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Newsletter

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To all who helped make Unit 249's Western Sectional a success!
For more photos, click [here](#).



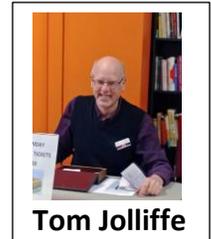
177 players earned master points



133 tables over 2 days



Bruce Moor



Tom Jolliffe

Tournament Organizers: Bruce Moor and Tom Jolliffe

Partnerships: Dennis Hack, Tom Jolliffe

Setup: Dennis Hack, Brian Sheardown, Bob Wade, Peter Tuttle, Ken Bowlby, Peter Muxlow, Tom Jolliffe and Bruce Moor

Catering and Tables: Bruce Moor

Coat Racks: Tom Jolliffe

Recycling: Gillian Richardson and Tom Jolliffe

Garbage: Tom Jolliffe

Lunch Tickets: Tom Jolliffe

Caddies: Ciara and Justin

Hospitality:

Sheila Elston with Beverly Corlett, Carol Zettel, Betty Grant, Louisa Leugner, Louise Caicco, Mary Dashnay and Judy Stirling



To all the **many** people who supplied treats.



Sheila and Bev

436 cups of coffee served!

Survey



Thanks to our survey working group volunteers and all those who completed the LBC survey.



Hui Zhu, Al Edwards, Deb Ellison, Chris Piper

Absent, Jim Stewart

Survey says....

A big **thank you** to the 206 people who took the time to respond to LBC's survey. An additional tip of the hat to the many respondents who wrote in additional comments and suggestions. The working group volunteers have started on detailed analysis of the responses.

Some overview highlights:

- 97% strongly agree or agree with "Overall I am satisfied with my experiences at LBC."
- 91% strongly agree or agree with "LBC provides excellent value for money."
- 91% strongly agree or agree that LBC has achieved the goal of providing a welcoming, enjoyable and conflict-free environment with games conducted in a spirit of friendly competition.
- 92% of those who attend Bridge Lab or Practice and Play would recommend one of those sessions to friends who play bridge.
- 97% strongly agree or agree that "Lessons and other educational opportunities are a valuable LBC service to its membership."
- 95% strongly agree or agree that "The newsletter provides information that is useful to me."

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Survey Feedback cont'd

The survey also indicates some opportunities:

- 48% were interested in playing more games per week.
- 33% would play more often if partners were available.

The survey asked about interest in changes to the LBC schedule, including some different types of games. While there is still much work to be done to analyze the responses, the least popular was rubber bridge with no masterpoint awards. 83% of respondents said they would never play in that format at LBC.

The working group will complete the analysis in the next few weeks and report to the Board. Following that, we plan to have a townhall meeting to review the results with interested members.

Thank you again to those who responded!
Al Edwards

Upcoming Events



St. Catharines Sectional - Friday, February 8th to Sunday, February 10th. For detailed information, click [here](#).

Canada-wide STaC Week: Monday, Feb 11th to Sunday, Feb 17
Silver points, \$ 2 surcharge

- ◆ Monday - morn, aft
- ◆ Tuesday - eve
- ◆ Wednesday – aft, eve
- ◆ Thursday – aft (0 – 1500)
- ◆ Friday – morn, aft

Additional Game:

- ◆ Sunday – 1:00 p.m. (Team game: Sign-up sheet at the desk)

Learning Opportunities at LBC

To view all, click [here](#).



Master Your Game

Wednesday morning, February 6th @ 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Registration closed on February 1st.

Bridge Courses: Click [here](#) for all course info.

Click [here](#) to read about our dedicated teachers

Bridge Basics 1:

Instructors, Hazel Hewitt and Jane King

Begins. **Wednesday, February 6, 2019**

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:15

Duration: 8 sessions



Course Topics: Hand evaluation, bidding ladder, no-trump opening bids and responses, minor suit opening bids and responses, major suit openings and responses, and dummy points. Hand play and defense will be included in each class.

Click [here](#) for course details and registration.

Please note: This course begins Feb 6. Please register ASAP to obtain one of the few spots still available.

Bridge Basics 3:

Instructor, Audrey Craig

Begins. **Monday, February 18, 2019**

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:15

Duration: 4 sessions



Course Topics: Stayman convention, Jacoby transfers, the strong 2 club opener, and the Blackwood convention.

Click [here](#) for course details and registration.

Please register at least 7 days before the course begins.

Bridge Courses: cont'd

Bridge Basics 2:
Instructor, Hazel Hewitt

Begins: Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00

Duration: 5 sessions



New course listing

Course Topics:

Overcalls, weak twos, pre-emptive bidding, penalty doubles and take-out doubles.

Click [here](#) for course details and registration.

Please register at least 7 days before the course begins.

Ask Dwight

If you are puzzled about a hand, email [Ask Dwight](#). Provide the session, board number and your question. Dwight will provide you with helpful tips.

North opens 1NT. East bids 2D. South bids 2S.

Question:

Are all systems off? Surely Stayman is off. But is there a way to transfer to those spades?

For example, South could bid

- 3D - transfer to hearts?
- 2H - transfer to spades?
- 2S - transfer to minors?

Thanks Dwight,

Like Toknow

| North | | West | | East | | South | |
|-------|------------|------|---------|------|-------------|-------|-------------|
| ♠ | A 6 | ♠ | J 10 3 | ♠ | Q 5 | ♠ | K 9 8 7 4 2 |
| ♥ | K 10 7 | ♥ | 8 6 4 2 | ♥ | A Q 5 | ♥ | J 9 3 |
| ♦ | J 8 4 | ♦ | 5 3 2 | ♦ | A K Q 9 7 6 | ♦ | 10 |
| ♣ | A K 10 9 8 | ♣ | 7 4 3 | ♣ | 6 5 | ♣ | Q J 2 |
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Monday morn, January 28, Board 4

Think about your own response. Then, click [here](#), to view Dwight's answer.



We just completed our annual audit and are pleased to report that the number of books in the Library has increased by over 90 to 980 and includes 582 titles by 175 authors. This growth is thanks to significant donations and LBC purchases in 2018.

About 15% of the membership use the Library, and most follow the procedures properly (**Legible** sign-out is most appreciated). However, once again, we note that the **missing books** have increased by 25 and now **total 92**. We recognize that in the heat of the moment of discovering an exciting bridge book, some members may inadvertently forget to complete the sign-out procedures, so please have a look around your home libraries to see if you have any books with the LBC logo that should be returned. Thanks.

Your LCB Librarians
Roger and Judy Jolliffe

As a Reminder

The index for our library holdings can be viewed from the LBC web site. Books that are missing are highlighted in **yellow**. Click [here](#) to view the index now.

LBC Library

Library Index

Les Bushfield Donator

In the **Master Class** series taught by **Dwight Bender** in the fall of 2018, several books were recommended to course participants who wished to progress further. Those available in our library are:

-  **Blackwood on Slams** by Blackwood
-  **Winning Declarer Play** by Hayden
-  **Competitive Bidding** by Kaplan
-  **The Tough Game** by Kelsey
-  **More Killing Defense** by Kelsey
-  **Balancing in Contract Bridge** by Lawrence
-  **Bridge Squeezes Complete** by Love
-  **How Good is your Defense** by Mollo and Nelson
-  **Sherlock Holmes, Bridge Detective** by Thomas



February is Heart Month

CPR Training Subsidy from LBC

LBC will subsidize club members who wish to take a first aid course, including CPR, in order to be prepared to help those in need at our club. Call **St. John Ambulance** to make arrangements for an available training day at 519 423-1352. To view course schedule, click [here](#). For registration information, click [here](#). The [LBC web site](#) includes information as well.

The course approved is called **Emergency First Aid CPR A** and includes training for AED (automated external defibrillation). The cost of the course is \$90. Upon successful completion, 50% is refundable by LBC. Your receipt is to be submitted to Tom Jolliffe.

If you have further questions, please contact [Sheila Elston](#).



Reminder

In case of inclement weather be sure to check the [LBC](#) web site in case of closure.

If you have comments or suggestions, please contact the editor.

[Adele Woolfe](#)

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