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Bridge Club Re-opens! Extra Masterpoints!

After 20 months of being closed, the club re-opened its doors on November 15. The Monday morning 0-300 game ran with three tables; Tuesday afternoon Bridge Lab had four tables and the Friday afternoon Open Game, at the time of writing, looks like it will have six tables.

Some participants who had not played online said they were so glad that bridge was back. Others who have been playing in virtual games said it was really nice to see people again and to actually hold cards in their hands. Others commented that it felt really safe with all the safety measures taken and with the HEPA filters operating.

We are encouraged by the attendance and by the responses from many members saying they will attend in future weeks but couldn't attend in the opening week.



We were able to match people with partners on all three days, and we continue to encourage anyone who wants to play, but doesn't have a partner, to pre-register as a single player and tick the box indicating they want help finding a partner. Everything ran smoothly with the COVID protocols and people were very cooperative in having their proof of vaccination and photo ID ready to show.

We are keeping a master list of members who have shown their proof of vaccination so that you will only need to do this once. The HEPA filters ran throughout the games but were very quiet.

Virtual Club Games

LBC

Monday	6:45	Open
Tuesday	9:45	Open
Wednesday	9:45	0-500
Thursday	9:30	0-100
Thursday	9:45	Open
Friday	9:45	0-500
Saturday	1:15	0-200

Tillsonburg DBC

Tuesday 7:00 Open

LBC members welcome



Our manager of bridge operations, Bruce Moor, has designated all the remaining games in 2021 as Club Championships, so extra points are up for grabs! (Apparently, we get a limited number per year, but since we haven't used them, they remain available.) Congratulations to Rick Jordan and Charlene Richardson who earned 2.19 points for finishing first in a five-table game.

Please register before 5 pm on the day before the event on the club's website. The pre-registration forms for the next game will appear on the home page. [Click here](#).

News from the ACBL



[Click here](#) to access the latest ACBL news



In Case You Have Forgotten....

(This is the first in a series about etiquette and protocol at the bridge table)

Dummy's Responsibilities

Dummy's responsibilities are limited during the play of the hand and he or she is expected to remain silent with the exception of a few situations.

After the opening lead, dummy lays down the cards immediately before writing down the contract.

Dummy should not touch or play any card until the declarer calls the card, even if it is a singleton. When you are dummy, don't make assumptions.

As dummy, turn the tricks in front of you to keep track of which side won the trick. If you notice that anyone has turned the trick the wrong way, you may call attention to this but only before the next lead.

Dummy cannot call the Director.

If declarer doesn't follow suit (eg. hearts), dummy can ask "No more hearts partner?" Dummy cannot ask this of the opponent.

Dummy cannot point out irregularities (e.g., a revoke by defender) until after the play of the hand.

If declarer decides to lead from dummy when the play should be led from declarer's hand, dummy is allowed to remind partner of where the lead should be from. However, dummy should not tap the table or keep their finger on the table as this might be seen as indicating a particular lead.

If declarer calls for a suit but not the rank, they have called for the lowest card of the suit.

If declarer calls for a rank but not the suit, they are continuing the suit where dummy won the last trick.

Learning Opportunity

Online Bridge Course: Cue-bidding Clarified Instructor: Barry Onslow

This six-hour online course with an additional four hours of Practise and Play (purchased separately) is designed for intermediate and advanced players who have completed several bridge courses and who play duplicate bridge in the Open Games on a regular basis.

Registration Deadline - December 15th, 2021

Course begins - January 18, 2022

From a previous course participant *“Barry is an exceptional teacher who presents concepts step by step, reinforces with clear practice examples, and encourages active participation by his students. A jewel of a learning opportunity.”*

What is a cue-bid? In this three-part, six-hour, online course, participants will explore the key aspects of cue-bidding. We will examine the cue-bids most commonly used by players at the intermediate and advanced Levels.

If you are considering this course, you should be comfortable playing duplicate bridge in Open Games, and have taken an equivalent course to the ‘Advancing Your Game’ course offered at the London Bridge Centre.

For those wanting a hands-on Practice and Play component there will be two sessions (each two hours long) following the course. The Practice and Play sessions are ONLY for people who have completed the three online lessons.

Course Topics

Lesson 1: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 1:30 – 3:40 (10 min. break)

- Cue-bidding after an opponent overcalls your partner’s major suit opening bid. Is your cue-bid asking or is it telling? What is it asking or telling?
- Bidding Michaels over your opponent's minor suit opening bid. What type of hand should you hold and what does your bid mean?

Lesson 2: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 1:30 – 3:40 (10 min. break)

- Cue-bidding after an opponent overcalls your partner's minor suit opening bid. Is your cue-bid asking or is it telling? What is it asking or telling?
- Bidding Michaels over your opponent's major suit opening bid. What type of hand should you hold and what does your bid mean?

Lesson 3: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 1:30 – 3:40 (10 min. break)

- Bidding after an opponent preempts. We will explore some bids that help describe your hand, especially your two-suited hands, after an opponent preempts.
- Using cue-bids when the opponents interfere showing two suits (such as the Unusual 2NT or Michaels) over your partner's opening bid. We will explore bids that make use of the opponents' bidding to better describe your hand.

Practice and Play Week 1: February 7 to 11**Week 2: February 14 to 18**

Both of these two-hour sessions will take place at a mutually agreed upon time and day during the weeks specified above. **Remember: all Practice and Play participants must have taken the online course.**

The two Practice and Play sessions will focus on the concepts from the three online lessons. It is best to take these Practice and Play sessions with a partner who also has the desire to improve to the next level. This way, you will both be on the same page when it comes to bidding. Also, if you can find a compatible pair for opponents, the sessions tend to be more enjoyable.

Barry will set up the Practice and Play hands in a private 'room' on BBO. You will need to be a BBO member to participate. Each hand will be based on the concepts and ideas discussed in the course, and after each session he will send you an analysis of an appropriate bidding sequence, play, and defense. If/when you do not agree with his analysis you can discuss it privately, or with your group of four. We will be using the Zoom platform during the Practice and Play so that we chat before, during and after each hand.

If you are participating in the Practice and Play, Barry would like one person on your team to act as 'Captain', send him the names of the other participants in your group of four and coordinate a suitable time and day for the two sessions. If you cannot find four people to participate, he will try to find a suitable match.

Registration and Payment

Registration for the course and payment deadline is **Wednesday, December 15**. Payment should be by e-transfer (to bonslow@uwo.ca) or cheque (payable to Barry Onslow), mail/drop off to 74 Dundee Place, London N6C 5E6.

The **cost** for the three cue-bidding lessons, including materials and Zoom connection, is \$60.

The **cost** for the added two weeks of private Practice and Play sessions, including materials and Zoom connection, is \$40.

To register [click here](#).

For further information contact Barry Onslow: e-mail bonslow@uwo.ca.

Columbia Sportswear Employee Store Invitation

London Bridge Centre has exclusive access to the Columbia Sportswear Employee Store from **November 19th - December 12th** only! This is our last time to shop at the Employee Store in 2021.

Due to the incredible demand of the Employee Store, it has been temporarily expanded by an ADDITIONAL 6,000 sq/ft to help accommodate the additional traffic. You may continue to experience wait times at various points throughout the week so to avoid a wait, it's recommended that you visit the store Monday to Thursday from 1pm onward. Weekday mornings and weekend (Friday-Sunday) are peak traffic times – expect a queue during these times. However, in an effort to expedite customers through the store, store management has opened additional registers and the fitting rooms continue to remain closed.

WHAT THE EMPLOYEE STORE HAS TO OFFER:

- EMPLOYEE discount, meaning items are marked with Employee Pricing (Up to 50% off regular retail pricing)
- The latest product from our family of brands (Columbia Sportswear, SOREL, Mountain Hardwear, and prAna)

WHAT TO BRING TO ACCESS THE STORE:

- The attached invite (printed or shown on mobile phone)
- Work /organization ID (business card, badge, pay-stub, signature of work email, uniform, membership card etc.)
- Personal photo ID
- **This invite is valid for you + 4 guests (*you must be present*)**
- **This invite grants store access only (*offer not valid online*)**

Columbia wants you to know that the safety of employees and shoppers is their number one priority. Below are some of the precautions they are taking to ensure safety while in the store:

- Mandatory face coverings
- Plexiglass dividers at check-in desk and registers
- Sanitization of checkouts
- Hand sanitizer stations
- Limited customer capacity
- Social distancing guidelines in place

***Note: fitting rooms and washrooms remain closed at this time.**

Find store location and hours [here](#) or on the invite



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COLUMBIA IS DEDICATED TO THE SAFETY OF OUR EMPLOYEES AND SHOPPERS
 CUSTOMERS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING THEIR OWN FACE COVERINGS TO WEAR WHILE SHOPPING

VALID DATES

11/19/2021 - 12/12/2021

VALID FOR YOU + 4 GUESTS

WHAT TO BRING

- THIS INVITATION
- PHOTO I.D.
- PROOF OF AFFILIATION
business card / membership card / company email signature / pay stub / original email / other form of affiliation

COVID-19 RESPONSE

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- *Note: Fitting rooms and washrooms will remain closed at this time**

LOCATION & HOURS

1-1425 Max Brose Dr
 London, ON N6N 0A2

MON-FRI: 9:30AM - 9PM
SAT: 9AM - 8PM
SUN: 10AM - 6PM



Questions? Please email: londonemployee@columbia.com

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Peter's Lesson



Peter Tuttle

Hello everyone. It was good to see some of you at LBC on Tuesday.

Here is a continuation of the lesson about *Takeout Doubles*.

Click [here](#) to review the last newsletter.

♠	A J 10 6	E
♥	K J 7 6	
♦	6	
♣	A 10 8 6	

A takeout double is used when the opponents have opened a suit. You hold a minimum opening hand or better. **North opened 1 diamond.** East has shortness in the opponent's suit with support in the other three suits. This situation calls for a takeout double. Last newsletter we looked at responses by West when holding 0-8 or 9-11 points when South has passed.

When South passes, West is expected to respond to the takeout double.

If South raises North and bids 2 diamonds, now what should West say?

- ✚ With 0-8 points West should pass. If East has more than opening points, East has another chance to bid. West no longer is required to bid.
- ✚ With 9-11 points, West has enough strength to want to bid. However, bidding 2 spades, 2 hearts or 3 clubs now tells partner your point count, even though you have not jumped. You had the option to pass but your hand warrants a bid.

This topic will be continued in the next newsletter.

I sold my vacuum the other day.

All it was doing was collecting dust.

Be safe.

Be well.

Peter

