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*London
Bridge Centre*

Newsletter

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Virtual Club Games

LBC

Tuesday 9:15 Open

Wednesday 9:15 Open

Tillsonburg DBC

Tuesday 7:00 Open

LBC members welcome

Notice of the Annual General Meeting

The annual meeting of London Bridge Centre Inc. will be held at the bridge club on Sunday, October 1, at noon, followed by an open game of bridge (all welcome).

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meeting.

The Annual General Meeting typically runs for one hour. Club highlights, a financial overview, and board member rotations will be reviewed. It has been a challenging year, but there is also much to celebrate. The LBC is a leader in fostering the adoption and enjoyment of bridge – a great place to play. A great play to grow.

Join us to learn more about the club, ask questions, and contribute to a vibrant London Bridge Centre.

NEW RANK ACHIEVEMENTS

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



New Club Master - Kathryn Kwiecien

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

UPCOMING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

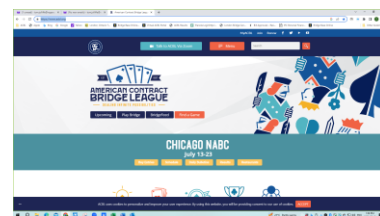
A sectional tournament will be held in St. Thomas on the weekend of September 9 and 10 and in London on the weekend of October 21 and 22. A sectional tournament is an opportunity to meet and play bridge with other bridge players from clubs throughout southwestern Ontario, from Owen Sound, Guelph, Kitchener/Waterloo, Simcoe, Tillsonburg, St. Thomas, Chatham, Windsor, Sarnia, Parkhill, Goderich, Stratford, and Kincardine. A sectional tournament is funded and administered by your unit and hosted by volunteers from local clubs.

All points awarded at Sectional Tournaments are SILVER which offers players a local opportunity to earn SILVER masterpoints towards their Life Masters.

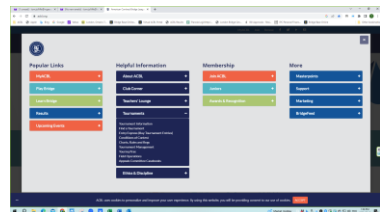
ACBL Introduces ONLINE REGISTRATION

For those familiar with sectional tournaments, game day registration usually involves a lineup to pay your game fees. No longer do you need to wait in line as ONLINE REGISTRATION is now available for our sectional and regional tournaments.

To register go to <https://www.acbl.org/> and click on **Menu.**



Click on [Express Entry](#) under Tournaments



Then scroll to find your tournament and click on **Buy Entries**

Once you have registered online for your pair or team, you will receive an email prior to the session indicating your seat assignment. No more lineups, simply go directly to your seat assignment. Fees for Sectional Tournaments have remained unchanged at \$12.50 per session.

See tournament flyers for further info.

71th Annual St. Thomas Jumbo Tournament



Sept 9th – 10th 2023

Sessions both days 11:00 am and 3:00pm. Hot meal between sessions

Entry Fees \$12.50 per session

To participate in this tournament, players must have an ACBL Player Number. Non-ACBL members are welcome and will receive a complimentary temporary ACBL membership.

(In consideration of those who are sensitive to fragrance, this is a scent-free tournament)

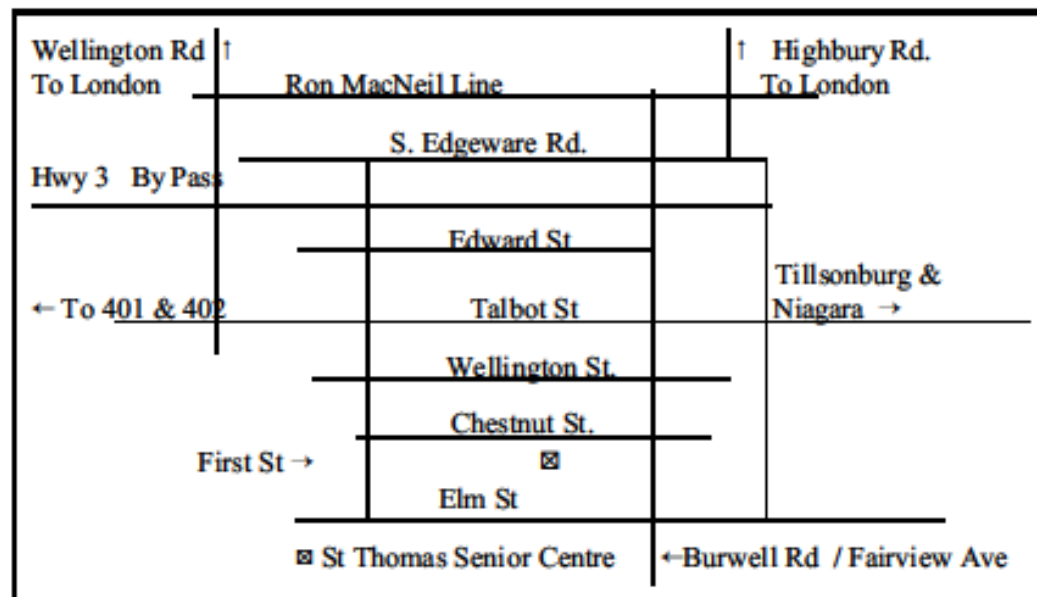
Saturday Sept 9th

2-Session Stratified Pairs Playthrough (single sessions welcome)

299er Pairs Playthrough (single sessions welcome)

Sunday Sept 10th

Open Swiss (A/X) and a Bracketed 0-2000 Swiss bracketed by team total points



Location:

St. Thomas Senior Centre,
225 Chestnut St.,
St. Thomas

Tournament Chair:

Jim Wright
(519) 631-5531
manager@stthomasbridgeclub.org

Partnerships:

Jim Wright
(519) 631-5531
manager@stthomasbridgeclub.org

Pairs

Strats: A=1500+, B=500-1500, C=0-500

299ers: A=100-300, B=20-100, C=0-20

all events stratified by average mps

While proof of Covid-19 vaccination will not be required, all players are recommended to be up-to-date with their vaccinations and to wear masks if asked.



90th Western Ontario Sectional Bridge Tournament London, Ontario



American Contract
Bridge League

October 21-22, 2023

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

Saturday, October 21, 10:30 am

Strati-flighted Pairs (Play-through)

A/X: 2500, X: 0-2500

B/C/D 1,000–2000, 500-1000, 0-500

Novice Pairs: 0-300 (1 Session)

Lunch at nearby local restaurants

Saturday, October 21, 2:45 pm

Strati-flighted Pairs (2nd Session)

Novice Pairs: 0-300 (1 Session)

Pairs will be stratified by average
masterpoint holdings

Entry Fees:

ACBL Members - \$12.50 / person / session

Non-ACBL Members - \$16.50 / person /
session

Chairperson: Tom Jolliffe
(519) 639-2206
tom.jolliffe@rogers.com

Partnerships: Gayle George
(519) 851-0316
gaylergeorge@gmail.com

www.londonbridgecentre.com

Sunday, October 22, 10:30 am

Bracketed Swiss Teams (Play-through)

A/X Teams: unlimited

Flight B: 0-2000

Note: Teams will be bracketed by total
team points.

Teams: \$100 per team

A light lunch will be available on Sunday.

Cost is \$12.

Director-in-charge: Martin Hunter

Covid Protocols

All participants are requested to be
vaccinated. Proof of vaccination is required
for tournament entry. Masks optional.



ANNUAL ARTISANS' SHOW AND SALE

Mark your calendar! The **Annual Artisans' Show and Sale** returns to the London Bridge Centre on **Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.** The show and sale will be followed by an open bridge game beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The **Annual Artisans' Show and Sale** is an opportunity to view one-of-a-kind works of art such as jewelry, quilts, pottery, painting, wood art, and more. Meet the artisans; learn about their creations; socialize; and, kickstart your holiday shopping! Many of the unique items displayed will be available for sale.

Those making a **purchase of \$25.00** or more will receive a **50% discount on their bridge entry** for the open game following the show and sale. That's not the only benefit – the artisans will be **donating 30% of their total sales to Mission Services of London** to assist those in need in our community.

We welcome back the artisans who participated in this event last year as well as any new contributors. If you are an **artisan interested in featuring your work in the show and sale**, please contact Judi Waters at 519-657-7143; Virginia Przysiezny at 519-204-5395; or, Dwight Bender at 519-852-4187 before Monday, November 27.

London Bridge Centre members, family, and friends are all welcome to attend, view the unique works of art, and stay for a friendly game of bridge. **See you on December 2!**

Some highlights from last year's show and sale



EDUCATION

Beginner Bridge Lessons

Looking for a new hobby?

Learn to play bridge!



Course will be taught by Jane King.

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



COST: \$145 plus text

Sessions: 8

Date: Tuesdays, October 3rd to November 21st

Time: 9:30 to 12:00

Location: London Bridge Centre

1106 Dearness Drive, Unit 9



Registration: Online at <https://www.londonbridgecentre.ca>

Questions: Contact [Jane King](mailto:jane.914@yahoo.com) @ jane.914@yahoo.com

A Taste of Bridge at London Bridge Centre



Sunday, September 24th

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Unit 9 - 1106 Dearness Drive



Preregistration is required by Thursday, September 21st.

A Taste of Bridge is an introductory session for people who are considering learning to play this popular card game. No prior bridge experience is needed. In three hours, we aim to show how much fun the game can be and hope you will see what a challenging and interesting game it is. Come alone or bring a group to the event. All are welcome. There is no fee.

Please note that proof of Covid Vaccine and photo ID will be required.

For further information contact:

Marie Wiley mewiley@rogers.com

Sara Ellis ellis.saraj@gmail.com

Click [here](#), to register online.

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

(More about etiquette and protocol at the bridge table)

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

Tip 43 – UNAUTHORIZED INFORMATION (Law 16 – and many others)

- Players may base their calls and plays on information gathered from legal calls and plays and from opponents.
- Players may not base a call or play on “Extraneous Information” that other players playing the same board would not have, unless it comes from the opponents.
- Many of the Laws are set up to avoid the possibility of acting on extraneous information from partner. This includes hesitations, bids out of turn, unexpected or missed alerts, etc.
- There are many other instances where you must not allow extraneous information from other sources to influence your decisions, e.g. if you overhear someone at the next table (where your next boards are coming from) reciting their hand or discussing the results on a board. If this happens, call the director.
- If extraneous information damages either pair, the director may assign an adjusted score.

Tip 44 - AFTER THE GAME

- Immediately after the result for your final board has been accepted, the Bridgemates allow you to see your provisional percentage and ranking for the session, based on the results posted so far. The word “Rank” will appear at the bottom of the screen. Press the small button immediately below that word and the results will appear.
- The Bridgemates also allow you to review your board-by-board scores at this time. The words “Game Summary” will appear at the bottom of the screen. Press the small button immediately below to see N/S scores. Press the small button below the down arrow to scroll down to other boards. Pressing the E/W button will show the scores for the E/W pair.
- If there is an error in the scores, report it to the director giving the Board and round numbers and the pair numbers involved. The director will need to correct the result in the Bridgemate Control Software and also in ACBLSCORE. After the results are posted on Pianola, it is much more difficult to correct them than immediately after the game.
- Thank your partner for the game.
- Ask your partner whether there are any hands you should review together. The Pianola hand records and analysis will make this easier.
- If there was a hand that you found difficult, seek out a more established player and ask if they would be willing to discuss it with you. Most will be flattered and pleased to do so.



Review the Bidding

Judi, Gord, Marie & Adele

Curiouser and Curiouser

A similar hand prompted questions at Bridge lab.

WEST needs to ask:

- What do I bid?
- What informs my decision?

♠	K 9 7 6 4 2
♥	A T 6 3
♦	J
♣	8 7
	W

What does West know?

- ✓ North has an opening bid.
- ✓ My partner East has 16 - 18 points.
- ✓ We need 26 points (East and West) to make game.
- ✓ My partner has at least 2 spades to bid 1 no trump.
- ✓ West has 8 high card points, adding 2 more for 5th & 6th spades.

Bidding:

N	E	S	W
1C	1NT	2D	?

Review the bidding and ponder:

- Would 2 spades show the strength of my hand?
- Should I simply jump to 4 spades? It should make.
- I also have 4 hearts. What if we have a 4-4 heart fit that plays better?
- How could I tell partner that 2D by South must be weak?

Review the bidding and consider partnership agreement. NOW decide what to bid.

Partnerships with varied levels of experience will bid differently. Check below.

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
S – J T 5	S – A Q 8 3	S – VOID	S – K 9 7 6 4 2
H – K 9 8	H – Q J 2	H – 7 5 4	H – A T 6 3
D – A 6	D – Q 5 2	D – K T 9 8 7 4 3	D – J
C – K J T 9 6	C – A Q 5	C – 4 3 2	C – 8 7

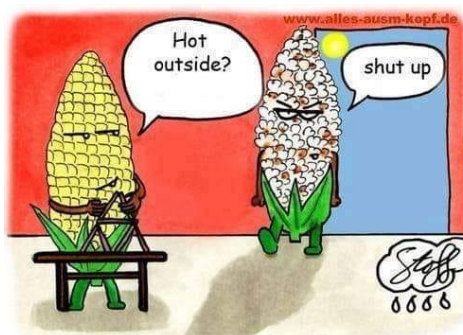
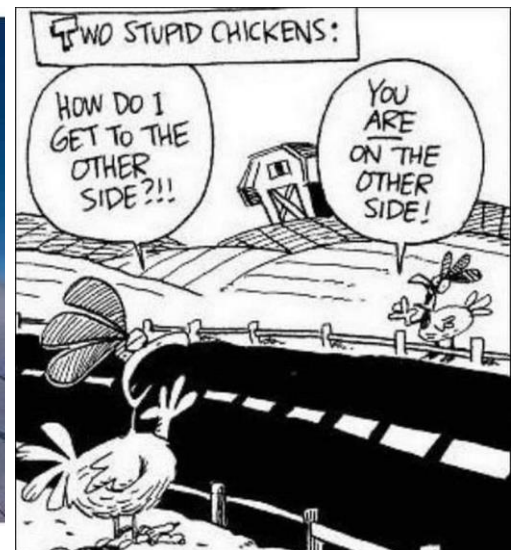
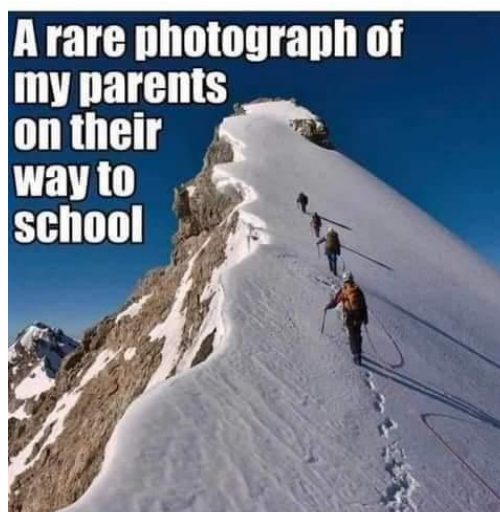
Experienced players would likely cue bid 3 diamonds (Stayman), correcting to 4 spades if partner bids 3 no trump. Less experienced players would probably bid 4 spades.

COLUMBIA EMPLOYEE STORE INVITATION DETAILS:

- **London Bridge Club** offer is valid **August 18th - September 10th** (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 the attached 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)

Find the store location and hours [here](#) or on the invite.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE





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

ITEMS ARE MARKED WITH EMPLOYEE STORE PRICING

VALID DATES

08/18/2023 - 09/10/2023

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

Store Closed 9/4 for Labour 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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