

September 27, 2020



Newsletter

Virtual Club Games

LBC

Monday	6:45	Open
Tuesday	9:45	Open
Wednesday	9:45	0-500
Thursday	9:45	Open
Friday	9:45	0-500

Tillsonburg DBC

Tuesday	7:00	Open
Friday	1:15	Open

LBC members welcome

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The Spirit of Generosity

The spirit of generosity is alive and well at the **London Bridge Centre**.

Recently we have had some members donate money to the LBC. We are very grateful and want to thank them for their selfless contribution that benefits the club and all of us. While we are optimistic that we will eventually be able to return to our normal LBC activities, in these uncertain times it is reassuring to have the support of members and *rainy day* funds available when needed.

Thank you once again donors. Stay well everyone. As with all things, this will pass.

Cheers,
Judy Stirling



Judy Stirling
President LBC



thanks a bunch

Please Note: Although we usually require membership renewal at this time of year, all fees are waived indefinitely. Your current membership will be recognized until further notice.

Bridge News

New Member Rank Achievements

The following people have achieved sectional master designation:

-  **Beth Girvan**
-  **Greg Mudry**
-  **Carol Thompson**
-  **Anne Vandecoevering**

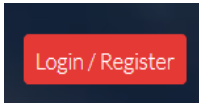


To keep up to date with rank achievements, visit our web site, or click [here](#).

Want to Get Started in Virtual Club Games? We Miss You!

You will need to have a BBO login. We are considering adding a 0 – 50 game. To be eligible, this registration would be required. To play in **limited games** you need an **ACBL** number.

To Create a BBO Login

- Go to [Bridge Base Online](#) www.bridgebase.com
- Click on Register 
- Complete the information to become a member. **It is free.** At this point you create your **User Name** and **Password**. **Save this information.** It is required later.

User name Max 10 characters 0/10	Required	Real name
Password Max 10 characters 0/10	Required	ACBL Number
Confirm password Max 10 characters 0/10	Required	Other
E-mail address	Required	

Help is available. Phone and email information for our members can be found on **Pianola**. If you are not sure where to start, email [Adele Woolfe](#) and she will direct you to the help you need. Click [here](#) to view information on getting started.



Betty Grant

Secretary, LBC

Feature Biography

Where were you born?

I was born in Kitchener, which like London, was a very big *Hockey Town*. My maiden name was **Hainsworth**, a well known hockey name there, as my great-uncle was goalie for the **Toronto Maple Leafs** for years ending his career with the **Montreal Canadiens**. My father was also a hockey goalie and had just been called up to the **New York Rangers** when a skate in the eye ended his career but started his courtship with my mother who was his nurse while in hospital.

What schools did you attend?

I did almost all of my schooling in Kitchener/Waterloo. I attended Sheppard P.S., Eastwood C.I., the University of Waterloo (Psychology) and Western (Teaching Certification).

What was your first job?

As it was with most young girls, my first paid job was babysitting. I was also a doctor's receptionist, factory worker, waitress and lifeguard in the summers while attending university. My first real job was Phys. Ed teacher with the Waterloo County Board of Education.

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

Although trained as a teacher, I taught for only 7 years and ended up as a real estate broker for 34 years when we settled in London.

In how many cities have you lived?

I have lived in 4 cities, Kitchener/Waterloo, Belleville, Ottawa and London

What was your best vacation?

We were a ski family, with both of our children ski instructors, so I would have to say that our many family ski vacations to Colorado, Utah, Alberta and British Columbia were the best of times!

How old were you when you first started playing bridge?

Not going there...haha. Let's just say I have only been playing bridge for about 5 years, kitchen bridge first and then at the club for 4 years.

Feature Biography Betty Grant continued

How did you find LBC?

One of my kitchen bridge friends suggested that we try to learn duplicate at Peter's Tuesday afternoon sessions. I will forever be grateful to **Peter Tuttle** for his patience and great tutelage.

What motivated you to become a board member?

When I was approached by **Judy Stirling** to consider running for Secretary of LBC, I jumped at the chance, as I wanted to give back to the club that had given me so much knowledge and pleasure in the game.

What has surprised you most about being a board member?

I wasn't aware, nor do I think the general membership realizes, the amount of hard work, time and effort that goes into running the club to make it *appear* effortless. We should all applaud the dedication of these individuals.

What have you found most challenging as a Board member?

Those who know me know that I love to *chat*, so as Secretary, I have to keep my chatting to a minimum so as not to miss crucial points for the minutes.

What is your favourite part of being a board member?

I would have to say the lively discussions before decisions are made are enjoyable, especially with 10 points of view.

What do you like best about LBC?

From the very first I found the club to be a warm, welcoming and nurturing environment and have always said that this comes from the top down.

Tell us about your other hobbies.

We love to travel and hope to continue once the pandemic subsides. We also enjoy playing golf and watching both college and NFL football.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

This is a hard one.... but, I guess it might surprise people to know I am a *secret sewer*. I often buy something *off the rack* and then completely remake it into a one-of-a-kind item.



Learning Opportunities Courses



Contact Audrey for
information and
registration.

audrey-craig@rogers.com

Don't
Miss
Out!

[Audrey Craig](#) is offering the following **3 courses**.

✚ **2 Over 1 Game Force** is the most popular bidding system in use in tournament bridge across North America. It is not radically different from Standard American bidding. However, it has some added considerations that make game and slam bidding more accurate.

Duration: 4 sessions

Cost: \$50

✚ **Play of the Hand 1** reviews basic bidding and provides the opportunity to become more skilled at playing hands. Topics include planning the play in no-trump and in suit contracts, developing tricks through promotion and length, eliminating losers through ruffing, discarding or finessing, and managing entries.

Duration: 4 sessions

Cost: \$40

✚ **Play of the Hand 2** continues to review basic bidding and presents more sophisticated play of the hand techniques.

Duration: 4 sessions

Cost: \$40

Courses will be taught in the format of 5th chair.

A group of 4 will play prepared hands specifically developed by Audrey for this course via **Bridge Base Online (BBO)**. Audrey and her students will communicate via **Zoom** throughout each 2-hour lesson with applied practice.

Although each group will have only 4 participants, Audrey is available to work with multiple groups at a suitable time for each group. Register with a partner or group of 4.

Learning Opportunities

Courses






[Marie Wiley](#)

For registration or
information, contact
Marie.

mewiley@rogers.com or
519-433-1537

Opening Leads and Signals

Would you like to:

-  improve your score in club games?
-  be better at finding successful opening leads?
-  be more competent at the most difficult aspect of bridge?

Working on defensive skills is the key if you answered "Yes!" to any of the above questions.

Start Date: Tuesday, October 20th

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Duration: 5 sessions **

Where: Your living room or den or kitchen - wherever you have a computer

Cost: \$62.50 plus the textbook



** An advantage of online courses is that some flexibility is possible if the timetable outlined above does not fit your schedule. Private classes for two, three, or four are possible at a slightly higher cost. Contact Marie for further information.

If you need help getting into playing bridge online, or have never used Zoom before, let me know well ahead of the start date of the course. Marie will arrange to assist you.

NOTE:

For courses using **Zoom** you will **not** need to download Zoom technology. An invitation that includes a hotlink before each session will be sent to you by your instructor.



Learning Opportunities

Lesson



Peter Tuttle

*Hello Tuesday and
Wednesday folks!
I miss you both.
Here's a lesson for you.*

**You opened this hand 1 Heart
rather than 1 Diamond?
Now What?**

♠	VOID
♥	A 10 8 7 2
♦	Q 10 9 6 4 2
♣	A Q

This lesson is a continuation from the last newsletter.
Click [here](#) to see the first lesson on page 8.

You opened 1 heart. Here is the bidding sequence.

1 heart – 1 spade – 2 hearts – 2 spades. Now what?

Your partner has responded with support in Hearts. However, your hand has strength in 2 suits. Given the shape of your hand, do you think that your partner should know about those Diamonds?

I recommend bidding 3 diamonds. Partner will know where your strength lies. However, you both know that the agreed upon suit is hearts. If/when the opponents bid 3 or 4 spades, your partner will have a better idea whether to raise your hearts, double, or pass and leave the decision to you.

Joke of the Day:

A man is bragging about his new hearing aid.
"It's the best I've ever had," he says.
His friend asks, "What kind it is?"
He responds, "Half past four."



Be safe. Be well.

Virtual Corner



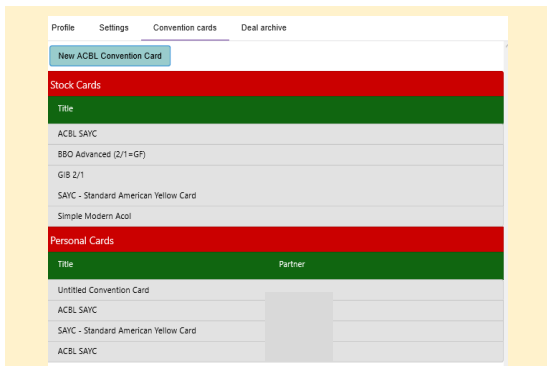
Stardust Week has been extended by two days! That means there's still plenty of time to win bonus masterpoint® awards in the Virtual Clubs on Bridge Base Online.

All club games held in Virtual Clubs Monday and Tuesday (September 28th & 29th) will be counted as Stardust Week games.

Don't miss your chance for gold points and beyond!

★ Awards will be doubled.

★ 1/4 gold and 3/4 black



BBO Options: Convention Cards

BBO Convention Cards

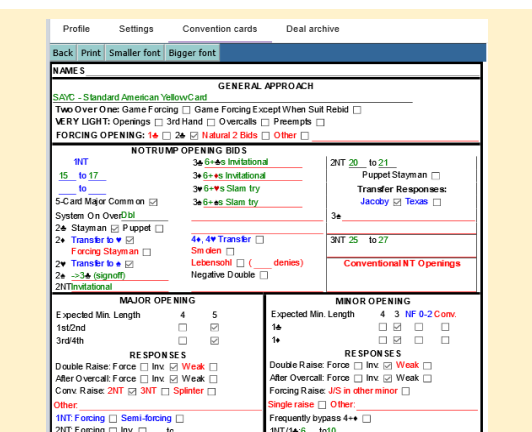
If you play on BBO with a regular partner, please take a few minutes to set up your convention card. Having one is convenient for you and courteous to your opponents, who can then quickly see your bidding and carding agreements. You may create different convention cards for each of your partners.

For print instructions on setting up your BBO convention card, click [here](#).

For clear **YouTube** instructions on creating conventions cards, click [here](#).

To view a pictorial BBO help page. Click [here](#).

You can see opponents' convention cards by clicking on the 3 blue lines in the box at the top left of the screen when you play in a BBO game.



BBO Convention Card



In Memory of our Dear Bridge Friend



Elizabeth Hull

April 10th, 1950 – September 13th, 2020

Click [here](#), to read more.

We are sad to mark the passing of our dear friend **Elizabeth Hull**. She was a sharp player of the game, a considerate bridge partner, and a gracious competitor. She will be sorely missed at the bridge table.

Her obituary stated:

She played golf, bridge and pickle ball all with a determination to be the very best she could be, always meeting life to the fullest.

That is exactly how we saw her at LBC.

Our condolences go out to her husband John, her daughter Andrea and her grandchildren. We trust her love and passion for life will continue to comfort them.

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.**

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