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Newsletter

Virtual Club Games

July 6th – 10th

Monday	6:45	Open
Tuesday	10:15	Open
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TRIAL WEEK

Virtual Club Games Changes Monday, July 13th to Friday, 17th

During the week of **Monday, July 13th through Friday, July 17th** we will be running a trial changing 2 different aspects of our **Virtual Club** games:

1. Earlier start times for morning games

Morning games will start at 9:15 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:15.

Monday evening will maintain the start time of 6:45 p.m.

2. More boards

We will play either 20 or 21 boards. Normally we will play 2 board rounds, but 3 board rounds may be required depending on the number of registered pairs.

FOLLOW-UP

After the trial games have been played, **Virtual Club** players will receive a survey to provide us information about preferred start time and length of the games. Please complete and return the survey as promptly as possible so that we are able to best meet your needs.

THANKS TO OUR VIRTUAL CLUB DIRECTORS

Our directors effectively manage issues that arise out of the game. However, they also support our members with respect to login issues, being bumped out of BBO, and having difficulty with home devices. Hats off to them for the hours they devote.



The Longest Day

The **London Bridge Centre** held their Day of Bridge Fundraiser for the [Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex](#) over the weekend of June 20th and 21st. The net proceeds of \$419.46, earned by the LBC from the 28 pairs who participated in each of the Saturday and Sunday games, will be donated to the Alzheimer Society of London Middlesex. As well, \$3,011 was donated to the ASLM via the LBC Day of Bridge website. A further amount of \$222.53 will be donated to the Alzheimer Society of Canada by the ACBL and Bridge Base Online as these two organization have waived their table fees and a portion of their user fees to support the Day of Bridge Fundraiser.

The Alzheimer Society of London Middlesex is extremely grateful to receive a total of \$3,429.46 from those who supported our Day of Bridge Fundraiser.

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

Many of us are much too familiar with the devastating impact of Alzheimer's disease on those who contract this illness and on their immediate caregivers. As a beneficiary of the services provided by the ASLM, I can attest that the assistance and guidance offered by the ASLM to me and my wife Paulette was extremely helpful in our efforts to cope and adjust to the early stages of this disease. Sadly, this kind of assistance continues to challenge the resources available from the ASLM.

While our successful Day of Bridge is over, donations can still be made on the [Day Of Bridge website](#) during the upcoming week.

I sincerely thank the LBC and all the individuals who donated to the ASLM.

Tom Jolliffe





Congratulations to Sheila Smirle

who won a new
Mercedes-Benz
...for a weekend!

Sheila won the Day of Bridge draw. This draw included all players who participated in the two online bridge games held in support of the **Alzheimer Society of London Middlesex**.



Thanks to Mike Maric from Mercedes-Benz London for his donation of a Mercedes for a weekend.

Celebrate New Rank Achievements



We miss seeing our bridge buddies at LBC but we can still play with them online. Several members have used this time to advance their game.

For information on Virtual Club, click [here](#).

Junior Master: Joan Conlon, Linnea Glas, Janice Gregory, Jane Hanbuch, Isobel St. George
Club Master: Linda Tindale
Sectional Master: James Caskey, Janet Caskey, Angie Francolini, Ann Lapchinski, Alison Marr, Sandy Wagner, Fiona Woytowicz

- ♠ To view new rank achievements on our web site, click [here](#).
- ♠ To view Life Masters Plus, click [here](#).
- ♠ To view 70% games, click [here](#).
- ♠ To view member recognition awards for those with fewer than 50 MP, click [here](#).

Life Master
500 MP

Paul Finley
Jim Jordan
Shawn Tuttle

Gold Life Master
2500 MP

Michael O'Rourke



Peter Tuttle

If you have questions, click [here](#) to email me.

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

Hand Evaluation throughout the Bidding Sequence

Count your points when you pick up your cards and don't count them again. BUT, re-evaluate as the bidding progresses.

Your partner opens the bidding. You are the responder. Does the value of your hand improve, worsen or stay the same?

Your partner opens 1 club.

You have no clear fit, but you still have enough value to bid 1 diamond. The value of your hand does not change.

Your partner opens 1 diamond.

Now we have a clear fit. The singleton heart along with the diamond fit improves the quality of your hand enough to bid 3 diamonds.

Your partner opens 1 heart.

The value of your hand decreases. Your best response would be 1 no trump.

Your partner opens 1 spade.

The singleton heart and 3 card support add value. You could bid 2 diamonds to show 10+ points. Then later bid 3 spades.

♠ K 10 7

♥ 8

♦ K Q 10 6 5

♣ J 10 8 4

9 high card points

Joke of the Day

If you find yourself in a hole, quit digging.

By Will Rogers

Be safe; be well.

Pete

Getting to Know Alison Marr Chair, Education Committee



Hi.

I've been asked to introduce myself as a new board member by answering a few questions. Thank goodness this is not ad lib!

Alison

Where were you born?

Elementary school, first job and career job

I was born in **Manchester, England** and went to a local primary school and high school. I took a Biochemistry degree in England then followed a newly found love, **Jon**, to **Syracuse, Upstate New York** where my first job was as a research assistant studying the anatomy of the monkey brain. Jon and I married at the end of that year and moved to **London, Ontario** where my second job was as a computer programmer for Canada Trust. Those were the days when the computer filled the whole room.

Within a couple of years of this, I decided to go back to school to study Medicine, and thereafter had a very satisfying 34 year career as a family doctor in **Strathroy**, looking after my patients in the office and in hospital, assisting in the OR, working in the ER, and delivering over 1000 babies.

The babies were the best part - how awesome to play a role in that wonderful event. The simple deliveries were a joy to behold, and the more difficult ones a challenge and a privilege to help a little one safely into this world.

In how many cities have you lived?

We've lived in London ever since with one year away on Sabbatical in **Kansas, US**, **Sydney, Australia** and **Tubingen, Germany**.

Getting to Know Alison Marr

What was your best vacation?

Difficult to choose, but always best if family can join us. We had a great trip in 2015 to **Ireland** with both of our children.

The scenery is spectacular, the Irish love to joke and tease, and the golf will have you coming back for more.



When did you first start playing bridge?

I first played bridge in University. This was social bridge, but addictive and went on far too late into the night, accompanied by much wine and hilarity.

How did you find LBC?

I didn't play after that until my good friend Judy Stirling started to tell me of the fun and competition at LBC. At retirement it was the perfect hobby to pick up again.

What motivated you to become a board member?

I was happy to take up an invitation to join the Board, frankly mostly to have the opportunity to get to know members better by working with them. There is a lot goes on behind the scenes to keep the bridge club running smoothly and I'm keen to help with that where I can.

What has surprised you most about being a board member?

As a new board member, I am amazed by the expertise, the commitment, and the wisdom of our leaders especially in facing the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

What have you found most challenging?

My computer skills have been challenged. I'm terrified of inadvertently posting a personal item to Dropbox.

What do you like best about LBC?

I like being amongst people who share a love for the game. I like knowing there are some amazing experts in our midst, and that I've had the opportunity to learn from them. It's nice to be accepted into a whole new 'family' of people from different walks of life.



In Memory of Our Dear Bridge Friend



Faith Fawcett

June 22, 2020

Click [here](#) for more information.



Faith was a beautiful person on the inside and the outside. We all admired her courage and the forthright way she approached life as well as her bridge game. Faith will be sorely missed at the bridge table by her many partners as well as her opponents. She was gracious to everyone.

Faith's engaging smile - the hallmark of the strong and positive person we all cherished - will never be forgotten.

We offer our sincere condolences to her husband Keith and their family.



Susan Wark and Faith



Keith and Faith

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

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