case. The rules set by the ACBL are fair and always protect everyone fully. I always hope to alleviate the seemingly popular myth that calling the director is a scary thing.

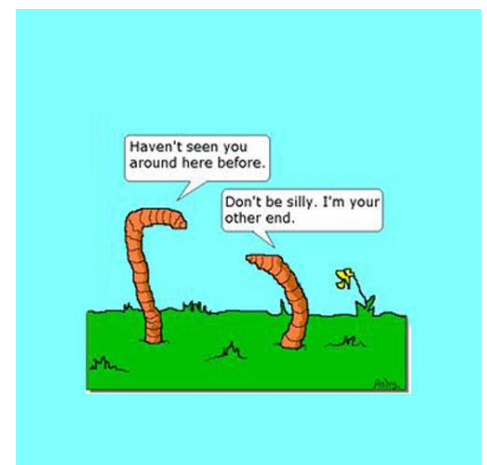
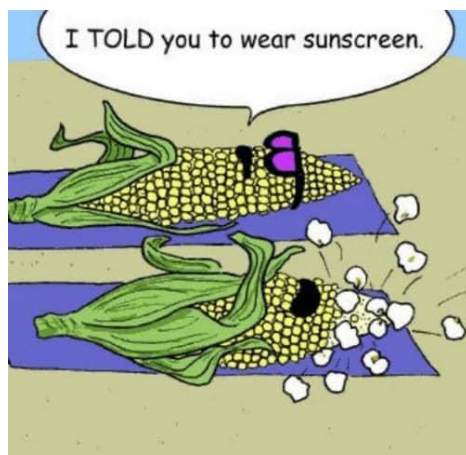
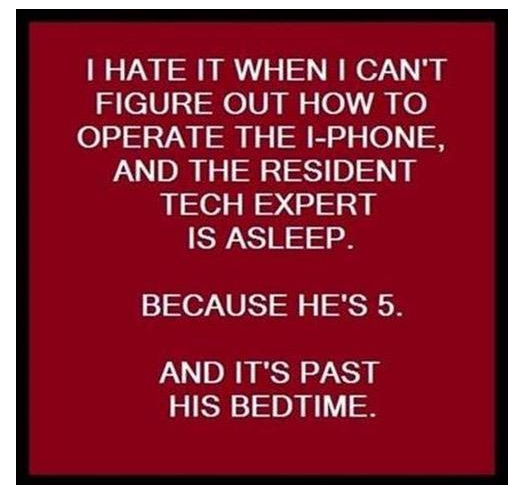
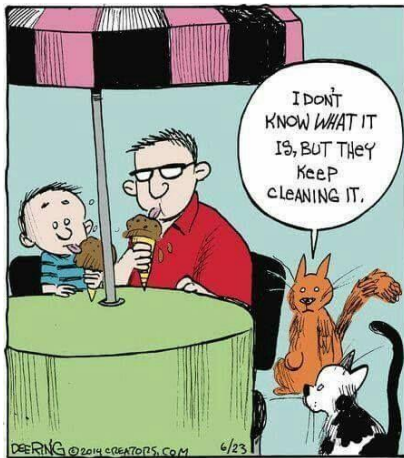
What do you like best about LBC? In a word- the people! To elaborate, LBC is and always should be a place for the bridge community to come together to socialize, cultivate friendships and participate in friendly competition. I think LBC provides that for all members at all levels.

Tell us about your other hobbies. Oh my! At various times in my life, I have been highly active in gardening, hobby farming, playing racquetball, coaching soccer and vocal music. In recent years, I have become addicted to segment bowl making and am currently an active member of London Community Woodshop where you can always find me if I am not doting over my granddaughter or playing bridge.



What would people be surprised to know about you? Wow, that's a difficult question to answer. I guess my first thought is that most members of the club probably are not aware of the fact that I was born and raised on a small family farm in Huron County. I was raised as a devoted Mennonite in a religious community that believed that the only thing worse than dancing was playing cards, to say nothing about drinking alcohol! Well, times change as did some of my personal fundamental theology. Having said that, I am still that "small town" boy whose roots are grounded in that soil.

To Make You Smile



Peter's Lesson



Peter Tuttle

I hope to see
you Tuesdays at
LBC.

Responding to Partner's Take Out Double

The June newsletter looked at the reasons for bidding a takeout double. Click [here](#) to further review that lesson.

Your righthand opponent bids 1 club. You hold the following:

♠ A 5 3 2

♥ K J T 4

♦ A T 9 3

♣ 7

- You have support for the other three suits.
- You have the values for an opening bid
- You want to ask your partner to describe her hand.
- Bid, "Double."

This lesson will help you respond to your partner's bid of 'Double'.

- You MUST bid. UNLESS - a pass indicates that you have excellent cards in the opener's suit – enough to defeat that contract.
- You need to decide which suit to bid with preference for a major.
- You need to show the strength of your hand.
- You could bid no trump with good stoppers in the opponent's suit, remembering that partner's bid indicated shortness.

Look at the following examples.

♠ J 6 4

♥ 9 5

♦ J 8 7

♣ J 9 8 6 4

You do not have enough
strength to defeat clubs.
Show courage. Bid 1 ♦.

♠ J 6 4

♥ J 9 6 5

♦ J 8 7 4

♣ 9 8

You have equal length in
hearts and diamonds. This
time bid 1 heart showing
preference for the major.

♠ Q J 9 8 4

♥ A Q

♦ 7 2

♣ J 9 8 6

You have more than 8
points and a strong major
suit. Jump to 2 spades to
show length and strength.

♠ T 9 4

♥ A 9 6

♦ Q J 8

♣ K J T 9

You have 11 points and
2 stoppers in clubs. This
hand is strong enough
to bid 1 no trump.

Where do couples go to argue in the mall?

The feud court.

