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*As cold and flu season continues, remember to practise good hygiene. Washing your hands thoroughly or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer will go a long way, and **if you're sick, you should stay home to protect others.***

Click [here](#) for further information from ACBL.

At LBC we have hand sanitizer in dispensers on the post by the nametags and the post outside the washrooms.



- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. This is the most effective way to protect yourself from any illness, including the coronavirus. Use soap and scrub for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with your hands.
- Maintain social distance.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash.
- **Please stay home when you are sick.**

Please check the LBC web site for updates.



LIBRARY REPORT

We recently completed our 2019 library audit and are pleased to report that 20% of LBC members made use of the library over the past year compared to 15% of members in 2018. Also, the number of books in the library has increased by over 70 to 1,042 including 607 titles by 184 authors. This growth is again thanks to both donations and 10 LBC purchases.

Missing books remain a significant concern to both the Librarians and the Board. Sadly, this number has dramatically increased over 2019 by 24 to a total of 116 missing books. Once again, we strongly urge you to *legibly* sign-out the books you wish to read. Feel free to browse, but help us, by returning the book to the exact same spot. And, please, have a look around your home to see if you have any books with the LBC logo that should be returned. Thanks so much.

Your LBC Librarians,
Roger and Judy Jolliffe



Click [here](#) to view the library's inventory. Those titles highlighted in **YELLOW** are currently missing from our shelves. Please check for them at home in case they have gone astray.

For general information about the library and borrowing procedures, click [here](#).



There are 3 invitations available to us in 2020.

- ✚ March 13th – April 5th
- ✚ July 10th – August 2nd
- ✚ November 13th – December 6th

This offer is available to current LBC members ONLY. The invitation is non-transferrable. The LBC member must be present to redeem the invitation.

To take advantage of the program, the following details are important:

- ✓ 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 print or digital. The invitation includes a map for the store location and pertinent information. To download a copy of the invitation, click [here](#).
- ✓ The invitation can be used multiple times per invitation period (i.e. March 13th to April 5th).
- ✓ You may bring up to 4 guests each time you visit the store during an assigned period.

Store Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:00 – 7:00
Saturday: 10:00 – 6:00
Sunday: 11:00 – 5:00

Location

1425 Max Brose Drive



Thanks to Carol Wigle for arranging this opportunity.

Upcoming Events

Click [here](#) to view the LBC Special Events calendar.

Tournaments

North American Bridge Championships

Columbus

March 19th – 29th

Click [here](#) for further information.

Sectional

Royal City Spring Fling (Puslinch, Guelph)

March 21st – 22nd

Click [here](#) for further information.

Brampton

April 18th – 19th

Click [here](#) for further information.

Sarnia Blue Water

May 2nd & 3rd

Click [here](#) for further information.

Regional

Toronto

April 7th – 12th

Click [here](#) for further information.

Gatlinburg

April 20th – 26th

Click [here](#) for further information.

Upcoming Events

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Sunday Games at LBC @ 1:00 p.m.

Pairs Game (Open, 0 – 300 MP)	March 15 th
Pairs Game (Open, 0 – 300 MP)	March 29 th
Volunteer Appreciation Game (FREE, Pairs, 2 Sections)	April 5 th
8 is Enough Club Championship Team Game (extra points)	April 19 th

NOTE: Please sign up as a team of 4.

Special Games

April 2nd – 8th Canadian Bridge Federation Charity Week

Thursday	Aft	\$1 to support United Way
Friday	morning	\$1 to support United Way
Friday	Aft	\$1 to support CBF Charitable Fund
Saturday	Morn Practice & Play	Donation to support United Way
Tuesday	Aft 0 - 20	\$1 to support CBF Charitable Fund
Tuesday	Aft Bridge Lab	Donation to support United Way
Tuesday	Eve	\$1 to support CBF Charitable Fund
Wednesday	Aft	\$1 to support United Way
Wednesday	Eve	\$1 to support CBF Charitable Fund

Upcoming Events

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New Game

LBC has decided to launch a new **0-300 Wednesday afternoon section starting April 1st**. This game is intended to run as a separate section beside the current Open Game.

Players with fewer than 50 masterpoints are encouraged to come to play on Wednesday evenings. If at least 3 tables attend, we will run a separate section. If fewer 0 – 50 players attend, the more experienced players and director **Peter Tuttle** welcome them to play in the C strat of the 0-300 game. There is also a 0 – 50 game on Thursday afternoon.

New to duplicate bridge?

LBC also has a **0 – 20 MP** group that meets in the smaller room on **Tuesday afternoons @ 1:00**. Please arrive early to make your table of four because space is limited. **Bridge Lab** runs concurrently in the larger room at LBC.

Login to Pianola

♠ **Tuesday, March 24, 11:15-12:15**

OR

♠ **Wednesday, March 25, 11:15-12:15**

Don't know how to login to Pianola?

Wondering how "Partner Finder" works?

Want to go beyond simply looking at your game results?

This workshop will introduce you to **Pianola** basics and demonstrate tools that can help you improve your play.

Bring your laptop or tablet to get some hands-on help!



Learning Opportunities at LBC

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

Learning from Experienced Bridge Players at LBC

- ✚ Our next evening session for coaching will be a 5th Chair (Master Your Game) on Monday, April 6th @ 6:30.
A table of 4 plays bridge. There is an experienced player at each table to answer your questions and guide the play when you ask for help.



- ✚ Monday, May 11th @ 6:30 will be a Rookie/Master game.
 - This will be a single event Master/Rookie game for all interested.
 - However, it will **also** be the **first game** for people participating in a Rookie/Mentorship program consisting of 5 games.

Rookie/Mentorship Program

- ❖ Mentors and Mentees in this program should be available to play together at a **Kick Off Game** on the evening of **Monday, May 11th**, as well as 4 more times **before September 30th**.
- ❖ The purpose of the program is, above all, to enjoy yourselves. For the mentee, it's an opportunity to play with a better player and get some pointers. For the mentor, an opportunity to help someone move forward with his/her bridge game. We strive to increase social interaction between players of all levels and help move beginning and developing players into more advanced limited games and open games.
- ❖ More information and details regarding partnerships will follow at a later date.

Spring Courses

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

For teacher bios and information, click [here](#).

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

Course	Teacher	Begins	Sessions
Take-Out Doubles	Audrey Craig	Monday, March 30 th 1:00 – 3:15	2
Negative Doubles	Audrey Craig	Monday, April 20 th 1:00 - 3:15	2
Defense 1: Opening Leads & Signalling	Marie Wiley	Wednesday, April 1 st 1:00 – 3:15	4
Bridge Basics 1	Hazel Hewitt & Jane King	Thursday, April 2 nd 6:30 – 9:00	8
Bridge Basics 3	Hazel Hewitt	Saturday, April 11 th 9:30 – 11:30	6
Play of the Hand 2	Audrey Craig	Monday, May 4 th 1:00 - 3:15	4
Yellow Card (SAYC)	Hazel Hewitt	Wednesday, May 13 th 1:30 – 3:30	3
Advancing Your Game Part 1 NOTE: Part 1 is a prerequisite for Part 2. Part 2 is taught in the fall. Course Outline	Mary Howe	Thursday June 4 th 10:00 – 12:15	4



MARCH 28th
9:30 to 2:30
@ LBC

Always wondered about playing Bridge?

**Do you have friends who you just know
would be good at Bridge?**

**Did you play Bridge at home growing up
or at University a long time ago?**

You will learn the basics of bridge in this interactive class that has both instruction and coached play. If you're just starting, returning to the game or wanting to "test the waters" before taking formal lessons, this course is for you. After the day, you might want take on a newcomer game!

Click [here](#) for more information and registration.

For further information call:

Barb O'Brien, Course Administrator at 519-663-9979 or

Jane King, Instructor at 519-495-3043.

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

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