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Newsletter

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## Weather-Related Cancellation of Games

*Oh, the weather outside is frightful...*

The game director will decide whether to cancel a game, consulting with club officials as needed. If a game is cancelled, we will post a notice on the [What's New](#) page of the LBC website. This post should appear **60 to 90 minutes** before game time. When possible, a blast e-mail will then be sent to those LBC members who have played in that game recently.

**Please Note:** The e-mail process takes several minutes, so check the website for the latest information.



WHAT!  
LBC is  
closed?

## Upcoming Special Event



### 86<sup>th</sup> Western Ontario Sectional Bridge Tournament



**London Bridge Centre  
January 27-28, 2018**

**For complete details, [click here](#).**

**Volunteers** are needed to help prepare coffee and provide snacks that will be offered as people arrive and during breaks, morning and afternoon. To help, please contact Sheila Elston [sheila.j@hay.net](mailto:sheila.j@hay.net)  
Sheila will provide a sign-up sheet at the front desk.

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Practice and Play Saturday, January 27 due to tournament.**



Thanks to Marlene Benny and her volunteers for organizing the LBC New Year Brunch.  
Cheers Marlene!  
For more photos, click [here](#).



Yes we love the Purse Haven!  
Thanks Dwight, Brian & Tom.

## Learning Opportunities at LBC

To explore them all, please click [here](#).

### February Course Offerings

Bridge Basics 1: Instructor, [Hazel Hewitt](#)

Begins: Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30

Duration: 8 weeks

[Click here](#) for course details and registration.

Bridge Basics 3: Instructor, [Hazel Hewitt](#)

Begins: Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:30

Duration: 5 weeks

[Click here](#) for course details and registration.



**Master Your Game: Thursday, January 18 @ 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Four people form a table to play bridge for the morning under the watchful eye of a *sage on the side* who will offer advice on bidding, declarer play and defence. Regular fees apply, \$7.00 for members, \$9.00 for non-members.

**Due to the popularity of this event registration is now closed.**



### Rookie- Master Game

**Monday, February 19 @ 6:30**

Please join us for an evening that pairs a rookie (0-100 points) with a more experienced player, who will offer guidance for improved learning. Although there will be mostly random hands, there will also be some pre-selected hands to support advancing your game in **No Trump** bidding and play. A sign-up sheet will be available in February.

## Learning Opportunities at LBC cont'd



### Listen to the Auction Not Just the Bidding



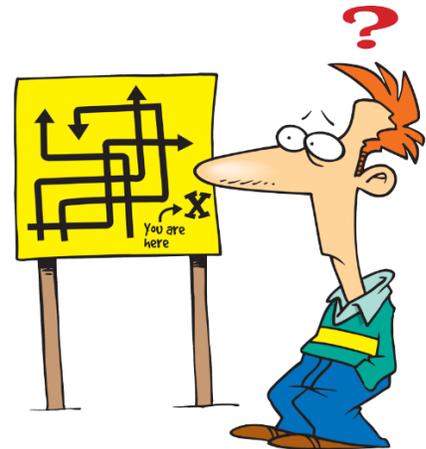
**Thursday, Feb 22 at 11:45 am**

taught by

**Ross Dreidger**

There is no fee for Brown Bag Lunch and Learn.

**Lost and Found** will continue in 2018 starting on **Monday January 15** with Dwight Bender as your host. Ken Bowlby will again be your instructor, two weeks later, on **Monday January 29** continuing on each **second and fourth Monday in February and March**. Your questions on the hands played each session are welcome.



### *Ask Dwight*

Help is on the way!  
askdwightlbc@gmail.com

**Dwight Bender** has offered to answer questions for LBC members, in an on-line format similar to the popular Monday morning Lost & Found sessions. If you are puzzled about a recent hand, you can ask Dwight, via email, how it should have been bid, played or defended.

Just email **Ask Dwight**, providing **the session, board number and your question**, and he will provide you with helpful tips.

**Reminder:** Saturday morning **Practice and Play @ 9:30** has resumed.  
**Exception:** Cancelled on January 27, due to tournament at LBC.



**Who buys the cookies?  
Where do we get the coffee?  
Who loads the dishwasher?  
Who takes out the recycling?  
Who looks after the library?  
Who orders office supplies?**

It takes many hands to play hands at the London Bridge Centre. As a member owned and managed bridge club, the London Bridge Centre relies on our members, our volunteers, to enable the club to operate successfully.

Do we have more than a handful of volunteers? We sure do!  
Click [here](#) to view our Committees and Volunteers on the LBC website.

If you would like to get more involved, please contact Al Edwards  
[presidentlbc@rogers.com](mailto:presidentlbc@rogers.com)

**To our many volunteers - much gratitude and hearty**



Our apologies to any volunteer who has been overlooked in this listing.  
Please let us know and we will gladly correct any omissions.

## CODE OF CONDUCT REGULATIONS APPROVED



**“London Bridge Centre is dedicated to providing a welcoming, enjoyable and conflict-free environment with games conducted in a spirit of friendly competition.”**

So begins the London Bridge Centre [Code of Conduct](#), adopted by membership vote in September 2016. This Code of Conduct was developed by a Working Group comprised of LBC members, as a positive approach embracing the ACBL “Play Nice” philosophy. LBC did not directly adopt the ACBL Zero Tolerance policy with its automatic penalties, although both approaches share the same objective.

The Working Group has developed and recommended [Regulations](#) for the confidential enforcement process to support the Code of Conduct. The Board approved these regulations on January 10, 2018.

LBC experience to date with player conduct has generally been positive. When players have slipped up, a director or LBC officer have had private conversations with them. There have been six formal incident reports completed and resolved to date, resulting in two written reprimands. Members have generally responded positively to these reminders and interventions. They recognize that other members will only continue to support the club if they enjoy their time at LBC.

The LBC [Etiquette and Procedures Tips](#) booklet has now been updated to reflect the September 2017 changes in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, and the elimination of the Stop card for January 2018.

Please help us promote the **Play Nice** philosophy by following it yourself, and by informing the director if another player is making you or others uncomfortable.

Al Edwards



### Tip 37 - ATTITUDE and COMPORTMENT

- Remain calm and courteous at all times. Be kind and gracious.
- Enjoy the game and enjoy your successes and challenges—without gloating, and without pointing out opponent or partner errors.
- Take responsibility for your errors and apologize to partner and opponents.
- If you temporarily become annoyed, you should excuse yourself from the table. Regain your composure as soon as possible, and return with an apology.

From [Etiquette and Procedures Tips](#) booklet



## Etiquette and Procedure Tips

### Alerts Part Four



Compiled by  
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### Asking About Alerts and Explaining Alerts

#### Review

Our first article introduced the [ACBL Alert Chart](#), which condenses the ACBL requirements for alerting bids on one tightly-packed page. Our second article addressed the Alert process. ACBL Alert Procedures can be accessed [here](#). Article three addressed Delayed Alerts and Pre-Alerts.

Alertable bids are printed in red on the convention card blank for quick reference.

#### Asking about Alerts

**When it is your turn to bid or play** you may ask an opponent (not your partner) about alerted (or any other) bids made by the opponent's 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 partner is on opening lead, **wait to ask your question** until after partner has selected a lead and placed it **face down on the table** and asks, "Any questions, partner?"



Any  
questions  
partner?

Phrase your question in a neutral way. **Please explain** is the recommended way to ask for information. It is risky to assume that you know what the alerted bid means. If it might make a difference to your decisions, ask. You may not ask a question for the purpose of drawing something to your partner's attention.

## Alerts Part Four: Asking About Alerts and Explaining Alerts cont'd

### Explaining Alerts

If an opponent, never your partner, asks for an explanation of an alerted (or any other) bid, the **partner** of the person who made the bid responds. In other words, **the person who said *ALERT* must explain.**

The explanation should be clear, brief and simple. Explain the bid rather than giving the name of the convention, since not everyone will be familiar with all conventions or play them in the same way.

For example:

- “Partner is showing both majors.” rather than “Cappelletti.”
- “Partner is asking for a further description of my hand and forcing to game.” rather than “Fourth suit forcing.”

Partner is showing both majors.



All relevant disclosure should be given in response to any request for information. It is not necessary that the opponents ask exactly the *right* question.

If you cannot remember the meaning of a bid, be direct, tell the opponents that and offer to call the director for guidance.

The person who made the bid may **not correct partner or react, in any way**, to the explanation until the proper time – which the next article will explain.

**Next Issue:** What if I miss an Alert, or explain it incorrectly?

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at the London Bridge Centre**

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