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**Tuesday 7:00 Open**

**LBC members welcome**

**Planning ahead for the holiday  
period**

**LBC HOLIDAY GAME SCHEDULE**

**The club will be closed:**

December 23, 25 and 26

January 1

Open for all other regularly scheduled play.

**NEW YEAR'S POTLUCK AND GAME  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

Mark your calendars now! LBC is hosting a  
potluck lunch on **Sunday, January 7, 2024.**

This will be followed by a friendly open game  
which we hope will be attended by players of  
all levels. Watch for sign-up sheets at the club.

## **LONDON SECTIONAL**

The London Bridge Centre hosted the Unit 249 London Sectional on the weekend of October 21 and 22. LBC member attendance was fantastic which helped increase overall table count from 99 tables in 2022 to 109 tables this year. Well done LBC!

The success of a sectional is totally dependent on volunteers and LBC members rose to the challenge. Many members contributed home-baked goodies for participants to snack on throughout the weekend. With the help of Gayle George, Gillian Richardson, and several others, the refreshment table was well stocked with coffee, tea, soft drinks, and various treats. Many thanks to Gayle, Gillian, and their helpers in managing the setup, monitoring, and cleanup of the refreshment table. Their contribution added greatly to the inviting and relaxing environment we all felt throughout the tournament.

A special thanks to Dwight Bender for his contribution of one of his hand-made bowls as a draw prize. Ticket sales for Dwight's bowl were brisk and Dwight raised \$400, which he donated to the Veterans' Poppy Campaign. Thank you, Dwight, for your generous support of both the London Bridge Centre and for your donation to the Poppy Campaign.

Martin Hunter was the Tournament Director; Gayle George was the Partnership Coordinator and Tom Jolliffe was the Tournament Chair. Bruce Moor, the tournament chair of several previous sectionals, also provided valuable guidance in the planning of this sectional. All are to be congratulated for their efforts in running a very successful tournament.

A final thanks to a tournament sponsor, Pat Keyes, from the Lance Howard Group. Pat donated \$125 to support the tournament, which was used to provide Halloween treats that were handed out to participants on both Saturday and Sunday.

Overall, the London Sectional generated a small profit of approximately \$400 for Unit 249 and helped the London Bridge Centre earn over \$1,600.

Thank you to the members of the London Bridge Centre for supporting not only the sectional but primarily in supporting YOUR bridge club.

## EIGHT IS ENOUGH SWISS TEAM GAME

The Eight Is Enough Team game held on Sunday, November 19 was a great success as 20 teams attended, a new record for a Swiss Team event at the London Bridge Centre. Congratulations to the winning team of Alison Marr, Angie Francolini, Mary Lynne Howe, and Barry Onslow who each earned 3.50 master points followed by the team of Ken Bowlby, Freyja Eddy, Marion Frelick, and Marg Veale who each earned 2.63 masterpoints.

Many thanks to Jim Stewart for joining Tom Jolliffe to help organize teams and for assisting in promoting the event to club members. A special thanks to Bruce Moor for some last-minute team building and for his additional efforts in setting up the Swiss Team game and directing the game. A final thanks to Sue Edwards for arranging to post results on the main monitor so that players could move smoothly between rounds to their assigned tables.

And what did our players most often say? “When is the next Swiss Team game? And the answer is “soon”. Your board will discuss the timing for more team games at its next meeting and will let you know the decision in the December newsletter. Stay tuned for more team games early next year.



TEAM	CAPTAIN	TABLE RD 3	POINTS
1	A. Edwards	A1	16
2	Przysiechny		18
3	Biderman		25
4	Brown		
5	R. Edwards	A3	34
6	Tuttle		12
7	Marr	B3	39
8	Thompson		
9	Finley	A4	32
10	Bender		28
11	Hambley	B1	13
12	Elston		14
13	Hewitt		21
14	Jolliffe		
15	Pockett		12
16	Edgar		8
17	Bowlby	B4	33
18	Stewart	A2	20
19	Bryant		
20	Higgins	B2	18



## **LBC's ONLINE VIRTUAL GAMES TO RESUME**

### **Dog darn it! Let's get back online!**



Unfortunately, during the summer and fall months, there were no LBC's Virtual Games. Regardless, the LBC is committed to offering our members a Virtual Game. Starting, **Wednesday, December 6**, the London Bridge Centre will be resuming a weekly online Virtual Game. The Wednesday online games during December will be Open games with an introductory fee of \$4.50 US.

Prior to re-initiating a Virtual Game, we would like to hear from **YOU**. **If you would like to attend a Virtual Game, then please let us know by completing our [survey](#).** We would also like to know if you would prefer a morning, afternoon, or evening session. Please complete the mini survey to indicate your preference for the timeframe of the online game.

The club will strive for a minimum of six tables for each game. Online games were initially only open to LBC members, but the ACBL has relaxed this restrictive policy and any ACBL member can now play in an LBC-hosted Virtual Game. The LBC hopes to primarily draw players from neighbouring clubs within Unit 249, however, visitors from any club are welcome to join an LBC Virtual Game.

Playing an online Virtual Game via BBO helps your club financially, is convenient, and is an opportunity to play against a wide range of players.

**Let your bridge partner know that our planned launch date for an online Virtual Game is Wednesday, December 6.**

Come join us for this online Virtual Game and please let us know if you plan to play online by completing the above survey or by contacting Tom Jolliffe at [tom.jolliffe@rogers.com](mailto:tom.jolliffe@rogers.com). The start time for the Wednesday Virtual Games will be announced on Wednesday, November 29.



## Annual Artisans' Show and Sale Saturday, December 2, 2023

Don't Miss This! The Annual Artisans' Show and Sale returns to the London Bridge Centre on Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The show and sale will be followed by an open club championship (masterpoints will be awarded) bridge game beginning at 1:00 p.m. Five new artisans are joining the show and sale this year providing an opportunity to view one-of-a-kind works of art such as jewelry, quilts, painting, wood art, and more. Join us to meet the artisans; learn about their creations; socialize; and kickstart your holiday shopping! Many of the unique items displayed will be available for sale.

Make a purchase of \$25.00 or more and receive a 50% discount on your bridge entry for the open club championship 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 in providing Christmas dinners for those in need in our community.



**See you on December 2!**



## NEED HELP FINDING A PARTNER?

Has your partner ever said, “Sorry I can't play next week, I'm going on vacation, or I have a doctor's appointment, or my grandchildren are visiting?” We all have busy lives, and your regular partner may not always be available to play.

Not all of us have other available bridge partners, so who do you contact for help? Some members use Pianola's **Partner Finder** to help find a partner. To use this feature, log on to **Pianola** then click on **Partner Finder**. To further assist our members to find a partner the LBC Board is implementing a **Partnership Coordinator** for each of our club games.

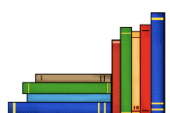
Tom Jolliffe is the **Partnership Coordinator** for the Monday and Friday morning 0-500 games. Janine Higgins is the **Partnership Coordinator** for the Monday and Friday afternoon Open Games. We are still looking for two individuals who would be willing to volunteer to be **Partnership Coordinators** for the Tuesday evening and Thursday afternoon 0-1500 games.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

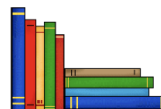
Just click on [Find A Partner](#) on LBC's **Partnership** website page and indicate the date and game that you are requesting a partner. Your **Partnership Coordinators** will then do their best to find you a partner.

Please don't hesitate. Give your **Partnership Coordinators** a chance to help you find a partner when your regular partner is unavailable. Don't just stay at home when your partner is away, click [Find a Partner](#), and don't miss out on your regular game at the LBC.





## CHECK IT OUT



We are pleased to see that our library is being well frequented by our members. As no new books are being added until the club has returned to a firm financial position, we ask you to check out your own bookshelves. Do you have any titles you would be willing to donate to the club? They would be gratefully received. We would particularly like to have a few more copies of Audrey Grant's Bridge Basics series (especially #3).

There's a donation box on the table in front of the library. Books can be dropped off there at any time. We'll then go through them and catalog the ones that will go on the shelves.



## NEW RANK ACHIEVEMENTS

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



New Junior Master	Michele Williamson
New Junior Master	Sharon Taylor
New Club Master	Lorna Graham
New Club Master	Mary Wells
New Sectional Master	Anthony Kilcoyne
New Regional Master	Barbara Ball
New Regional Master	Kate Brooks

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

## EARN EXTRA MASTERPOINTS

All games during the weeks of **November 27 to December 2** and **December 11 to 17** are Club Championship rated. In addition, the week of **December 3 to 8** is a Royal STaC week. Royal STaC games allocate any masterpoints earned at 25% each for black, silver, red, and gold. Don't miss out on your chance to earn some GOLD.



We have so many members who contribute to the smooth running of our club. This month, special thanks go to a new volunteer:

**Lorna Graham** has agreed to take on the role of hospitality coordinator. Please support her as she puts together the teams who make sure we have snacks to enjoy during games and attend to kitchen cleanup after games.

And at this time, a very special thank you to **Gayle George** who has filled this role for several years.

Please remember the club is a scent-free zone. Please refrain from using fragrances, including lotions, creams, hair spray, etc. before coming to play.

Fragrances can cause allergic reactions requiring medical intervention.





## EDUCATION



Attract people to Bridge

### YOU CAN HELP!

An eight-week beginner course is starting on Saturday, January 13, 2024.

Take a flyer from the desk and post it on a community board at your church, gym or supermarket.

Take a photo of the flyer and post it on your social media.

Or the good old fashioned 'talk it up' to your friends and family.

## EDUCATION



## 2/1 Game Force

### London Bridge Centre

Unit 9 - 1106 Dearness Drive

Please join Peter Tuttle on Wednesdays 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 2024

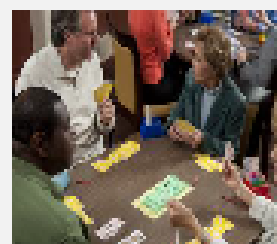
One of the most popular bidding systems is the 2-over-1 Forcing-to-Game system. It's an adaptation of Standard American with 5-card majors. The main difference is in the meanings of 2-level responses to an opening bid.

The advantage of the 2-over-1 system is that it saves bidding space. After making the initial 2-level response, responder doesn't have to jump to show forcing-to-game values. Because the auction can stay low, opener and responder have more room to exchange information below game level and more ways to investigate slam possibilities.

Cost of course: \$75 plus the cost of the text (approximately \$29)

Text: **2 over 1 Game Force** by Audrey Grant and Eric Rodwell

Register [here](#). The deadline for registration is January 3, 2024.



**Bring friends!**

# Beginner Bridge Lessons

Looking for a new hobby?

Learn to play bridge!



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



**COST: \$120 plus text**

**Sessions: 8**

**Date: Saturday mornings beginning Jan 13 2024**

**Time: 9:30 to 12:00**

**Registration: Online at [www.londonbridgecentre.ca](http://www.londonbridgecentre.ca)**

**Questions: Contact Barb O'Brien at [theobriens181@gmail.com](mailto:theobriens181@gmail.com)**

**Location: London Bridge Centre**

**1106 Dearness Drive, Unit 9**



**Do you want to practice basic bridge skills?**

**Do you want to work on your partnership skills?**

**Do you want to explore duplicate bridge for master points?**



**9:30 Saturday mornings**

**London Bridge Centre**

[Unit 9 - 1106 Dearness Drive](#)

We have 2 options for you on Saturday mornings.

For both options we have helpers to lend support.

Our goal is to provide a relaxed learning environment for playing duplicate bridge.

- ✦ Play at a table with a group of 4. No points.
- ✦ Play in a 0 – 20 masterpoint game.

- You may come alone or with a partner.
- You may practice with your own table of 4.
- You may ask for guidance.

## **COLUMBIA EMPLOYEES STORE INVITATION**

“A tip from Carol Wigle – if you plan to go to the Columbia Employees Store, take a picture of your LBC nametag on your smart phone as proof of LBC membership. The current invitation (on the LBC website) is open until December 10.”





## Frozen Peas

**Good for sore backs, tension and shepherd's pie.  
But no tension today, because we've paid  
attention.**

Judi, Gord, Marie & Adele

We are defending one no trump.

Our partner has led the ace of diamonds, then the king of diamonds.

What do I play to the king of diamonds and why?

I hold

♠ J 7 4 2

♥ A Q 8 2

♦ 3

♣ 7 4 3 2

If dummy has the king of hearts, we want partner to switch to a heart.

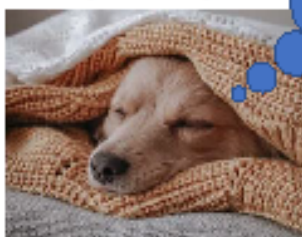
If dummy does not hold the king of hearts, then partner can lead either hearts or spades. But not clubs.

Pitching a small club tells partner not to lead a club. "I have nothing in clubs to aid in the defense."

Pitching a high heart (the 8) asks partner to switch to a heart.

It's a chilly November day. Good day to make a shepherd's pie.

Stay warm and enjoy your bridge.





## *In Memoriam*

We recently learned of the passing of two long-time LBC members. Our condolences go out to their families, friends, and bridge partners at this sad time.



**Betty Bibbings**

To read her obituary please click [here](#).



**Camiel DeVries**

To read his obituary please click [here](#).