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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

Notice of Annual Meeting

The **Annual General Meeting** of London Bridge Centre Inc. will be held at the bridge club on Saturday, September 24 at 12:30 pm.

Related documents can be found [here](#). We look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the meeting.

A bridge game will follow the meeting. (Free for those who attend the meeting). This game will be considered a Club Championship and so extra points will be awarded.

In keeping with LBC's COVID protocols, proof of two vaccinations is required.



Membership Update

With the fall quickly approaching, we look forward to seeing all of you back at the bridge club. We continue to welcome new members to the club. Members whose memberships expired June 30, 2022 are encouraged to renew their memberships.

Membership and fee information is available on the club [website](#).

Travel Mishap

During Tom Jolliffe and Bruce Moor's bicycle tour, Bruce took a spill and broke his left leg. He is now in a hospital in Geesthacht Germany, having had successful surgery on his leg. He is currently having some rehab but the surgeons are recommending that Bruce not put any weight on his left leg.

Very fortunately, one of their travel companions on this trip is a retired chief surgeon, who has stayed with them and been extremely helpful with the hospital process, including studying the before and after x-rays. She has indicated that she is quite satisfied with the results of the surgery.

Their flight home is scheduled for October 1. Bruce is expected to undergo rehabilitation treatment prior to being able to return home. Bruce remains well connected to the bridge world via BBO.

I know all of us at the club wish Bruce a speedy recovery!

Our directors are assisting us to continue to provide director coverage for all our games. A big thank you to all of our directors, especially those who have stepped up to take on extra games.



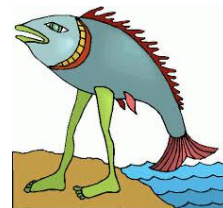


Check It Out



Don't be unconventional

Many bridge books include some mention of how to use conventions in bidding and in play, but there are several specifically dedicated to the subject.



Audrey Grant's "Commonly Used Conventions" or Barbara Seagram's "25 Conventions You Should Know" are user-friendly favourites.

Marty Bergen's series of pamphlets offer a range of topics including "A Fresh Look at Seven Excellent Conventions".

Among Mike Lawrence's thirty-five books in our library, several are devoted to specific conventions.

Ron Klinger's highly recommended "Bridge Conventions, Defences and Countermeasures", 1993, addresses the use of conventions in both bidding and play.

You may wish to consult the tome (yes, rather large) "Bridge Conventions Complete" by Kears, 1984.

Modern Bridge Conventions by Root & Pavlicek, 1981, gives very clear descriptions and recommendations for each.

Going back a little further, Eddie Kantar's "Bridge Conventions", 1972 outlines many of the conventions in use today.

And 1965, Terence Reese's "Bridge Conventions, Finesses, and Coups" is a glossary and short explanation of many aspects of bridge play and bidding.

Dive in!



Caddies are needed for Sunday, October 23

We need two people to act as caddies for the Swiss Teams event at our sectional tournament. This is a paid, one-day job. No experience is required -- just energy and a pleasant demeanor. The tournament director will instruct the caddies on what they are to do. Often this role is filled by teens or young adults. If you know someone who might be interested, please have them contact me.

Janine Higgins, Tournament Chair
519 439 5136
janine@janinehiggins.ca

Start lining up your partner and teammates for our Sectional Tournament.

This is a great opportunity for all members to participate in a tournament. Tournaments are definitely not just for advanced players. Even the most junior players can have a great time and collect some points. Note that in club games black points are almost always awarded although there are a few special games where other coloured points are given. For any of you who are interested in achieving Life Master or other ACBL milestones, be aware that you need points of different colours. At this tournament, you can get silver points.

The other great thing about tournaments is team games. We encourage you and your partner to start thinking about joining another pair to create a team. The team games on Sunday are really fun and a bit of a different side to bridge. We hope that most of you will participate on Sunday as well as Saturday. The teams will be grouped with teams of similar points, which makes for a more enjoyable day, especially for newer players who might be intimidated playing at a table with advanced players.

Our club is well known for its hospitality, including providing a range of savory and sweet snacks before the games begin. We will be looking for contributions closer to the tournament date, but you can start thinking about what your contribution might be.

Check out the flyer on the next page.



89th Western Ontario Sectional Bridge Tournament London, Ontario October 22 & 23, 2022



London Bridge Centre
1106 Dearness Drive, Unit 9
London, On N6E 1N9

Saturday October 22 at 10:30 am
Strati-flighted Pairs (play-through)
A/X: 2500+, 0-2500
B/C/D: 1000-2000, 500-1000, 0-500
Novice Pairs: 0-300 (1 session)

**Lunch at nearby local restaurants*

Saturday October 22 at 2:45 pm
Strati-flighted Pairs (2nd session)
Novice Pairs: 0-300 (1 session)

***Note:** Flight eligibility is based on the player with the highest masterpoints. Stratification within the flight is based on average masterpoints. Silver masterpoints awarded.*

Pairs: \$12.50 per person, per session
(Note: \$5.00 per person for those with 0-5 masterpoints and those 21 years old and under. 1 session only.)

Tournament Chair:
Janine Higgins
janine@janinehiggins.ca
(519-439-5136)

Partnership:
Gayle George
Gaylergeorge@gmail.com
(519-851-0316)

Sunday October 23 at 10:30 am
Swiss Teams: (play through)
A/X Teams: A: 2500+, X: 0-2500
B/C/D Bracketed Teams: 0-2000

***Note:** Teams are bracketed by total team points. Silver masterpoints awarded.*

Teams: \$100.00 per team

**A light lunch will be available on Sunday only. Cost is \$10.00.*

**Free coffee and snacks available both days.*

Covid-19 Protocols

**All participants must be fully vaccinated according to Health Canada guidelines.*

**Proof of vaccination is required. Please arrive early to comply with this requirement.*

**All participants must be both covid and symptom free for 7 days with no contact with someone know to have covid for 7 days.*

**Masks are highly recommended. Be prepared to wear a mask if necessary.*

**Hand sanitizers will be available.*

***Note:** These protocols are subject to change in order to comply with provincial guidelines.*

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EDUCATION AT LBC

LOST AND FOUND

"Lost and Found" started on Thursday, September 8 immediately following the afternoon 0-1500 game. This is a FREE session hosted by Dwight Bender. It is your opportunity to ask questions about bidding, declarer play, or defense regarding any hands played that day. It is suggested that you keep notes during the game of any hands you wish to discuss and bring them to Dwight's attention at the beginning of this free seminar. Dwight will give you his analysis and recommendations. Hand records will be provided to facilitate everyone's participation in the discussion. See you there.

ONLINE TEACHING

Our teachers are eager to add more students to their online tables. You may have a group of friends who want to learn together, or we can find a table for you. Lessons are customized to your needs. A fantastic way to learn.

Please see details [here](#).



**THE FOLLOWING EXCELLENT, IN-PERSON,
CLASSES ARE STARTING SOON**

**REGISTER NOW, ON THE CLUB'S
[WEBSITE](#), BEFORE THEY FILL UP**

BEGINNER BRIDGE

Course will be taught by Barbara O'Brien, a certified ACBL teacher

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

Lessons will run on Tuesdays from 1:00pm – 3:00pm



Cost: \$125 per person includes textbook

The course will run for a total of eight sessions beginning Tuesday, September 27, 2022, through to November 15, 2022.

You can sign up online to register yourself in this course or email Barbara at barbcanbe@gmail.com

Advancing Your Game

An intermediate bridge course being taught face-to-face at the London Bridge Center.

This course is designed for players who have completed several beginners' bridge courses and who play in competitive duplicate bridge games on a regular basis.

- Bidding and play topics will be reviewed and extended.
- Handling the opponents' interference will be discussed extensively during each class.
- Standard conventions will be fine-tuned to develop effective, competitive duplicate bridge strategies
- Good bridge judgement will be stressed.

Lesson 1: **NoTrump & its "gadgets"**

Lesson 2: **Major Suit Bids & Strategies**

Lesson 3: **Minor Suit Bids & Strategies**

Lesson 4: **Defense & Play of the Hand**

The detailed course outline can be found on the London Bridge Center website.

Tuesday Mornings 9:30 - 12:00

Part 1: Four weeks October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022

Part 2: Four weeks, dates to be announced in spring.

Note: Part 1 is a prerequisite for Part 2

Course Instructor: Mary Howe

Course cost: \$60 plus \$10 for the Student Notebook/Text

Register at the London Bridge Center web page.

Deadline for registration is Sept. 25, 2022.



2/1 Game Force

Instructor: Peter Tuttle

Wednesday @ 1:00 at LBC

October 19th, 26th November 2nd, 9th

November 16th (optional)

Course Cost: \$50 (plus text approximately \$29)

2/1 is a modification of standard bidding methods. The approach is designed to give the partnership more bidding room both to find the best game contract and explore slam possibilities.

Topics

1. When 2/1 applies and its advantages
2. The forcing I no trump response
3. Rebids by opener and responder
4. The choice between game and slam



Bring your friends!

Bridge Basics 2

A beginner bridge course being taught at the London Bridge Center.

"Adding more pieces to the bridge puzzle"



Course Topics:

- Nov. 1: **Preemptive Opening Bids**
- Nov. 8: **Overcalls and Advances**
- Nov. 22: **Takeout Doubles & Advances**
- Nov. 29: **Competitive Auctions**

The detailed course outline can be found on the London Bridge Center website.

This 4 week course is designed for players who have completed Bridge Basics 1.

It introduces bidding concepts designed to help partnerships get to their best contract while making it difficult for the opponents to find their best spot.

Play of the hand and good defence will be included in each lesson.

Tuesday Mornings 9:30 - 12:00 in Nov.

Note: Lessons are not on consecutive weeks

Course Instructor: Mary Howe

Course cost: \$60 plus the Student Text

Register at the London Bridge Center web page.

Deadline for registration is Oct. 23, 2022.



In Case You Have Forgotten...

(More about etiquette and protocol at the bridge table)

(an excerpt from [LBC's Code of Conduct](#) first printed on January 14, 2018.)

Tip 9 – USE BID CARDS WITH CARE

- Place your bid on the table in front of you, overlapping previous bids so the entire auction is clearly visible.
- Check your bidding card as you place it on the table to ensure it matches your intention. If you notice before your partner bids that the card in front of you is not what you intended to bid, you should call the director. In most cases, you are allowed to change your bid (Law 25).
- You may not change your bid if you change your mind or realize that you should have bid something else. A “Slip of Fingers” may be corrected (most of the time) but a “Slip of Mind” may not (Law 25).

Tip 10 – BID IN TEMPO

- Bid in a regular tempo. You should only convey information through the bid itself, not by the way the bid is made.
- You may need a little extra time to think about some bids, and that is allowed. When that happens, the Laws require that your partner must ignore the pause or hesitation when making her decisions.
- Avoid passing very quickly, with no apparent thought. This tells everyone at the table you have a very weak hand.

Tip 11 – BID IN SILENCE

- Bidding is to be done in silence, except for announcements and alerts. Although it can be quite amusing, saying things like “might as well take a chance on game” before the auction is over is tantamount to saying “do not bid again partner”. This is unauthorized information.
- Similarly, place your final bid on the table in the same tempo and manner as your other bids – and not in a way that says “DO NOT BID AGAIN PARTNER.”

Tip 12 – END OF AUCTION

- It’s good practice to place your final PASS card on the table. Some players just tap the table or pick up their bidding cards, but this could be interpreted as a message to partner that “the auction should end now” which is not part of the fifteen words in bridge bidding. Tapping a double might be ambiguous; PASS is not.
- At the end of the auction, pause for a second or two before replacing your bidding cards in case your opponents have a question regarding the bidding.
- At the end of the auction, it is good practice for someone to state what the final contract is so all can agree – especially if the contract has been doubled. North may enter it on the Bridgemate then (after making the opening lead or putting the dummy down, as appropriate.)

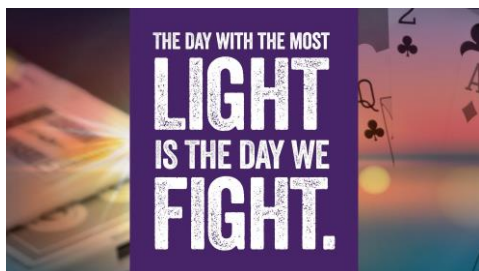
News from the ACBL and BBO



Click [here](#) to access the latest news



BridgeWhiz can give your child a brighter future. Click [here](#) for more information



We're thrilled to announce the ACBL raised more than \$1 for Alzheimer's research and care this year – a true triumph!

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement. More than \$1 million is a phenomenal amount that will go a long way in this fight.

We know it wasn't easy, and we're so grateful for the time and effort you spent reaching this goal. The Longest Day's success is due to you! Time and again, bridge players have shown to be some of the most generous supporters of this cause.

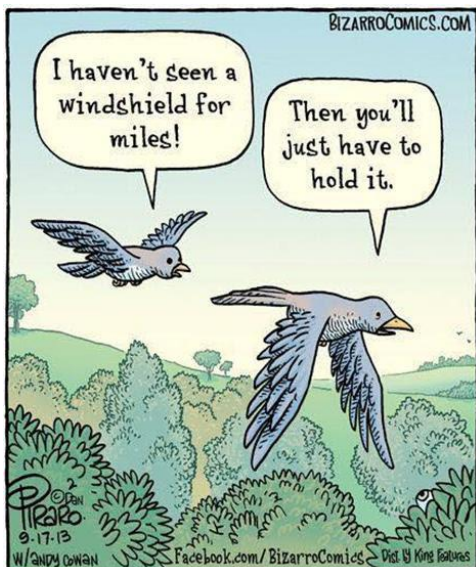
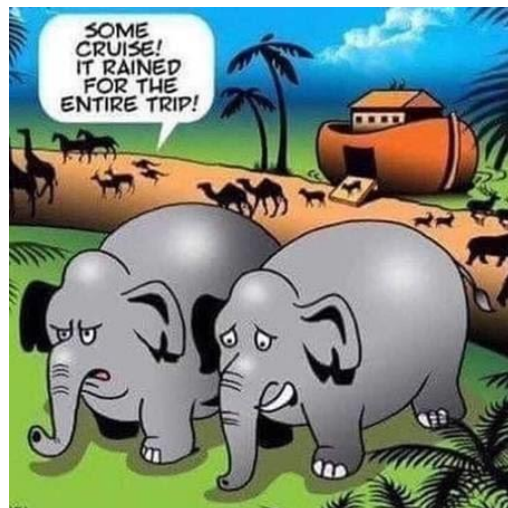
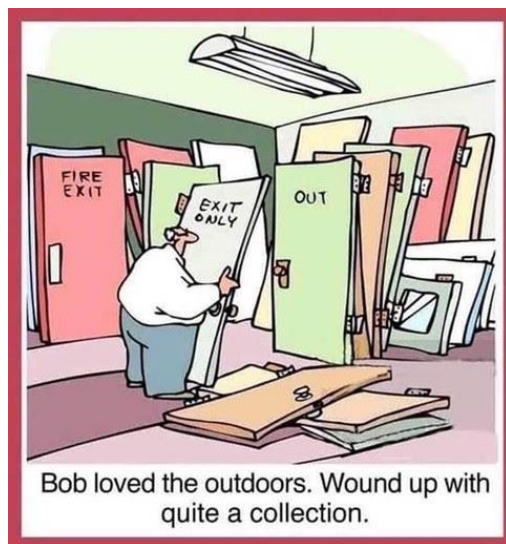
Your donations will lead to further research on Alzheimer's disease and funding for Alzheimer's Association services, like the 24-hour support line and community outreach.

Save the Date! On Wednesday, Sept. 21, at noon Central time the [Alzheimer's Association](#) will present a special webinar on the latest findings on Alzheimer's disease prevention and care. To sign up and for more information click [here](#).

By signing up, you will receive an email with the special link to the online event led by Dr. Percy Griffin, director of scientific engagement for the Alzheimer's Association. [Click here to read more about Dr. Griffin.](#)

The webinar will last about 45 minutes followed by 15 minutes of questions.

To Make You Smile



Peter's Lesson



Peter Tuttle

I hope to see you
Tuesdays at LBC.

Using Your Judgement

*What to consider when you wish you could bid
2 ½.*

It is not always straight forward when you are making decisions about your responses to partner. Today we will look at considerations that might come into play.

♠ J 9 8 7
♥ A 9 6 3
♦ 9 6
♣ A J 3

In this example, partner opens 1 club. Here is your hand.

- You respond 1 heart.
- Opener rebids 1 spade.
- You know you have an 8-card fit in spades.

You are going to raise partner's suit. The question is, how high. Your point count is borderline. Should you bid 2 spades or 3 spades? Consider the following factors:

1. Does your hand get better when you hear opener's rebid?
2. Where are your high card points? Will they support partner's suits?
3. Jacks may not always be helpful, but in this case, they are working cards in the suits partner bid. Their value improves.
4. Your shortness in diamonds has the potential to improve ruffing possibilities. You should consider bidding 3 spades inviting partner to bid on. This hand warrants an invitational bid.

Joke of the Day

What do you call an alligator detective?

An investi – gator.

