

June 14, 2020



Newsletter

Virtual Club Games

Monday	6:45	Open
Tuesday	10:15	Open
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LBC FINANCIAL UPDATE

In the April 5 newsletter, we reported that LBC's financial position was strong enough to survive a forced closure of six months, with many expenses reduced during the closure. Now that we are three months into the forced closure, two financial developments have extended our horizon.

- LBC's regular monthly rent is \$4500, about 45% of our regular operating expenses. **Litera Properties**, our landlord, has been very supportive and has reduced our rent during the closure. LBC is working with Litera to apply for assistance under the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program. We expect rent will be reduced by at least 25%, perhaps more, depending on eligibility. **Thank you Litera!**
- The emergency action by ACBL and BBO to start *Support Your Club* and *Virtual Club* games was a very pleasant surprise. LBC nets about 70% of the entry fees paid by our players for these games. We have received \$4000 from these ACBL/BBO initiatives for March and April, and expect \$6000 for May. **A huge vote of thanks to ACBL and BBO for this vital support, and to our players who are supporting LBC by playing!**

Bridge clubs will be among the last businesses to reopen in Ontario. Social distancing is not possible while playing face-to-face club bridge. With the above financial relief, we can be confident that LBC will be able to open the doors to welcome players when appropriate.

Al Edwards



The Longest Day



Play at LBC's Day of Bridge and Win a Mercedes!

Alzheimer Society
LONDON AND MIDDLESEX™

This year marks the 8th year that the ACBL has collaborated with Alzheimer Associations to raise funds to fight the impact of Alzheimer's disease and the 4th year that the London Bridge Centre will sponsor a Day of Bridge fundraiser in support of the Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the London Bridge Centre, in conjunction with ACBL and Bridge Base Online, will host *Day of Bridge* sessions on June 20th and June 21st.

ACBL will donate all sanction fees earned in Canada to the Alzheimer Society of Canada.

LBC remains committed to support the **Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex**.

All proceeds earned by the LBC from these two games will be donated to the ASLM.

These sessions will be open games held on:

Saturday, June 20th at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, June 21st at 1:15 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE!

You will earn double regular masterpoints in The Longest Day games.



Alzheimer Society

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX™

While the mission and services of the ASLM remains unchanged during the COVID-19 outbreak, the needs of Alzheimer clients and caregivers, as noted by **Leslie Rand** from the ASLM, have increased.

Our organization provides hope, relief, and support to individuals with dementia and their caregivers, through a wide range of social work counselling, education, support groups, and social recreation programs.

Last year, ASLM served a record high of 3,000 active clients. To meet the growing need, we continue to rely on community support. With only 38% of our annual budget funded by the Ministry of Health, we must fundraise over \$1 million to deliver these vital support programs.

The impact that COVID-19 has had on our community is profound and many of these challenges are exacerbated for families living with dementia. Demand is high as caregivers are stressed and need support while people living with dementia are seeking opportunities to be engaged. In response, ASLM is reaching clients in more ways than we ever thought possible.

Our team rapidly transitioned services to a virtual model, including counselling over the phone, videoconferencing support groups, virtual social recreation, and education via webinars. We are committed to supporting our clients through this crisis.

Please make a personal donation.

The ASLM is not only challenged with providing services to clients and their caregivers, they are also confronted with new constraints in raising funds needed to offer their services. We sincerely hope you will still consider supporting the ASLM by contributing a donation online.

Click [here](#) to donate. This link is created specifically for LBC members.

All individuals who donate over \$20 will automatically be issued a tax receipt by ASLM.

And how do you win a Mercedes?

All players' names will be entered into a draw each time they play in our Day of Bridge online games. The draw will be held at 5:00 pm on Sunday June 21st and the winner will receive a new **Mercedes Benz GLC 300**.....for a weekend 😊. Many thanks to **Mike Maric from Mercedes-Benz London** for the donation of a car for a weekend.



Exclusively for the London Bridge Centre June 5th – 28th

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 present **photo ID**.
- ✓ You must bring a **copy of the invitation**, either print or digital. The bar code on the invitation is essential for entry. The invitation includes pertinent information.
- ✓ To download a copy of the invitation, click [here](#).
- ✓ The invitation can be used multiple times per invitation period.
- ✓ You may bring up to 4 guests each time you visit the store.

NOTE: LBC name tag is **not** required on this occasion.

Thanks to Carol Wigle for arranging this opportunity.



Be Safe Information from Columbia

We want you to know that the safety of our employees and shoppers is our number one priority. Below are some of the precautions we are taking to ensure safety while in our store:

- Wiping down and sanitizing checkout surfaces between each customer
- Sanitizing fitting rooms between each customer
- Providing hand sanitizer for shoppers and employees
- 6' marked checkout lines to maintain social distancing
- Limiting number of customers allowed in the store at one time
- All employees will be wearing face coverings
- Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own face coverings to wear while shopping
- Contactless payment options like Apple Pay



Peter Tuttle

Hello to the Tuesday afternoon bunch!
I miss you.
Here is a lesson for you.

The Rule of 15

This guideline is used in 4th seat after 3 passes.

IF your high card points are less than 13, add the high card points to your number of spades. If the total reaches 15, you usually open.
IF NOT, PASS.

♠ J 10 9 6
♥ A K 6 5
♦ K 6 5
♣ 6 5

Hand 1

Open 1 diamond & pass any bid by partner – even if partner bids 2 clubs.

♠ J 10 9
♥ A K 6 5
♦ K 6 5
♣ 6 5 4

Hand 2

Pass.
Does not meet the Rule of 15.

♠ Q 4 2
♥ Q J
♦ K J 8 5
♣ Q J 6 3

Hand 3

Meets the Rule of 15 but I would pass. The queens and jacks hold little trick-taking value.

Joke of the Day:

What happened when they crossed a carrier pigeon with a woodpecker?

The bird not only delivered the mail but knocked on the door.

Be safe.
Peter



In Memory of Our Dear Bridge Friends

I am so saddened to announce the recent passing of **Bill Hryniw**. Bill died suddenly, but peacefully, at his residence on **Thursday, May 28th**. Bill excelled at bridge and was a delight to play with, both as a partner and opponent. While his competitive spirit was always evident, his kind and congenial manner always prevailed. Bill died at his kitchen table, with bridge periodicals at hand and his tablet ready to play an online BBO challenge match; a passing much too soon doing what he much loved.

Bill's passing is not only a heartfelt loss to his regular bridge companions, **Susan Wark, Bruce Moor, Ken and Carol Wigle and me**, but also to many of his friends and companions from the bridge club. And while members from the LBC will miss Bill, it is **his son Joe** who will miss him most. Bill was a caring and devoted father to Joe and was always present to help Joe deal with his challenges. Joe is heartbroken by the loss of his father, and would much appreciate receiving cards from Bill's friends. Please contact [me](#), **Tom Jolliffe**, if you would like to send a card to Joe, and I will provide you with his address.

Unfortunately, the social distancing guidelines in response to the COVID-19 pandemic restrict the opportunity to gather to remember Bill at this time. **Susan Wark, Bruce Moor and I** will host a memorial gathering and bridge session for Bill once restrictions are lifted.

In the meantime, if you would like to remember Bill in a tangible way, please consider making a donation in his memory to [Participation House](#).

Tom Jolliffe



Bill Hryniw

To read Bill's obituary, click [here](#).

To read about Bill's induction into the *Newfoundland/Labrador Sports Hall of Fame*, click [here](#).





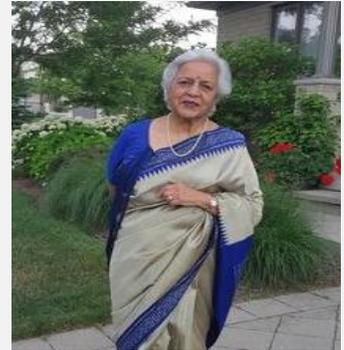
In Memory of Our Dear Bridge Friends

Madhu Gupta became my neighbour in August 2008. When I welcomed her to the neighbourhood, her first question was, “Do you play bridge?” I knew then that we would be friends. We played together in a small neighbourhood club, until I finally talked her into giving duplicate a try. Duplicate bridge became her passion, and she played whenever, wherever she could. Her bridge circle was **very, very** important to her.

As I reminisced about Madhu's life, I was in awe of what a gutsy lady she was. She came to Montreal with her husband and an infant. They had to take jobs for her physician husband wherever they could find them, including spending a year in Moose Factory. I can only imagine the change in lifestyle that must have been. They finally settled in Kitchener/Waterloo and lived there for 36 years until the death of her husband.

I think all at the bridge club who know her, will agree that Madhu was a kind, and gentle woman. I walked with her through her cancer journey, and often commented that other people could take lessons from her. Not once was there any self-pity. She reiterated time and again about what a wonderful life she had led; that she was so fortunate to have people who loved her; that her children were successful and happy; about how blessed she had been in so many ways. In my last conversation with her, I asked if I could do anything for her. Her response was, “Be happy, just be happy in your life.” I know that she would say exactly the same thing to everyone at the bridge club.

Barb O’Brien



Madhu Gupta

October 2, 1940 - June 8, 2020

To read Madhu’s obituary, click [here](#).





In Memory of Our Dear Bridge Friends

Joyce Robinson was a smiling face on Tuesday afternoons and also played in limited games. She wanted to explore the world of duplicate bridge and took several courses at LBC when she was 90 years young. Her enthusiasm for learning and for brilliant play of the hand were her hallmarks.

She moved to North Bay about a year ago to be closer to her family. Fortunately, Joyce ended up living within walking distance of the North Bay club, and played there regularly.

Her bridge buddy **Deb Stuart** says, *Joyce certainly loved bridge. She appreciated our club and the people she played with as well as the instructors who helped her get back into bridge after being away from it for many years. She was quite a character and very encouraging of others.*

Joyce possessed contagious energy for bridge, and for life in general. She was a model for living through your golden years - both having fun and bringing joy to all around you.



Joyce Robinson

September 16, 1927 - April 16, 2020

To read Joyce's obituary, click [here](#).

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

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