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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

Day of Bridge

The ACBL has partnered with the Alzheimer Society in an annual fundraising initiative to help those impacted with Alzheimer's disease. Collectively, the ACBL bridge community has raised more than \$6 million! Funds raised in Canada are donated to the Alzheimer Society of Canada.

The event spans the longest day of the year, the Summer Solstice, and symbolizes the challenging journey of those living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Bridge is uniquely suited for The Day of Bridge because studies have shown that playing strategic games, like bridge, help keep your brain healthy. The Alzheimer's Association has even included playing bridge on its list of **10 Ways to Love Your Brain**. The Alzheimer Society of Canada has more [information](#) on how to reduce your risk of dementia.

How Can You Help?

As a player, simply playing bridge at the LBC during the event will raise funds, as sanction fees go directly to the Alzheimer Society of Canada. In return, you will earn elevated masterpoints in The Longest Day games.

In addition, the LBC has also partnered with the Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex (ASLM), to raise funds for those in our community who are impacted by Alzheimer's disease. The LBC is hosting a special Day of Bridge game on Saturday, June 19. All proceeds, net of expenses, will be donated by the LBC to the Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex. Game times are:

Saturday June 19 1:15 p.m. 0-200
Saturday June 19 1:30 p.m. Open

Covid-19 has prevented face-to-face bridge at the club for over a year and caused many of us considerable inconvenience. However, the impact on organizations that depend on fundraising has been much more severe.

While the mission and services of the ASLM remains unchanged during the COVID-19 outbreak, the needs of Alzheimer clients and caregivers, as noted by Leslie Rand from the ASLM, have increased.

“The Alzheimer Society offers hope, relief, and support to individuals with dementia and their care partners, through a wide range of counselling, education, support groups, and social recreation programs.

Families living with dementia have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. For those living with the disease, rates of cognitive decline have increased rapidly. For family care partners, both the isolation and lack of respite options have brought feelings of caregiver burnout to all-time high. Even more tragically, new data from Statistics Canada shows that 36% of all Covid-related deaths were among people diagnosed with dementia.

ASLM is committed to supporting clients through this difficult time and are now reaching people in more ways than we ever thought possible. This includes, virtual counselling (over the phone, email or video), countless educational webinars, recreation programs via Zoom or in-person on a limited basis, and even home drop-offs of activity kits for those unable to access online programs.

Over the past year, ASLM served a record high of 3,677 people, including 862 new clients grappling with a dementia diagnosis during a pandemic. While government supports approximately 40% of our annual budget, we must fundraise \$1.2 million each year to continue delivering these vital programs and services to our community.”

During the pandemic, the ASLM has not only been challenged with providing services to clients and their caregivers, the ASLM is also confronted with new constraints in raising funds needed to offer their services. We sincerely hope you will still consider supporting the ASLM by contributing an [online donation](#) to the ASLM.

Your donation will help family members with dementia and their caregivers. Your donation will also have double the impact, as it will be matched by Tom Jolliffe. We have all witnessed a neighbour, friend, colleague, or family member struggle with the impact of Alzheimer’s disease. As stated by Tom, “This year I lost my wife to Alzheimer’s disease. The support directed to my wife from caregivers, medical professionals, nursing home staff and the Alzheimer Society was immeasurable. I hope in some small way my donation to the ASLM will assist others who will share my journey with Alzheimer’s.”

On June 19, join us for bridge. Have fun and help support the Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex.

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](#).

Bridge News

Win Red and Gold Points June 24 to June 27



Have you checked out the schedule for 2021's Endless Summer yet? We know, we know – summer hasn't *officially* begun. But it's never too early to start planning!

[Click here](#) to see the slate of games for this event. We've got gold rush games, newcomer games, side pairs games and more! Want more? New videos from celebrity speakers will also be on tap.

Unit Wide Virtual Games

Sectional Tournaments have been cancelled for all of 2021 due to Covid-19. Many have missed playing against their bridge colleagues from other clubs within Unit 249. Fortunately, the ACBL has created a framework where all members included in Unit 249 club rosters can play in Unit Wide games. The Guelph DBC held a Unit Wide game in April and the Grand River DBC this weekend. Both of these events were well attended.

The London Bridge Centre will be hosting Unit Wide games on the weekend of **July 10 and 11**. Pairs games will be held on Saturday and Swiss Teams on Sunday. There will be morning and afternoon separate pairs sessions on Saturday with 0-299, 0-750, and Open sections. An all-day Swiss Team game will be held on Sunday with a 45 minute lunch break. Swiss Teams will be categorized into two sections; the total of team masterpoints under 2000 and Open.

Swiss Teams are requested to register with the LBC by midnight **Friday, July 10**. Only Team Captains should register their team and they may [Register Here](#). Further information as to game times will be published on LBC's website and published in our next newsletter.

Unit Wide games are not Sectionally rated. Masterpoints are black and results from morning and afternoon games are not combined. Other clubs within Unit 249 plan to hold Unit Wide games this summer: Goderich DBC **July 24 & 25**, Tillsonburg DBC **August 6, 7 & 8** and together, the Tillsonburg & St Thomas DBC's **September 11 & 12**. Unit Wide games are hosted by clubs and not Unit 249. Proceeds from these games go to the club that hosts a Unit Wide game.

Please consider joining your bridge colleagues throughout Unit 249 for our LBC Unit Wide games on **July 10 & 11**.

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.

Tickling the Funny Bone

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk nine feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

My goal for 2021 was to lose 10 pounds. Only have 14 to go.

New Junior Master	Fran Barnett Kim Hauley Brent Stief
New Club Master	Barbara Ball Ward Coulson Tony Francolini Trudy Roth Walker Lloyd Walker
New Sectional Master	Barbara Miles
New Regional Master	Janet Caskey
New NABC Master	Barry Deathe Barbara O'Brien
New Bronze Life Master	James Jordan Shawn Tuttle
New Silver Life Master	Joanne Mayhew

Bridge as a Second Language

Yarborough, Gin, Hand Hog, Quack, Rock Crusher. Familiar with these terms?

Newcomers to bridge often find the language of bridge a challenge. More experienced players may want to confirm their understanding of bridge terms to ensure they are using the same definitions as others. LBC's website has links to very useful resources to both learn, and confirm our understanding of, the language of bridge. To check out the glossaries [click here](#).

LBC VIRTUAL CLUB VISITORS

In face-to-face bridge, London Bridge Centre games are open to all players, subject to masterpoint limits for some games, and subject to the LBC Code of Conduct.

For virtual club games, ACBL forbids clubs from soliciting outside players and requires that guest play be limited. ACBL encourages players to support their home bridge clubs with their entry fees. Each club (or group of clubs) has a BBO roster of players who played in the physical club in 2019 or 2020. New ACBL members who identify LBC as the recruiting club will be added to LBC's roster. Anyone not on this roster is considered a visitor.

LBC has established priorities to respect the limit on visitor play as follows:

1. LBC welcomes visitors to play as partners of players on our club roster in any of our games.
2. Visitor pairs who have established a relationship to the club may play upon request, when limits permit. Players under 200 masterpoints have higher priority than Open players as they have fewer games available to them.
3. Visitor pairs who are strangers to the club are not admitted, unless a fill-in pair is needed to avoid a sit out.

The process for the VACB272120 director to admit a visitor to a game has several steps, particularly for a first-time visitor in a limited-masterpoint game. Please contact the director well in advance to arrange for a visitor to be added to our visitor list. Send a BBO chat message to VACB272120, or at least 24 hours before game time e-mail one of our game directors giving the visitor's BBO username, real name and ACBL number.

Profile - Rick Jordan - Board Member

Where were you born? St. Joseph's Hospital in London, Ontario

Where did you go to school? Blessed Sacrament for grades 1 through 8 and Catholic Central for grades 9 through 13.

What was your first job? I started as a caddy when I was 12 years old and worked part-time jobs at a grocery store, gas station and at The London Gardens. During the last four years of high school, I worked in the back shop at Sunningdale Golf Club. After high school, I worked full time for six more years in the pro shop and became a CPGA golf professional and spent the next two years at Greenhills Golf Club in Lambeth. In 1980, I switched to Miller Golf which was a company that manufactured and supplied accessories to golf courses across the country.

What job did you hold the longest in your working career? I stayed at Miller for 38 years until I retired in 2018.



In how many cities have you lived? I have lived in London for my entire life.

What was your best vacation? Alaska was awesome. I have done two cruises there and enjoyed the ruggedness and beauty.

How old were you when you first started playing bridge? As a teenager I would drive to Toronto to visit my aunt, uncle and cousins and if they had friends over for a bridge night, they would try to teach me about the game. I learned enough to play kitchen bridge a few times a year.

How did you find LBC? In the fall of 2016 while recovering from heart surgery, my brother Jim took me there to partner with Kerry Benson. It was my first week of duplicate bridge and I found out I had a lot to learn!

What motivated you to become a board member? It was an opportunity to give back to an organization that has been wonderful to me.

What has surprised you most about being a board member? No surprises yet.

What is your favourite part of being a board member? The interactions with other people with common goals to help keep our club as great as it is.

What do you like best about LBC? The welcoming atmosphere, the friends I have made and the good advice I have received from the more experienced players which has helped improve my game.

Tell us about your other hobbies. I grew up with flying and received my pilot's licence in 1978. Over my flying career I owned three different planes and flew all over North America. My last flying trip was to Prince Edward Island in 2017 but those days are gone as I no longer have a valid medical certificate. I enjoy working on the jigsaw puzzles at the club and look forward to getting back there.

What would people be surprised to know about you? I am afraid of heights! I am very comfortable in an airplane but do not like ladders, roofs or tall buildings.



Peter's Lesson



Peter Tuttle

Hello folks. Missing you!

The Finesse: Lesson 2

A finesse is an attempt to win a trick with a card that is not high. Think about what might go wrong and use a finesse to improve your chances of success.

Example 1

North:

A J 7 6 4

South:

K 9 8 5 2

With 10 cards between N/S, what could possibly go wrong?

We are missing the **Queen**.

- Lead the **King** first in case East has a void and West has **Q 10 3**.
- Then lead toward the **A J** – the side with 2 honour cards. If the **Queen** is not played by West, you play the Jack.
- If East has **Q 10 3** there is nothing you can do to make all the tricks in this suit.

Example 2

North:

A K 10 6 5

South:

Q 9 7 4

What can go wrong?

If one opponent has a void, the other will hold **J 8 3 2**. The Jack could grow up and take a trick.

- Play the **Ace** first because it is on the side with 2 honours. If either side shows a void, you will be able to finesse the **Jack**.
- If both opponents can follow suit, you know the cards split evenly and you have no worries. The **Jack** will fall on the next lead.

Joke of the Day

Where do you learn to make a banana split?
Sundae School!

Be safe, Be well.
Peter

