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to our many volunteers

Click [here](#) for our volunteer list.
If you know of someone whose
name is omitted, please let us know.



May 5, 2019

Judy Stirling, Mike Potter



Louisa Leugner, Tom Jolliffe, Marg Steers,
and Noreen Franklin



We celebrated with a great afternoon of
bridge!

Upcoming Events

Sunday Games

NOTE:

Watch the [LBC home page](#) for Sunday game announcements.

There is a sign-up sheet for all Sunday games. Please add your names by noon on the Friday previous to each game. We need enough tables for a game to run. Please sign up early.

**Sunday, June 2nd @ 1:00 p.m.**

- 0-300 Pairs

**Sunday, June 9th @ 1:00 p.m. LBC Birthday Party**

- Individual Rotation
- You may remember that we opened in November, 2015. However, we celebrate our 4th birthday in June because we were incorporated as a non-profit corporation on **June 1, 2015**. Want to see the way we were? For photos, click [here](#).

**Sunday, June 16th @ 1:00 p.m.**

- Open Pairs

Random Partnership Game Monday, May 27th @ 6:30

To accommodate players at different levels, random partnerships will be assigned within each strat for the evening. This game will be scored as a stratified event according to the average masterpoints for each pair. Everyone will use the ACBL [Yellow Card](#) as the convention card, with simple agreed upon changes within each partnership.

A sign-up sheet is available at the desk and registration closes on Friday, May 24th.

Please arrive no later than 6:15 to allow time to meet with your partner.

Upcoming Special Games



Club Championship Week

May 20th - May 26th

All games extra points, no surcharge

Monday	Morn/Aft
Tuesday	Morn/Eve
Wednesday	Aft/Eve
Thursday	Aft
Friday	Morn/Aft



North American Pairs Qualifier

June 10th – June 14th

red/black points, \$2 surcharge

Tuesday	Eve
Wednesday	Aft
Thursday	Aft
Friday	Morn/Aft

Area Sectional Tournaments

Grand River (Cambridge)

May 25th & 26th

For information, click [here](#).

Niagara-on-the-Lake (0 – 750)

May 31st to June 2nd

For information, click [here](#).



Announcements



**LBC is open for regular games on
Monday, May 20th!**

Tuesday Morning 0 – 20 Game

**Thank you for strongly supporting this new opportunity to play
duplicate bridge.**



The Tuesday morning game **will continue until May 27th**. For the summer months, the game will go on hiatus until October 1st when it will return to the Tuesday morning time slot. Thanks to **Audrey Craig** and all who participate.

Bridge lab, with **Peter Tuttle**, will continue throughout the summer on Tuesday afternoons. We look forward to seeing you there.



FYI

[London Senior Games](#) are held from May 19th to June 19th. It will host **Contract Bridge on Saturday, June 1st from 9-12:30 at North London Optimist Community Center.** Registration is required. For information and registration, click [here](#). If you have questions, please contact [Hui Zhu](#).

Learning Opportunities at LBC

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

Are you interested in becoming a club director or in brushing up on your skills?

We posed this question in our newsletter four weeks ago and several people responded to the call for director training. The course will be sponsored by **ACBL Unit 249** and registration will be open to members of other clubs. The course and the pre-course reading material prepare you to write an exam, which will qualify you to direct club-level games. We anticipate that part of this course will also be designed as a refresher for qualified directors. Our experienced directors will be available to mentor you after the initial training.



We plan to hold the course on the August 23rd weekend. There will also be an ACBL score/**Bridgemate workshop on the morning of June 22nd** for any LBC members who wish to attend, but specifically targeting the LBC course participants.

If you have questions, or would like to discuss the possibility of becoming a director, or taking the course, please contact [Bruce Moor](#) or [Al Edwards](#) for further information.

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

The course is designed for players who have completed several bridge courses and who have played duplicate bridge on a regular basis.

A complete course outline can be found at [Advancing Your Game](#)

Ask Dwight

Why make the same bridge mistakes again? If you are wondering how to defend better or bid to the best game or slam, there is help available. Click on *Ask Dwight* and submit your question. He will respond within 24 hours.

Hi Dwight,

I'm stuck on a bidding sequence from Thursday, April 18th in the afternoon (0-50), Board #4.

We are playing 2 over 1.

The bidding sequence is:

1S/p/1N/p/

2D/p/p/p

Should we repeat the spade suit with only 5 cards?

Thanks,

Ima Puzzled

April 18, aft, 0 – 50 Board 4

Dwight's Response

Hello Ima,

The auction I would advise is: 1S-P-1NT-P, 2D-P-2S-P, P-P.

Whenever you hold 2 cards (or more) in opener's major suit you should always take preference at the 2-level to the opening suit. Playing 2/1, Opener's bid of 2 of either minor shows only 3 of the suit. When you correct to 2 of the major you know you have a 7 card fit, the same as the diamond fit in this case. As responder you only pass or raise Opener's minor suit rebid if you have 5 of that minor.

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**Master Your Game
Monday, May 13th
@ 6:30**





Master-Rookie Team Game

Monday, June 10

@ 6:30

Watch for the sign-up sheet closer to the date.



Over 40 people enjoyed a day of learning about the impact of opening leads against no trump contracts. We laughed, learned and were inspired. Thanks to **Audrey Grant** for her well-organized presentation and **Diane Bryant**, chair of the Education Committee, and all who helped make the day a success.



Meeting friends in Gatlinburg.

**Dwight Bender, Jane King and
Eric Rodwell**



The LBC contingent gets ready to play.



Day of Bridge

On **Wednesday, June 19th**, in conjunction with the [ACBL's The Longest Day](#), London Bridge Centre will host a **Day of Bridge** in support of the [Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex](#).

Last year, the **Day of Bridge** was extremely successful in raising funds, as members of the London Bridge Centre contributed \$8,121 to the Alzheimer Society London Middlesex. A heartfelt thanks to all those who donated their time, silent auction items and funds during this event.

This year the **Day of Bridge** will consist of three bridge sessions, a **Silent Auction** and an auction for **Bridge Night with a Master**. LBC members have been extremely generous in donating items to the Silent Auction. In the past, several of our best received items were donated services such as, free cookies for a year, dinner and bridge at a residence or gift certificates to restaurant or golf course. We welcome creative ideas for some fun services to offer in the **Silent Auction**.

The **Day of Bridge** committee will provide further info about this event in the next Newsletter. We very much appreciate any new item or service you may consider donating to the Silent Auction on behalf of the Alzheimer Society London Middlesex.

Note: If you have questions regarding auction items please contact [Sheila Elston](#).

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

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