

November 8, 2020



London  
Bridge Centre

Newsletter

### Virtual Club Games

#### LBC

Monday	6:45	Open
Tuesday	9:45	Open
Wednesday	9:45	0-500
Thursday	9:30	0-50
Thursday	9:45	Open
Friday	9:45	0-500

#### Tillsonburg DBC

Tuesday	7:00	Open
Friday	1:15	Open

LBC members welcome

## Annual General Meeting Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### Message from the President

Hello everyone,

I am excited to tell you about our virtual **Annual General Meeting** which will be held on **Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00.**

Bruce Moor will be sending **Zoom** invitations to all our members and we hope to see you there.

If you have not tried using Zoom to attend a meeting, it is simple and easy to use. When you participate you will be able to ask questions and vote on the issues we discuss. We will be presenting our annual financial report and updates on our club. In addition, we will be saying goodbye to our board members whose terms have been completed and we will be electing new members to our board.

Look for further information as the date approaches, including directions on using **Zoom** and links to pertinent documents.

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## Message from the President (Continued)



### Words Cannot Express...

I want to take this time to recognize our virtual game directors who have been donating **(free of charge)** endless hours of their time to establish and direct our online games. Without them our club games would not exist. This talented and dedicated group, headed by **Bruce Moor**, includes **Al Edwards**, **Dwight Bender**, **Tom Jolliffe**, and more recently **Jed Drew** (Tillsonburg Duplicate Bridge Club), **Judi Carter** and **Audrey Craig**. They have made an extraordinary commitment to our club and to the game of bridge. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Lastly, I want to congratulate all of those involved in the successful launch of our new **0 to 50 limited game on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** After a few hiccups in our first week, the past two weeks have been well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. If you have fewer than 50 master points and you have not yet tried an online bridge game, this would be the perfect place to start.

If you have any questions, please contact:

- [Audrey Craig](mailto:audrey-craig@rogers.com) audrey-craig@rogers.com
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**Judy Stirling**  
President LBC



If you ask yourself why you should try online bridge, click [here](#) for great reasons to have fun online and explore the help available to get you started.

For view LBC guidelines to assist online play, click [here](#).

# Bridge News



Remember when...  
Halloween, 2016



Louisa Leugner

Thanks to all who have sent me cards and encouraging messages while I face some health challenges. Your support is appreciated. I miss my bridge friends.

I am currently staying at Amica while I recuperate. I look forward to seeing you all when the club reopens. All the best!



## New Rank Achievements

New Junior Master	Noni	Brown
New Regional Master	Helen	Holmes
New Advanced NABC Master	Rick	Jordan
New Life Master	Janine	Higgins

## Learning Opportunities Lessons

**Are you interested in developing your bridge skills?  
Would you appreciate some practice in an online environment?**

Several teachers from **London Bridge Centre** are offering small group lessons while they sit as fifth chair to guide your progress. These lessons may take a variety of formats for communication. Prices and the length of each session may vary slightly. Please contact the following teachers if you would like more information.

### 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.



**Teacher: Audrey Craig**

**Contact Information:** [audrey-craig@rogers.com](mailto:audrey-craig@rogers.com) or 519 657-3665

**Format:** Audrey uses Zoom and will develop specific hands to play on BBO or will use a Practice & Play approach with hands generated by BBO. Groups of 4 will play at a mutually agreed upon time.



**Teacher: Hazel Hewitt**

**Contact Information:** [hazeljhewitt@hotmail.com](mailto:hazeljhewitt@hotmail.com) or 519-274-9724

**Format:** Hazel uses Practice and Play sessions for **three people** at a mutually agreed upon time. Each group may include beginner/advancing beginner levels. Sessions involve bidding and playing random hands and discussion. Messenger is used concurrently so the group can talk at the same time.

# Learning Opportunities

## Lessons (continued)



**Teacher:** Mary Howe

**Contact Information:** [maryhowe@comcast.net](mailto:maryhowe@comcast.net)

**Format:** Mary is using prepared hands for Practice & Play sessions that target the conventions taught in the **Advancing Your Game course**. These private lessons are only available for players who have previously taken the course. Opportunities will become available in the new year to sign up with a partner for the next series of private sessions with Mary on Zoom and BBO.



**Teacher:** Peter Tuttle

**Contact Information:** [petesrecords@hotmail.com](mailto:petesrecords@hotmail.com)

**Format:** Peter uses Practice and Play approach. He uses BBO generated hands with Zoom invitations for ongoing discussion of your bidding and play of the hand decisions. Groups of four play at a mutually agreed upon time.



**Teacher:** Marie Wiley

**Contact Information:** [mewiley@rogers.com](mailto:mewiley@rogers.com) or 519-433-1537

**Format:** Marie uses Practice and Play approach via BBO generated hands with Zoom invitations for discussion in response to your bidding and play of the hand questions. Groups of four play at a mutually agreed upon time.

# Learning Opportunities

## Peter's Lesson



Peter Tuttle

Hello Tuesday and Wednesday folks!

I miss you all. Here's a lesson for you.

### King First/ Ace Second. WHY?

The contract is 4 hearts in the south.



- West leads the king of spades and then plays the ace of spades, winning both tricks
- West next leads a small diamond which is won by partner (East) with the ace.
- East needs to think about the **order** partner played the A/K. **WHY?** Usually partner would play the ace first, then the king.
- The reversal shows doubleton A/K spades.
- If East returns a spade, partner should be able to ruff, beating the contract.

**Lesson:**

**With doubleton king and ace. Lead the king first to signal partner. Hopefully, a ruff will be in the cards.**

### Joke of the Day

I don't always go the extra mile. But when I do, it's usually because I missed my exit.

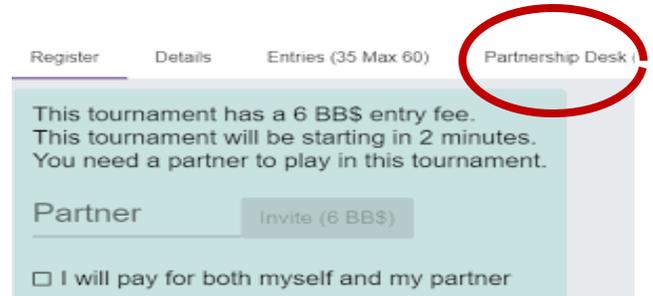
Be safe. Be well.



## Virtual Corner

### BBO Partnership Desk

- Are you looking for a partner?
- Do you want to volunteer when the club needs an extra player?
- How are subs selected?



If you register at the partnership desk for an LBC Virtual Club game, you need to do so early enough (at least 30 min before the game) to give those looking for a partner enough time to see your posting. Further, you must stay online until somebody asks you to play with them and you are registered with them, or the game is underway.

You could also **send a chat to the director (VACB272120)** offering to substitute if you do not partner up with somebody before the startup. We always give priority to our members in slotting subs into half tables if they happen. If we know you are available and are STILL ONLINE, we can invite you to substitute immediately after the game starts. Substitutes do not get charged game fees, as they are volunteering their time and will likely be playing with a new partner.

We use robots mostly to expedite play at a table while we are looking for real people to fill empty seats. Robots are always available, play quickly, alert all their bids, and are not upset when they get replaced by a real person. That said, we recognize that our players are not always happy to have robot opponents, so we use them as sparingly as possible.

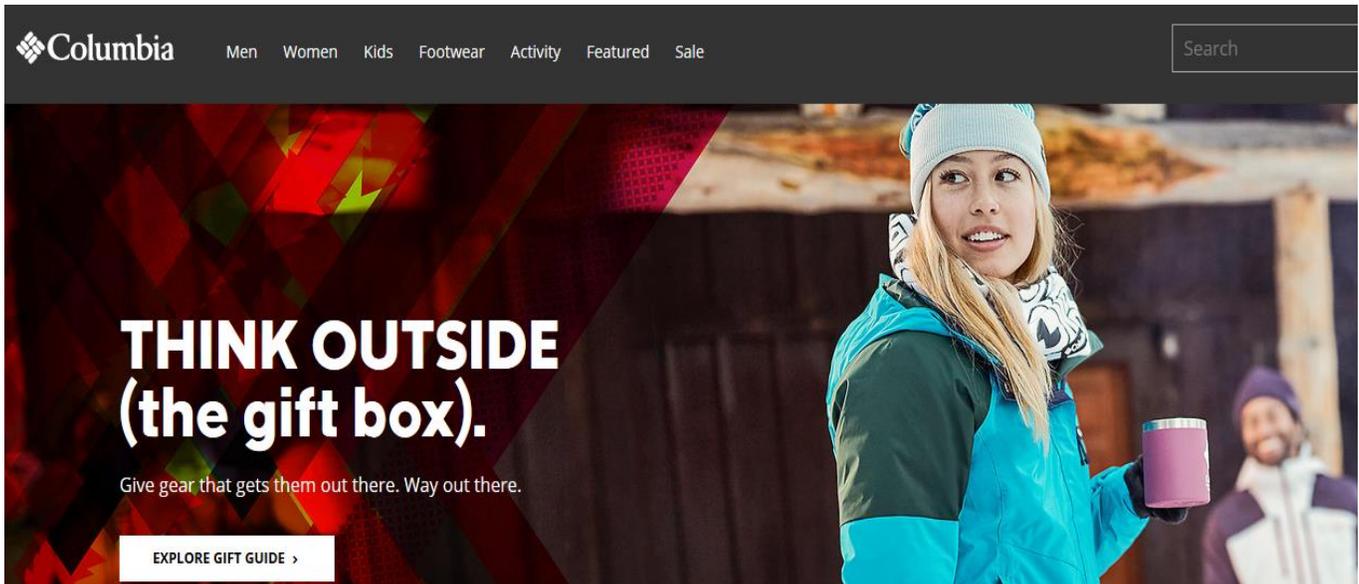
**If you are willing and available to be a substitute player in a game, please be sure to chat with a director so that we are aware.**

**Bruce Moor** (Lead Director)



**FALL 2020 NABC ROBOT INDIVIDUAL**  
**November 21-23 (Saturday, Sunday and Monday)**

For information click [here](#).



**Columbia Employee Outlet Store Invitation  
for LBC Members**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

**Further information will follow.**

**Thanks to Carol Wigle for organizing this opportunity.**

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

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