



VIRTUAL CLUB PLAY

Thank you to the many LBC members who have been supporting the club by playing in the new virtual club games. ACBL has approved the inclusion of our bridge neighbours from Tillsonburg, St. Thomas and Chatham in our virtual club games, so you may “see” those friendly faces at the table! Our current schedule:

MONDAYS 6:45 p.m. Open Pairs

TUESDAYS 10:15 a.m. Open Pairs

THURSDAYS 10:15 a.m. Open Pairs

FRIDAYS 10:15 a.m. 0-500 Pairs

If you haven't joined us online yet – our website [here](#) has all the information you need to get started.

LOOKING AHEAD

Every day brings new information about plans for a gradual resumption of activities and various financial support programs.

- As new COVID-19 infections decrease and the economy gradually reopens, bridge clubs like LBC will be one of the later activities to resume. While we will follow any government guidelines, we will err on the side of caution given that our players face an increased risk from COVID-19. We recognize that operations could be delayed until the end of the summer or beyond.
(Rumour has it that Terry Wright is working with Dwight, Tom and Peter on a prototype six-foot square card table 😊)
- The LBC Board is studying announcements regarding governmental financial assistance and watching for opportunities that might apply to our club. The first programs announced with respect to salary and wages did not apply to LBC because our game

directors and teachers are all independent contractors, so we have no payroll. Recent announcements provide partial rent relief under certain conditions, which we will be exploring with our landlord. Meanwhile, we are pleased that our landlord has deferred the collection of our base rent, so we currently are paying only the common area costs, property taxes and insurance, which is about one-third of total rent. The revenue from the online games – both Virtual Club and the Support Your Club games – is also helping.

MEMBER LIFE EVENTS

During the time that the LBC is closed, we still 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 Caicco at mclcaicco@gmail.com.

Stay well; we want to see you all there for the reopening!