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## Annual General Meeting

**Welcome to our newly elected Board members!**

Marilyn Ellis

Angie Francolini

Betty Grant

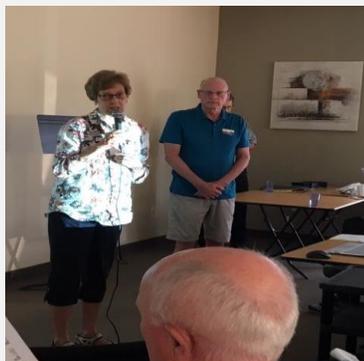
Alison Marr



Al Edwards announced that the surcharge for special games (other than charity games) will be waived for LBC members.



It was standing room only with 69 LBC members present. Thanks to all who attended.



Sue Edwards (accountant) and Tom Jolliffe (treasurer) provided financial information.



After the meeting, members enjoyed a free game of bridge.

*Our thanks go out to retiring LBC Board members.*



**Diane Bryant**

Diane has served as **Chair of the Education Committee** and has worked diligently to promote our successful teaching and learning program and special events at LBC. Bravo Diane!



**Sheila Elston**

Sheila has served as **Chair of the Health and Safety Committee** and was instrumental in obtaining our defibrillator. She has been an organizer of the Longest Day silent auction. Hats off to you, Sheila!



**Mike Potter**

Mike's expertise in running a bridge club has been invaluable to LBC. He has organized Rookie/Master, Master Your Game. He also prepared our weekly announcements. Thanks for your guidance Mike!



**Brian Sheardown**

Brian has served as **Chair of the Membership Committee** and been active on the Health and Safety Committee. He continues to help with repairs and maintenance. Tip of the hat to you Brian!

## Letter from Terry Tack to Members of the London Bridge Centre

Our bridge club is doing very well and membership is steady, which is very good, but we need to make sure it stays healthy, and better yet, keeps growing.

We, as patrons, do not pay very much to play and, if it were not for the many volunteers, we would have to pay a lot more. The volunteers are the main reason the club is so successful. We need them and can always use more.

My husband and I have set up a provision in our wills that a sum of money will go to the London Bridge Centre for its future support.

**I truly wish we would all do this.** Our club expenses (rent, hydro, etc.) will all rise in the future. Financial help will be needed to make sure our personal playing fees do not rise too much.

**Please, at least consider this in the future.** Bridge is a terrific game and we need to see it grow.

Thank you for your time.

**Terry Tack**



**Terry Tack**

## Upcoming Events

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



**NON-MEMBERS PAY  
\$9 PER GAME AND  
PAY SPECIAL GAME  
SURCHARGE!**

**Don't miss out!**

**Current membership ends September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sign up at LBC or use Interac e-Transfer.**

Click [here](#) for instructions regarding e-Transfer.

Membership fee remains **unchanged at \$30** (inc. HST).

For new member application, click [here](#).

**It's  
back!**

**Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:15**

**0 – 20 MP game returns  
after summer break.**

Ken Bowlby  
Silver Life  
Master



Click [here](#) to view  
new life masters.

## Celebrate Our Members

Recent scores over 70%. To view more, click [here](#).

- ◆ Sue Carlye and Dave Southen
- ◆ Sam Hassan and Dave MacDonald
- ◆ Nancy Lemieux and Sally McHenry
- ◆ Paul Finley and Derek Greenwell
- ◆ Louise Caicco and Judy Stirling

★ All new rank achievements, click [here](#).

★ Member recognition awards, click [here](#).

★ Masterpoint competitions, click [here](#).

## Upcoming Events Special Games

### Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Week

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> - All games extra points, **no surcharge**

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

**Swiss Team Game**

Afternoon

1:00 p.m.

Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Morning, Afternoon

Morning, Evening

Afternoon, Evening

Afternoon (0-50 & 0-1500)

Morning, Afternoon

**Sunday  
game  
added!**



**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00**

**2 sections: Open and 0 – 300**

**Please sign up at LBC.**

**Please join us.**

### STaC Week

\$2 surcharge for non-members

**Week of October 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

#### Silver points

Morning & Afternoon

Evening

Afternoon

Afternoon (0-1500)

Morning & Afternoon

## Upcoming Events Tournaments

### Sectional Tournaments

Stratford	October 25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	For information, click <a href="#">here</a> .
Burlington 499er	November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	For information, click <a href="#">here</a> .
Maple City (Chatham)	November 30 <sup>th</sup> – December 1 <sup>st</sup>	For information, click <a href="#">here</a> .

### Regional Tournament

Niagara Falls	November 5 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	For information, click <a href="#">here</a> .
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## Opportunities for Learning & Play



### Rookie-Master Event

**Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>  
@ 9:15 a.m.**

### Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 a.m.

This game is run using computer hands so that players across the country play the same deals. Printed hand analyses, prepared by top Canadian players, are provided. The pair with the best percentage score in Canada is declared National Winner and receives a trophy. The pairs with the top percentage score in each zone receive a plaque. All club winners receive certificates.

**For rookies with fewer than 50 MP's.**



**Practice and Play has resumed!**

**Saturdays, 9:30 – 11:30**

## Learning Opportunities at LBC

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

*Don't forget to register for the*

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

**Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Cost \$65**

**Includes lunch and donation with [tax receipt](#).**

**From Patti Lee:**

### **OUT FOR THE COUNT**

Did you ever wonder why the experts always seem to have their finesses work? Have you ever seen them drop a singleton king offside? How do they always get these things right when you struggle to guess the situation? The answer is, "***They are not guessing. Instead, they have been counting.***"

One of the most important aspects of bridge is learning to count! As declarer, you need to count the opponents' hands: their High Card Points (HCP) and the distribution of their suits. By doing so, you will be surprised how much easier it is to play the hand successfully. To do this, we use all of the clues that we can get from the opponents' bidding, leads, and signals, and when they show out of a suit. Sometimes, we gain exact information from these items and, sometimes, we have to make an ***inference*** based on this information. This lesson will help ***you count***.

### **DECLARER PLAY - What Can Go Wrong?**

When the bidding is over, and your Left-Hand Opponent (LHO) has made the opening lead, and your partner has tabled the dummy, it is now '***showtime***'. But, do not be rushed. This is the most important time for the Declarer. Of course, you have politely thanked your partner. And, now you must go to work and **MAKE A PLAN**.

Sometimes, after making the plan, we recognize that the odds of making the contract are very low, but we soldier on and, sometimes, we realize that it is going to be really easy. But, wait a minute. If the contract looks too easy, you should ask yourself, "***What can go wrong?***" This lesson will help you see what might go wrong and how to do something about it.

# Learning Opportunities at LBC cont'd

To learn more about our dedicated instructors, click [here](#).

## Fall Courses

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

The following fall courses are still available for registration.

**\*NOTE:** Registration is required at least 7 days prior to course start date.

### Basic Level Courses

**\*NOTE:** After your **first** beginner course of at least **4 sessions**, a student receives 3 free plays that can be used at any sanctioned club game in Unit 249.

<b>*Bridge Basics 1</b>	Barbara O'Brien	Tues. & Fri. Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 to 3:15	8 sessions
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The following courses are designed to help you refine your game.

<b>Memory &amp; Visualization</b>	Ross Driedger	<b>Wednesday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 10:00 to 12:00	3 sessions
<b>Play of the Hand 2</b>	Audrey Craig	Monday, Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 to 3:15	4 sessions

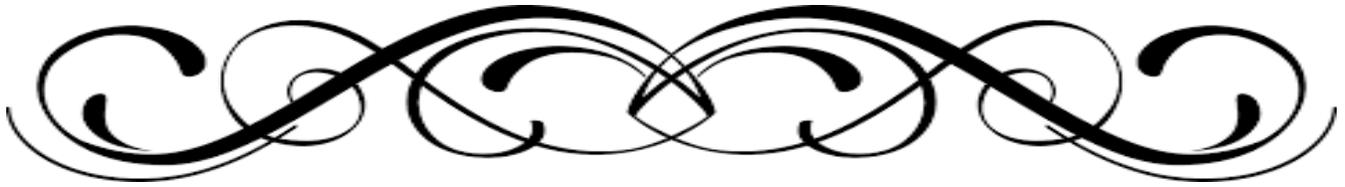
**NEW COURSE:** For Intermediate and Advanced players

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must attend with and register with a partner. This course is designed specifically to address the topics of concern to you and your partner.

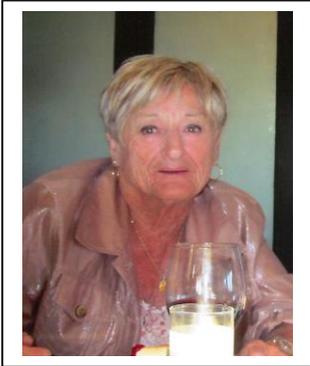
<b>Partnership Understanding</b>	Dwight Bender	Thursday, Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 11:45	4
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You, along with your partner, are asked to download and submit a [Course Topic Form](#) that allows your partnership to select subtopics in each category. Please check off the topics of particular interest to you and your partner in each category. You are encouraged to add any additional topics of your choice. Please write them in the spaces provided. Topic form due Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**General Topics:** Slam bidding, Useful Conventions, Hand Evaluation and Re-evaluation and Defensive strategies.



## In Memory of Joan Bird



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

Many of us will remember Joan's positive energy at the bridge table. She was an active volunteer, golfer and card player. Our condolences go out to her family and friends as well as her special bridge partner Shirley Gibson.

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

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