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London
Bridge Centre

Newsletter

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Virtual Club Games

LBC

Monday	6:45	Open
Tuesday	9:15	Open
Wednesday	9:15	0-500
Thursday	9:15	Open

Tillsonburg DBC

Tuesday 7:00 Open

LBC members welcome

New Year's Potluck a Great Success

On January 8, the club hosted a New Year's potluck lunch followed by a bridge game with fourteen tables in attendance. Attendees were very happy with the event and many commented that the timing, slightly after New Year's Day allowed them to attend. We had club members from all levels of bridge experience, and at least one ongoing partnership was formed by matching up solo attendees.

A huge thank you to Marlene Benny, Gillian Richardson, and Gayle George for their work in organizing this event and setting up the room with festive decor. Also kudos to everyone who contributed the delicious food we enjoyed.

Stay tuned for other events in the coming months.



Saturday Practice & Play Is Back!

We have had several requests to offer the Saturday P & P sessions at LBC. Players attend these sessions to hone their recently acquired skills. There will be a teacher available to answer your questions on bidding and/or play of the hand. There will be no scoring. The fee for each session is \$5 for members.

Time: 9:30 – 11:30

Coordinator: Peter Tuttle

It is not necessary to have a partner to attend. Please join us. Invite your friends. We hope there will be sufficient attendance to maintain regular Saturday morning sessions.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!



NEW RANK ACHIEVEMENTS

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



New Sapphire Life Master

Roman Dubinski

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



**Check It Out
Old and New**



New additions to the library:

“Bridge Faux Pas” by Joe Blatnick

“Why You Seldom Win at Bridge” by Joe Blatnick



And three 2022 ABTA award winners:

“Play It Safe” by Barbara Seagram & David Bird. Best book in the Intermediate category.

“Parrish the Thought: Preempts and Overcalls” by Adam Parrish. Best in the Intermediate/Advanced category.

“Test Your Judgement” by Barry Rigal. Winner in the Advanced category.

Blast from the past:

Autobridge: a solitaire device devised by experts of the day to teach bridge bidding and play. First issued in 1938 and continuing through the '50s, different levels were available from beginners through advanced. Basically, it is a board into which a sheet is inserted and the hand is bid and played by opening windows. As the play progresses, the player can discover the experts' recommendations on each move.

Our sample is on display on the sign-out table.



In Case You Have Forgotten...

(More about etiquette and protocol at the bridge table)

(an excerpt from LBC's Etiquette and Procedures Tips.)

Tip 21 - OPENING LEAD

- Start planning your opening lead during the auction.
- **Before writing the contract in your personal score** (or entering it on the Bridgemate if you are North), select the card you will lead and hold it face down on the table. Then say “Any questions, partner?”
- This allows partner to ask the opponents any questions about the auction. After any questions have been answered, you should turn your card face up so that play can proceed.
- You may not change your lead after partner asks a question – unless the question uncovers an irregularity in the auction. In such a case, you should call the director. The director will let you know if you may change your lead.
- Interestingly, the most common question is “Isn’t it my turn to lead, partner?” If it really was your partner’s turn to lead, and if your card is still face down, just put it back in your hand and play proceeds normally. If you had led face up, you should call the director, who will outline the five “Opening lead out of turn” options available to the declarer.

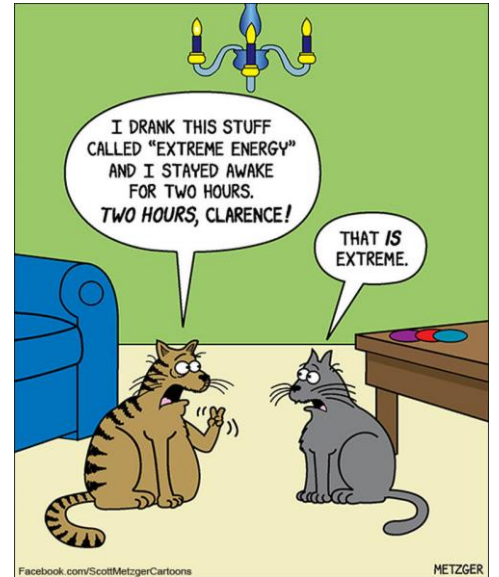
Tip 22 - REVIEW OF AUCTION

- Any player (other than dummy) may request a review of the auction before playing to the first trick. An opponent should answer. After the first trick, players may ask questions regarding a particular bid or defender carding at their turn to play, or ask what the contract is, but not for a complete auction review.

Tip 23 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF DUMMY

- The player who is dummy lays out the dummy neatly as soon as the opening lead is faced. **Do this before writing the contract on your personal score sheet or entering it on the Bridgemate** (Law 41).
- Now relax – but remain attentive! Play out the cards only as directed by declarer. Do not suggest a play or ask to look at declarer’s or a defender’s hand (Laws 42, 43, 45 & 46).
- Turn the tricks in front of you to keep track of which side won each trick. If you notice that the declarer or an opponent turns one the wrong way, you may point this out, but only if you do so before the lead to the next trick (Law 65.B).

To Make You Smile



So you're saying you're absolutely sure you can't play bridge with me tonight?



Peter's Lesson



Peter Tuttle

Please join us at LBC on **Saturday** morning from 9:30 – 11:30 for **Practice & Play**

Bid More with Less

With thanks to Marty Bergen

(Points Schmoints Series, 2001)

When you open 1 heart or 1 spade and partner makes a limit raise, never pass if you have a singleton or void. This is true even if you opened light.

Let's look at the following hands:

♠8
♥KT854
♦AJ98
♣K54

♠98
♥Q97532
♦6
♣AKJ4

♠AK75
♥98542
♦KJ53
♣

When partner bids a limit raise to your 1 heart opener, the distribution of your hand suggests bidding 4 hearts.

Compare this hand:

♠K7
♥KQJ94
♦Q74
♣Q54

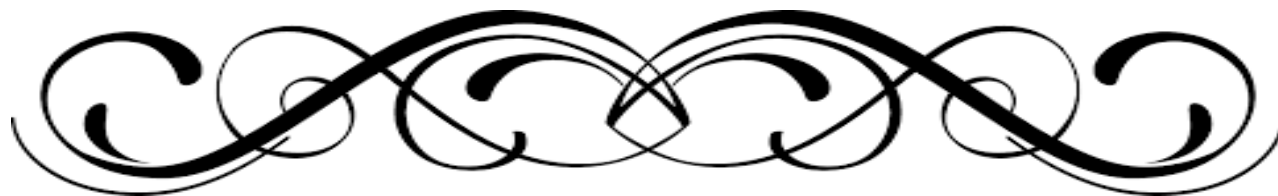
PASS!

Don't be seduced by your trumps. Your aceless hand and 5-3-3-2 distribution does not improve the quality of your hand.

Joke of the Day

A kid walks into a store and buys \$1.00 worth of candy and says to the shop keeper, "I was thinking about donating this \$1.00 to charity." The shop keeper says, "Yes, you should." The kid says, "Now that I have the candy, **YOU** can donate the dollar to charity."





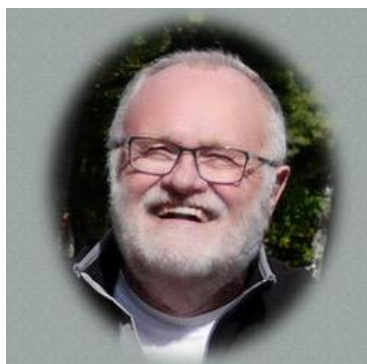
In Memoriam

Vivian Tillotson

Sadly, a long-time member of London Bridge Centre, Vivian Tillotson, has passed away. Viv was a nurse and a teacher and after "retiring", she developed a business caring for seniors. She was described as a loyal and compassionate person. Long-time bridge partner, Fern Hill, described Viv as a wonderful bridge partner as well as a dedicated and committed person who put 100% into everything she did. Our condolences to her family members. Click [here](#) for more information.



In Memory of our Bridge Buddy Bill



We were saddened to hear of the passing of a beloved member of LBC since its inception in 2015. Our hearts go out to Bill's wife Kathy and their sons Mark and Dave.

Bill and Kathy recently attended our Friday morning games and earlier enjoyed Wednesday evening and Tuesday Bridge Lab. Bill was always a gentleman at the bridge table as he was in all endeavours. He was an enthusiastic participant in life, enjoying family events, travel and playing every possible competitive sport throughout his life, ranging from football to crokinole.

My Friend and Teammate

Bill and I were teammates for three years on the senior basketball team and were buddies both on and off the court. We shared fond memories of skipping school to watch the Tigers win the World Series in 1968. We even ventured off to Buffalo to purchase our cherished Converse All Stars so we could shine on the court. He will be sorely missed.



Peter Tuttle

Click [here](#) for more information.