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Thanks to LBC Members for Ongoing Support

We miss seeing you at **LBC** and look forward to returning to our newly refreshed home base in the future. However, many of you are enjoyed our virtual club games and we enjoy playing bridge and visiting with you online. We appreciate the efforts of the **American Contract Bridge League** and **Bridge Base Online** in arranging a platform for the **London Bridge Centre** to run its own games and fund our effort to maintain our facility while it is closed.

Several **LBC** members are also participating in casual online games arranged by fellow bridge buddies through **BBO**. If you have not previously participated in online games, you might want to consider doing so.

We have a regular **Virtual News** publication to keep our online players informed about updates. If you have not received it via email, and wish to do so, click [here](#). For past copies and for instructions and support to begin playing bridge in our **BBO Virtual Club** you can visit our web site or click [here](#).



Regular Schedule for Virtual Games

For game registration instructions, click [here](#).

Monday	6:45 p.m.	Open Pairs
Tuesday	10:15 a.m.	Open Pairs
Thursday	10:15 a.m.	Open Pairs
Friday	10:15 a.m.	0 – 500 Pairs



May 25th – 31st

This is a new event during the week of May 25th - 31st where you can earn **silver** points in **Virtual Club** games on [Bridge Base Online](#). All games this week will award triple points and the points will be **silver**!

For this week only, LBC will **add two games** to our regular schedule.

The schedule for this event at LBC is:

Monday, May 25 th	6:45 p.m.	Open Pairs
Tuesday, May 26 th	10:15 a.m.	Open Pairs
Wednesday, May 27th	10:15 a.m.	0 – 1500 Pairs
Thursday, May 28 th	10:15 a.m.	Open Pairs
Friday, May 29 th	10:15 a.m.	0 – 500 Pairs
Sunday, May 31st	1:30 p.m.	Open Pairs

Getting to Know Judy Stirling President of LBC



You can read more about Judy and other LBC board members on our [web site](#).

Where were you born?

I was born in Montreal but in my first year, my family moved to Ontario.

Where did you go to elementary school?

I went to elementary school in 7 cities, one every year and sometimes 2 cities in a single year. My father was in marketing and was transferred frequently throughout northern Ontario. Every September, I was the new kid in the class, which was an adventure in the early years but became more challenging the older I got. Before starting grade 8, the family made their last move, which was to London.

I've lived in Montreal, Owen Sound, Sudbury (twice), Thunder Bay, North Bay (twice), Kitchener, and London.

What was your first job?

I was 16 years old when I got a job as a summer student at a cyto-genetics lab in London. We grew blood and amniotic fluid cultures to study chromosome abnormalities. I had this job for the following 3 summers.

What job did you hold the longest in your working career?

For the first 14 years of my career, I worked with inpatients and their families at the London Psychiatric Hospital.

I returned to school and received a Master's degree (Clinical Social Work). I then joined a group of my colleagues and worked as a private practise psychotherapist for 30 years until retirement in 2017. This group of colleagues worked together in some capacity for more than 40 years and we all retired within a few years of one another. There was rarely a day when I didn't look forward to going in to work. It was an honour.

In addition to the private practise, I was also a court appointed Custody and Access Assessor and was expert witness to the courts in custody and access disputes.

Getting to Know Judy Stirling, LBC President

What was your best vacation?

In 2010 and 2011, my husband and I went to Indonesia and Southeast Asia for 6 months. We spent 7 weeks in Bali and the rest of the time in Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam. We had no itinerary and no return date – what a wonderful sense of freedom. There was nowhere to go, no one to see, and nothing to do ... except explore on scooters.

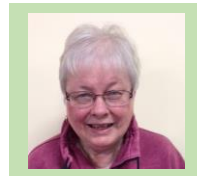


We avoided commercial hotels and big cities and stayed in locally owned huts on the ocean or guest houses. We got to know the locals who took us to various events such as Hindu ceremonies and we saw other beautiful sites and treasures not seen by tourists.

How old were you when you first started playing bridge?

My parents taught me how to play bridge when I was 16. I played throughout university and for a few years afterwards. I gave it up for family and career but I missed it so much.

How did you find LBC? Marie Wiley!!!



Thank you, Marie!

One day about 6 years ago, my old buddy from our squash playing days, **Jackie Cleaver**, called and said, ***“There are bridge lessons at the London Club. I remember once you said you played bridge. Want to go with me?”*** That was one of the best phone calls ever. Marie was giving the lessons and she told us about the bridge club.

What motivated you to become a board member?

I saw the selfless contribution that others made to the club and I wanted to give back. I got so much enjoyment from the bridge club and it was worth so much more than our game fees and annual membership.

Getting to Know Judy Stirling, LBC President

What has surprised you most about being a board member?

I am continually amazed at the wealth of talent we have among the board members and our membership in general. I'm also amazed at the commitment and the time some are able to contribute to their respective tasks.

What have you found most challenging?

I've been challenged when chairing the board meetings as the structure is based on the British Parliamentary System – Robert's Rules of Order – that sort of thing. I've chaired many meetings but with a different structure.

What is your favourite part of being a board member?

I've really enjoyed getting to know people and seeing the *behind the scenes* running of the bridge club. The board consists of a great group of people who share the same goals and the love of the game.

What do you like best about LBC?

I like the competitiveness and the challenge of the game. I like getting to know people because we are all so darn interesting! It's a very comfortable feeling when you know the name of every one in the room.

Tell us about your other hobbies.

I like to paint using both oils and acrylics. I also enjoy playing golf. I do lots of gardening and especially love my vegetable garden.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

I'm not sure they will be surprised but I'd rather be sitting in a canoe in northern Ontario than walking the streets of New York or other big cities. I love, love, love music. And I hate shopping.



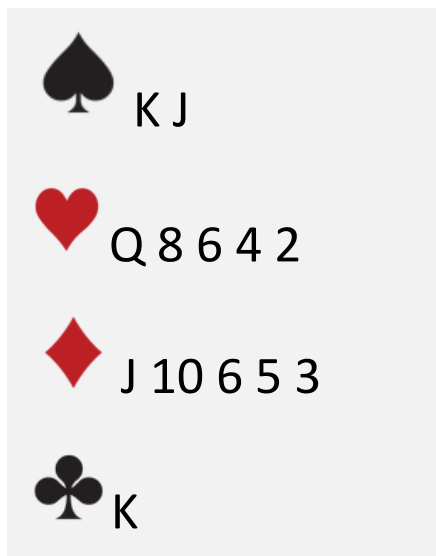
Judy Stirling and Mike Potter
at LBC



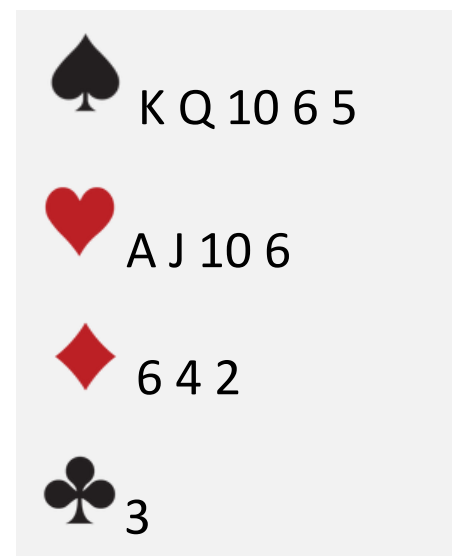
Peter Tuttle

I miss my Tuesday afternoon bunch.
Here's a little lesson for you.
Be safe. Be well.

Here Comes the Judge(ment): Rule of 20



Hand 1



Hand 2

Of these 2 hands, which would you prefer to hold?

The **Rule of 20** is often used to help you decide whether to bid in 1st, 2nd or 3rd seat with fewer than 13 points. Add your high card points to the number of cards in your 2 longest suits. If the sum is 20, you could open the bidding. Apply **judgement** when you use this guideline.

Hand 1 meets the *Rule of 20*. Hand 2 does NOT. However, which of these 2 hands would you prefer to hold?

- Hand 2 has 2 sure tricks whereas hand 1 does not.
- Hand 2 has all its high card points in the long suits. Hand 1 does not.
- Hand 2 has all its high card points in the majors.

I would consider opening hand 2.

Before applying a **RULE** automatically, be sure to use your **judgement**.

Joke of the Day: How do you keep a bridge player in suspense? I'll tell you next issue.

Odds & Ends

BBO Hand Records

Some people have noticed that hand records from games played recently are not available on **BBO**. Unfortunately, this is frustrating for those who enjoy reviewing their bridge work and striving to improve.

This notice recently appeared on the web site. The dramatically increased number of users has stressed the system and your patience is appreciated.

BBO's tech team is working to rectify this problem as soon as possible.

Recent Hand Records deleted

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by Diana | Posted on May 16, 2020

The number of boards and games played on BBO these days has become too large for BBO's existing myhands database. The process that sends hand records to the database has been experiencing delays.

On Saturday, May 16, at around 6AM US Eastern Time all older hand records and results from My Hands were deleted, in order to allow the system to resume processing results promptly.

"Hands and Results" and "Recent Hands"/"Recent Tournaments" have been affected.

We expect new results and hand records to be delivered promptly and we believe this operation will fix the recurring problems that kept delaying results in the past several weeks.

Our techs are working on increasing capacity to allow storing more hand records. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

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Reminder: Cards from LBC

If you or anyone you know at **LBC** has experienced an important life event, please keep us informed by contacting [Louise](mailto:mclcaicco@gmail.com) at mclcaicco@gmail.com.



Ken Bowlby

Bridge Winners

If you are looking for another way to get your *bridge fix*, **Ken Bowlby** highly recommends a site called [Bridge Winners](#). This site includes articles and quizzes, and more. To read **Ken's** information about this site, click [here](#).

Our efforts are making a difference

