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**NEW YEAR'S POTLUCK
AND GAME
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025**

Mark your calendars now! LBC is hosting a **NUT-FREE** potluck lunch on **Sunday, January 5, at noon.**

After lunch, we will set up two game sections: 1) Practice & Play, 2) Open. All players are welcome. If you need a partner for the open game, please get in touch with the Partnership Coordinators.

Our potluck will include entrees, salads, and desserts. Please bring your potluck item at about 11:30 a.m. (along with serving utensils). Tables will be set up in the teaching room for the buffet.

To reduce the amount of clean-up effort required, and to avoid using paper plates, we ask all attendees to bring their own plates and cutlery.

BYOB. A complimentary non-alcoholic punch and glassware will be available. We will also have a complimentary coffee and tea station.

We will aim to begin the bridge game at 1:00 p.m. Look for signup sheets at the front desk.

DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK

A joyous idea by a fellow London Bridge Club member.

Please place any non-perishable sealed food items below the Christmas Tree. The London Bridge Club will collect all the donations and deliver them to the Food Bank in the New Year.

Virtual Club Games

Wednesday, 9:15 0-1000

Tillsonburg DBC

Tuesday 7:00 Open

LBC members welcome

HOLIDAY SEASON GAMES SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22	23 Regular Games	24 Closed	25 Closed	26 Regular Games	27 Regular Games	28 Regular Games
29	30 Regular Games	31 Closed	1 Closed*	2 Regular Games	3 Regular Games	4 Regular Games
5 New Year's Potluck and Game	6 Regular Games Resume	7	8	9	10	11

* The 9:15 a.m. virtual game will take place.

NEW RANK ACHIEVEMENTS

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



New Junior Masters	Kathy Burns Jill Jeffery Kusuma Rao
New Club Master	Bill Kime
New Sectional Master	Sheila Handler
New NABC Master	Trudy Von Wistinghaus
New Life Master	Kim Hauley

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

Nut Allergy



There are, among our members, people with severe allergies to all nut products. When bringing food or beverages into the club for your own enjoyment or for others, **please do not bring items containing nuts.**

Automatic External Defibrillator AED

This is situated on the East wall (near the washrooms) towards the rear of the main room above the First Aid box.

Do not wait to call 911. Someone should call 911 while another starts applying the AED.



In the event of a cardiac arrest, the use of an AED is vital to restoring life. Anyone can operate the AED. To help you feel more confident please follow this link to a six-minute video explaining the use of our Powerheart G3 Plus Fully-Automatic defibrillator. Our directors, teachers, and current board members have all had an opportunity to watch this video. The more people are familiar with the AED the better the chance that it will be utilized promptly and effectively and SAVE A LIFE. So PLEASE WATCH THIS VIDEO.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMhSWnuOST8>

The AED applied promptly may restore the cardiac rhythm and be all that is required. However, if there is a delay in accessing the AED, or the first shock is not effective, the video describes how to perform cardiac compressions and airway support (there is an airway support mask in the bag attached to the AED). Taking some action to the best of your ability is better than doing nothing and your efforts are supported in law by Ontario's Good Samaritan Act. If you wish to become proficient in Basic Life Support there are classes offered by St John Ambulance. <https://sja.ca/en/training/first-aid/cpr-and-aed-training> LBC continues to offer a 50% subsidy of the cost of this course.

We welcome any questions or concerns you have about the AED.

We have already received one query about a person with an implanted pacemaker or cardiac defibrillator. These devices have failed if a person is unresponsive and not breathing. You should go ahead and apply the AED. No need to delay action by specifically enquiring about implants. If you can feel an implant under the skin place the pads at least one inch away from it (usually the implant device is located below the left collarbone far from where the pads are applied).

LONDON BRIDGE CLUB, SOCIAL COMMITTEE

LBC members are eagerly supporting our social events! The board would like to establish a new committee to plan and manage our rapidly expanding calendar of social events. We need a creative chair or two co-chairs and volunteers who are willing to help at one or more events.

We have approximately ten events scheduled generally one per month except in the summer months. Although the 2025 calendar has been set, there is some flexibility to modify dates or add new events in consultation with the board. The primary responsibility is to develop themes and organize all aspects of the event ensuring an enjoyable event for all participants.

If you are interested in the role of chair or committee member, please contact: Angie Francolini, presidentlbc@rogers.com.

LBC WEDNESDAY MORNING VIRTUAL CLUB GAME 0-1000 IN JANUARY

For some time, the LBC virtual club game at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday has been struggling to sign up sufficient players to run a worthwhile game. In an effort to attract a different set of players to our only current virtual club game, the board has decided to lower the point limit to 1000 on a trial basis, beginning **January 1, 2025**.

We have appreciated the support of this game by 4-6 LBC members who have greater than 1000 points. The addition of an evening LBC virtual club game in the new year is being considered to accommodate these players, and perhaps other club members might be interested in this option as well. If an evening virtual club game would work for you, please communicate your preference to Bruce Moor or any member of the LBC board.

Another option we will explore is the linking of LBC members to the ACBL Clubhouse games. A wide range of point levels are available in these games, and a portion of the entry fees are rebated to the home club of participating players. More information on this option will be provided in a future newsletter.

Our new Virtual Club 0-1000 MP will begin on Wednesday, January 1 at 9:15. This is a Charity Fund game awarding 2X the normal black points to the winners.

RESULTS CORNER

We are introducing a new section to highlight the accomplishments of our members.

ST THOMAS JUMBO SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to London Bridge Centre players who placed either 1st or 2nd in their section at the St Thomas Jumbo Sectional tournament held on the weekend of September 7 and 8. Special kudos to Betsy Aaron and Janusz Pruski who placed first in the overall masterpoint race for the tournament.

Saturday Open Pairs - 24.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
13.75	1			Janusz Pruski - Betsy Aaron	61.80%
4.54	7	1		Jim Wilford - Joanne Mayhew	57.29%
2.63		3	1	David Elston - Sheila Elston	52.42%

Saturday 499er Pairs - 5.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.75	1			Dennis Hack - Gordon Bryant	60.46%

Open Swiss Teams - 17 Tables

MPs	A	X	Names	Score
7.43	2		Reg Young - Michael Biderman - Christopher Punter - Barry Onslow	89.00

Bracketed Team - 9 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.55	2	1		Michelle Murphy - Janine Higgins - Brian Silva - Suzanne Edwards	95

KITCHENER LOCAL SECTIONAL

Congratulations to the London Bridge Centre players who placed first in the B, C, D section of the Sunday Swiss Teams game held at the Kitchener Local Sectional on Sunday, September 28, 2024. 3.14 Silver Masterpoints each to Dick Pockett, Ted Penny, Barry Death, and Lorna Graham. Well done Team Pockett!

EXTRA POINTS AVAILABLE

January 20 - 25 is a Club Championship Week awarding extra masterpoints in all face-to-face games.

VALENTINE'S DAY SOCIAL & GAME

Sunday, February 9, 2025, 1 p.m. start.



Mark your calendars now!

All players are welcome. Two game sections will be available: 1) Practice & Play, 2) Open.

We will have chocolate treats for all participants, and a complimentary coffee and tea station with special snacks. We will also be raffling several flower arrangements.

Join the fun and share in the positive energy as we celebrate Valentine's Day.

WELCOME!

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

MaryLou Anderson
Garry Baskett
Elise Longo
Georges Ménard
Kathy Orr
Rick Sedgwick
Sylvia Travers

Beginner Bridge Lessons

Looking for a new hobby?

Learn to play bridge!



Bridge Basics One is an introductory course to the game of bridge that covers basic terminology, bidding, card play and defense.



COST: \$120 Plus Text

Sessions: 8

Date: Saturday mornings

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. January 11 – March 1

Registration: online at www.londonbridgecentre.ca

Questions: Contact Barb O'Brien barbcanbe@gmail.com

1106 Dearness Drive, Unit 9



Bridge Basics 2:

Competitive Bidding

A course for advancing players
taught at the London Bridge Centre.



Course Topics:

- Preemptive Opening Bids
- Overcalls and Advances
- Takeout Double and Advances
- Competitive Auctions

Play of the hand and good defense will be included in the lessons.

Sessions: 6

Date: Tuesday mornings

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. January 28 – March 4, 2025

Registration: online at www.londonbridgecentre.ca

Registrants should have taken a beginners' course or have equivalent experience.

Questions: Contact Jane King @janeking914@yahoo.com

Location: London Bridge Centre

1106 Dearness Drive, Unit 9



COST: \$90 Plus Text



VOLUNTEER PROFILE – LORNA GRAHAM, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Where were you born? I was born in London.

Where did you go to school? After elementary and high school in London, I attended first-year university at Wilfrid Laurier, before transferring to Western to finish my undergraduate degree. Twenty years ago, I returned to school to obtain a graduate degree, first at Western and then at Yorkville. Ten years ago, I completed a psychology internship at the University of Alberta.



What was your first job? After completing first-year university and needing a summer job, I convinced the directors of a halfway house for ex-convicts that they should hire me. There was no job opening, but they created a position for me.

What job did you hold the longest in your working career? I held many different jobs over the years, including cab driver, manager of an open detention centre for youth, and psychologist. My longest job was as a psychotherapist.

In How Many Cities Have You Lived? I have lived in cities - London, Waterloo, and Edmonton, but also many small communities around London - West Williams Township, Biddulph Township, Norfolk Township, Listowel, Parkhill, and Tillsonburg.

What was your best vacation? I had two wonderful trips - Turkey with my daughter, and Greece with my son. I'm looking forward to going to Tanzania next year.

How old were you when you first started playing bridge? In my late teens, I started playing bridge with my parents and two of my five siblings. Over the next ten years, we'd play whenever we could make a foursome.

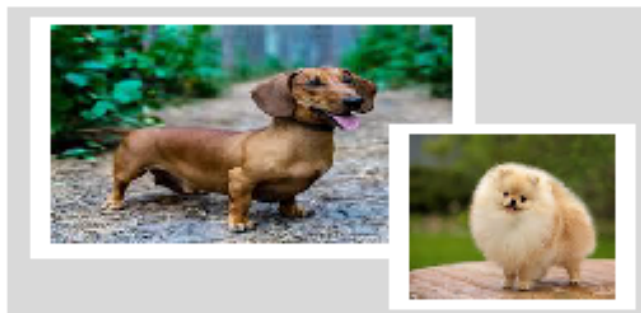
How did you find LBC? When I retired in late 2022, I decided to return to bridge, so I contacted Marie Wiley through the LBC website and she encouraged me to join the club. I attended the New Year's potluck social game last year, and I have been coming ever since. Thanks to the Tuesday Bridge Lab, Lost and Found, and the four courses I have taken, I have learned much about the game and I'm having a lot of fun.

What motivated you to become a board member? I joined the LBC board because I believe it is important for every member of an organization to contribute in some way.

What is your favourite part of being a board member? As a board member, I enjoy hearing different opinions and ideas on issues of importance, because it helps us to make informed decisions.

What do you like best about LBC? The people at LBC are wonderful, which is why I much prefer in-person bridge to online.

Tell us about your hobbies. I am an avid reader and I try to stay active with yoga, aerobics, Pilates Reformer, cycling, and walking.



The Long and the Short of It Guidelines for Evaluating and Re-Evaluating Your Bridge Hand

Judi, Gord & Adele

Guideline 1 As well as counting high card points, most bridge players agree that we can also count extra points for length - one point for the fifth card in a suit and another point for the sixth.

♠ K J 9 8 4

♥ A Q 7 6

♦ Q 6 5

♣ 7

We count 12
high card
points + 1
for the 5th
spade.

$12+1 = 13$

♠ K J 9 8 4 3

♥ A Q 7

♦ J 6 5

♣ 7

We count 11
high card points
+ 2 more for the
fifth and sixth
spades.

$11+2 = 13$

Notice, the above examples do NOT count shortness in any suit.

Guideline 2 You count extra points for shortness when you have a fit with partner. Use the following guideline:

Void = 5 points

Singleton = 3 points

Doubleton = 1 point

♠ K J 3

♥ A 7 5 4

♦ T 7 6 5 4

♣ 7

With your fit in
spades, you count 8
high card points +3 for
the singleton club.

$8 + 3 = 11$

You can count this hand as an 11 point hand, enough to give your partner a limit raise. Because of that singleton, your hand has become much better than a simple 6-9 point raise. Now you have ruffing value.

Guideline 3 The most important! Don't count both length and shortness in the same hand.

May your new year be long in bridge success and short in bridge stress.

