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Potluck & Bridge

Saturday, December 14, 2019

5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10:00 includes bridge, coffee, punch

Note: Each person is asked to bring either salad, entree, dessert or wine. A sign-up list is on the bulletin board at the club.

Seating for dinner is limited to 100 people. Members only may sign up until **December 6th** and then registration will be opened to guests of members.

Please sign up with a bridge partner.

Please bring your own plates and cutlery.



If you need a bridge partner, or,
if you would like to help, please contact **Marlene Benny** at

jimbenny@rogers.com



Volunteers
Needed!

New Year's Day Brunch and Bridge at LBC Wednesday, January 1st at 11:30 a.m.



- *Mango Chutney Pork
- Roasted Potatoes
- 2 Salads, Rolls
- Varied Desserts

Champagne & Orange Juice Catered Brunch

Cost: \$30.00

Tickets go on sale Monday, December 2nd.

Tickets must be purchased by Monday, December 30th.

The regular Wednesday afternoon and evening games for January 1st are cancelled.

*If you have dietary issues that need to be addressed, please contact [Marlene Benny](#).

Our Christmas carol sing-along is back!

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose.
And...



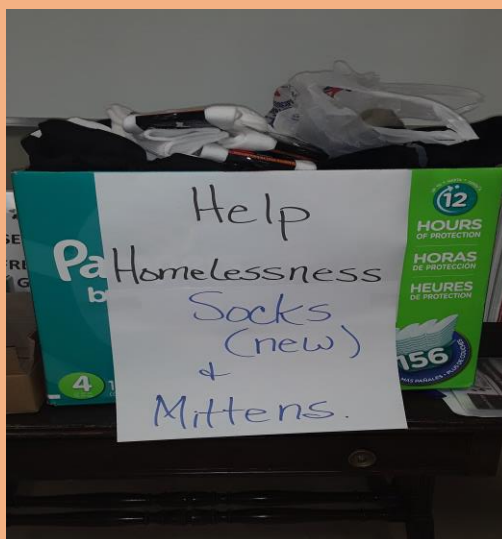
We have Dave Elston at the keyboard and perhaps a visit from Rudolph himself.

Join us
Monday, December 9th
at 4:30
following the
afternoon game.

With all this partying going on, we need to check our schedules!

Holiday Hours

- **SATURDAY PRACTICE & PLAY** is cancelled December 21st & 28th. Resumes January 4th.
- **LBC IS CLOSED ALL DAY** Tuesday, December 24th, Wednesday, December 25th, Thursday, December 26th
- **REGULAR SCHEDULE** runs on Friday, December 27th and Monday, December 30th
- **BRIDGE LAB, Tuesday afternoon, December 31st is still scheduled!**
- **TUESDAY EVENING** December 31st is cancelled.
- **BRUNCH AND BRIDGE** is held on Wednesday, January 1st @ 11:00 a.m.
- **AFTERNOON AND EVENING GAMES** Wednesday, January 1st are cancelled.
- **REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES** Thursday, January 2nd.

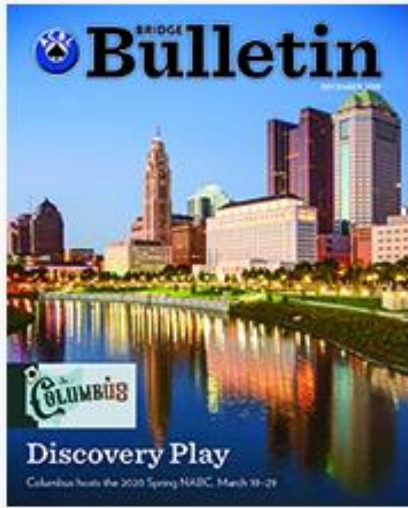


Please don't forget to give back a little!



In the front foyer, there is a collection box for you to drop off items of clothing to help others stay warm and dry this winter. Thanks for your contributions.

Congratulations!



Columbus hosts the 2020 Spring NABC, March 19 – 29.

See pp. 12 & 13 of the December 2019 Bulletin for details.



The NAP District 2 finals for Unit 249 were held in Tillsonburg on Sunday, November 17th. Click [here](#), to view the results.

Players competed for the right to represent District 2 in the **North American Pairs Finals**, to be held at the Spring NABC in Columbus, Ohio in March 2020. District 2 encompasses Ontario, Manitoba and Bermuda.



Congratulations to **Ken Bowlby**, **Dwight Bender** and **Peter Tuttle** who will represent District 2 in Columbus, Ohio.

Dwight and his partner Keith Heckley (Hamilton) will play in *Flight A*. Ken and Peter will compete in *Flight B*.

Special Games





Club Championship Week	Extra points, NO surcharge
Monday, December 2 nd	Morn/Aft
Tuesday, December 3 rd	Morn/Eve
Wednesday, December 4 th	Aft/Eve
Thursday, December 5 th	Aft
Friday, December 6 th	Morn/Aft



REMINDER

**IMP League begins
Monday, December 2nd.
Please arrive at 6:15.**

**Matches will be played regularly on
alternating Monday nights starting at 6:30
at LBC on the following dates:**

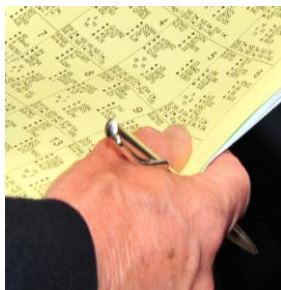
-  **December 2 and 16**
-  **January 6 and 20**
-  **February 3 and 17**
-  **March 2, 16 and 30**

To view more information about **LBC's IMP League**, click [here](#).

To learn more about **International Match Point** scoring, click [here](#).

Learning Opportunities at LBC

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



Thanks to everyone who assists in organizing opportunities to advance the game.

Thanks to all who participated in MASTER YOUR GAME on Monday, November 25th. We appreciate your effort to improve the supportive environment we cherish at LBC.

Upcoming events for peer teaching & learning:

 **Thursday, January 16th at 9:30 a.m.**
Master Your Game

 **Monday, February 24th at 6:30 p.m.**
Rookie/Master

Other ways to advance your learning at LBC:



Tuesday @ 1:00 Bridge Lab

Stay at the same table; play at a comfortable pace; ask for help from an experienced player. No partner necessary.



Saturday @ 9:30

Practise newly acquired skills with a teacher available to answer your questions. Fee is \$5.00 for LBC members.



Tuesday @ 9:15

A duplicate game for players with fewer than 20 masterpoints.



Thursday @ 1:00

0 – 50 Game



Ask Dwight

Email [Dwight Bender](#) with questions about hands played. Include the date, game level and board number with your question. Dwight will respond asap. Previous problems and solutions can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Winter 2020 Courses

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

To view information about our dedicated teachers, click [here](#).

NOTE: **Please register at least 7 days before the course begins.**

Bridge Basics 1

Instructor: Barb O'Brien

Begins: Thursday, January 9th

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:15

Duration: 8 sessions

Click [here](#) for course details and registration.

Course Topics:

Hand evaluation, the bidding ladder, no-trump opening bids and basic responses, minor suit opening bids and basic responses, major suit openings and basic responses, and dummy points. Hand play and defense will be included in each class.

Play of the Hand 1

Instructor: Marie Wiley

Begins: Wednesday, January 15th

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:15

Duration: 4 sessions

Click [here](#) for course details and registration.

Course topics:

Making a plan, developing tricks through promotion and length, developing tricks by finessing, and eliminating losers by ruffing or discarding.

Bridge Basics 2

Instructor: Audrey Craig

Begins: Monday, February 24th

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:15

Duration: 4 sessions

Click [here](#) for course details and registration

Course Topics:

Take-out doubles, overcalls, preemptive bids and weak twos.

Reminders

Changes to Masterpoint Limits in LBC Games

- ❖ **Tuesday evening** maximum 1500 masterpoints
- ❖ **Friday morning** maximum 500 masterpoints
- ❖ **Wednesday evening** maximum 300 masterpoints
- ❖ **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, they will play in the C strat of the 0-300 game.

Note: Players whose MP holdings exceed the game limit may play in these games but will be ineligible for MP awards.

Don't miss out!

Invitation to the Columbia Sportswear Employee Store

Columbia invite runs from November 15th to December 8th.

For details and to download a copy of the invitation, click [here](#).



Weather-Related Game Cancellation



The game director will decide whether to cancel a game, consulting with club officials as needed. If a game is cancelled, we will post a notice on the [Home Page](#) of the LBC website. This post should appear **60 to 90 minutes** before game time. When possible, a blast e-mail will then be sent to those LBC members who have played in that game recently.

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

Visit the LBC website: www.londonbridgecentre.ca