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Newsletter

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**TUESDAY MORNING NEWCOMER**

**0 – 20 GAME START**

**APRIL 2 at 9:15 a.m.**



On the past two Tuesdays, in response to survey suggestions, LBC ran a trial Newcomer Duplicate game for players who do not yet have 20 ACBL masterpoints. The trial has been much more successful than anticipated, overwhelmingly successful, with 9 full tables in week one and 13 full tables in week two!

With that encouraging response, we also have a challenging situation. The game overflows the smaller room, disrupts Bridge Lab and challenges the human and parking capacity of our facility. 42 responses to a survey confirmed that most of these same players are able to play Tuesday mornings instead. We have decided to continue this Newcomer game on **Tuesday mornings starting at 9:15 a.m.** with the first game this Tuesday, **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. The game will be held in the large room with **Audrey Craig** directing. It is not necessary to come with a partner. We have applied for an ACBL sanction. When the sanction receives approval, we will award Masterpoints for participating players.

To those disappointed people who are not able to play on Tuesday mornings, we apologize and thank you for supporting the trial sessions. You are, of course, most welcome to join the ever-popular **Bridge Lab** led by **Peter Tuttle**, which will continue at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Thanks to everyone who is participating and working to make this new effort continue to be successful!



Check out page 14 of the April, 2019 Bridge Bulletin!

## In Celebration of Newcomers to Duplicate Bridge!

The *Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs* contest recognizes achievement at the club level. At the beginning of 2018, LBC member **Rick Jordan** was in the 5 – 20 masterpoint category. He placed 10<sup>th</sup> in all of ACBL for his category in 2018, earning 74 masterpoints. Read all about it in the **Bulletin**.



**Congratulations Rick!**  
**Cheers to his LBC partners as well!**



Do you recognize this coat?

Is your coat a look-alike?



Were you at LBC on Tuesday afternoon, March 26<sup>th</sup>, and, your coat fits the following description?

**Ladies black Columbia rain coat with a hood - with a belt loop on the back of the coat - although no belt.**

If that sounds like your coat - your coat is still hanging at LBC. The one in your closet has no belt loop. Please send an e-mail to **Al Edwards** at [presidentlbc@rogers.com](mailto:presidentlbc@rogers.com) to make arrangements to switch them.

Thank you!

**LAST CALL!**

**Columbia Sportswear Invitation ends Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

To download a copy of the invitation, click [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

### 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](#).

### Charity Games

Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 1:00

Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30

Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00

### Proceeds

Collection for United Way

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### Sunday Games



April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00p.m. **Open Pairs**



April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00p.m. **8 Is Enough** Upgraded Club Championship

For details and instructions, click [here](#).



May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00p.m. **Volunteer Appreciation Day** (free game)



## The Longest Day Supporting the Alzheimer Society



Last year  
LBC raised  
\$8071.11

Again, the London Bridge Centre would like to provide opportunities for raising funds to support those striving to cope with Alzheimer's. Events will take place during the week of June 21<sup>st</sup>. However, we need volunteers to help plan the timing of events and the activities.

If you can assist us, please contact Jackie Potters.  
[jackiepotters@hotmail.com](mailto:jackiepotters@hotmail.com) or call 519 681-7031

## 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

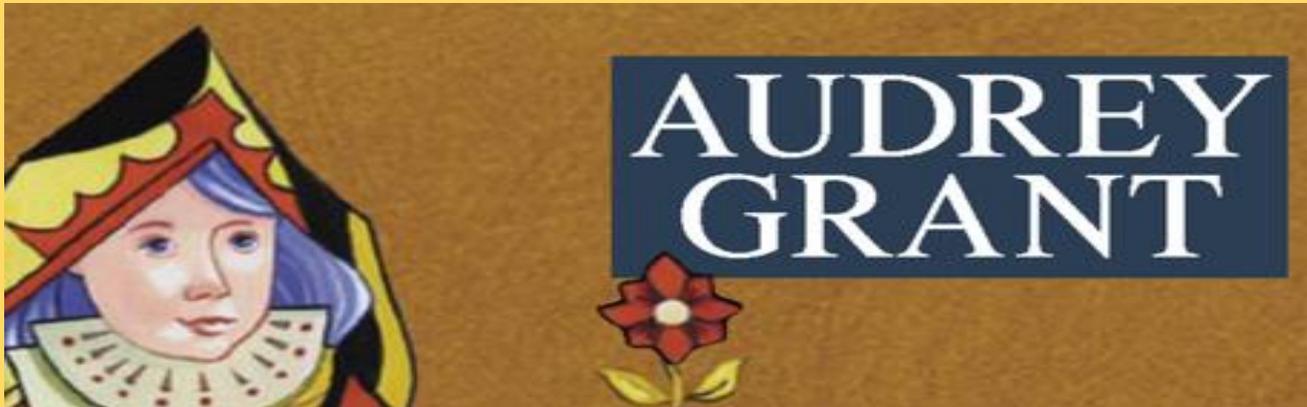


**FOR THIS  
LEARNING  
OPPORTUNITY!**

**Master Your Game  
Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.**

Please join us for an evening of fun and learning. A table of four plays bridge with the guidance of an experienced player. A sign-up sheet will be available at the front desk closer to the date.

## More Learning Opportunities



### A Bridge Festival with Audrey Grant

Saturday, May 11, 2019  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### The Impact of the Opening Lead Against No Trump

Cost is \$65 and includes lesson material, refreshments and lunch.

Online registration is required. Click [here](#).

For further information, contact Diane Bryant.  
[dbryant@hurontel.on.ca](mailto:dbryant@hurontel.on.ca)

## Spring Courses

### For newer players:

- ◆ Get started with **Bridge Basics 1**
- ◆ Attend **Practice and Play** on Saturdays
- ◆ Join **0 – 20 group** on Tuesday morn
- ◆ Attend **Bridge Lab** on Tuesday aft
- ◆ Take part in **Master Your Game**, May 13
- ◆ Visit the **LBC library [resources](#)**
- ◆ If you have questions, click [here](#)
- ◆ Check out [ACBL link to helpful videos](#)

### Course: Bridge Basics 1

Instructor: [Barbara O'Brien](#)

Start Date: Tuesday, April 30

Time: 9:30 – 11:45

Sessions: 8

For details and registration, click [here](#).

### Course: Jacoby 2 No Trump

Instructor: [Audrey Craig](#)

Start Date: Monday, April 8

Time: 1:00 – 3:15

Sessions: 2

For details and registration, click [here](#).

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### Course: Defence 1

Instructor: [Marie Wiley](#)

Start Date: Wednesday, April 24

Time: 1:00 – 3:30

Sessions: 4

For details and registration, click [here](#).

### Course: Play of the Hand 2

Instructor: [Audrey Craig](#)

Start Date: Monday, April 29

Time: 1:00 – 3:15

Sessions: 4

For details and registration, click [here](#).

### Course: Advancing Your Game Part 1

Instructor: [Mary Howe](#)

Start Date: Thursday, June 6

Time: 10:00 – 12:15

Sessions: **4 \***

For details and registration, click [here](#).

**\*NOTE:** This is an **8-week course** that will be taught over two terms of four weeks each.

**Part I is a prerequisite for Part 2.** Part 2 will be offered in September 2019.

## Survey Report

By Al Edwards

### Have you been wondering what happened to the LBC survey you completed in January?

The results have been sorted and analysed and a report prepared for the Board.

### Wonder what was said?

The report to members is available on the [LBC website](#). Click [here](#) to view.

### You are invited to a Town Hall meeting at the club on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. for a presentation and discussion of the results.

Survey responses were received from 47% of LBC members, a very high response rate for a survey of this type. Satisfaction scores were very encouraging.

- 97% say that overall, they are satisfied with their experiences at LBC.
- 89% think that LBC provides excellent value for money.
- 90% felt that LBC has achieved the goal of providing a welcoming, enjoyable, and conflict-free environment with games conducted in a spirit of friendly competition. However, the comments suggest that there is still more to be done on this front.

The survey results identified two primary opportunities for the club to increase play - new games and partnerships. New games have been started on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday mornings. The Board is considering what more can be done to assist people in finding partners.

The player development programs, social events, communications, game operations and library were all highly rated. A great many people took the time to provide additional comments, which have been shared with the Board or committees.

Join us at the **Town Hall meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>** for more detail, lots of charts and graphs to clarify the results and opportunity for discussion. We expect the session to run about **90 minutes**. There will not be a bridge game afterwards.

Thanks to the survey working group, **Al Edwards, Deb Ellison, Chris Piper, Jim Stewart** and **Hui Zhu** and also to the **206 responders!**

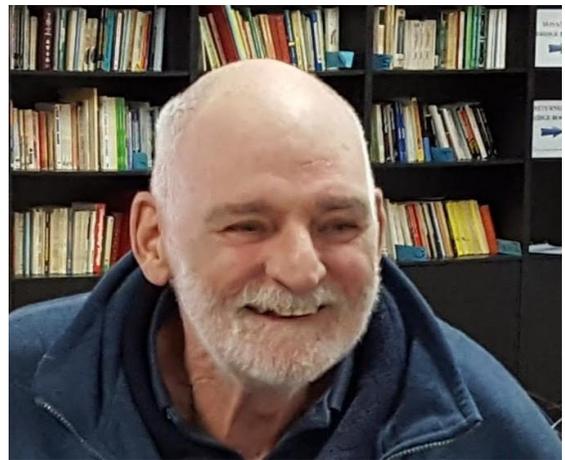




# In Memoriam



Our bridge friend, **Carole Schmidt**, passed away peacefully on March 19th. Carole was known as the 'Cookie Lady' and for her beautiful smile. To honour her memory, Carole's husband, Charlie, brought cookies for all to share at break during the afternoon game on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Our warmest thoughts and thanks to you Charlie.



Sadly, after several years of ill health, **Gary Small** passed away on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Gary was a longtime member of our bridge community. He will be sorely missed by his many card playing buddies.



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

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