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Newsletter

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Virtual Club Games

LBC

Monday	6:45	Open
Tuesday	9:45	Open
Wednesday	9:45	0-500
Thursday	9:30	0-100
Thursday	9:45	Open
Friday	9:45	0-500
Saturday	1:15	0-200

Tillsonburg DBC

Tuesday	7:00	Open
Friday	1:15	Open

LBC members welcome

EVER NEED A PARTNER???

Do you have between 0 and 199 masterpoints???
Try Our New PARTNERSHIP DESK

We are starting a pilot project to help the 0-199 MP players find partners. Many of these players started playing bridge during the Covid-19 lockdowns and have had little opportunity to meet other players and find new partnerships.

If you find yourself unable to play in some of our online games for lack of a partner then this program is for you. You don't have to be a current member of LBC. As long as you are playing or have played in our online games, you can participate in this program.

Kim Hauley, one of our LBC members, is compiling a list of all interested players. Here's how it works:

If you are looking for a partner, you can email or call Kim a day or two ahead of the game with the request, e.g., ***"Can you help me find a partner for the Thursday morning 0-100 game?"***

Kim will email your request to her list of players, ***"Jane Doe is looking for a partner for the Thursday morning 0-100 game. If you are interested, please contact her at..."***

If you are contacted, you and your potential partner can discuss bidding systems and explore a possible fit. We will not be finding compatible matches - that will be up to you.

If you want to be on Kim's list, please email her at kahaul@hotmail.com or call her at 519-520-4737. She will need your name, email, your BBO username and phone number (optional).

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Stirling at judystirling0@gmail.com

Good Luck Everyone!

Virtual Club - Thursday morning game Masterpoint range

A reminder that our 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning 0-50 masterpoint game is now a 0-100 masterpoint game. Tell your friends - if they have fewer than 100 masterpoints and have not yet played in a virtual game, this would be a great place to start. You can find complete instructions on our website [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact: Audrey Craig audrey-craig@rogers.com.

Volunteer Wanted

The Health and Safety Committee is looking for a volunteer to do regular checks on our first aid kit to ensure that the medication (Tylenol and glucose) is up to date. If interested, please contact Judy Stirling at judystirling0@gmail.com

What's Coming Up Soon?

To keep up-to-date on coming events, please check out the calendar on our website. As the pandemic comes to an end, bridge activity will increase and more events will be posted. Here is the [link](#).

New Rank Achievements



New Junior Master	Lee Clark
New Club Master	Brent Stief
New Club Master	Karen Van Ryn
New Regional Master	Suzanne Edwards
New NABC Master	Gordon Bryant
New Silver Life Master	Jim Wilford

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

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

LBC Fall IMP League 2021 Starting in October!!

You will have a great time playing bridge on a 4 (to 6) member team in our upcoming IMP League.

We'll bring back the social aspect of bridge by a Zoom 'meet and greet' meeting with your team and opponents before every game. You will also learn to play with IMP scoring.

The League will be stratified so you will play against teams of similar experience.

The games will be played on BBO once a week, on Wednesday nights, for a period of four to six weeks. Matches may be rescheduled if all parties agree.

The cost will be approximately the same as regular virtual club BBO games (C\$7/pp/match).

ACBL match points will be awarded.

Get your team together and look for more news in our next newsletter. There will be lots of information coming up on our website.

If you are interested in helping us run the league, please contact:

Judy Stirling judystirling0@gmail.com or Alison Marr marr.alison@gmail.com

What's Happening on BBO?

There's lots of news from BBO, click [here](#) to see what's going on.

NAP Qualification Results

The NAP qualification period is almost over! Click [here](#) to view the NAP game club level results by district. LBC is in District 2, Unit 249. Please use this page as your reference so that you have the most accurate information.

Have you heard of Garbage Stayman?

The first convention that many bridge players learn is Stayman. It is the two-club response to 1NT that asks partner if she has a four-card major. Maybe this hand would play better in a suit if we could find a 4-4 fit.

Sometimes, when partner opens 1NT, your hand is too bad to let partner play there. Enter GARBAGE STAYMAN!

Consider the following hands:		
Hand 1	Hand 2	Hand 3
• 10 x x x x	• Q x x x	• x x x
• J x x x	• x x x x	• x x x x
• x x	• x x x x	• J x x x x
• x x	• x	• x

Hand 1

You could make a Jacoby transfer to spades, but partner might have four hearts and two spades, and you'd rather be in hearts. Stayman will get you to the better contract. If partner were to bid spades or hearts, you would be delighted to pass...you've found a home. If partner bids the dreaded two diamonds, bid two spades and partner should recognize your two-level bid as non-forcing. In this way, your hand, which might not yield one trick in no trump, could be useful in a suit contract.

Hands 2 and 3

Both have shortages in clubs. Your Stayman bid will get partner to bid a suit – any suit - and you can safely pass.

In any case, you are not bidding because you think partner can make the contract; you are bidding because the opponents have more value between them than you and your partner have, so you are trying to minimize your losses. It may also act as a deterrent to a penalty double.

This is a good tool to discuss between you and your favorite partners. Use it when Partner opens 1NT and you have very few points and a shortness in clubs.

Peter's Lesson



Peter Tuttle

Hello everyone. Here is a lesson for you.
Unblock! Unblock! Unblock!

In last month's lesson, we addressed the importance of maintaining entries to your hand and dummy. This lesson is similar. We look at problems that can arise if we are not careful to unblock a suit.

♠ 9 5 3
♥ 9 5 4
♠ A K Q 4 2
♣ 8 6 **N**

♠ A K Q
♥ K 10 2
♦ 9 6 5 3 **S**
♣ K J 7

The contract is 3 NT in South.

West leads 7 of hearts. North plays low. East plays the Q. South overtakes with the K. **Now assess.**

Let's count your winners.

- 3 spades
- 3 diamonds
- 1 heart

Your best hope is that diamonds split at least 3 to 1, for 2 extra diamond tricks. However, there is an issue you need to consider. If you get blocked in the South hand you will only make 4 diamond tricks. In order to keep the 4 and 2 of diamonds as winners, you need to drop the higher diamonds from South on the A K Q.

Play the 9, 6, and 5 of diamonds on the A, K and Q. Then North's 4 and 2 are not blocked and can take 2 more tricks.

Take 30 seconds before you play a card and make a plan!

This would be a better world if the parents had to eat the spinach.

Groucho Marx

Be safe. Be well.



Big news – the new ACBL website has launched!

Check out the new acbl.org.

Designed with you in mind, the new website is streamlined and easy to navigate. The most-visited parts of the website are highly visible and included a brand-new Learn page. The site also has a fresh look and feel, showing the excitement of bridge to current and future players.



In Memoriam



LBC lost an active member, willing volunteer, enthusiastic supporter and valued friend when Roger Jolliffe died on Friday, August 27. Roger and his wife Judy served with distinction as LBC's co-librarians since the club began in 2015. They created the index on the LBC website which catalogues more than 1,000 books in our library.

<http://www.londonbridgecentre.ca/library-index>

While Roger and Judy played regularly online in LBC's virtual club, those of us who were familiar with Roger missed the deep plaintive sighs and occasional bird trills that emerged naturally from Roger when faced with a difficult hand or unexpected result. Many of us also enjoyed listening to his performances with the Canadian Celtic Choir, where his marvellously expressive face added to the meaning of the music.

Roger's obituary may be found [here](#). LBC will very much miss his cheerful presence among us.