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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

##### **Tillsonburg DBC**

Tuesday	7:00	Open
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**LBC members welcome**



*Wishing you a very joyous holiday  
season and a happy and  
healthy new year.*

## **LBC Holiday Game Schedule**

Friday, December 23, morning – closed

Friday, December 23, afternoon – open

Monday, December 26 – closed

## **New Year's Potluck and Game – SUNDAY, January 8**

Mark your calendars now! LBC is hosting a potluck lunch starting at 12 noon on **Sunday, January 8, 2023**. This will be followed by a friendly open game which we hope will be attended by players of all levels. Watch for sign-up sheets at the club.

**(P.S. The date for this event was incorrect in the last newsletter.)**

## Artisan Showcase and Sale

The first LBC Artisan Showcase and Sale was held on December 3, 2022. Nine LBC members displayed their works of art. The artisans donated 30% or more of their sales to Mission Services London. The \$1,600 donation is being used to provide Christmas dinners and support to their clients in need during the holidays. Those who made a purchase of \$10 or more were given a coupon to redeem at the special open game held following the showcase.



The committee members were Judi Waters (Chair), Judy Stirling, and Dwight Bender. Many LBC members volunteered to assist in welcoming visitors, checking Covid vaccination status, as well as setting up for the showcase, and rearranging tables and chairs for the game that followed.

Approximately 70 people attended the event which provided a great opportunity to promote the London Bridge Centre community. Attendees were able to socialize while taking advantage of an early one-of-a-kind gift-shopping experience made possible by the impressive talent within the membership. After the show was over, we enjoyed a nine-table bridge game.

The committee hopes to make this an annual event. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.





## Check It Out



### Squeezed Anyone Lately?

Embrace the topic and inform your amorous or less-than-amorous attempts with:

“The Simple Squeeze” by David Bird and Tim Bourke

“Bridge Squeezes Illustrated” by Fook Eng

“Bridge Squeezes Complete” by Clyde Love

“Squeeze Play Made Easy” by Terence Reese

“The Simple Squeeze in Bridge” by Frank Schuld



On the other hand, “The Backwash Squeeze” by McPherson may disappoint your intimate aspirations. Although “tirelessly clever” and “a breezy and absorbing account” this book belongs under the category of history of bridge and of personal reflection.

All in our library.

## NEW RANK ACHIEVEMENTS

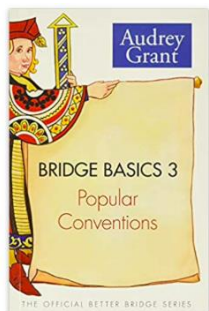
To check out all new rank achievements, click [here](#).



New Club Master	Deborah Stuart
New Sectional Master	David Aston
New Regional Master	David Brown
	Marg Steers
	Adam Witoslawski
New Ruby Life Master	Leszek Wroblewski
New Gold Life Master	Bruce Roberts

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

## Education



### Bridge Basics 3 - Popular Conventions

Thursday afternoons from 1 pm to 3 pm beginning January 19 at the club. This five-session course is focused on popular conventions and is a great follow-up to Bridge Basics I.

The teacher is Barb O'Brien.

Course topics include Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, the big 2 club opener, Blackwood, Gerber, and Slam bidding. Registration will be available soon on the [website](#).

### Would you like to teach bridge at LBC?

The Education Committee is eager to encourage more people to help with the teaching program. In particular, we would like to attract teachers for beginner classes, the Bridge Basics series 1 through 3. Teaching bridge to beginners is not about having extensive knowledge of the game. It's about being enthusiastic, making it fun, and remembering what it's like to be a beginner. We plan to offer a half-day session in the Spring where our experienced teachers will share their skills and tips with interested new teachers. However, ACBL has just announced that it is currently promoting opportunities for players to learn to be teachers of the game and we wanted to bring this to your attention. Note this path leads to ACBL Accreditation as a teacher. Accreditation is a bonus, but not essential for teaching at our club.

### ACBL Best Practices Teacher Workshop For New and Veteran Bridge Teachers

The Best Practices Teacher Workshop isn't just for pros! Over a third of previous workshop participants had never taught bridge before. All you need is a love for the game.

Meanwhile, seasoned bridge teachers can also benefit by learning the latest techniques of adult education.

As one previous student told us, the workshop "gave new tools to use in teaching bridge and the confidence to use them".

For more information and registration click [here](#).





### In Case You Have Forgotten...

(More about etiquette and protocol at the bridge table)

(an excerpt from LBC's Etiquette and Procedures Tips.)

#### TIP 19A - AUCTION EXPLANATION AND QUESTIONS –WHEN TO ASK

- During the auction, when it is your turn to bid you may ask an opponent (not your partner) about their agreement as to the meaning of any bids made by her partner.
- Ask questions during the auction if the answer might make a difference in any bid you are considering. Otherwise, it is preferable to wait until the auction has ended.
- If you are on opening lead, you may ask questions before choosing your lead. If your question is about an ace-asking auction, give the declarer a moment to volunteer information before asking.
- If your partner is on opening lead, you should wait to ask questions until after partner has selected his lead and placed it face down on the table, and asks “Any questions, partner?”
- Partner may not change her lead after you ask a question unless it uncovers an irregularity in the auction. In such a case, you should call the director. The director will let her know if she may change her lead.

#### TIP 19B - AUCTION EXPLANATION AND QUESTIONS –HOW TO ASK

- Phrase your question in a neutral way if possible. “Please explain” is the recommended way to ask for information.
- You are entitled to an accurate description of their agreement if any. You are not entitled to an accurate description of the bidder’s hand.
- Don’t assume that you know what the alerted bid means. The opponents may use different conventions than you do. If it might make a difference in your decision, ask when it is your turn.
- You may not ask a question for the purpose of drawing something to your partner’s attention.

#### Tip 20 – DECLARER OFFERS TO EXPLAIN AUCTION

- ACBL Alert Procedures say “to ensure full disclosure, at the end of the auction and before the opening lead declarers are encouraged to volunteer to explain the auction.”
- In particular, if you have had an ace-asking auction before the opening lead declarer might offer a brief and simple explanation such as “We had an ace-asking auction; the reply indicates zero or three key cards with spades as trump.”

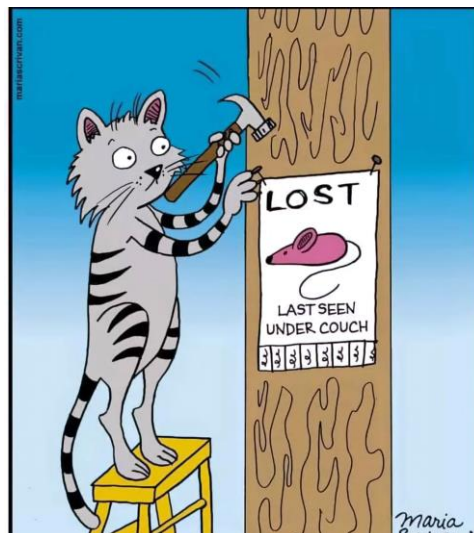
## LBC Develops Policy Regarding Pets at the Club

At its meeting on December 14, 2022, the board passed a motion to exclude all pets from the club. If an exception is requested, this must be pre-approved by the board.

Service dogs are welcome.



## To Make You Smile



**Dear Dwight,**

**We are wondering how to find the cold 6NT contract. We ended up in 4NT due to the apparent misfit. The hand in question is shown below.**

**J. Hoping**

	N	North	W	N	E	S
D	4					
		♠ 107 ♥ Q972 ♦ J632 ♣ 765				
W	West			E	East	
		♠ 54 ♥ J63 ♦ AKQ98 ♣ Q43			♠ AKQ3 ♥ AK54 ♦ K10982 ♣	
						S
						South
						♠ J9862 ♥ 108 ♦ 10754 ♣ AJ

*(Editor's Note – this is a response for Intermediate to Advanced players)*

Dear J. Hoping,

Whether you are playing Standard or 2/1 the sequence I would suggest is given below. Note that with game-going hands (or better) such as this, it is always superior to bid your longer club suit before showing a 4-card major when partner opens 1 diamond. It is equally important to note that when responder reverses (forcing to game) and bids on rather than signing out in the first available game (frequently 3NT), they are showing serious slam interest.

1D- 2C

3C-3H

3S\*-4C (3S – asking for a stopper in spades)

4D-4NT (4NT = RKCB 1430)

5C-6C (5C = 1 or 4 key cards)

6NT- P

In this auction, the 3S bid by opener is showing weakness in majors since on two occasions they have NOT shown spade or heart values in an effort to get to 3NT. Opener bids 3S which is asking responder to bid 3NT with a spade stopper. (If opener had a spade stopper, they would bid NT). With that information and the strength of the East hand in the majors, responder should conclude that opener's values must be in diamonds and clubs, so it is quite appropriate to use RKCB even with a void. After responder "signs out" in 6C, opener should know that responder must have at least two stoppers in each major and should convert the 6 club bid to 6NT, although it is highly likely that 6C will score very well in most fields. Notice how much easier the auction is if responder starts with 2C and not 1H. All bids after that are highly slam invitational particularly when 3NT is bypassed.

*Dwight*

## Peter's Lesson



I hope to see you at  
Tuesday Bridge Lab.

### Jacoby Transfers and One No Trump

Jacoby Transfers are used after a player has opened or overcalled a natural 1NT and his partner holds at least one 5-card major suit. We use Jacoby Transfer to force the partner with the strong hand to bid partner's long suit, preventing the opponents from seeing the cards of the stronger hand. The weaker hand bids 2 diamonds a transfer to hearts or 2 hearts as a transfer to spades.

#### Example 1

Opener	Responder
♠AJT	♠972
♥K76	♥QJ932
♦QT74	♦K5
♣AK3	♣654

#### Bidding Sequence

Opener	Responder
1 NT	2 diamonds
2 hearts	pass

- 2 D is artificial and is alertable.
- Opener bids 2 hearts.
- Responder then passes without game going points.
- Hearts played by the opener with the stronger hand.

#### Example 2

Opener	Responder
♠AJT	♠97
♥AK76	♥QJ932
♦JT74	♦KQ5
♣A3	♣654

#### Bidding Sequence

Opener	Responder
1 NT	2 diamonds
<b>3 hearts</b>	4 hearts

**NOTE:** Without the super accept, game would likely be missed.

#### SUPER ACCEPT

- 2 diamonds bid is transfer to H.
- Opener holds 4 H and is at the top range of NT bid.
- A jump bid of **3 hearts** conveys strength and length.
- Responder can now re-evaluate their hand and consider game.

#### Joke of the Day

I made soup entirely from ingredients extracted from the atmosphere...  
It was a broth of fresh air!

