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London Bridge Centre Newsletter

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| 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

CALLING ALL NEW PLAYERS!!

0-50 Masterpoints game on Thursdays at 1 pm!!

We resumed the Thursday afternoon 0-50 game on February 23. This is a friendly introduction to duplicate bridge.

If you have been participating in the Tuesday afternoon Bridge Lab, Saturday morning Practice and Play, or have just completed Beginner lessons, or really anyone with under 50 points, this is your chance to dip your toe in the water of duplicate bridge.

We hope to see lots of you there. Feel free to attend without a partner. We hope that you will find some compatible partners through this process.

The game starts at 1 pm. If coming alone please arrive 15-20 minutes early so we can help you to find a partner.

MONDAY AFTERNOON OPEN REGISTRATION

With some regular players away, we are implementing a temporary registration process for the Monday afternoon Open Pairs game. We want to avoid players arriving at the club and finding that there are not enough players to run the game. Please use the link below to **register before 6 pm on Sunday**.

If we don't have 12 players by then, we will cancel the game and send an e-mail to registrants and post a notice on the website.

[Register](#)

Thanks and enjoy your game!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES – FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 5

All games during the week of February 27 through March 5 are rated Club Championship games. This means that extra Masterpoints will be awarded at no extra cost to the players. This includes the March 5 Sunday Social game.

SOCIAL SUNDAY BRIDGE!!!

After the success of our New Year's potluck and game, we will be holding special events on the first Sunday of every month, featuring an afternoon game with a longer break period where we can indulge in various types of foods/snacks. These games will be open games with a focus on socialization; it's been so long since many of us have seen one another.

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| March 5 | Dessert Party and fun open game |
| April 2 | Appetizers and an Eight is Enough team game |
| May 7 | Wine and Cheese and an Individual Game |
| June 4 | Pizza and a Rookie Master game |

Please mark these dates in your calendar and stay tuned for details in upcoming newsletters and sign-up sheets at the club. When the first Sunday of a month falls on a holiday weekend, Social Sunday Bridge will be held on another weekend.

Fun Open Pairs Game for All Levels With a Mid-afternoon Dessert Break.

Our first Social Sunday Bridge is on **Sunday, March 5 at 1 pm** where we will feature *desserts*.



Please bring your own plate and fork and a partner to play with. Some board members will be making desserts however we are looking for other club members to donate their favourite desserts.



Please contact Judy Stirling if you are able to contribute:
judystirling0@gmail.com or 519-870-1906.

A sign-up sheet is at the front desk for bridge; please indicate if you are bringing a dessert.

LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL

Get Your Teams Ready for the Eight is Enough Swiss Teams!

Sunday, April 2 – game time is 1 pm but arrive at 12:30 for appetizers

Eight is Enough is a Swiss Teams format that evens the strength of the teams and gives everyone a greater chance to win. The game provides an opportunity to play with someone new and allows players who normally would not play in an open game the opportunity to be on a team with Flight A players!

Here's how it works:

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 - 300 Masterpoints = 1 point
- Flight B players with 300 - 1000 Masterpoints = 2 points
- Flight A players with 1000+ Masterpoints = 3 points

This means that if two Flight A players want to play together, they will play with two Flight C players: 3 plus 3 plus 1 plus 1 equals 8.

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

There are no restrictions to partnership combinations among team members.

This game is a club championship, so extra points will be awarded. One of the nice things about Swiss teams is that almost everyone gets some points.

Sign up at the club. Full team sign-ups are strongly encouraged; those who sign up as a pair will be matched with other pairs if possible.

We also need some volunteers to bring their favourite appetizers. If you can bring an appetizer, please indicate that on the signup sheet.

**Please welcome the following new members who joined the
London Bridge Centre in January**

Carol Brigham
Don Castanza
Janet Clark
Cathy Crane
Lorna Graham
Sandra Retzer

We look forward to seeing you at the bridge table!



NEW RANK ACHIEVEMENTS

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



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| New Advanced NABC Master | Marilyn Ellis |
| New Bronze Life Master | Larry Norman |

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



Check It Out



F is for **F**ebruary
and

Falsecards by Mike Lawrence

The **F**inesse by Fred Karpin

Following the Law by Larry Cohen

Test Your **F**inessing by Hugh Kelsey

The **F**iner Arts of Bridge by Victor Mollo

Focus on Bridge Defense by Aksel Neilson

Focus on Bidding; etc. by Danny Roth

Fresh Look at Seven Excellent Conventions by Marty Bergen

The Rodwell **F**iles by Eric Rodwell

A **F**irst Book of Bridge Problems by Patrick O'Connor

Infere**n**ces at Bridge by Marshall Miles

The **F**un Way to Advanced Bridge by Harry Lampert

First Pocket book of Bridge Problems by Ewart Kempson

The **F**orcing Pass by Eddie Kantar

Forcing: New minor, Fourth Suit, No Trump by Max Hardy

Five Tips to Simplify Entries by Audrey Grant

Bridge **F**aux Pas by Joe Blatnik



EDUCATION

We have lots of news for you!

Commencing on Tuesday, March 28 at 1 pm is a Bridge Basics I course. This is a great eight-week beginner course by Barb O'Brien that includes basic terminology, bidding, and card play. Sign-up and more information are on the [website](#).

Following this in June, is **Bridge Basics II**. Many of you who have taken BBI and have been waiting for this opportunity.

Mary Howe is presenting **Advancing your Game part 2** starting May 18.

An **Introduction to Balancing** will be offered by Barry Onslow on June 7 and 14. Sure to be a terrific course.

Information about all of these will be on the [website](#) within a few days.

5th chair teaching continues online. Hazel Hewett has two spaces open for anyone who wants to take beginner classes online rather than in person. Audrey Craig is teaching 2/1 by the 5th chair method and has openings too. Please see the [5th chair teachers page](#) for contact information.



A new, in-person, 0-50 point game has been started on Thursday afternoons (see page 1). This is a gentle, relaxed, atmosphere in which to play your first sanctioned games and to start to acquire Masterpoints. We also have Tuesday afternoon Lab and Saturday morning Practice and Play, both good learning opportunities and great fun.

LBC and SW Ontario Players Scored Big in Barbados

At the Sun Sea and Slams tournament in Barbados in February, players from South-Western Ontario were dominant (12 of the top 25 players out of 240). The Grand River club sent a large contingent, all of whom did very well. Several of our own members received awards: **Linda and Graeme Tindale** won a two-session pairs event and **Ward Coulson** and his partner were top C players in a 0-499 game.

Pictured are Graeme and Linda with Jennifer Verdam-Woodward from Goderich and her partner Adrian Record from Guelph who won the two-session Open pairs event.



To Make You Smile

Planes cancelled, trains cancelled, busses disrupted, some taxi drivers never bothered yet Fred Flinstone manages to still get in to work 🤔🤔



A GUIDE TO PUTTING YOUR CLOCKS BACK



SMARTPHONE
Leave it alone,
it does its magic



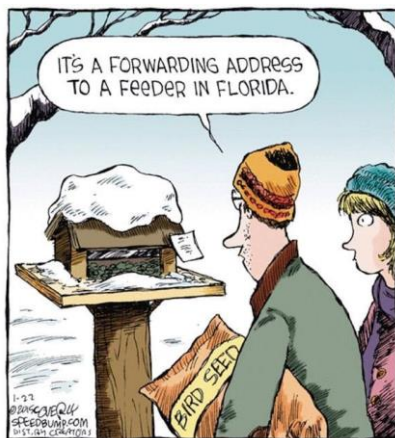
SUNDIAL
Move one house
to the left



OVEN
You'll need a
Masters in
Electronic
Engineering
or a hammer



CAR RADIO
Not worth it,
wait six months





In Case You Have Forgotten...

(More about etiquette and protocol at the bridge table)

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

Tip 24 – DECLARER PLAY FROM DUMMY

- When your partner lays out the dummy for you, say “Thank you, Partner.”
- When calling for a card from dummy, call for it clearly, e.g. “spade five.” (Law 46)
- Calling for “a club” means the lowest club. If you want the ace of clubs, say so (Law 46).
- A request such as “Please run the hearts from the top” allows dummy to play to those tricks in order without waiting for your direction before each trick.

TIP 25 – CLAIMS OR CONCESSIONS

- Claim as declarer when you are certain that all of the remaining tricks are yours, stating your line of play clearly: ‘I plan to draw the last trump ending in hand, cash the A and K of hearts, then lead a small diamond to the good diamonds in the dummy.’ (Drawing one extra round of trumps (a Lundgren check round) to ensure all trump have been drawn helps to make you certain.) (Law 68-71)
- Or claim conceding specific tricks: “You will get the Ace of diamonds, then I have only the remaining trump and good hearts.” (Law 68-71).
- If a claim is contested you should call the director. Note that the Laws require the director to resolve any doubtful points against the claimer (Law 68-71).
- While you may also claim or concede the remaining tricks as a defender be sure that you understand the situation. If your claim or concession is not valid you risk giving your partner unauthorized information or giving declarer helpful information about the location of an important card.
- If all four players agree, instead of calling the director, a claim or concession may be canceled (at the request of the non-claiming side) in favour of playing out the hand. If any player objects, the director must be called to rule on the claim.

Tip 26 - PLAY THE CARDS IN TEMPO

- Try to play your cards in an even tempo, especially as a defender. You may take time to think if you need to do so, but it puts the onus on your partner to ignore any break in tempo, while declarer may take note of your problem. (Law 73.D).
- Do not detach a card from your hand until it is your turn to play and you are ready to play.
- Returning a detached card to your hand and replacing it with another card may provide unauthorized information to your partner.
- It is a violation of bridge ethics to pause and pretend to have a problem, e.g., if you have a singleton in the suit led, play it in tempo (Law 73.D).
- “False carding” in the play of the hand is acceptable provided such action deceives your partner and your opponents equally and is not done by partnership agreement (Law 73.E).

Columbia Employee Store Invitation

- **London Bridge Club** offer is valid until **March 12!** (see invite below)
- Store is stocked with current season products from our family of brands – Columbia, Mountain Hardwear, SOREL, and prAna – items are priced up to 50% off retail.
- For store access, **please provide the PDF invite** (printed or shown on your mobile device) and proof of affiliation/membership (LBC name tag)
- Invitees can bring up to four additional guests with each visit
- This offer is for store access (not valid online)
- **Winter Sale starts now! Additional Savings up to 40% off select winter styles**



The poster features the Columbia Sportswear Company logo and a circular 'WINTER SALE' badge. The main text reads: 'SAVINGS START NOW UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 40% OFF EMPLOYEE STORE PRICING DISCOUNTS TAKEN ON SELECT STYLES'. At the bottom are logos for Columbia, SOREL, MOUNTAIN HARDWEAR, and prAna. The right side of the poster shows a photograph of two hikers on a rocky mountain trail under a clear blue sky.

EXCLUSIVELY FOR: London Bridge Club

VALID DATES
02/17/2023 - 03/12/2023
VALID FOR YOU + 4 GUESTS

WHAT TO BRING
THIS INVITATION
PHOTO I.D.
PROOF OF AFFILIATION
*business card | membership card |
company email signature | pay stub |
original email | other form of affiliation*

LOCATION & HOURS
1-1425 Max Brose Dr
London ON, N6N 0A2
MON-FRI: 10AM - 8PM
SAT: 9:30AM - 6PM
SUN: 10AM - 5PM
Closed 2/20 in observance of Family Day

YEAR-ROUND ACCESS
MILITARY PERSONNEL: EVERY DAY
SENIORS (65+): FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Questions? Please email: londonemployeeestore@columbia.com



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Peter's Lesson



Please join us on Tuesday at 1:00 for **Bridge Lab** and Saturday morning at 9:30 for **Practice & Play**.

Texas Transfers after a No Trump Opener

When partner opens 1 NT (or 2 NT), a jump to the 4 level in diamonds (transfer to hearts) or hearts (transfer to spades) is a Texas transfer showing at least a 6-card suit. When you hold at least a 6 of a major suit, you know that opener must have a least 2 and you can expect an 8 card, or better, fit.

Earlier we explored **Jacoby transfers** after a NT opener or overcall. See the lesson review in the December 18, 2022 newsletter on the website.

The most common hand will be one with a 6-card major and about 7-11 HCP. You are unlikely to explore slam. However, game is likely to make. Look at the following examples.

♠AQ9653
♥74
♦A64
♣J2

♠JT9
♥QT9752
♦5
♣A74

♠KQT862
♥3
♦QJT5
♣Q4

♠QJ87642
♥5
♦A73
♣62

A Texas transfer is suitable for each of the above hands. Be sure to consider distribution as well as high card points. When partner bids 4 of the major. **Pass**.

What is the difference between a **Jacoby transfer** and a **Texas transfer**?

A Texas transfer is at least a 6-card suit. If you have only a 5-card major, use **Jacoby**. A **Jacoby transfer** could be made with 0 points! A **Texas transfer** means the responder has enough for at least game.

Joke of the Day

How did the barber win the race?
He knew a short cut.





In Memoriam

On the morning of January 15, 2023, the world lost a shining star, an adored wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, neighbour, community member, and beloved friend. **Pat Wright Zimmerman** left us before her time. It was a shock to all her family and friends.

Pat grew up in Brantford with three much-loved younger sisters. She excelled at school all the way through and studied English Literature at the University of Toronto. Pat had a well-honed wit and a terrific sense of humor, which bordered on the hilarious, at times. She loved her family and she loved life. She was a well-informed life-long learner, attending various lecture series around the city, a voracious reader, an enthusiastic bridge player, and a regular park-walker. She loved to travel to interesting places around the world. And, especially, in recent years, on family cruises with her children and grandchildren.



Pat's gentle nature and her interest in the lives of others made her a good listener, an enviable quality. And she treated all with dignity and respect. I was privileged to have Pat in my life and to share a close friendship with her, dating back to our grade school days playing at each other's homes, and walking home from school together. She was my oldest and dearest friend.

And she will be remembered - for her kindness, her calm easy-going manner, her tolerance of the differences of others, her devotion to her family, her loyalty to her friends, her understanding of human nature, and her cheerful smile. She leaves a legacy of a life well-lived.

Goodbye dear friend,
Cathy Woodburn

Click [here](#) for more information.