

January 10, 2021



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
Saturday	1:15	0-200

Tillsonburg DBC

Tuesday	7:00	Open
Friday	1:15	Open

LBC members welcome

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happy new year

2021



Tony Huys, Marlene Benny, Eve & Russ Harp

Remember when Marlene organized **Brunch & Bridge** to help us ring in the new year at LBC?
And Russ served the mimosas?

We wish you all the best in 2021.

Stay safe and well.

To see more photos of past celebrations, click [here](#).

We miss seeing you in person.

Please join us online.

Check out our NEW WEEKLY GAME.

Saturdays @ 1:15 pm 0 - 200 Pairs

PLEASE NOTE: To register for all limited point Virtual Club games, players must have an ACBL member number on their BBO profile. ACBL is still offering free temporary membership. Click [here](#) for information.

Welcome to Our New Board Members

Congratulations and thank you to those who were elected to the **London Bridge Centre** Board of Directors. We appreciate the time and work involved in helping sustain our club during the limitations of Covid. Your expertise will continue to guide us when we return to on-site bridge games. To read more about each director's love of the game of bridge and reasons for volunteering at LBC, please click [here](#).



Janine Higgins
Vice President



Gayle George
Director at Large



Rick Jordan
Director at Large



Les Wroblewski
Director at Large

Bridge News

New Rank Achievements



Regional Master Deborah Ellison

Regional Master Marion Gamble

Silver Life Master Tom Jolliffe



How can you participate?

Simply play in your usual **Virtual Club** games on [Bridge Base Online](#) (BBO). During the week of January 18th -24th, Monday - Sunday, you'll earn DOUBLE regular club points, which will be **SILVER** instead of black.

As well as our regular club games (**including the new Saturday 0 – 200 game at 1:15**), we are adding the following:





- ✚ Saturday, January 23rd at 1:30, **Open game**
- ✚ Sunday, January 24th at 1:15, **0 – 200 game**
- ✚ Sunday, January 24th at 1:30, **Open game**

Bridge News



LBC IMP LEAGUE

**Have fun playing on a team.
Get to know more LBC members.
Learn to play with IMP scoring.**

-  Begins Thursday evenings @ 7:30 on January 21st
-  Deadline for registration is **January 14th**
-  Need a team to join? We will try to find a spot.
Contact Alison Marr marr.alison@gmail.com
-  For more information and to register, click [here](#).

The cost is C\$7/pp/match. Some of that cost goes to ACBL for assigning masterpoints, the rest is fund raising for the LBC.



Changes in Alert Procedures

by Al Edwards

ACBL has revised the Alert Procedures effective January 1, 2021.

An article highlighting the changes appears in the January issue of the ACBL Bulletin. That article is available at <https://bridgefeed.acbl.org/red-alert/> while the revised Alert procedures are at <https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/AlertProcedures2.pdf>. The Alert Procedures is a 13-page document that supports the more familiar Alert chart. The Alert chart has not yet been updated.

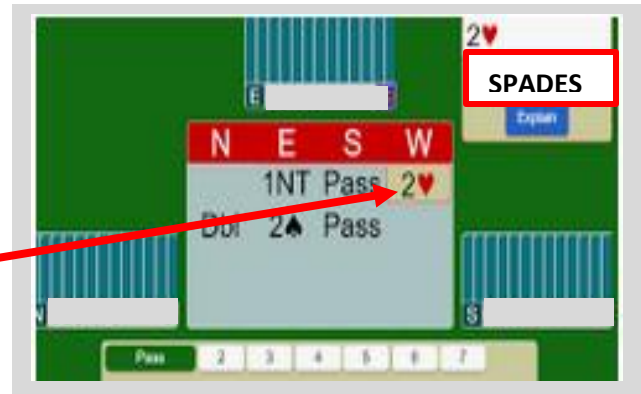
Please read the following page for some details.



Bridge News

Changes in Alert Procedures continued

For most players, the change you will encounter first relates to transfers. Instead of alerting *transfer*, the announcement now is the suit being shown by the transfer bid. So, after 1NT, a response of **2D** is announced as *hearts* while a response of **2H** would be announced as *spades*. The 1NT opening range should also be announced.



When playing face-to-face bridge, the partner of the bidder makes the announcement. Playing online, the bidder makes the announcement using the alert function in the bidding box.

For those playing a short club opener, the announcement is now *could be two* or *could be one*, depending on the minimum number of clubs shown.

Support doubles and redoubles no longer require an Alert.

Note: Those who play a system with an artificial one-level opening bid that is forcing are now required to **pre-alert at the start of the round**.

You are encouraged to become familiar with the alert requirements for conventions that you play. While there is no automatic penalty for a failure to alert, score adjustments are possible if the opponents are damaged.

BRIDGEFEED

To read more about **Updates to ACBL's Alert Procedure** in **Bridgefeed**, click [here](#).

Learning Opportunities Courses



Slam Bidding for the Intermediate Player

Taught by [Barry Onslow](#)

Registration is closed.

Course begins Monday, January 18th at 2:00.

Defence Courses

Taught by [Marie Wiley](#)

- ❖ **Defence 1: Opening Leads and Signals** was offered previously but can be offered again to anyone who missed it. Contact Marie if you are interested.
- ❖ **Defence 2** covers 2nd and 3rd hand play as well as defensive strategies. It will be offered in January, 2021.

Deadline for registering for Defence 2 is Friday, January 15th



Format:

- 40 to 50 minute lesson via **Zoom**
- followed by 1 hour of practice on **BBO** at 3:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m.

Start Date: Wednesday, January 20th

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Sessions: 4

Cost: \$50 plus the cost of the textbook

Registration: Please contact Marie directly.

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Learning Opportunities

Courses continued

**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

audrey-craig@rogers.com

519 657-3665

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



Hazel Hewitt

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519 274-9724

- ✚ Practice & Play (groups of 4)
- ✚ Beginner and advancing beginner



Mary Howe

maryhowe@comcast.net

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



Peter Tuttle

petesrecords@hotmail.com

- ✚ 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

Hello Tuesday and Wednesday folks!

Lesson: What is the *Rule of 16* after partner opens 1 no trump?

Your partner opens 1 no trump with 15 to 17 points.

You wonder whether you have enough points to raise partner to 3 no trump. To help you decide you might want to apply the *Rule of 16*. Let's take a look.

♠ A Q 9
♥ Q 10 8
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ 6 4 3

You have **8 high card** points – hmmm... difficult decision.

- Ask yourself – *How many cards 8 and above do I have in my hand?* In this case you have **9 cards**.
- Add this number to your high card points.
8 (points) **plus 9** (cards 8 and above) = **17**
- These two numbers add up to **16 or more**.
- If they do, you should consider bidding 3 no trump.

Joke of the Day

Rule of 160

If the ages of your opponents add up to 160, don't underestimate their ability.

Be safe. Be well.

Peter



Newsletter Editor Needed!



Are you comfortable working in Word or desk-top publishing?

Do you have an eye for details?

Are you an organized person?

If so, we would like to speak to you about becoming the LBC Newsletter Editor!

Since November 2017 Adèle Woolfe has served LBC as our Newsletter editor, giving us a treat to read every 2 or 3 weeks. We thank her for her outstanding contribution to the club by making us aware of all the goings-on at LBC. Communication is so important! She now wishes to step down as editor but will be available to assist the new editor during a transition stage.

We are looking for a volunteer to take over this role. All the information is provided, and we also provide proof-readers and send out the finished product.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Adèle to discuss the details. We would love to hear from you!

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

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at the London Bridge Centre.**

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