

November 29, 2020



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 1st at 4:00 p.m.

**Advanced registration is required to participate
in the Virtual AGM via Zoom.**

**The deadline has been extended to Monday,
November 30th @ midnight.**

Click [here](#) to register. The Zoom link and voting instructions for the meeting will be sent to those who have registered. If you are unable to attend, you may appoint a proxy.

The following documents are linked here and they are also available on the LBC web site on the [Member Info](#) page

- [AGM Agenda](#)
- [Draft Minutes](#) (of the 2019 AGM)
- [Financial Statements](#) (for 2019 – 2020)
- [Report of the Nominating Committee](#)
- [Proxy form](#)

Only members of **London Bridge Centre** may vote at the Annual General Meeting and a quorum of fifteen members (including proxies) is required. Others are welcome to attend.

Click [here](#) to download the full notice and instructions on how to register to attend the AGM.

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Feature Biography

Angie Francolini

Where did you go to elementary school?

Immaculate Conception (You did not have to be Born by immaculate conception to attend, but, you were expected to behave like an Angel.)

What was your first job?

I made and served fresh squeezed orange juice while standing in a giant orange in the middle of the food court in Yorkdale Mall.



Elementary school days
Hanging out with my little sisters

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

Hmm.... I had a 28 year career with McCormick (global leader in spices), but never held the same title or job role for more than 5 years.

In how many cities have you lived?

Three: Toronto ON, London ON, Baltimore MD

What was your favourite vacation?

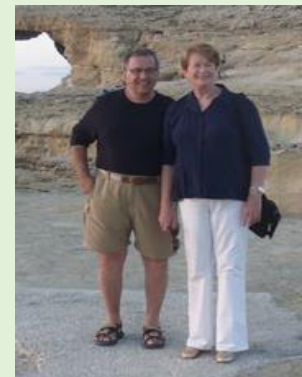
Oh ... it is difficult to pick just one. The most recent highlight was taking our adult children to Lago di Como in northern Italy. My daughter captured the highlights in a video blog which I watch often to relive the great memories.

How old were you when you first started playing bridge?

I was in my early thirties and played bridge with my husband and in-laws.

How did you find LBC?

Several members recommended LBC, as a great place to learn more about the game. I then learned that my mother-in-law was also a bridge club member known to many at LBC. I still have many of her books and lesson notes.



My in-laws and bridge teachers Geno & Joan

Feature Biography Angie Francolini continued

What motivated you to become a board member?

As a novice player, I always felt welcomed, encouraged and mentored. I wanted to bring that positive experience to the Board, so that LBC continues to foster the game and develop new bridge enthusiasts. I also believe that LBC plays an important role in supporting our membership community, now more than ever.

What has surprised you most about being a board member?

The incredible number of volunteers that give generously of their time and talent.

What have you found most challenging?

We all want to be back at the tables. We have found a financially viable solution for sanctioned games and we are continuing to offer a robust education program. Our newsletter is instrumental - engaging the full membership. Replicating or modelling some of our programs for casual/novice players has been a challenge and continues to be a work-in-progress.

What is your favourite part of being a board member?

Working alongside a talented, enthusiastic team.

What do you like best about LBC?

So many things ...at the heart, it is the culture at the LBC that I admire most - built on inclusion and integrity.

Tell us about your other hobbies.

Staying active: golfing, hiking, kayaking

What would people be surprised to know about you?

I spoke fluent Italian before learning to speak English. My Italian proved helpful while in Italy. It is also true that I often speak Italian when tipsy or feeling particularly joyful.



**Merry Christmas
from our family to yours**

Learning Opportunities Courses



Barry Onslow

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Slam Bidding for the Intermediate Player

Taught by [Barry Onslow](#)

Slam bidding is difficult even for expert players. This course is designed for the intermediate player who is comfortable **playing regularly in the Open Games** and is looking to improve toward becoming an expert player. To achieve the maximum benefit, you should take this course with a partner who has a similar level of bridge expertise and a desire to improve to the next level.



See information below.

PLEASE NOTE: There are 2 components offered with this course.
The cost of EACH component is \$90.00.

- A. Formal Teaching Component
- B. Practice & Play (**OPTIONAL**)

A. **Formal Teaching:** Lessons via Zoom

Class Dates: January 18th to February 22nd

Time: Mondays, 2:00 – 4:15

Sessions: 6

Cost: \$90 including resources

B. **Practice & Play:** Guided play using BBO and Zoom

Class Dates: Weekly, to reflect topics taught
Runs concurrently with classes

Time: mutually agreed upon, 2 hr. in the aft

Sessions: 6

Cost: \$90

To view more information and the course outline, click [here](#).

To register, click [here](#).

Registration for the course and payment deadline is **Wednesday, January 6, 2021**.

Payment should be by e-transfer or cheque.

For further information, please contact [Barry Onslow](#).

Learning Opportunities Courses

**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. Your group will play at a mutually agreed upon time. Prices and the length of each session may vary slightly. Please contact the following teachers if you would like more information.



Audrey Craig

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- + Practice & Play (groups of 4)
or
- + Specific topics: 2/1, 1430, Jacoby 2NT



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519 274-9724

- + Practice & Play (groups of 3)
- + Beginner and advancing beginner



Mary Howe

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- + Practice & Play: targets the conventions taught in the **Advancing Your Game** course (Prerequisite)



Peter Tuttle

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- + Practice & Play (groups of 4)
- + Provides responses to your bidding and play of the hand questions



Marie Wiley

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- + Practice & Play (groups of 4)
- + Provides responses to your bidding and play of the hand questions

Peter's Lesson

Peter Tuttle



Be safe. Be well.

Hello Tuesday and Wednesday folks!

Lesson: Rule of Eleven

Contract:

3 No Trump in the South

West's opening lead is 6D because it is the 4th down from her longest and strongest suit.

♠ 10 7 6 4
♥ Q 8
♦ A J 7 6 3
♣ J 2 **W**

♠ J 5 3 **N**
♥ A 6 3
♦ 9 8
♣ Q 10 7 6 4

♠ K Q 9
♥ K 10 7 4
♦ K 4 2
♣ A K 5 **S**

♠ A 8 2
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ Q 10 5
♣ 9 8 3 **E**

- East should apply the **Rule of 11**. She subtracts $11-6=5$. East counts her diamonds and the diamonds in dummy. **East can see 4 diamonds higher than 6.**
- The count reveals that South must have only 1 diamond higher than the 6 led by West. Therefore, East plays her queen.
- When South takes the trick with his king, East now knows that her partner has the remaining winning diamonds.
- As soon as East has an opportunity to take a trick with the ace of spades, she plays it immediately (even if she is sitting in second seat).
- East will then be able to return a diamond to her partner. With the remaining diamond tricks, the contract can be defeated.



Joke of the Day

A lady walking a skunk is asked, "Why a skunk?"

She replies, "It's my social distancing support animal."





Columbia Employee Store Invitation

**December 4th – January 3rd
valid for you & 4 guests**

The invitation is non-transferrable.

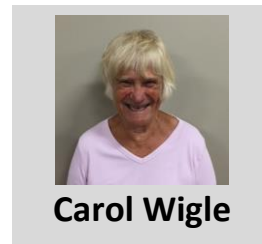
The LBC member must be present to redeem the invitation.

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.



Carol Wigle

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

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at the London Bridge Centre.**

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