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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**

## A Message from the President

Hello bridge players and hello Spring!! We welcome daffodils, warmer days, and thoughts of golf and gardening, but most importantly, we welcome the Covid vaccination process. Many of us have had our first vaccination shots and with this light at the end of the tunnel, we can now envision a path back to face-to-face bridge.

At our last Board of Directors' meeting in March, an ad-hoc committee was formed to consider the integration of online and face-to-face bridge as we prepare for a return to our club. To some of you, our approach might feel conservative. However, our primary focus throughout this endeavour is to ensure, as much as possible, the health and safety of our members. As I have said before, without you, we have no club.

For this reason, the club will not re-open until well after our members have had their second vaccinations. In addition, we will remain in strict adherence to the Middlesex London Health Unit guidelines.

In the meantime, we sincerely appreciate your support by continuing to play in our online games. This has been a financial lifeline for us in maintaining our wonderful premises. With your commitment to our games, we are secure in the knowledge that bridge is alive and well and will be for years to come.

Stay safe. We are almost there.

Judy Stirling

## New Rank Achievements



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

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

**Silver Life Master**  
Gail McDonald

**NABC Master**  
Marilyn Ellis

**Regional Master**  
Danielle Galbraith  
Anne Reilly

**Sectional Master**  
Linda Tindale

**Club Master**  
Alison Brown

**Junior Master**  
Tony Francolini  
Diane Huysmans

## Bridge News

### ABCL Charity Week, April 12 to 18

This week is the ACBL Charity Week where you can earn double masterpoints and give to charity at the same time. The ACBL will donate \$1.00 from everyone's entry fee to go to the ACBL Charity Foundation (Canadian Bridge Federation in Canada). The more games you play, the greater the contribution. For more information, [click here](#).

### Stay@Home, Play@Home, April 22 to 25

The following week is the Stay@Home, Play@Home Online Tournament. If you are looking for gold points, you can earn them here. For more information, [click here](#).

## 2021 Winter IMP League Report

Ten teams of dedicated bridge players spent their Thursday evenings this Winter engaged in the 2021 Winter IMP League. The ten teams entered were divided into two flights of five teams each. The exciting double, round-robin format provided the opportunity for each of the five teams per flight to play each of the other teams twice. After well fought battles in each of the flights the winners were determined. Congratulations to the winning team members on their success. The winning Flight A Team was led by captain Sue Edwards with members Al Edwards, Judi Waters, Gord Waters and Mike Biderman. The successful Flight B Team was led by captain Jane King with members Ron Salt, Judy Jolliffe and Roger Jolliffe. More details of the IMP League and the final results are available [here](#). I wish to thank everyone for participating in these matches. We hope you will put a team together and join us when the next IMP League starts. It provides an enjoyable format for additional bridge matches and even more Master points!

Dwight Bender  
Convenor

## What's Coming Up Soon?

To keep up-to-date on coming events, please check out the calendar on our website. As the pandemic comes to an end, bridge activity will increase and more events will be posted. Here is the [link](#).

## VIRTUAL CLUB PLAYERS - REMEMBER YOUR ALERTS!

Are you alerting your bids on BBO? Lately, we have noticed an increasing frequency of missed announcements or alerts in LBC's virtual club games. Your opponents should NOT have to guess - or ask - whether your jump raise is weak or ten points plus; whether your 3 Club response means clubs or is a 4 card raise of partner's major; or whether your 1NT response is forcing, semi-forcing or partner may pass. It's your responsibility to tell them if your agreements have a conventional meaning.

When you play in an ACBL-sanctioned Virtual Club game, the ACBL announcement and alert procedures apply. When you learn a convention, learn what alerts it requires. It may take an extra two or three seconds to alert, but it takes twenty to thirty seconds for an opponent to inquire and you to respond; and even longer if a director call is needed to resolve a problem.

For a refresher on alerts in online play, go to our BBO Virtual Club page [here](#). If you have a question about whether or how to alert a particular convention, [Al Edwards](#) would be pleased to help. While there is no specific penalty for failure to announce or alert, if it results in damage to your opposition, the director may adjust the score.

Thank you for making proper announcements and alerts a habit!

## Volunteer Profile – Penny Finneron, Newsletter Editor

*Where were you born?* London, UK

*Where did you go to elementary school?* As an Army brat I moved every year or so. We moved from England to West Germany to Washington DC to Kingston (Ontario) to England to Toronto (four schools there), eleven schools in thirteen years.

*What was your first job?* My first part-time job was as a receptionist in a real estate office.

*What job did you hold the longest in your working career?* In 2015 I retired from the Ontario Public Service after 31 years. My longest job was as Executive Assistant to a department head.

*In how many cities have you lived?* Nine in North America and Europe, I moved to London in 2019.

*What was your best vacation?* I took my daughter to the UK to meet our English family, visit universities; then took the Eurostar train through the Chunnel (a very odd sensation knowing the English Channel is above your head) to France to see the French Open Tennis in Paris and explore Vimy Ridge and the Champagne region.

*How old were you when you first started playing bridge?* I learned to play as a teenager at my mother's bridge table. She was an avid player and had weekly games with friends. She and



her very patient friends taught me to play. I passed the game on to friends and we spent many spare periods in the student lounge playing with very unorthodox rules! After high school I didn't really play again until I retired almost five years ago. I wanted to meet some new friends and fill my time with something interesting. Bridge has done both.

*How did you find LBC?* When searching for my new home in London, I asked my real estate agent if there was a club in London and he contacted his father who's a member of LBC.

*What motivated you to become our newsletter editor?* I've been interested in getting involved in the operations of LBC for a while; my bridge skills are limited so it seemed like a good fit.

*What have you found most challenging?* Learning Word 2020! I had to replace my laptop in 2020 and as a result updated my Word 2003. Needless to say, there were new functions to learn. Last month's newsletter was a baptism by fire!

*What do you like best about LBC?* I've received a very warm welcome both as a newcomer to London and as a beginner player. I have found the members, especially the seasoned players, so welcoming and helpful.

*Tell us about your other hobbies.* I've just finished knitting a Peter Rabbit bunny for my cousin's grandson...now I must finish the blanket I started before my own grandson was born 2 ½ years ago. I completed about half of it before he was born and haven't knitted a row since!

I don't think of it as a hobby but four years ago I fostered a guide dog puppy for the CNIB for a year. It was great fun taking a puppy everywhere I went. Maple learned how to travel on transit, how to go grocery shopping without "shop lifting" and other places a visually impaired person would go in their everyday lives. She loved going to church with me but getting her not to "sing" during hymns was a challenge. Not everyone can foster a puppy and give it back when it's time for intense training but you can support the program by donating to the CNIB's Guide Dog Program. The demand for Canadian guide dogs has increased 300% during the pandemic because Canadians are not permitted to travel to the USA to obtain a guide dog.

*What would people be surprised to know about you?* My first career goal was to work in theatre production building sets and stage management. Although I didn't end up in the theatre world, I have always been attracted to jobs that had an element of stage management, organizing events, people and work.

## Peter's Lesson



Peter Tuttle

Hello folks. Missing you!

**Lesson:** What should you consider when tempted to bid over 1 no trump opening?

Your opponent (South) bids 1 no trump. You sit in the direct seat (West) and consider an overcall of 2 spades. You know it is a close call. What should you consider before you decide to interfere with the opponent's bid?

♠ A 10 9 8 7 6  
♥ 6 5  
♦ 4  
♣ A Q 9 6

- ✚ Consider the vulnerability. The best situation is that the opponents are vulnerable and you are not.
- ✚ In case the opponents win the contract, is it valuable for your partner to be aware that a spade lead should be considered?
- ✚ Think about the distribution of your hand. Is it better for defending or declaring?
- ✚ If you know the high cards are in the seat to your right, it should help you make decisions about how to play the hand.

### Joke of the Day

My doctor told me to lose some weight. **Boy that hurts!**  
After 20 years, it's too bad I will have to find a new doctor.

*Be safe, Be well.*

*Peter*





## *In Memory of Bridge Friends*

### Peter Maurice

Peter was a regular at our Thursday afternoon games for years. He will be missed.

Peter's obituary [click here](#)

### Gord Wishart

Gord was a frequent attendee of the Monday and Friday morning bridge sessions. He was also a member of Bridge Fokes and attended Wednesday evening games.

Gord's obituary [click here](#).

