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## **NOVEMBER 3 SUNDAY SOCIAL FORM YOUR TEAM AND SIGN UP!**

This will be an **Eight is Enough team** game. In this format, teams are relatively balanced because no team can contain more than two advanced players. You will need four intermediate players or two rookie and two advanced players or some similar combination to make up your team.

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 - 500 masterpoints = 1 point
- Flight B players with 500 - 1500 masterpoints = 2 points
- Flight A players with 1500+ masterpoints = 3 points

This means that if two Flight A players want to play together, they will play with two Flight C players:  $3 + 3 + 1 + 1 = 8$ . Or, two Flight B players, one Flight C, and one Flight A player team up:  $2 + 2 + 3 + 1 = 8$ .

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

Sign up at the club. Full team sign-ups are strongly encouraged; if possible, those who sign up as a pair will be matched with other pairs. The director needs to organize the game so please sign up as early as possible – by 1 p.m. on Friday, November 1 at the latest.

Since November is Remembrance Day month, our social element will be sharing a family connection with one of the world wars.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER 1 SUNDAY SOCIAL GAME RECYCLE/GIVEAWAY

What do you have in your house that someone would definitely want but you don't? Think fancy foodstuff, never-worn clothing or accessories, cosmetics, tools, kitchen appliances, décor items. This might be something received as a gift, but it could also be something you bought and later regretted or realized it didn't fit you or your home.

At our December Sunday social game, bring a wrapped gift with no identification. These will be randomly distributed to each person at the game. The recipient may choose to keep the item or can try to swap it for something they think is better with whomever else is then at or later comes to their table. Hopefully, by the end of the day, everyone will have had some fun discussing these gifts and everyone will go home with something of value to them.



The intention is not gag gifts but rather to find a home with someone who appreciates the item you don't.

## WELCOME!

The following individuals have recently joined the club; please extend a warm welcome:

Jim Mays  
Sheila Mays  
Ricky Pane

## NEW RANK ACHIEVEMENTS

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



New Junior Master

James Hoare

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

## HEALTH AND SAFETY AT LBC



### Infection control

It is that time of year again. Flu is on the horizon and Covid remains in the community.

To minimize the impact on all of our members

- keep your immunizations up to date
- please stay home if you are unwell or had recent contact with an infection
- if you need to cough or sneeze do so into your elbow. If you find yourself frequently coughing at the bridge table please put on a mask
- follow good hand hygiene practices, as per the directions in the washrooms and at the snack centre

### Nut allergies

Some of our members have severe nut allergies. The exposure may not only be from the individual consuming a nut-containing food, but also from any member eating a nut product with their fingers, and then handling cards. It is important to note that **sanitizing hands does not remove food traces**, only effective hand washing achieves that.

The board has therefore decided that to the best of our abilities, there should be no nut-containing foods at snack times during games. If you are kind enough to bring goodies to the club for the snack table, including for special events, please make them nut-free. If you bring nut-containing foods for your own lunch please take care to wash your hands thoroughly afterward.



Thank you for your cooperation in striving to make LBC a safe venue for those with severe nut allergies.

### Fire safety

Just a reminder that there is a second exit to the building through the last door at the back of the room. The next time you are in the club familiarize yourself with this rear exit and with the location of the fire extinguisher on the pillar close to the name tags board. It's always good to be prepared!

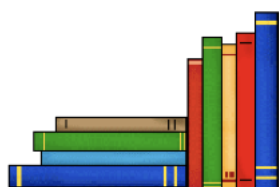
## LONDON BRIDGE CENTRE BRIDGE CRUISE

Spaces are almost sold out for our planned bridge cruise leaving Barcelona on October 30, 2025. As of October 1, 45 of 50 cabins are booked with further cabins expected to be booked. Don't miss out on the great opportunity to visit Barcelona, Lisbon, Maderia, and Bermuda and cruise your way to masterpoints while crossing the Atlantic. To book your cruise please contact Michelle Murphy at 519-933-5662 or by email at [mimurphy@expediacruz.com](mailto:mimurphy@expediacruz.com).



Michelle has arranged for Sandra Pennington from Celebrity to meet with cruise participants and those interested in joining the bridge cruise at the London Bridge Centre on Thursday, November 7 at 4:30 p.m. Sandra will be available to answer questions. As well, Sandra will provide information about flights, pre, and post-cruise hotels, and excursions at our ports of call.

Looking forward to a bon voyage.



**Check it Out**



**A special thank you to Judi Carter for her recent donation of over twenty books to the library.**

Wish you made fewer slip-ups in bridge? Looking for help? The following titles could help:

Bird, David	10 Ways to Improve Your Bridge
	52 Great Bridge Tips
Blatnick, Joe	Bridge Faux Pas
	Why you Seldom Win at Bridge
Colchamiro, Mel	How to Play Bridge Like an Expert
Klinger, Ron	Bridge Without Error
Reese, Terence	Do You Really Want to Win at Bridge
	The Mistakes You Make at Bridge
Simon, S.J.	Why You Lose at Bridge

## LONDON SECTIONAL

The London Bridge Centre hosted Unit 249's Southwestern Ontario Sectional Tournament on the weekend of October 19 and 20. LBC member attendance continues to drive increased attendance, as the overall table count has increased from 99 tables in 2022 to 109 tables in 2023 and to 113 tables this year with over 150 players participating in the tournament.

Congratulations to the event winners and to the LBC members who performed well in the tournament. Kudos to **Dwight Bender** who tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in overall masterpoints won by earning 21.35 masterpoints. Congratulations also to **Peter Tuttle, Adele Woolfe, Virginia Przysiezny, and Henry Przysiezny** for winning their Swiss Team event and **Deb Ellison** and **Deb Stuart** for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in section D of the Saturday Pairs event. Please go to <https://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2024/10/2410346.htm> for a complete listing of tournament results.

A very positive review was posted on our website:

"I take part in their annual bridge tournament every year. It's clean, very hospitable, and has a pleasant atmosphere for one to play good bridge. I liked the free coffee and snacks. There's plenty of free parking available."

The success of the London sectional is totally dependent on volunteers and LBC members rose to the challenge. Many members contributed home-baked goodies for participants to snack on throughout the weekend. With the help of **Gayle George, Gillian Richardson, Deb Ellison, Kate Brooks, Susan Wark, and Alison Marr** the refreshment table was well stocked with coffee, tea, soft drinks, and various treats. Many thanks to all of our volunteers who helped with managing the setup, monitoring, and cleanup of both the refreshment table and Sunday's lunch table as well as those who helped organize the setup of the bridge tables before and after the tournament. Thanks also to **Ann Lapchinski** who came to the club to sell tickets for the Sunday lunch. The contributions of our many volunteers so helped to make the London Sectional such a welcoming and pleasant venue for all our guests.

**Martin Hunter** was the Tournament Director; **Graeme Tindale** was the Partnership Coordinator and **Tom Jolliffe** was the Tournament Chair. Their combined leadership was instrumental in contributing to the successful operation of the Southwestern Ontario Sectional.

Overall, the Southwestern Ontario Sectional generated a profit of approximately \$900 for Unit 249 and helped the London Bridge Centre earn over \$1,900. Thank you to the members of the London Bridge Centre for supporting not only the London Sectional but primarily in supporting **YOUR** bridge club.

### Saturday A/X Pairs - 9.0 Tables

MPs	A	X	Names	Score
12.72	1		<b>David Baker, Kitchener ON; David Longstaff, Waterloo ON</b>	61.23%
9.54	2		Keith Heckley, Hamilton ON; Dwight Bender, London ON	60.34%

### Saturday B/C/D Pairs - 14.5 Tables

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
5.59	1	1		<b>Ted Kennedy, Port Elgin ON; Tammy Smailes, Walkerton ON</b>	59.84%
4.19	2	2		David Dalton, Tillsonburg ON; Deborah Dujardin, Aylmer ON	58.95%
3.14	3			Mark Pettit, Petrolia ON; Jean Dorey, Lambton Shores ON	58.18%
2.58	4	3	1	<b>Deborah Ellison - Deborah Stuart, London ON</b>	57.35%
1.94	5	4		Rashmi Garg - Janine Higgins, London ON	56.11%

### Sunday Brk Teams-1 - 9 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names	Score
15.74	1	<b>Colin Lafferty, Kitchener ON; Andrew Firko, Oakville ON; Doug Andrews, Etobicoke ON; Mel Norton, Burlington ON</b>	107.00
11.81	2	Dwight Bender, London ON; Keith Heckley, Hamilton ON; David Longstaff, Waterloo ON; David Baker, Kitchener ON	102.00
8.85	3	Peter Hambly, Hanover ON; Barry Onslow, Englewood FL; John Stevens, St Catharines ON; Mary Lynne Howe, London ON	95.00
6.64	4	Michael Biderman, London ON; John McWhinnie, Hillsburgh ON; Doug Barnes, Caledon ON; Lee Daugharty, Ridgetown ON	77.00

### Sunday Brk Teams-2 - 9 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names	Score
7.65	1	<b>Peter Tuttle - Adele Woolfe - Henry Przysiezny - Virginia Przysiezny, London ON</b>	109.00
5.74	2	Danielle Gosselin, Mississauga ON; Sharon King, Waterdown ON; Thea Davis, Guelph ON; Margot Stockie, Waterloo ON	103.00
4.30	3	Mark Pettit, Petrolia ON; Cecilie St Amand, Port Stanley ON; Rick Jordan, London ON; Charlene Richardson, Mount Forest ON	93.00
3.23	4	Ross Driedger - Hazel Hewitt, St Marys ON; William Handler - Sheila Handler, London ON	86.00

## Sunday Brk Teams-3 - 9 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names	Score
5.40	1	<b>Gheorghe Beres - Dorina Beres, Georgetown ON; Alan Burnham, Mississauga ON; Jeffrey Imber, Bolton ON</b>	119.00
4.05	2	Ted Kennedy, Port Elgin ON; Tammy Smailes, Walkerton ON; Robert Walker - Doug Bieman, Kincardine ON	110.00
2.66	3/4	Anthony Kilcoyne - Trudy Von Wistinghaus - David Elston, London ON; Sheila Elston, Exeter ON	95.00
2.66	3/4	Barbara Arthur - Shelley Metcalfe, Kitchener ON; Jim Dalglish, Waterloo ON; Tony Verhoeven, Winterbourne ON	95.00

## EDUCATION

### DIRECTOR'S COURSE

Unit 249 is presenting a Director's Course at the London Bridge Centre on the weekend of November 23 and 24. The course consists of five sessions - three on Saturday and two on Sunday. Upon completion of the course, applicants must then take the online Director's Course examination to become a qualified director.

Martin Hunter will teach the course starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 23. There is no fee for attending the Director's Course as Unit 249 funds the course.

Interested applicants are asked to contact Tom Jolliffe at [tom.jolliffe@rogers.com](mailto:tom.jolliffe@rogers.com) or by phone at 519-639-2206.

## Tuesday Bridge Lab at LBC

Hear what people have to say.

Join us!



If you are new to bridge or are coming back to the game, you might want to join the enthusiastic group of players at the club on Tuesday afternoons. You may wonder about the name Bridge Lab, but it is a 2.5 hour session devoted to nurturing and growing your bridge game, much like what could be happening on a petri dish in a lab! The session starts with Peter Tuttle presenting a short lesson on a convention, a bidding sequence, or a play of the hand concept, etc. often with a demonstration hand for each table to play. Then everyone gets down to playing hands of bridge. These hands have previously been played and those results are included so that each table can compare their results to those of more experienced players. Knowledgeable and patient volunteers are there each week to answer your questions and provide direction and feedback. Bridge Lab is a non-competitive, learning environment. It's a great opportunity to meet new players, explore partnership opportunities and grow your knowledge and confidence. You don't need a partner to join the group.

Karen Wilson



I began attending Tuesday's learning lab after taking the bridge basics course. During one of those classes, Adele popped in and in her very welcoming manner, invited all of us bridge novices to check out the Tuesday afternoon game. I've no doubt that if I hadn't attended Tuesday's games, I never would have had the confidence to participate in the other games and tournaments that the Club provides. The Tuesday game offers an extremely safe learning environment, an opportunity to meet other players, a collegial atmosphere and excellent coaches in: Judi, Gord, Tony, Adele and Peter. To kick start the game, Peter provides a mini lesson often followed by a funny joke and there are even cookies and licorice so what's not to love! I strongly encourage any players new to the club or new to bridge to enjoy a Tuesday afternoon game.

Kathy Burns

