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# Newsletter

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Thanks to all of you for a successful year, despite the limitations of Covid-19 and our closed doors.

We appreciate your on-going support of LBC by playing in our online games as we manage our way through the pandemic.

There will be an end to this virus and we are optimistic about a return to our club this year.

Virtual Club Games		
LBC		
Monday	6:45	Open
Tuesday	9:45	Open
Wednesday	9:45	0-500
Thursday	9:30	0-100
Thursday	9:45	Open
Friday	9:45	0-500
Saturday	1:15	0-200

Tillsonburg DBC		
Tuesday	7:00	Open
Friday	1:15	Open
LBC members welcome		

## Has Bridge Helped Us Through this Pandemic?

In the U.K. in 2016, there was a study that resulted from a survey of 7,000 bridge players compared with 10,000 non-bridge players. The researcher wanted to investigate the social and cognitive benefits of bridge. The study also looked at why people play bridge. The responses indicated that 36% played for the mental challenge, 51.6% played for enjoyment, and 32% played for the social interaction.

The conclusion of the study indicated that “bridge players report high levels of subjective wellbeing, revealing they are optimistic about their future and the opportunities available to them, satisfied with the way their lives have turned out, sociable, unencumbered by money concerns and in control of their own lives.”

It's safe to assume that bridge has contributed significantly to our ability in managing these challenging times and has continued to have a positive impact on our wellbeing since the start of the pandemic.

### References

McDonnell, D., Punch, S. and Small, C. (2017) Individual Wellbeing and Bridge: An Empirical Analysis, Aylesbury: English Bridge Education & Development



## A Reminder...

A concern was raised at LBC's most recent board meeting about dummy's involvement during play of the hand. As is the case with face-to-face bridge, while playing on-line, the dummy cannot communicate in any way once the contract has been reached and the declarer begins play of the hand. If this occurs, the director should be called immediately.

Also, please do not use the "chat to table" feature of BBO to ask about alerts. This gives your partner information. When the opponent alerts a bid, click on the alerted bid to ask for an explanation. If more detail is needed, use "chat to opps" so your partner will not see the exchange.

Remember that all chats, including private chats, are visible to the director and are recorded. (e.g., swearing). Any messages of this nature will not be sent.

## NEW RANK ACHIEVEMENTS



Sectional Master	Barbara Ball
Regional Master	Linda Tindale
NABC Master	Judy Stirling
Bronze Life Master	Janine Higgins

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

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



## News from the ACBL



**January 17 – 23 is ACBL Silver Linings Week; all LBC's Virtual Club games this week award **DOUBLE SILVER** points.**

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

Have you played ACBL Instant Tournaments? If you have, you'll know there's no more waiting for your game to start, or for everyone else to finish. Just instant gratification!

Start when you want

- play at your own pace
- get instant results
- games are stratified
- **you don't need a partner** to play, it's a robot game
- win **ACBL Masterpoints®** and BBO points



If you haven't tried them yet, give them a go and see improvements quickly! To try out an Instant Tournament [click here](#).

## Special New Years' offer from the Canadian Bridge Federation

To kick off the new year the federation is offering a **free three-month membership** to new sign-ups or lapsed members. Click on this link: [Register now for three months free.](#) This offer is available until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Joining the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) will introduce you to what the national organization does and offers.

**Bridge Canada** is a bi-monthly online magazine with articles of interest to new, intermediate and experienced bridge players. Once you register you will be able to create a login to our site, [www.cbf.ca](http://www.cbf.ca) and access the December issue. Each issue has an instalment of the Great Canadian Bidding Contest, where members submit their answers and the top two contributors in two consecutive contests will receive cash prizes.

Members may participate in the “**CBF members only**” **virtual bridge games** held on BBO on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. There’s a 499er game at 1pm EST and an open game at 1:15pm EST. The dates of upcoming games are: February 19 and March 19.

The **2022 Canadian Championships** will be held online and these are open to paid members only. Details will be posted on the website. The 2022 Championships include events that choose the teams to represent Canada at the World Championships as well as events for less experienced players.

All Canadian Bridge players should experience the benefits of CBF membership. You can read more about what the CBF does [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Ina Demme at [canbridge@rogers.com](mailto:canbridge@rogers.com).

### Future Newsletters

Do you have a question you’d like to see addressed or something interesting for a future newsletter? If so, please send it to Penny Finneron at [pennyfinneron@gmail.com](mailto:pennyfinneron@gmail.com).

Future newsletters are planned for the following dates: February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20 and December 18.

## Profile – Tom Jolliffe – Game Director

*Where were you born?* The old Victoria Hospital on South Street in London.

*Where did you go to elementary school?* A small rural school in Crumlin.

*What was your first job?* Stock clerk and designated gopher at Copp's Buildall on York Street. I was at the bottom of the lumber yard food chain, so lugger cement bags, emptying box cars of lumber and carting endless pallets of plywood was my raison d'etre. Oh, how I longed for a desk job.

*What job did you hold the longest in your working career?* I held multiple roles during my 20 years at London Life. Corporate financial reporting, auditing, investment reporting, portfolio performance analysis, the issuing of mortgage-backed securities and an administration role in a newly formed trust company were experiences that allowed for my smooth transition to working in, and then managing, a credit union for the final ten years of my accounting career.

*In how many cities have you lived?* How boring, only London...but I've moved 11 times.

*What was your best vacation?* So many to choose from, but my ten-week stay in France in 1992 ranks number one. Since my wife Paulette had recently been diagnosed with MS, we decided to take an extended trip to France, before her illness progressed further. We rented two gites, one in southern France and one in the Loire Valley. Friends and family came to visit while we explored France. The most enjoyable aspect of this trip was getting to know the locals in Penne du Tarn and Villiers sur Loir. Fortunately, Paulette's mother language was French and her interactions with the locals provided me with much insight and perhaps even gossip, into local village life. Memories of this trip and other shorter trips to France brought us much joy in later years as we recounted so many pleasant excursions and experiences.

*How old were you when you first started playing bridge?* Like many of my generation, I was introduced at a very young age to bridge, as bridge games with friends and family was a primary social activity for my parents. I was typically a sub while another player was occupied preparing a late-night snack, getting drinks, or watching the instant reply of the latest Leafs' goal.

*How did you find LBC?* Having just recently retired, my brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Judy, invited me to play duplicate bridge at Bridge Fokes. I was instantly hooked.



*What motivated you to become a game director?* Two reasons; first I wanted to become more familiar with the rules, regulations and guidelines around the game. Second, I wanted to help the LBC be successful and the club needed directors.

*What has surprised you most about being a game director?* I am quite impressed by the depth of knowledge of duplicate bridge rules and rulings by many of our club's advanced players. They set a challenging benchmark, which I'm still striving to achieve.

*Without identifying the players, can you give a brief description of your most challenging call as a game director?* Hesitations in online bridge games tend to present difficult ruling situations. Any number of unknown reasons can lead to hesitations in a virtual game; the doorbell rings, a phone call, a washroom break, making a coffee, the dog wants out or, as most assume, pondering over what to bid. In a face-to-face game, a hesitation implies an inference, not necessarily so in an online game. A rectification for a hesitation is not straightforward and I often consult other directors to reach a consensus on an appropriate ruling.

*What is your favourite part of being a game director?* I quite enjoy assisting newer players in clarifying rulings and providing guidance on what may or may not be appropriate play. I find the teaching aspect of directing to newer players to be more satisfying than the mediation aspect of providing rulings to more advanced players.

*What do you like best about LBC?* I thoroughly enjoy the social interactions that accompany duplicate bridge. I have met so many interesting individuals and developed great friendships by joining the LBC. My retirement years have been and continue to be greatly enriched by participating in all aspects of the LBC.

*Tell us about your other hobbies.* While I'm a life-long golfer my greatest passion is cycling. For the past 25 years I have cycled thousands of kilometres, primarily in the London area. The friendships developed through cycling have led to multiple cycle touring trips, especially in Europe. Highlights include, conquering Sunwapta Pass on a trip from Calgary to Jasper, cycling around the L'Arc de Triomphe and cycling from Prague to Budapest. I have plans for many more cycling excursions, two are already booked for this summer, a bike and barge trip down the Moselle River and a ten-day trip from Hamburg to Berlin. So many roads, so little time.



*What would people be surprised to know about you?* I have a bifurcated uvula, and my dentist finds 'them' to be quite entertaining.

## Peter's Lesson



**Peter Tuttle**

Hello everyone.  
Here is a lesson to help you think about  
Tricks Not Points.

Click [here](#) to review previous newsletter lessons.

In this auction one pair reached 4 spades but others reached and made 7 spades.

What went wrong with communication between North and South?

North opened 2NT and partner correctly bid 3 Hearts as a transfer. North bid 3 Spades and South raised to 4 Spades.

		N	W	N	E	S
D	4					
		♠ A32	♠ 1085	P	2NT	P
		♥ Q9	♥ K10843	P	3♦	P
		♦ AKQ74	♦ J106	P		4♠
		♣ AQ4	♣ K2	P	P	P
W				E		
		♠ 6	♠ 6			
		♥ J65	♥ J65			
		♦ 82	♦ 82			
		♣ J1098765	♣ J1098765			
S		♠ KQJ974	♠ KQJ974			
		♥ A72	♥ A72			
		♦ 953	♦ 953			
		♣ 3	♣ 3			
				4♠ N	NS: 0	EW: 0

Does this bid describe the strength of South's hand?

Could South better communicate the strength and shape of the hand?

- ⊕ If South makes a cue bid of 4 Hearts showing first round control, North should assume partner wants to play 4 Spades **OR MORE**.
- ⊕ A control bid indicates an invitation to explore slam.
- ⊕ South has 6 beautiful Spades, so a fit is found. The singleton Club is a great feature.
- ⊕ South has a hand willing to try for slam.
- ⊕ Now North can take control with Blackwood. The contract will be at least 6 Spades.

### Joke of the Day

Where are average things manufactured? The satisfactory!

