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Newsletter

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## New Games at LBC

### MORE SUNDAY AFTERNOON GAMES

According to the survey responses, half of LBC members would like to play bridge more often. The challenge is that we don't agree on when to play. The most popular choices for additional play are weekend afternoons. To complicate the issue, the interested players are at all masterpoint levels.

The Board has decided to try **two new games on Sunday afternoons**, each held about once a month. These need to be coordinated with other LBC events and local tournaments that are already scheduled on a Sunday. As a result, the schedule will be irregular at times. Dates will be announced in the newsletter, on the [website](#) and added to the [LBC master calendar](#).

Depending on the participation, we will adjust as needed. Please sign up for each of these games at the front desk.

To begin:

1. **0-300** game kicking off **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00**
2. **Open** game on **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00** (the previously announced Club Championship Team game)
3. **0-300** game scheduled for Sunday, **March 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00**
4. **Open** game on Sunday, **April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00**.

To ensure we have enough tables, advance sign-up is required. If there are not enough players signed up by **Thursday at 5:00 p.m.**, that game will be cancelled and a notice put on the website. We're hoping to see a good turnout on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> for the 0-300 game to get this new series off to a roaring start. **Please sign up as soon as possible!**

## New Games at LBC cont'd

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON 0-20 DUPLICATE BRIDGE GAME



Beginning **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**, London Bridge Centre will try a weekly duplicate game for players with fewer than 20 ACBL masterpoints. You do not need to be an ACBL member to participate. Our recent survey confirmed that there are several LBC members, with fewer than 20 masterpoints, who are interested in playing more frequently. The game will be held in the Teaching Room while Bridge Lab runs concurrently in the main room at LBC.

**Audrey Craig** will direct the 0 - 20 game, while **Peter Tuttle** will continue to lead Bridge Lab. You will learn to use the BridgeMates for scoring. Following the game, the hand records and game records will be posted on the [LBC website](#) through [Pianola](#). The first few weeks will be a learning experience without masterpoints as players get comfortable with duplicate movements and scoring. If enough players participate to warrant continuing the game, we will apply for an ACBL sanction so that masterpoints could be awarded in future games.

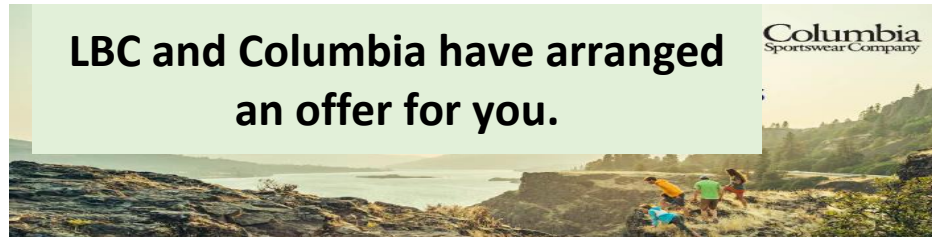
If you have been enjoying **Bridge Lab** or **Practice and Play** and wondering if you are ready to give duplicate bridge a try, this is your opportunity! Game fees will be the same as Bridge Lab, \$7 for LBC members and \$9 for others. The sessions will finish at approximately 3:45. Please come out and join us and see why so many of us are hooked on duplicate! **Come alone or with a partner.** Bring as many of your bridge-playing friends as possible. The more the merrier for duplicate. If you don't have a partner, please arrive by 12:40 so we can arrange partnerships.



**Audrey Craig**



**Peter Tuttle**



**LBC and Columbia have arranged  
an offer for you.**

## **Columbia Sportswear Employee Store Invitational Program**

For our December Potluck Dinner and Bridge, **Carol Wigle** arranged for participants to receive a single-time invitation to the **Columbia Sportswear Employee Store**. This opportunity was so well-received that Carol has now arranged for LBC members to benefit from repeated invitations.

There are 3 invitations available to us in 2019.

- ✚ March 15<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>
- ✚ July 12<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>
- ✚ November 15<sup>th</sup> – December 8<sup>th</sup>

**This offer is available to current LBC members ONLY. The invitation is non-transferrable. The LBC member must be present to redeem the invitation.**

### **To take advantage of the program, the following details are important:**

- ✓ You must bring proof of LBC membership, e.g. LBC name tag
- ✓ You must present photo ID
- ✓ You must bring a copy of the invitation, either print or digital. The invitation includes a map for the store location and pertinent information. To download a copy of the invitation, click [here](#).
- ✓ The invitation can be used multiple times per invitation period (i.e. March 15<sup>th</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>).
- ✓ You may bring up to 4 guests each time you visit the store during an assigned period.



**Thanks to Carol Wigle**

## Upcoming Events

### Sectional Tournaments

♠ Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

**Burlington 499er**

For tournament details, click [here](#).

♠ Sat. & Sun., March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

**Royal City (Guelph) Spring Fling**

For tournament details, click [here](#).

### Special Games at LBC

♠ Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00

**ACBL-wide Seniors Championship**

\$1 surcharge, must be age 59+

♠ Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00

**Club Championship Team Game**

No surcharge, extra points

Please sign up your team at LBC.



### Regional Tournaments



**April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Toronto Regional**

For tournament details, click [here](#).



**April 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Gatlinburg Regional**

For tournament details, click [here](#).



## Learning Opportunities at LBC

To view all, click [here](#).

**Bridge Courses:** Click [here](#) for all course info.

Click [here](#) to read about our dedicated teachers

Bridge Basics 2:  
Instructor, Hazel Hewitt



**Begins: Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

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

Duration: 5 sessions

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

**Course Topics:** Overcalls, weak twos, pre-emptive bidding, penalty doubles and take-out doubles.

### Ongoing Opportunities for Learning:



**Email:** *Ask Dwight*

If you have a question about a hand played, provide **the session, board number** and **your question**. Dwight will provide you with helpful tips. View solutions for past questions on the [LBC web site](#), under **Learn to Play Bridge**, or click [here](#).



**Bridge Lab**

Play hands in a relaxed setting with the option of asking an experienced player for advice on bidding or play of the hand. Each session begins with a brief lesson. Join us Tuesdays @ 1:00.



**Practice and Play**

Practice newly acquired skills with the support of teachers to answer questions. Join us Saturday mornings @ 9:30.

Watch for  
registration  
to open.

## Upcoming Spring Courses

**Course:** Bridge Basics 1

**Instructor:** Barbara O'Brien

**Start Date:** Tuesday, April 30

**Time:** 9:30 – 11:45

**Sessions:** 8

**Course:** Jacoby 2 No Trump

**Instructor:** Audrey Craig

**Start Date:** Monday, April 8

**Time:** 1:00 – 3:15

**Sessions:** 2

**Course:** Defence 1

**Instructor:** Marie Wiley

**Start Date:** Wednesday, April 24

**Time:** 1:00 – 3:30

**Sessions:** 4

**Course:** Play of the Hand 2

**Instructor:** Audrey Craig

**Start Date:** Monday, April 29

**Time:** 1:00 – 3:15

**Sessions:** 4

**Course:** Advancing Your Game (Part 1)

**Instructor:** Mary Howe

**Start Date:** Thursday, June 6

**Time:** 10:00 – 12:15

**Sessions:** 4

If you have questions or comments regarding the newsletter, contact [Adele Woolfe](#), editor.