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London  
Bridge Centre

Newsletter

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**Virtual Club Games**  
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**Tuesday 9:15 Open**  
**\*Wednesday 9:15 0-1500**  
**\*Thursday 9:15 Open**  
**\*See notice on page 2**

**Tillsonburg DBC**  
**Tuesday 7:00 Open**  
**LBC members welcome**

**June 4 Social Sunday  
Rookie Master Game with Pizza**

Our next Sunday Social game is designed to match more experienced players with less experienced players. You can sign up individually at the club (or indicate if you are already part of a mentor/mentee pairing). All point levels are welcome.

**DEADLINE: Sign up by Friday afternoon June 2** to allow the director to set up the game and create pairings.

The club will provide pizza as a snack for the afternoon break. Please bring your own plate.



Arrive at 12:45 for a 1 pm game.

**NOTE: Sunday Social games are suspended for the summer. They will resume on October 1 when the Sunday social game will follow the Annual General Meeting to be held on that date.**

**2023/24 Membership Fees are Due by  
June 30**

As mentioned in our last newsletter, our annual membership fee is now \$50. All memberships (both new and returning members) will be charged at this rate and will continue until **June 30, 2024**. We encourage you to pay your membership by e-transfer naming [membershipsbc@rogers.com](mailto:membershipsbc@rogers.com) as the payee.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE

During the week of **June 26**, all face-to-face games will be rated as Club Championship games. Club Championship games offer a black masterpoint bonus of approximately 80% of a regular club game.

### BARBARA SEAGRAM AT LBC

On May 2, Barbara Seagram, international author and bridge teacher held a very successful event/teaching session at the London Bridge Centre. There were 76 participants in the course, a number we haven't seen since pre-Covid days. Barbara sold many of her books as well as beautiful Cambodian scarves at the event.

Many attendees brought in lovely snacks and baked goods which were eagerly enjoyed. At the conclusion of the event, LBC gave Barbara a gift of a very large beautiful bowl handcrafted by Dwight and purchased by LBC to give to Barbara.

Event organizer Al Edwards extends thanks to volunteers Jane King, Ron Salt, Judy Stirling, Marion Gamble, Kate Brooks, Diane Bryant and Tom Jolliffe for their help with set up, managing the food and drinks, checking in players, collecting fees and clean up. Thanks also to Adele Woolfe and Peter Tuttle for managing the extended clean-up after Bridge Lab. It was great to see so many people in the club again.



## CHANGE TO VIRTUAL GAME SCHEDULE FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

For the summer months, we are reducing our virtual game schedule to the Tuesday morning game, only. We hope that our Thursday morning players will participate in this game, as well as any of you in-person players who may be away at cottages and want to continue to support the club.

## **UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS**

### **Local Sectional**

**June 3-4, 2023**

**Brews Bridge Club**

**Sardo Club**

**770 Maxwell Street, Sarnia, ON N7T 5E8**

#### **Saturday June 3 Game Time**

**10:00 AM Single Session Stratified Pairs**

**2:30 PM Single Session Stratified Pairs**

#### **Sunday June 4 Swiss Teams**

**(Format Depending on Number of Teams)**

**10 AM - Play through**

#### **Flights For All Events**

**A - Over 2000 B - 500-2000 C - 0-500**

**Flight Stratification will be determined by the Average  
Masterpoints of the Pair**

**Pairs: - \$12 Per Person per Session**

**Team: - \$96 Per Team**

**Tournament officials have decided proof of vaccination is required.**

#### **Tournament Chair**

**Randy Breuer**

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**South Western Ontario  
Regional  
Bridge Tournament**  
**Kitchener, ON**  
**July 4-9, 2023**

**Tuesday July 4**

Open Pairs ..... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Gold Rush Pairs ..... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Mini-Soloway Knockouts T-W (1 & 2 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
199er Pairs ..... 10:00 am

**Wednesday July 5**

Open Pairs ..... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Gold Rush Pairs ..... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Mini-Soloway Knockouts T-W (3 & 4 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Mini-Soloway Knockouts W-T (1 & 2 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
199er Pairs ..... 10:00 am

**Thursday July 6**

Open Pairs ..... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Gold Rush Pairs ..... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Mini-Soloway Knockouts W-T (3 & 4 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Mini-Soloway Knockouts T-F (1 & 2 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
199er Pairs ..... 10:00 am

**Friday July 7**

Open Pairs ..... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Gold Rush Pairs ..... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Mini-Soloway Knockouts T-F (3 & 4 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Mini-Soloway Knockouts F-S (1 & 2 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
199er Pairs ..... 10:00 am

**Saturday July 8**

Open Pairs ..... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Gold Rush Pairs ..... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Mini-Soloway Knockouts F-S (3 & 4 of 4) ... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
199er Pairs ..... 10:00 am

**Sunday July 9**

Bracketed Swiss ..... 10:00 am & TBA

**Stratifications**

Open Games ..... A: Open, X: 0-3000, Y: 0-1500  
Gold Rush ..... A: 0-750, B: 0-500, C: 0-200  
199 Games ..... A: 0-200, B: 0-100, C: 0-50

**Playing Site**

**Bingemans Conference Centre**

425 Bingemans Centre Drive, Kitchener, ON  
**Marshall Hall Building**

Lots of free parking

This will be a cash free (Credit and Debit Cards only) tournament

Masks will be available .

No lunch or coffee will be available at the tournament site

**Tournament Hotel**

**Courtyard by Marriott**

(formerly the Radisson)

2960 King Street East, Kitchener, ON

Free parking for hotel guests

Phone 1-519-894-9500

Rate: \$149.99 Book by phone before June 3

**Lower Per Session Prices**

199er games \$10 (ACBL Members only \*)

All other games \$17 (ACBL Members only \*)

\* ACBL members, whose memberships are not current, add \$4 /person /session

This will be a cash free (Credit/Debit Cards only) tournament

**Tournament Chair**

Ted Boyd

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**Partnerships**

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## EDUCATION

# Bridge Basics 2

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

**"Adding more pieces to the bridge puzzle"**



### Course Topics:

- June 7: **Preemptive Opening Bids**
- June 14: **Overcalls and Advances**
- June 21: **Takeout Doubles & Advances**
- June 28: **Competitive Auctions**

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

## Wednesday Mornings 9:30 - 12:00

**Course Instructor:** Mary Howe

**Course cost:** \$60 plus the Student Text

Register at the London Bridge Centre web page.

**Still time to register – the deadline has been extended to June 1**

**NEW BALANCING COURSE BY BARRY ONSLOW**

Do you want to be comfortable and competitive in Open games? Then take a close look at the following course description. The teacher, Barry Onslow, brings all the skills of a professional teacher, many years of bridge teaching including on multiple cruises, and of course excellent knowledge and judgment of the game. This is an opportunity not to be missed. And to quote Marie Wiley "I know Balancing doesn't sound sexy but believe me it is one of the most useful tools you will use. Almost every time you play bridge"

# Introduction to Balancing

Do you tend to defend more than you declare?  
Do your better opponents refuse to let you play hands at a low level?

If the answer is "Yes", then maybe this course is for you.

This three week course is intended for those people who want to be competitive in the bidding, especially when the high card points are evenly distributed between North/South and East/West.

**Course Topics:**

- June 7:** Balancing when the opponents find a fit and stop below 2NT. Responding to partner's balance.
- June 14:** Balancing when left hand opponent opens the bidding and there are two passes to you. Responding to partner's balance in the pass out seat.
- June 21:** Dangerous situations for balancing. Practice hands.

## Wednesday Afternoons 1:00 - 3:15

**Course Instructor:** Barry Onslow  
**Course cost:** \$50

Register at the London Bridge Centre web page.  
*Deadline for registration is June 1, 2023.*



## CHECK IT OUT



Our library collection is one to be proud of. It offers a wide range of bridge topics within its almost 600 different titles by 170 different authors. Anyone interested in browsing the full inventory can find it on the club website.

The easy system of signing out books and signing them back in works very well for the most part. Having said that, several books have gone missing over the past year. Please check your shelves at home for any you may have overlooked.



## NEW RANK ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Junior Master	Lorna Graham
Junior Master	David Spence
Club Master	Quentin Rogers
Sectional Master	Nancy Hunter
NABC Master	Anna Adamus
NABC Master	Janusz Adamus

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

**In Case You Have Forgotten...**

(More about etiquette and protocol at the bridge table)

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

**Tip 34 - IT's ABOUT TIME – BE PUNCTUAL**

- Whenever possible, arrive at least 15 minutes before the announced game time. It will make starting the game on time much easier for all, and give you time to chat with your bridge friends and introduce yourself to newcomers.
- A board should take about 6 to 7 minutes to play. Be aware of the time clock and whether you are ahead or behind the pace of the field. If you are behind, try to catch up so the field can move together.
- Regardless of the cause, when a table has fallen behind both pairs should strive to catch up to the field.
- If you are not finished when the round is called, pass the boards that have been finished to the next table, or set them where they can easily be picked up without disturbing your table.
- Leading or putting dummy down before recording the contract and lead will save time for everyone at your table.

**Tip 35 – IT's ABOUT TIME – LATE PLAYS**

- When you hear the time clock warning “two minutes; please do not start another board” or the Director has called the round and there is still a board to play, call the Director to register a Late Play in the Bridgемate.
- If the Director directs that you take a Late Play on a board, do so graciously. She is trying to help you out from under the time pressure, while keeping the game moving for everyone else.
- Law 82 deals with Late Plays. If anyone at the table has looked at their hand, a Late Play is not allowed. The board will be canceled and recorded as a No Play.
- When a Late Play is taken, the Director should arrange for the table that will be playing that board on the last round to play it first in that round, then deliver it to the table where the Late Play will be played.
- At LBC, if any one of the players is unable or unwilling to stay to play the board after the last round, it will be recorded as a No Play.
- Event rankings and Masterpoint awards are based on your percentage results on the boards you do play; a board not played is not a deduction.

**Tip 36 -CONVENTION CARDS**

- Whenever possible, especially with a regular partner, have a convention card filled out and available for the opponents to refer to during the auction or play.
- You may not refer to your convention card during bidding or play; you may only do this between hands.
- You may refer to an opponent's card prior to play or when it is your turn to bid or play. It is customary to ask politely for the card, rather than just reaching for it.

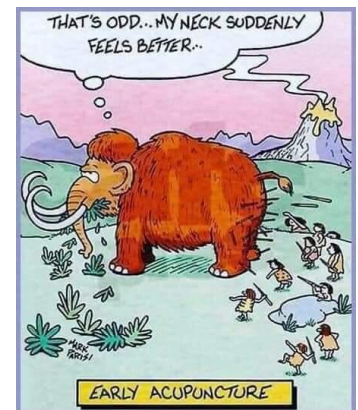


## Peter's Lesson



Peter's lesson will return next month. In the meantime please join him at the Tuesday Bridge Lab and Saturday Practice and Play.

## TO MAKE YOU SMILE



**Columbia Employee Store Invitation Details:**

- **London Bridge Centre** offer is valid **May 19th - June 11th** (see attached invite)
- Store is stocked with current season products from our family of brands – Columbia, Mountain Hardwear, SOREL, and prAna – items are marked with Employee Store Pricing.
- For store access, **please provide this page** (printed or shown on your mobile device) and proof of affiliation/membership
- Invitees can bring up to four additional guests with each visit
- This offer is for store access (not valid online)



**EXCLUSIVE INVITATION TO THE COLUMBIA EMPLOYEE STORE FOR:**  
**London Bridge Club**

ITEMS ARE MARKED WITH EMPLOYEE STORE PRICING

**VALID DATES**  
**05/19/2023 - 06/11/2023**  
**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 5/22 in observance of Victoria Day\**

**YEAR-ROUND ACCESS**

MILITARY PERSONNEL: EVERY DAY

SENIORS (65+): FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

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