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London
Bridge Centre

Newsletter

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Virtual Club Games

LBC

Tuesday 9:15 Open

Tillsonburg DBC

Tuesday 7:00 Open

LBC members welcome

CALLING ALL MEMBERS:

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS TO HELP GROW OUR CLUB.

The board is inviting all members to join an **Idea Brainstorming Workshop** on **Sunday, July 16, 2023, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** The session will be professionally facilitated.

Please bring your lunch and stay for a social (**open**) **bridge game beginning at 2 p.m.** All are welcome to come to play bridge. Please sign-up for the workshop and/or bridge game at the front desk of the club.

During the workshop, we welcome all ideas that may help us answer the following question:

How do we continue to create a vibrant London Bridge Centre?

Why was this workshop initiated?

The board is seeking your input to plan for the future of the club.

We have much to celebrate. Since 2015, the London Bridge Centre has grown to 365+ memberships, we offer an active teaching program across all levels with 100+ participants annually, and a robust roster of games, including practice and play formats and social events.

Since Covid, our face-to-face games have slowly been returning, but participation is still below pre-pandemic levels. We had record participation in BBO virtual games during Covid which created a robust financial reserve. Unfortunately, participation and revenue from LBC virtual games are waning. Despite our price and membership fee increases, we anticipate modest monthly deficits to continue. Clearly, for our club to prosper, we need your ideas to help us grow.

The London Bridge Centre was created to be:

A great place to play.

A great place to grow.

The board is looking forward to your ideas, as we prepare our strategic plan for the years ahead. If you are unable to attend the workshop but would like to participate, please email your ideas to janine@janinehiggins.ca (preferably ahead of July 16, 2023).

Angie Francolini, on behalf of the LBC Board.

2023/24 Membership Fees are Due by June 30

As mentioned in earlier newsletters, our annual membership fee is now **\$50**. All memberships (both new and returning members) will be charged at this rate and will continue until **June 30, 2024**. We encourage you to pay your membership by e-transfer naming memberships1bc@rogers.com as the payee. When paying by e-transfer please remember to put your first and last names in the message box. We have quite a few members with the same names, etc. Thanks!

CHANGE TO VIRTUAL GAME SCHEDULE FOR JULY AND AUGUST

For the summer months, we are reducing our virtual game schedule to the Tuesday morning game only. Thursday morning virtual zplayers will participate in this game, as well as any of you in-person players who may be away at cottages and want to continue to support the club.

AUCTION FOR UKRAINE COMPLETED!

Many thanks from Janusz to all who participated, and congratulations to the winners!

Thanks to Lea, Marion, Deb, Nancy, Jacqueline, and Tony we've raised just over \$1000, all donated to the United24 charity for humanitarian aid in Ukraine.



UPCOMING TOURNAMENT



South Western Ontario

Regional

Bridge Tournament

Kitchener, ON

July 4-9, 2023

Tuesday July 4

Open Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Gold Rush Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Mini-Soloway Knockouts T-W (1 & 2 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 199er Pairs 10:00 am

Wednesday July 5

Open Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Gold Rush Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Mini-Soloway Knockouts T-W (3 & 4 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Mini-Soloway Knockouts W-T (1 & 2 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 199er Pairs 10:00 am

Thursday July 6

Open Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Gold Rush Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Mini-Soloway Knockouts W-T (3 & 4 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Mini-Soloway Knockouts T-F (1 & 2 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 199er Pairs 10:00 am

Friday July 7

Open Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Gold Rush Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Mini-Soloway Knockouts T-F (3 & 4 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Mini-Soloway Knockouts F-S (1 & 2 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 199er Pairs 10:00 am

Saturday July 8

Open Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Gold Rush Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Mini-Soloway Knockouts F-S (3 & 4 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 199er Pairs 10:00 am

Sunday July 9

Bracketed Swiss 10:00 am & TBA

Stratifications

Open Games A: Open, X: 0-3000, Y: 0-1500
 Gold Rush A: 0-750, B: 0-500, C: 0-200
 199 Games A: 0-200, B: 0-100, C: 0-50

Playing Site

Bingemans Conference Centre

425 Bingemans Centre Drive, Kitchener, ON
 Marshall Hall Building

Lots of free parking

This will be a cash free (Credit and Debit Cards only) tournament

Masks will be available .

No lunch or coffee will be available at the tournament site

Tournament Hotel

Courtyard by Marriott

(formerly the Radisson)

2960 King Street East, Kitchener, ON

Free parking for hotel guests

Phone 1-519-894-9500

Rate: \$149.99 Book by phone before June 3

Lower Per Session Prices

199er games \$10 (ACBL Members only *)
 All other games \$17 (ACBL Members only *)

• ACBL members, whose memberships are not current, add \$4 /person /session

This will be a cash free (Credit/Debit Cards only) tournament

Tournament Chair

Ted Boyd boydst1945@gmail.com

Partnerships

Louise Hollingsworth louisehollingsworth@yahoo.com

NEW RANK ACHIEVEMENTS

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



New Sectional Master	Tony Francolini
New Sectional Master	Leslie Harden
New Sectional Master	Nancy Lemieux
New NABC Master	Adele Woolfe

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

**I'm writing a book
about all the things I
should be doing in my
life.
It's an
oughtobiography.**

Billion dollar idea.

A smoke detector
that shuts off
when you yell

"I'm just cooking!"



I can't remember how many trumps are out.

**I don't know
how to use TikTok,
but I can write in cursive,
do long division
and tell time on clocks
with hands...
so there's that.**

**There's a fine line between
a numerator and a
denominator.**

Only a fraction of people will find this funny.



In Case You Have Forgotten...

(More about etiquette and protocol at the bridge table)

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

Tip 37 - ATTITUDE and COMPORTMENT

- Remain calm and courteous at all times. Be kind and gracious.
- Enjoy the game and enjoy your successes and challenges– without gloating, and without pointing out opponent or partner errors.
- Take responsibility for your errors and apologize to partner and opponents.
- If you temporarily become annoyed you should excuse yourself from the table; regain your composure as soon as possible, and return with an apology.

Tip 38 - IF YOU ARE WATCHING OTHERS PLAY

- If you wish to watch (kibitz) another table, first ask if anyone objects.
- Sit so that you can only see one player's hand.
- Do not show any reaction or offer comments during the play.
- If you are going to watch another table while you are on a sit-out, please ensure that you do not watch a board that you will play later in the game!

Tip 39 - WHEN TO POINT OUT ERRORS BY OTHERS

- Note: in thinking about this one, it may be more effective to express as “when should others point out my errors?” This applies to errors in bidding or play, but not to irregularities such as revokes, bids or leads out of turn, etc. which should be identified as soon as possible for rectification.
- When and if you are requested to do so by the person who made the error. Even then, be gentle, e.g. “It's a tough play to find with the information you had, but if you”
- In the car on the way home – if your partner is not riding with you.
- If your partner has asked in advance that you point out better plays and errors during the play (a coaching situation) do so only after all boards in that round have been completed, if there is time. Step away from the tables together if it's going to take more than a single comment. Hand records and Pianola results will make it easier to have these discussions after the game or the next day.
- Compliment partner or opponents if you notice good play.

Peter's Lesson



Peter Tuttle

Join us Tuesday
afternoons and
Saturday mornings.

Playing a No Trump Hand

After the initial lead by the opponents, examine the holdings of the dummy and your own hand. Be sure to take the time to count your winners and then evaluate whether to hold up or take the initial trick. Let's look at the following hand to help us think it through. The contract is 3 no trump in the South.

West leads the 6 of spades.

Count your winners.

- 1 S
- 3 H
- 2 C
- After A of diamonds is gone, there are 4 diamond winners.

Make a plan.

How do you play that first round of spades?

	N		
	♠ J 4		
	♥ Q 8 6 3		
	♦ K J 9 5 2		
	♣ A 2		
		S	
	♠ A T 3		
	♥ A K 2		
	♦ Q 8 4 3		
	♣ K 8 5		
W			E
♠ K 9 7 6 2		♠ Q 8 5	
♥ T 9 4		♥ K J 7 5	
♦ A 7		♦ T 6	
♣ J 4 3		♣ Q T 9 7 6	

Solution:

After the 6 of spades is led, play low in the North. When East plays the queen, cover with the ace because you have both the jack and the 10 against the king. Immediately, knock out that ace of diamonds, and it will be clear sailing to the win the contract. In this case ducking the queen, will lead to defeat. West will win 4 spade tricks and the ace of diamonds if you duck the opening lead.