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London Bridge Centre Newsletter

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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
Friday	1:15	Open

LBC members welcome

WE ARE GETTING CLOSER...

The Ad Hoc Committee on reopening is continuing to monitor the loosening of restrictions under Ontario's reopening plan.

As we have stated in the past, we will follow the guidelines of the Middlesex London Health Unit as we consider reopening our doors. The safety of our members remains our highest priority.

The graduated schedule of a return to face-to-face bridge will be guided by the results of our survey of October 2021. However, we will be maintaining a hybrid schedule as we know that online bridge is here to stay.

We will keep you posted...



Remember Our Partner Finder Program

If you have between 0-200 masterpoints and want to be on the list as a potential partner or you need a partner for an upcoming game contact: Kim Hauley at kahaul@hotmail.com or call her at 519-520-4737.

You don't have to be a current member of LBC. As long as you are playing or have played in our online games, you can participate in this program.

MASTERPOINTS - THERE ARE DIFFERENCES

Points are awarded for success when you play tournaments on BBO. If you are playing in the ACBL World tournaments on BBO, the "unpigmented" points awarded will be credited to your overall ACBL point total; other BBO tournaments award BBO points, but regular BBO points are not transferred to your ACBL point total.

However, unpigmented ACBL points do not replace the "pigmented" (black, silver, red, gold) points needed to achieve the various ACBL achievement ranks. Pigmented masterpoints are awarded when you play in Virtual Club tournaments and face-to-face club games, and in all types of face-to-face tournaments. If you play in Virtual Club tournaments or Support Your Club tournaments on BBO, you will receive ACBL black (and occasionally red or silver) masterpoints if you do well, and these various types of points are all required to reach certain ACBL rank levels.

Sectional Tournament at Club Games

LBC regularly runs STaC (Sectional Tournament at Club) games when we are playing in person. However, please note that these games cannot be run in an online format. Only those clubs that have returned to face-to-face bridge can run the STaC games. In their place, LBC has been participating in Silver Linings weeks when they are offered by ACBL.

News from the ACBL



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

A little-known secret! The ACBL has a member services number just for Canada. It is prominently shown on the ACBL contacts page at: 818-219-9901 (Canada) or <https://www.acbl.org/contact/>



Whether you play in face-to-face or virtual clubs, you can support the important work of the [ACBL Educational Foundation](#) while also earning special masterpoint awards in February!

ACBL is especially proud that 192 students participated in the inaugural BridgeWhiz tournament -- the largest known *digital* bridge tournament for youth in North America: 48 tables of kids playing against each other!

From February 21-27, you can play in LBC's Virtual Games to benefit the [ACBL Educational Foundation](#). These games will award double normal club black points.

Some of the programs you'll be supporting include:

- [BridgeWhiz](#): A free, digital, beginning bridge course for kids, with special emphasis on middle schoolers
- Partnering with the ACBL to grow the [ACBL Digital Teacher Training Program](#)
- Support to [Bridge Summer Camps](#)
- Grants to cover travel expenses for the [ACBL Collegiate Bridge Bowl](#)

Profile - Sue Edwards, one of LBC's Founding Members and Past Board Member



Where were you born? London, Ontario

Where did you go to elementary school? Masonville Public School and St. George's Public School, before attending A.B. Lucas High School

What was your first job? I worked in the cafeteria at London Life, first on the dishwasher line, and then serving the after-hours snack provided to those working overtime.

What job did you hold the longest in your working career? I started work at Clarkson Gordon Chartered Accountants where I got my C.A. (Now CPA). After children, I worked part-time as an accountant for a London law firm for over 20 years.

In how many cities have you lived? London and Kingston (four years while I attended Queen's University)

What was your best vacation? A dude ranch in Arizona with our two girls which included a trip to see the Grand Canyon. A close second would be a trip to the highlands of Scotland.

How old were you when you first started playing bridge? Very young – likely eight or nine. We had a card playing family, and if there weren't enough to make four I was pressed into action (with no training). I was an excellent dummy! If there were four other players, my job was to shuffle and deal the cards on the piano bench so they would be ready for the next hand. Before children, Al and I played social bridge with my parents. We really got back into it when we took our first lessons with Arlene Lundgren. I had no idea that there was a game called duplicate until I was invited to play at Bridge Fokes. I used to say that my house hasn't been clean since!!

How did you find LBC? I was a member of the steering committee that began LBC. Prior to that Dwight and his wife Karen, Al and I had been scouting around for locations for a new bridge club for a few years since we had heard rumours that the Bridge Fokes mall was going to be demolished. We didn't realize how difficult it would be to find a location that would serve all our needs inside, have adequate parking, and be within our budget.

What motivated you to become a Board member? Having been on the steering committee, I wanted to continue to support the club as it got established.

What do you like best about LBC? I love how members “step up” when help is needed. We have such great volunteers that do many of the “invisible” jobs, like taking out the garbage, vacuuming, helping to deal the boards, loading and unloading the dishwasher, and many more. Lately I’ve been so impressed with our directors who “stepped up” to learn about bridge on BBO and kept our club viable (with no pay for the first 18 months!) And they continue to keep us playing bridge!



Tell us about your other hobbies. My two grandchildren! I also love music, especially choral music; we used to attend many concerts. Over the pandemic I have listened to many online concerts.

What would people be surprised to know about you? I had one hole-in-one in my golf career – in a match against Eva Good. She still won the match!

I once played a suit contract with the opponents holding 12 trump in an 8-4 split. My partner held the Ace of trump. If you want to know how it turned out, you’ll have to ask my partner (his initials are Dwight Bender!).

In 2014, I had the opportunity to conduct Orchestra London.



Peter's Lesson

Peter Tuttle



Hello everyone. Here is a lesson about the
Law of Total Tricks.

In competitive auctions, the total number of cards in each partnership's longest suit is equal to the number of "total tricks" that either side can win in a suit contract.

Click [here](#) to review previous newsletter lessons.

The screenshot shows a bridge bidding interface with the following details:

- Board:** 3 (North is declarer)
- North (N):** ♠ QJ8742, ♥ 4, ♦ 52, ♣ A1043
- West (W):** ♠ 96, ♥ AQ93, ♦ AQ107, ♣ Q98
- East (E):** ♠ K, ♥ K10762, ♦ J64, ♣ K752
- South (S):** ♠ A1053, ♥ J85, ♦ K983, ♣ J6
- Bidding:** 1♦, 2♠, 3♥, 4♠, 5♥, Pass, Pass, Pass, Pass
- Score:** 5♥ East, 0-0

You are sitting South.

Opps are vulnerable. You are not.

- W opened 1 D.
- Partner (N) overcalled 2S promising a good 6 card suit.
- East responds 3 H indicating 5 H and strength to support W.
- South has information to consider.
 - Vulnerability
 - The likelihood of opponents bidding and making 4 H
 - N/S combined holding 10 S
 - The Law of Total Tricks

You consider bidding 4 S with the knowledge that the contract *may not* make but, you have made it difficult for the opponents to bid. You *might* be able to take 10 tricks with 10 spades between you. The opponents can probably make 4 H.

In this case, the opponents guessed at making 5 H but went down 1, giving N/S a good score.

In other cases, E/W passed, and N/S went down 1 in S, but this was also a good result for N/S.

Applying the Law of Total Tricks in competition, especially when not vulnerable, is a valuable strategy to consider.

Joke of the Day

Where do angry nomads live?
INTENSE!



*Stay safe.
Be well.
Pete*



INVITATION FROM COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR

London Bridge Club has exclusive access to the Columbia Sportswear Employee Store from **February 18th - March 13th** only!

WHAT THE EMPLOYEE STORE HAS TO OFFER:

- EMPLOYEE discount, meaning items are marked with Employee Pricing (Up to 50% off regular retail pricing)
- End of Season Sale is going on now! **Take up to an additional 50% off select items**
- The latest product from our family of brands (Columbia Sportswear, SOREL, Mountain Hardwear, and prAna)

WHAT TO BRING TO ACCESS THE STORE:

- The attached invitation (printed or shown on mobile phone)
- If you have your LBC name tag take it with you. If not, take your driver's licence, government ID, etc.
- Personal photo ID
- **This invitation is valid for you + 4 guests (*you must be present*)**
- **This invitation grants store access only (*offer not valid online*)**

COVID RESPONSE:

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 will remain closed at this time.**



SELECT WINTER ITEMS UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 50% OFF EMPLOYEE PRICING
***WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

EXCLUSIVELY FOR:
London Bridge Club

ITEMS ARE MARKED WITH EMPLOYEE PRICING: UP TO 50% BELOW RETAIL

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

02/18/2022 - 03/13/2022

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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LOCATION & HOURS

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 London, ON N6N 0A2
MON-FRI: 10AM - 8PM
SAT: 9:30AM - 6PM
SUN: 10AM - 5PM



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