## Hi Duplicate Lite Enthusiasts,

Trust that you and your family members are keeping healthy and taking good care during this continuing pandemic.

You must be wondering when we will be able to participate again in regular club games. We have heard from lots of Duplicate Lite players sharing that they really miss the regular club games and especially, the personal interaction with friends and fellow club players at the Bridge table.

We miss seeing you as well! Unfortunately, no one can predict when we will be able to meet again in person for club bridge but it is anticipated that there will be better times ahead with the hopeful development of a vaccine (s) and improved treatment regimes. We will get through this together and we encourage all of our players to remain patient and to continue to follow the protocols and guidelines for keeping as safe as possible.

When health authorities give the "OK" for groups such as ours to resume more normal activities, Duplicate Lite will be ready to go with regular club games!

In the meantime, our "on line" games continue to provide an opportunity to connect and play. If you need help getting started, we have volunteers willing to assist you. Please email Lauren and she will connect you with a volunteer. <a href="mailto:jlcockroft2@gmail.com">mailto:jlcockroft2@gmail.com</a> In order to improve the quality and enjoyment of our club games, we would encourage you to do the following (taken from the Duncan Club (Palm Springs) newsletter with some editing:

- 1. Player profiles. We are practically anonymous on BBO and that's great if you're playing in random games. Please show your name in your profile or give your name in "Chat" at the beginning of each round. Knowing who you are playing helps to make the game friendlier.
- 2. Convention cards. Sometimes you're thrown in with a partner you've never played with before and there is no time to fill out a card. But if you have the foresight to make a game date in advance, you have a few minutes to fill in the basics of a convention card.
- 3. Chatting. Pay attention to your private chat and the table chat. Your opponent(s) might be asking you a question and if you don't answer in a timely manner you might run out of time on the board or round, not to mention the fact that everyone is wondering what the heck is going on. If you chat something to the table make sure that it is authorized information for your partner.
- 4. Self-alerting. Explain your bids succinctly and without extra color. You have a limited amount of characters, like a tweet. You might be cutting off important information. Abbreviations are useful. For example, playing precision, if I open

- 2C I might not have room to type "11-15 high card points either 6 clubs or 5 clubs and a 4-card major." But I can write "11-15 hcp 6C or 5C/4M."
- 5. Explain your agreement, not what you are looking at. Don't assume your opponent knows a convention. Don't type "Drury." Say what your agreement is: your point range and whether or not you promise 3- or 4-card support (as per your agreement, not what you are looking at).
- 6. Let people know where you are. If you need to step away while you're dummy type "BRB" (be right back) in the chat line. This can save everyone seemingly endless minutes of frustration if a new board or round starts while you're getting a snack.
- 7. Making and accepting a claim. When you have all the remaining tricks, make a claim. You can claim all of the remaining tricks or only some of them. If only some, click on the number that you are claiming. If the claim is not obvious, state your line of play such as "cross-ruff" or "take 4 good hearts & you get last trick". Most claims are obvious or well explained and you can see in a second or two whether the claim is valid. If you disagree or can't "see it", then reject the claim sooner rather than later.

## AGM Minutes for the Thursday

Club https://www.bridgewebs.com/duplicatelite/DupLite2020AgmMinutes.pdf

**Isabel Chernoff** has kindly volunteered to keep us informed of members who unfortunately have a serious illness or have been lost to our community. You are asked to contact Isabel if you have sad news relating to any of our players. She will then share the information in our newsletter so that all members will be updated. <a href="mailto:isabelchernoff@telus.net">mailto:isabelchernoff@telus.net</a>

We are sorry to have to advise you of the recent deaths of 4 of our dear friends from Duplicate Lite. All four died unexpectedly of medical complications, but not from COVID 19. To honour them, Duplicate Lite has made donations to the charity of their family's choice, in their memory.

**Frank Vick** died September 30. He is survived by his wife Myrna. Frank was a valued member of Duplicate Lite since our inception over 10 years ago. He was honoured as our "Player of the Year". This award honoured not only his bridge but also his efforts as a club executive and his friendliness at the table. His cheerful greeting and warm presence will be missed at our bridge tables.

Obituaries from the families:

Lou Rene Legge 72, of Pitt Meadows passed away at 5pm Tuesday, Sept 1st 2020 at Mckenney Creek Hospice. Born Aug 26th 1948 In Kentville Nova Scotia she was the daughter of Erlyn and Theresa (Currie) Legge and the eldest of five siblings Sandra ,Ken, John and Allan. After graduating from UNB she headed west finally landing at Douglas College where she had a twenty-five plus year career. She leaves behind a daughter Colleen Hayes and her treasure a granddaughter Cooper Jeeves. She was mother, grandmother, friend, co-worker, boss and a mentor. She loved animals and traveling around the world. She lived an amazing life. Celebration of Life will be scheduled late Spring 2021. In lieu of Flowers donations can be made to the animal charity of your choice or simply bring joy to the world and do something nice for someone.

The family of **Jeannette Marie Bromley (Jan)** is heartbroken to announce her passing on April 15/20

Jan was born Jan/43 in Sackville NB to parents Alonzo and Eugenie Langis. She leaves behind her husband Winston (Win), sons Kevin (Monica), David (Brenda) and Trevor (Heidi), her brother Alain Langis, Calgary, sister-in-law Susan Olsen, Langley, brother-in-law Roger Hamilton, Marathon

Jan grew up in Marathon, Ontario and was very active in Girl Guides and summer theatre called Teen Antics and married Win there in 1961.

She obtained a B.A from Queens University, Kingston ON and a M.Ed from Lesley University, Cambridge Mass.

The family moved to Langley in 1971 to enter the restaurant business in the former Mr Mikes franchise.

Later in life, she retired as an ESL instructor at Douglas College and she and Win started playing duplicate bridge where she became a Life Master.

She also took up the game of golf and spent many happy hours at it.

Grandsons Matt, Sean, Andrew, Parker, Spencer, Aiden and Connor join us to mourn her death.

We hope to have a celebration of life at a later date.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or any charity of your choice would honour Jan's passing

## PIERON, Arnold Paul

December 15, 1935 September 15, 2020

We are sad to share the loss of our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Paul is survived by his wife of 62 years Henriette, 4 daughters - Cora (John), Andriëtte, Paulien and Petri, 5 grandchildren - Hannah, Marcus, Drew, Leoni and Rhys and 1 great-granddaughter - Arienna. Born in the Netherlands, Paul started his medical training in Amsterdam and then immigrated to Canada where he specialized in orthopaedics in

Winnipeg. He moved his family back to the Netherlands to do a PhD in Leiden. In 1973 the family returned to Canada where he had a thriving practice as an orthopaedic surgeon in Regina, Sask. He completed the final 10 years of his career back in the Netherlands. He and Henriette retired to Surrey, BC, where they have enjoyed a rich social and cultural life with many friends. Paul was an avid traveller. He sailed, skied, cycled, hiked, walked, swam, enjoyed bridge and was an enthusiastic gardener. He also had an eclectic collection of antique cars which he enjoyed showing at car club events. Paul was a foundation member of Kings University in Edmonton, involved in church life - latterly the Peninsula United Church in Surrey. He and Henriette were very involved in sponsoring refugee families as well as charitable works in El Salvador and elsewhere. Paul was a man of few words and a lot of good deeds. Paul walked a unique path through a full life. His counsel, love and consistent ever present support will be missed by his extended family which now spans 4 generations, his friends, his patients and the charities he supported. Paul will be laid to rest at the Hazelmere Cemetery, Surrey, BC with a private graveside service. Condolences may be given

at www.ancientburials.com

Hope to see you at our virtual club games, John, Ed, Ben Bob and Jane

Cheers, Jane Youngberg