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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

Valentine Weekend Special Games

Double Masterpoints: 50% Red 50% Black

Saturday, February 13th

LBC

- ♥ 0- 200 @ 1:15
- ♥ Open @ 1:30



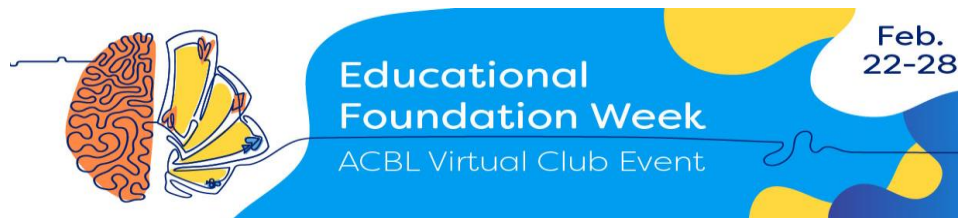
Sunday, February 14th

LBC

- ♥ 0- 200 @ 1:15
- ♥ Open @ 1:30

Tillsonburg

- ♥ Open @ 7:00
- Free game: bid & make red suit slam



Click [here](#) for more information.

From February 22nd -28th part of each Virtual Club entry fee will be given to the ACBL Educational Foundation, a non-profit organization devoted to learning and spreading the game of bridge far and wide.

Double Black Points for **all games** throughout the week

Added Game

Saturday, February 27th

Open @ 1:30

Bridge News

New Rank Achievements



To check out all new rank achievements, click [here](#).

Life Master

Sue Jordan

Silver Life Master

Jim Stewart

Please note: There can be a delay of about 2 months before rank achievements are confirmed by ACBL and reported to LBC.

IMP League is Up & Running!

Ten teams have taken advantage of the opportunity to play in IMP leagues games on Thursday evenings. This allowed us to have 2 flights and robust competition. To view current standings, click [here](#).

Special thanks to [Dwight Bender](#) and [Alison Marr](#) for organizing this event. Thanks to **Barry Onslow** for his presentation via Zoom to help get everyone started. Thanks to [Marie Wiley](#) for answering questions you may have after your game review.

Bravo!

A New Record for Virtual Club Attendance!

On Thursday, January 28th we had 10 tables in the 0 – 50 Game and 20 tables in the Open Game. Thanks to our directors who work hard to make our games run smoothly. Thanks to our members for their strong participation.



Bridge News

ACBL has revised Alert Procedures

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/>

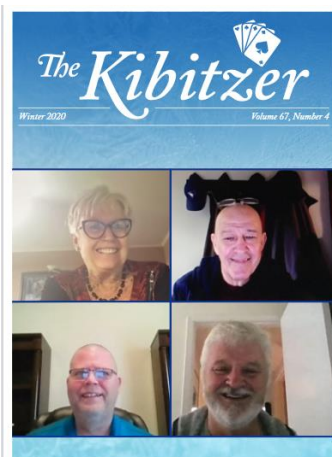
while the revised Alert procedures are at

<https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/AlertProcedures2.pdf>.



If you're in need of **Red** and **Gold** Masterpoints, look no further. Hollywood Magic, ACBL's latest regionally rated event, runs **February 18th - 21st**. There's something for everyone with side games, single, and two session events throughout the tournament. To view the tournament flyer, click [here](#).

NOTE: This is an ACBL virtual tournament and is not part of LBC virtual club games.



To read the **Winter Kibitzer**, click [here](#).

Learning Opportunities Courses

Advancing Your Game

This is an eight-week course designed for players who play duplicate bridge on a regular basis. Bidding and play topics will be examined. Standard conventions will be reviewed and extended to develop effective strategies for handling the opponents' interference. The use of good judgement will be emphasized.

NOTE: For a detailed course description and online registration, please check the LBC web site or click [here](#).



Instructor

[Mary Howe](#)

The course will be taught online during March and April 2021.

Duration: 8 weeks

Time: Mondays, 1:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Dates: March 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 19, 26

Fee: \$100 plus the Student Handbook \$15 (Total: \$115)

Registration Closes: February 28th

Following the completion of this course, players will be more comfortable and successful competing against London's better bridge players in the open games.

Note: This course was previously taught in 2 parts. If you have already taken Part 1 and are hoping to take only Part 2, please contact the teacher by email at maryhowe@comcast.net



The course will be taught virtually using the Zoom platform. Students will receive an email before each lesson with the hotlink to the online Zoom classroom.

Note: You do not need to load the **Zoom** software ahead of time since it will automatically load onto your computer when you click the hotlink in your weekly email message.

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. To read about our teachers, click [here](#).



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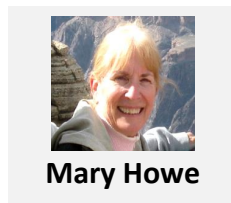
- ✚ Practice & Play (groups of 4)
or
- ✚ Specific topics: 2/1, 1430, Jacoby 2NT, Play of the Hand, Stayman, Transfers, Take Out Doubles, Overcalls



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



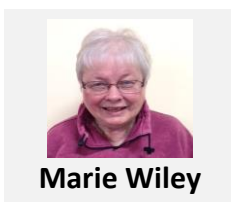
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- ✚ Practice & Play: Targets the conventions taught in the **Advancing Your Game course** (Prerequisite)



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



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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 7* or *Hold Up* when playing in no trump?

Rule of 7

When the defender leads:

- Add the number of cards you hold in in both the declarer and dummy hands.
- Subtract that total from the number 7.
- Duck the trick that many times.

♠	Q 9 6	W
♥	7 5 4	
♦	K Q J 10 9	
♣	8 3	

♠	J 10 7	N
♥	10 8 3 2	
♦	A 5 3	
♣	K J 10	

♠	5 4 3 2	E
♥	Q J 6	
♦	7 4 2	
♣	A 7 4	

♠	A K 8	S
♥	A K 9	
♦	8 6	
♣	Q 9 6 5 2	

A *hold up play* is designed to exhaust a dangerous opponent from cashing tricks. In the example above, **N/S** hold 5 cards in diamonds. **S** should hold up twice and win the third diamond trick to make 3 NT.

Now if **E** regains the lead with the ace of clubs, **E** will not have another diamond to play to retain control. However, if **W** has the ace of clubs, nothing could be done to prevent the defenders from winning more diamond tricks.

To read more about this strategy, click [here](#).

Joke of the Day

I ordered a chicken and an egg online. – I'll let you know.

Be safe. Stay well.

Peter





In Memory of Our Dear Bridge Friend



Ileana Berthoty

August 1, 1932 - January 12, 2021

Click [here](#) to read more.

Ileana was a fixture in our Tuesday games. She and her bridge buddies, Katy Yoshida, Linda Skoog and the late Marg Drabick also enjoyed coming to our LBC potluck. They enjoyed each others' company, playing at their own table after dinner. Friends forever.

Ileana was born in Puerto Rico and came to Canada to attend Alma College. Many will remember that she taught Math and Spanish at Catholic Central for 26 years. Her obituary states:

Ileana will always be remembered for her kind spirit, youthful energy, listening ear, and selfless commitment to others. The rock of the family will be cherished and missed.

Our condolences go out to Ileana's friends and family. May her joyful spirit continue to bring them fond memories.

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

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