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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

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Tuesday	7:00	Open
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LBC members welcome

BARBARA SEAGRAM RETURNS TO OUR CLUB TUESDAY, MAY 2!

Barbara Seagram has once again volunteered to support London Bridge Centre by donating her time and talent to conduct one of her popular seminars at LBC. The event will be Tuesday, May 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Barbara will be discussing "To ruff, to win or to duck?" **Advance registration is required** for this event – the registration link is on the [LBC website](#). The fee for The session is \$30 including HST and can be paid by e-transfer (preferred) to memberships@lbc.com (if necessary, see instructions on our website) or by cash or personal cheque at the door.



LBC's COVID protocols apply. **Proof of vaccination is required;** masks are optional. LBC is equipped with several HEPA filters. Coffee, tea, and light snacks will be available.

Barbara is an outstanding bridge teacher and author of several award-winning bridge books. Her most recent are "Play it Safe" and "Barbara's Quizzes" recognized as 2022 and 2021 ABTA Book of the Year respectively. Barbara will have some of her books and popular cheat sheets and pocket guides available for purchase – do some advance browsing at <https://store.barbaraseagram.com/> but save the shipping charges by buying at LBC. She will also have some of the cotton scarves from Cambodia which support the work she does with Patti Lee in Cambodia and Laos. Cash or personal cheques – Barbara is not able to accept credit cards. Please come out and enjoy a morning of Barbara's outstanding instruction and entertainment!

REMINDER - IT'S TIME TO REGISTER TO PLAY ON APRIL 2

Get Your Teams Ready for the Eight is Enough Swiss Teams!

Sunday, April 2 – game time is 1 pm but arrive at 12:30 for appetizers

Eight is Enough is a Swiss Teams format that evens the strength of the teams and gives everyone a greater chance to win. The game provides an opportunity to play with someone new and allows players who normally would not play in an open game the opportunity to be on a team with Flight A players!

Here's how it works:

In **Eight is Enough** each player is assigned a point value based on that player's total Masterpoints. Each team consists of four players whose total point value does not exceed **8**.

- Flight C players with 0 - 300 Masterpoints = 1 point
- Flight B players with 300 - 1000 Masterpoints = 2 points
- Flight A players with 1000+ Masterpoints = 3 points

This means that if two Flight A players want to play together, they will play with two Flight C players: 3 plus 3 plus 1 plus 1 equals 8.

A team may have a value of less than 8, but may not exceed 8.

There are no restrictions to partnership combinations among team members.

This game is a club championship, so extra points will be awarded. One of the nice things about Swiss teams is that almost everyone gets some points.

Sign up at the club. Full team sign-ups are strongly encouraged; those who sign up as a pair will be matched with other pairs if possible.

We also need some volunteers to bring their favourite appetizers. If you can bring an appetizer, please indicate that on the signup sheet.

ROYAL STaC GAMES AT THE CLUB DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 25 TO APRIL 2.

Games held at the LBC during the week of March 27 to April 2 will be Royal StaC games. Points will be awarded at Sectional rates and will be 25% gold, 25% red, 25% silver, and 25% black.

HEALTH AND SAFETY



Did you know that we have an **AED** (automated external defibrillator) located on the east (same wall as the washrooms) wall of the club, available for use to help someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest?

We also have a first aid kit on the wall below the AED, stocked with items such as **glucose candies and glucose gel**, chewable low-dose aspirin, scissors, gloves, bandages, slings, tape, band-aids, masks, and sterile gauze. **If any supplies are used, it is important to put a note on the bulletin board in the office so they can be replenished promptly.**

WEDNESDAY GAMES – ANYONE INTERESTED?

The board is interested in reinstating the Wednesday evening, limited-point, game. Peter Tuttle has agreed to direct the game. Our thought is that a good range for the game would be 0-300 points. If you would be interested in playing in a Wednesday evening game please email janine@janinehiggins.ca and put '**Wednesday evening game**' in the subject line. Let her know how frequently you might play and what point range you would like. We want a range that will not intimidate newer players but not so low that we eliminate interested novice players who may have accumulated some points playing on BBO in the last few years. We need this information to apply for a sanction for the game from ACBL.

Several members indicated an interest in a Wednesday afternoon open game. If you would play in this game, please email janine@janinehiggins.ca and put '**Wednesday afternoon game**' in the subject line. Indicate an estimate of how often you would play and if this would replace another game you regularly play at the club.



Come Join Us!

Saturday, Practice and Play at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Bridge Lab at 1:00 p.m.

You may ask for help with bidding and play of the hand.

Experienced players are there to guide you.

Come to play bridge on your own, or with a partner.

Also



Because we want to encourage everyone to enjoy our club in a friendly, supportive learning environment, we need helping hands on Tuesdays:

- to serve as an extra player (at **all levels** of experience) when we have a partial table.
- to support players who have questions.
- to help with organizational tasks.

If you are available, even on an occasional basis, please contact Adele Woolfe at al.woolfe@bell.net

Please welcome the following new members who joined the London Bridge Centre in February

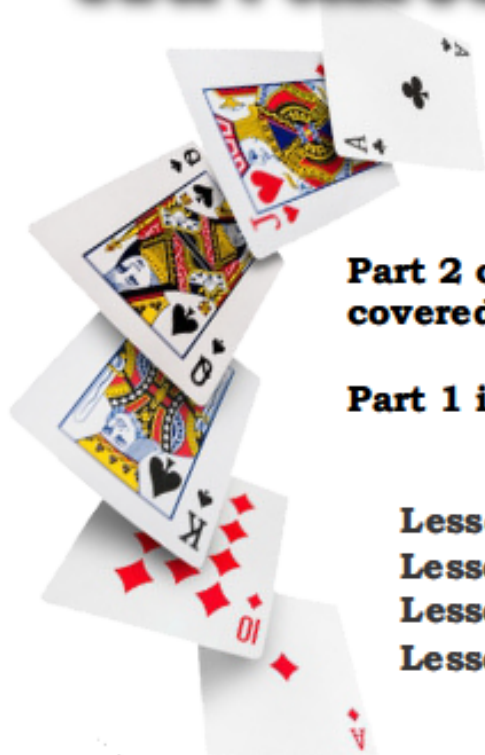
Wendy Dickinson

Jim Kirk

We look forward to seeing you at the bridge table!

EDUCATION

Advancing Your Game Part 2



Part 2 completes lessons 5 - 8 of the course that covered lessons 1 - 4 in October 2022.

Part 1 is a pre-requisite for enrolling in Part 2.

Lesson 5: Preempts & Strong 2 Club Openers

Lesson 6: Overcalls

Lesson 7: Doubles, Redoubles & More

Lesson 8: Competitive Auctions

Thursday Mornings 9:30 - 12:00

Part 1: Four weeks already completed

Part 2: Four weeks: May 11, 18, 25, June 1

Note: Part 1 is a prerequisite for Part 2

Course Instructor: Mary Howe

Course cost: \$60 plus \$12 for the Student Notebook/Text

Register at the London Bridge Center web page.

Deadline for registration is May 1, 2023.

NEW RANK ACHIEVEMENTS

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



New Junior Master Gail Simm

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

To Make You Smile



The first senior moment.





In Case You Have Forgotten...

(More about etiquette and protocol at the bridge table)

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

Tip 27 – HANDLE CARDS AND BOARDS GENTLY

- Place your card gently on the table and let go of it. Avoid “snapping” your cards as you play them. Such action is noisy and distracting to others.
- Snapping can also bend cards. Our dealing machine chokes on bent cards.
- Handle the boards gently. If the little ears break off one of them, the whole set is damaged. For this reason, you should simply move the top board to the bottom of the pile; do not turn it face down.

Tip 28 – FINISH THE TRICK

- Wait until you have seen the other three cards, and others have seen your card, before you turn your card over. While your card is face-up, you may ask to see the other three again. Once you have turned your card over, you may not ask to see the other cards (Law 66.a).
- You may not look back at cards played to an earlier trick during the play of the hand, except to check who is on lead by looking at your own last card played, or as directed by the Director in making a ruling (Law 66).
- Keep track of tricks won and lost during the play by turning the cards in the appropriate direction (Law 65).

Tip 29 - REVOKES & PLAYING OUT OF TURN

- These things do happen, at all levels of bridge. They are mistakes and are not attempts to cheat.
- When they do happen— say “we should call the director for help” – then “Director Please!”
- The director will explain the various options and rectifications appropriate to the situation under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. (Laws 61-64 re: Revokes, Laws 53-60 re: play out of turn)
- Generally, these rectifications are set out to avoid any potential disadvantage to the pair who did not make the mistake, rather than to penalize the pair who did make the mistake.

Tip 30 - ADJUSTED SCORES

- Sometimes the Director will award an adjusted score in order to ensure that there is no disadvantage to the pair who did not make the mistake, or because it is not possible to play the board fairly.
- Sometimes the adjusted score will be an award of a normal contract score, e.g. four spades making for 420.
- Sometimes the adjusted score will be expressed as “Average”, “Average Plus” or “Average Minus.” Average will score 50% on the board, Average Plus will score at least 60% and Average Minus will score at most 40%.

Peter's Lesson



Peter Tuttle

Suit Combinations and Safety Plays

In this newsletter and upcoming issues, we are going to explore declarer play of the hand keeping in mind the standard **odds** with common suit combinations. For our purposes, we will look at suits in isolation, not considering the rest of hand.

The declarer holds the following combinations between his hand and dummy.

♥K T 9 8

Example 1:

When holding nine cards, missing the **queen**, it is correct to play for the queen to drop when the ace and king are played.

♥A J 4 3 2

♠K T 9 8

Example 2:

With only 8 cards between the 2 hands, you would cash either the ace OR the king and then finesse for the queen.

♠A J 4 3

♦J T 9 8

Example 3:

Taking two finesses is best because you are missing 2 honours. Play the jack towards the ace and finesse. Then repeat playing the ten towards the ace and finesse again. This only fails if both the king and the queen are held in the hand behind the ace.

♦A 7 6 5 4

Joke of the Day

"My extra winter weight is finally gone."

"Now, I have spring rolls."





In Memoriam



Janet “Jan” Davis died peacefully on March 3. Jan is remembered as a wonderful, inspiring person and a great bridge partner at the Tuesday afternoon and Saturday morning games.

Click [here](#) for more information.