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Newly Elected Board Members

To read all Board members' bios, click [here](#).



Betty Grant
Secretary



Marilyn Ellis
Membership Director



Angie Francolini
Director at Large



Alison Marr
Co-chair Education



Judy Stirling now serving as President

Change in role



Al Edwards now serving as Past President

Masterpoint Limits Changing November 1, 2019

London Bridge Centre is adjusting the schedule of limited masterpoint games effective November 1, 2019. These changes respond to the development of LBC's members and the increase in their masterpoint holdings.

1. **Tuesday evening** will change from maximum 1000 to maximum 1500 masterpoints.
2. **Friday morning** will change from maximum 300 to maximum 500 masterpoints.
3. **Wednesday evening** will change from maximum 150 to maximum 300 masterpoints.
4. **Wednesday evening** will introduce a 0-50 section at the same time as the 0-300 game. If at least 3 tables of 0-50 players are present, they will form a separate section. If fewer are present, they will be welcome to play in the C strat of the 0-300 game.
5. All other games continue as they now are on LBC's weekly schedule.

Generally, both players must be below the limit to be eligible for masterpoint awards in a game.

When scoring the game, pairs are ranked as strats A, B and C by the average masterpoints of the pair. There is an **exception** for the 0-50 Thursday afternoon section. That section is considered to be a low strat in the 0-1500 game, so a pair is eligible for masterpoint awards if their average masterpoints holding is 50 or less. This will also apply to the new Wednesday evening 0-50 section.

To read an article explaining strats and how they work, click [here](#).

Masterpoint Limits Changing November 1, 2019 cont'd

For the **0-20 Newcomer game on Tuesday mornings**, both players of a pair must have fewer than 20 mps to be eligible for masterpoint awards.

Players over the limit may play in any LBC game with a partner who is under the limit, but the pair will not be eligible for masterpoint awards. This can be effective for mentoring, which we encourage.

Players are also encouraged to participate in the Open games once they are comfortable with duplicate play.

For ACBL members, our ACBLSCORE data base tracks masterpoints won at LBC. Monthly, the ACBL provides updates of masterpoints won by LBC members at tournaments or other clubs.

For non-ACBL members, we track the masterpoints won at LBC. The cumulative totals will determine if they are eligible in an event.

NOTE: LBC retains the right to adjust the number of masterpoints for experienced non-ACBL players to maintain equitable playing conditions for other members.

NO CHANGE IN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OPEN

A survey was done recently about moving this game to Wednesday morning.

Of 91 responses received, 10% would expect to play more often in the morning, 45% would play about as often, and 45% would play less often.

Since play would be significantly reduced by the change, this game will continue at 1:00 p.m.

Thanks to all who responded!

Upcoming Events

Special Games



Sunday, October 20th @ 1:00

2 sections: Open and 0 – 300

Please sign up at LBC.

Please join us.

STaC Week

Week of October 21st – 25th

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Silver points

Morning & Afternoon

Evening

Afternoon & Evening

Afternoon (0-1500)

Morning & Afternoon



RED points

Sunday, November 3rd @ 1:00

Canadian National Team Champ Qualifier (CNTC)

Red points,

Players of all levels welcome.

\$1 surcharge waived for LBC members.

Upcoming Events Tournaments

Sectional Tournaments

Stratford	October 25 th – 27 th	For information, click here.
Burlington 499er	November 23 rd	For information, click here.
Maple City (Chatham)	November 30 th – December 1 st	For information, click here.

Regional Tournament

Niagara Falls	November 5 th – 10 th	For information, click here.
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**Watch
for it!**



**Invitation will be coming soon!
November 15th - December 8th**



**Bring a friend to the 0 - 20 game.
Tuesday mornings @ 9:15**

Cancelled on October 29th, to allow people to participate in Erin Berry Rookie-Master.



**Thanks to Sheila Elston who has
been demonstrating the importance
of effectively washing hands.**

Learning Opportunities at LBC

To view all, 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.

The following course is designed to help you refine your game.

Play of the Hand 2	Audrey Craig	Monday, Nov. 4th 1:00 to 3:15	4 sessions
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Don't
miss
out!

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.

Partnership Understanding	Dwight Bender	Thursday, Nov 7th 9:30 – 11:45	4 sessions
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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 31st.

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



Practice and Play has resumed on Saturday mornings.

9:30 – 11:30

NOTE: Cancelled on Saturday, October 19th for the Patti Lee event.

More Opportunities for Learning

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



Registration is closed
Tuesday, October 15th

Don't forget to register for the

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

Saturday, October 19th

Cost \$65

Includes lunch and donation with tax receipt.

Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game
Tuesday, October 29th @ 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.

Please sign up at the front desk. Rookies will be paired with masters as available.

**NOTE: The maximum rookie MP's have been changed by CBF.
Now for rookies with fewer than 100 MP's.**



SAVE THE DATE!
Monday eve,
November 25th

Master Your Game

A table of 4 plays for the evening
with support and guidance from an
advanced player.
Ask questions, refine your game.
Have fun!



Sign up with a table of 4.
You will be assigned a
guide for 5th seat.

More Opportunities for Learning

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

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.

Hi Dwight,

My partner and I need some help on bidding Bd 6 Monday, afternoon September 16th. We were sitting east/west and the opponents didn't bid.

I opened 1C, partner bid 4NT. Using 1430, I bid 5S. Partner bid 5NT, asking for kings and I responded 6C (no kings other than K of clubs). Partner passed and we ended up in 6C making 7. A better contract would have been 7C, 6NT, or 7NT.

How do we get there?

Thanks,

Kwita Di Lemma

North NV		West V		East D V		South NV		HCPs
♠ K J 7 2		♠ A		♠ Q 9 5		♠ 10 8 6 4 3		6
♥ Q 9 5 4 3		♥ K 8		♥ A		♥ J 10 7 6 2		19 11
♦ 4 3 2		♦ A K 9 8		♦ 10 6 5		♦ Q J 7		4
♣ 4		♣ A J 9 8 7 3		♣ K Q 10 6 5 2		♣		

Monday aft, September 16th

[Board 6](#)

Think about your approach. Then, click [here](#) to view Dwight's response.

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

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