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Celebrate Great News!

INVESTORS REPAID THREE YEARS EARLY!

The final 20% of London Bridge Centre's debt will be paid back on July 30, 2019!

Cheques totalling \$31,220 will be mailed in the next week to the investors who loaned money to start the club.

First, some background. In July 2015, an information meeting was held for London's bridge community to hear about the formation of **London Bridge Centre Inc.** The Steering Committee had formed a non-profit company, to be owned by LBC members and to grow the game of bridge in London. Premises had been leased, with discounted rent for the first four years. This meeting kicked off a capital campaign to raise the \$155,000 needed to complete renovations, buy equipment and start the club on a sound financial footing.

The Bridge community's outstanding response raised over \$180,000, nearly \$24,000 in donations and \$158,000 in loans, either interest-free or at 2%. LBC issued promissory notes for the loans, promising to repay them within 7 years, by October 15, 2022.

Three payments have been made to date:

- 25% in June 2016
- 30% in October 2017
- 25% in October 2018

We are now able to pay off the final 20% on July 30, 2019.

Now, some thanks.

We are able to repay these loans in four years instead of seven because of the efforts of many, many volunteers who have contributed countless hours to London Bridge Centre. A sincere thank you for your part in this success.

Thanks also to the members who have supported the club by playing, taking lessons and attending club events. Finally, thank you to the investors who responded to the capital campaign with financial commitments. We hope that you are as pleased with the results as we are.



Brochure now available



London Bridge Centre is a friendly, welcoming, member-owned and managed, not-for-profit club. Our members are dedicated to ensuring a comfortable, up-to-date and well-equipped facility in which to learn and play the game of bridge.



Front page of LBC brochure

In preparation for the **Age Friendly London Conference**, **Karen Wilson** and **Dwight Bender** prepared a brochure to illustrate the positive attributes of our club and the joy of playing bridge. That brochure is now available for you to share with others. The brochure is found on the [LBC web site](#) under **About Us**.

To view and to download the entire brochure, click [here](#). There are paper copies in the foyer.

If you have questions or suggestions about sharing this informational pamphlet, please contact [Adele Woolfe](#).



Day of Bridge, June 19th – The Final Tally Is In!



Ken Wigle, Aaron Brown and Tom Jolliffe

**LBC members raised \$7,901.30 for the
Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex**



The CEO of the ASLM, **Carol Walters**, personally contacted us to express her gratitude to the **London Bridge Centre** for our impressive support over the past three years. Congratulations to **Jackie Potters** and her **Day of Bridge Committee** for organizing this event. And of course, many thanks to our LBC members for contributing items for the *Silent Auction*, the participants in *Play with a Master Auction* and for all your generous donations.



Invitation to the Columbia Sportswear Employee Store

Exclusively for the London Bridge Centre

JULY 12th - AUGUST 4th, 2019

- ✓ 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 digital or paper
- ✓ To download a copy of the invitation and view pertinent information, click [here](#).

Thanks to Carol Wigle for arranging this opportunity.

Learning Opportunities at LBC

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

Fall Courses

Open for registration, click [here](#). For teacher bios, click [here](#).

Basic Level Courses

Course: Taste of Bridge

Date: Saturday, Sept. 14th

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Sessions: 1

Teacher: [Marie Wiley/ Judi Carter](#)

Cost: **FREE but pre-registration is required**

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Course: Bridge Basics I

NOTE: There are two different registration forms, one for each option. Each option has different teachers and different time lines.

Option 1

Date: Saturday, Sept. 28th – Nov. 23rd

Time: 9:30 – 11:45

Sessions: 8 (no class Thanksgiving)

Instructors: [Hazel Hewitt and Jane King](#)

Cost: \$125 including text

For information and to register, click [here](#).

Option 2

Date: Tues. & Fri., Oct. 15th – Nov. 8th

Time: 1:00 - 3:15

Sessions: 8

Instructor: [Barbara O'Brien](#)

Cost: \$125 including text

For information and to register, click [here](#).

Fall Courses (cont'd)

Course: Bridge Basics 3 Popular Conventions

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 25th – Oct. 23rd

Time: 1:30 – 3:45

Sessions: 5

Instructors: [Hazel Hewitt](#)

Cost: \$65 + materials, text

For information and to register, click [here](#).

The following courses are designed to help you refine your game.

Course: Advancing Your Game Part II

NOTE: Part 1 is a prerequisite for Part 2

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

Date: Thursday, Sept. 5th – 26th

Time: 10:00 – 12:15

Sessions: 4

Instructor: [Mary Howe](#)

Cost: \$50 + materials

For information and to register, click [here](#).

Course: Defense Part II

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 10th – Oct. 1st
(additional optional class, Oct. 8)

Time: 1:00 – 3:15

Sessions: 4 + 1 optional

Instructor: [Marie Wiley](#)

Cost: \$50 + materials

For information and to register, click [here](#).

Course: Balancing

Date: Monday, Sept. 16th & 23rd

Time: 1:00 – 3:15

Sessions: 2

Instructor: [Audrey Craig](#)

Cost: \$25 + materials

For information and to register, click [here](#).

Course: Overcalls

Date: Monday, Sept. 30th & Oct. 7th

Time: 1:00 – 3:15

Sessions: 2

Instructor: [Audrey Craig](#)

Cost: \$25 + materials

For information and to register, click [here](#).

Fall Courses (cont'd)

Course: Memory and Visualization

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 2nd – Oct. 16th

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Sessions: 3

Instructor: [Ross Driedger](#)

Cost: \$40 + materials

For information and to register, click [here](#).

Course: Play of the Hand II

Date: Monday, Oct. 28th – Nov. 18th, **Time:**

1:00 – 3:15

Sessions: 4

Instructor: [Audrey Craig](#)

Cost: \$50 + materials

For information and to register, click [here](#).

Bridge Seminars with [Patti Lee](#) @ LBC

Saturday, October 19, 2019

10:00 - 3:00

Lunch included

Seminar 1	10:00 – 12:00	Out for the Count
Lunch	12:00 – 1:00	
Seminar 2	1:00 – 3:00	Declarer Play: What Can Go Wrong?

PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! DEADLINE to REGISTER is OCTOBER 15th

Registration forms are available online or at LBC. [Click here](#).

Cost of the event is \$65.00

including lunch and donation to the [Canadian Landmine Foundation](#)

in support of Patti Lee's and Barbara Seagram's [charitable work in Cambodia](#)

which supports 5 schools with over 600 students, including salaries, taxes, supplies, hydro, etc.; builds wells, toilets, and handwashing stations at the schools; builds toilets for village families; and includes many more projects for landmine affected families.

Payment must be received by October 15th.

Cheques must be made payable to [London Bridge Centre](#).

Official receipts for income tax purposes, for the donation portion (\$50.00), will be issued by the **Canadian Landmine Foundation** at a later date **ONLY** if all the required information is provided on the registration form.

For more information, [click here](#).

Contact Alison Marr at: marr.alison@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

For special events calendar, click [here](#).

Upcoming Sectional Tournaments

Hamilton	July 20 th – 21 st	For information, click here .
Goderich	July 27 th – 28 th	For information, click here .
Golden Leaf, Tillsonburg	August 9 th – 11 th	For information, click here .
Niagara 299, St. Catharines	August 17 th – 18 th	For Information, click here .
St. Thomas, Jumbo	September 7 th – 8 th	For information, click here .



**SAVE THE
DATE!**

Annual General Meeting of LBC

Saturday, September 21st

FREE game for attendees

2 sections, 0 – 300 and open

Please join us!

Earn Gold Points in your regular club game!



The Regional Event At Club House (REACH) is back, giving ACBL members another chance to win **gold** or **red** points at their local club during regularly scheduled games.

LBC will have two **REACH eligible** games on **Monday afternoon, July 29th** and **Thursday afternoon on August 1st**. Note that players must register with and pay ACBL (\$30 USD) ahead of time. There is no additional charge at the club. To learn the details about **cost** and **guidelines** for this opportunity, click [here](#).