

April 5, 2020



Newsletter



Thanks to all who are working to keep us safe.

**Inside this Issue:**

**LBC Refurbish**

Page 2

**Help Bridge Friends**

Page 3 & 4

**Bridge Base Online**

Page 4

**Bridge Resources**

Page 5

**Community News**

Page 6

**Message from LBC**

Page 7

## The LBC Community and Its Resources

If you are wondering about the financial implications to LBC of an extended closure, we have looked ahead and have positive news.

LBC was in a strong financial position at the end of February. The last of the debt had been paid off last July, income for the fiscal year-to-date was above budget, and the club's cash position was healthy.

While the club is closed, revenues are zero. Expenses also drop, as we have neither director, nor ACBL fees to pay, and we save on utilities, cleaning and cookies. We still have rent and other expenses to pay of about \$5,000 per month.

LBC could survive a forced closure of six months. At that point, we would be considering another campaign to borrow from members until cash reserves can be rebuilt to a more comfortable level.

**We hope to see you back at the tables long before that!**



**Al Edwards**  
Past President

### Finance Committee

**Tom Jolliffe**

**Sue Edwards**

**Jim Stewart**

**Henry Przysiezny**

## The LBC Community and Its Resources continued



Thanks to Tom Jolliffe who has organized the effort to refurbish LBC in our absence. It is still a work in progress.

He has scrubbed, swept, washed, scrubbed, swept, washed, scrubbed, swept, washed..... Well, you get the idea!



### Thank You!

- ✚ **Dwight Bender** provided considerable assistance in disassembling the facility in preparation for the re-painting.
- ✚ Many thanks to **Karen Wilson** and **Dwight Bender** for their careful selection of paint colours.
- ✚ **Bruce Moor** has cleaned all the bridgemates and will arrange to send out the dealing machine for maintenance.

## How Can I Help My Bridge Friends?

by Dwight Bender



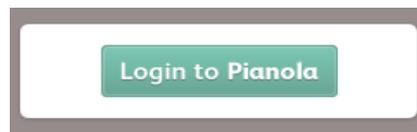
### Make a Call

Perhaps the easiest first step is to reach out directly and make a phone call to see how the person is doing. You may wish to stay in contact more frequently than usual. Keeping in touch will help keep your bridge friends from feeling isolated.

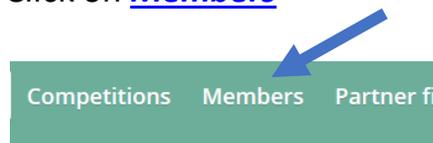
If you wish to have a bit more contact than you get through a regular phone call, you could also consider video chatting through apps like **Facetime**, **Skype** or **WhatsApp**, depending on how comfortable you are with technology.

To find the contact information for an LBC member:

- Login to [Pianola](#)



- Click on [Members](#)



- Now you can select a [person's name](#) to obtain contact information.

### Listen and Ask How to Help

Ask what you can do to help, but also consider offering to do specific tasks or drop off specific items. Do they have a dog that needs walking or other outdoor household chores you could handle? Do they need help with groceries? Some people might just be too shy to ask. If anyone needs assistance of any kind, send an email to LBC by [clicking here](#). This email is checked on a regular basis.



### Send a Letter

I know it is old-fashioned, but some folks may appreciate receiving a letter or card via good old **snail mail**. A handwritten card is something that can be tucked away to read again and again.

## How Can I Help My Bridge Friends?

continued

### Connect on Social Media

Where would we be in the middle of a pandemic without social media? If any of your friends are on social media platforms like **Facebook**, **Twitter**, or **Instagram**, stay in touch with them by sharing photos or updates.

### Do a Shared Activity

One way to stay connected might be to suggest a shared activity that will keep you in regular contact. Examples might include reading one chapter of a book each day and talking about it online or watching a particular movie at the same time (in separate households) and then texting or chatting on the phone about it.

And, of course, getting on **Bridge Base Online** and playing a few hands can't do any harm! If you need help with that, please click [here](#) to ask for assistance. Dwight Bender will help you. You can even play in a team game if you so choose.



To visit BBO, click [here](#).

- Play with your partner from LBC.
- Find a partner online.
- Chat, relax and meet bridge players from all over the world.
- Practice with a robot.
- Earn masterpoints or play a casual game.

To view all ACBL tutorials on the use of BBO, click [here](#).

- Click [here](#) for printable instructions to get started on BBO, with thanks to **Barbara Seagram**.
- For complete instructions on how to enter the **Support Your Club Game** on BBO, click [here](#).
- If you are having technical difficulty with BBO, email [support@bridgebase.com](mailto:support@bridgebase.com).

## Online Bridge Resources



Click [here](#) to visit the Canadian Bridge Federation.

Get to know the *Bridge Canada* online magazine of the Canadian Bridge Federation

Since most of us are cooped up at home, the CBF has decided to make the *April Bridge Canada* issue available to everyone during these challenging times. Usually it is available only to CBF members.

The April issue of Bridge Canada is available by [clicking here](#).



Click [here](#) for

-  Bidding practice
-  Quizzes
-  Lessons
-  Videos
-  Articles

## BRIDGE FEED



### Hand of the Week

Click [here](#) to view a series of challenging hands with expert solutions.

An archive of varied topics is available.

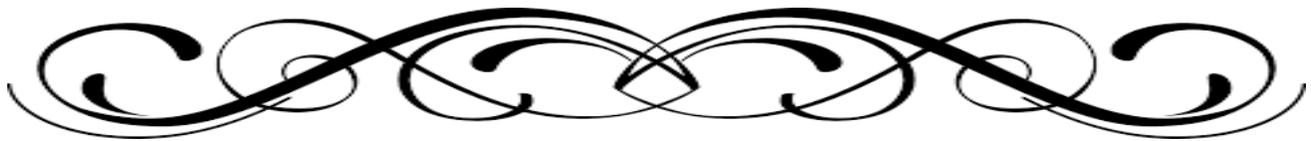
## LBC Community News

### Member Life Events

In the past, we have acknowledged member life events by way of a card left at the front desk for members to sign. **Louise Caicco** is the volunteer who looks after this arrangement for our members. During the time that the LBC is closed, we want to send cards, as appropriate, and keep you informed about important events through our newsletter. If you or anyone you know at LBC has experienced an important event that you think should be recognized, please keep us informed by contacting [Louise](mailto:mclcaicco@gmail.com) at [mclcaicco@gmail.com](mailto:mclcaicco@gmail.com).

### Update

After three weeks in hospital, following surgery, **Bob Wade** has reported that he is home, on the mend, and feeling better. Great news, Bob.



### *In Memoriam*



**Ken Fitchett**

With sadness we want to acknowledge the passing of **Ken Fitchett**. Our thoughts are with his family and friends. Ken was a tennis, baseball and hockey athlete and taught History at Saunders before he retired.

Ken will be particularly missed by the Tuesday afternoon group who are regulars at **Bridge Lab**.

Click [here](#) to view his obituary.

## A Message from the President of LBC

During any challenging time, connection and communication becomes so very important. As the world continues to navigate Covid-19, I want to be sure that we stay connected as a bridge community. Communicating through our newsletter, we're developing a host of resources for you to read about this amazing game. In the meantime, we can play on-line to keep our brains sharp and maintain and develop new skills. The revamping of our club carries on with many things accomplished and some things left to do.

When we return to the table, I'm sure we will look back with surprise at our resourcefulness in having lived without face-to-face bridge. Perhaps we will have developed other pastimes, or maybe put a dent in the pile of books we've always promised ourselves we would read. Personally, I can't wait for the day when I can continue to mis-bid, mis-play, and generally throw my partners under the bus.

Please stay well, self-isolate, and wash your hands.

Wishing you all the best,  
**Judy Stirling**



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

**Keep up to date on everything that's happening  
at the London Bridge Centre.**

**Visit the website: [www.londonbridgecentre.ca](http://www.londonbridgecentre.ca)**