

Hi Duplicate Lite enthusiasts,

Trust that all of you are keeping safe and managing as well as possible during this pandemic.

We are pleased that a number of our players continue to be involved with Duplicate Lite by playing in one or more of our internet Club games arranged through Bridge Base On Line (BBO). However, many of us are really missing the personal interactions and the fun which was provided by Club games prior to the suspension of regular Club sessions due to the Covid Virus in March/2020.

Well, we are not going to allow Covid to spoil all of our Christmas fun this year at bridge! Duplicate Lite will be organizing two **Virtual Christmas Parties!!! Yes Parties!!!** Using the ZOOM platform for these virtual get togethers, participants are able to actually see and chat with each other. All Duplicate Lite players are invited to join us for these cyberspace parties which are scheduled for:

It should be emphasized that even if you have not played online with Duplicate Lite but you have played at our regular Club sessions, you are more than welcome to party with us on Zoom! This will be a wonderful opportunity to re-connect and to share with Bridge friends and acquaintances.

However, before discussing the party details, our volunteers can help you with Zoom and/or getting online to play on BBO.

Roy Livingstone (royliv@live.ca) and **Janie Ochsendorf** (janieochsendorf1@gmail.com) have volunteered to help you get started on Zoom. They are also offering a session to practice on BBO. Here are the details. If you do not need any help, please skip down to the information you need to join the Virtual Parties

We are missing many familiar faces so would like to invite players to participate in a Zoom meeting regarding playing in a 'virtual team game' with our club. This game(s) will be free, non-competitive, and fun (no MP will be awarded). You would need to sign on with BBO and establish a BBO number. BBO is intuitive and easy and instructions for this are on our club website (located underneath our Director's pictures).

This game(s) may be of interest to someone who is playing on BBO but not quite confident enough to join in on a Wednesday 0-299 MP club game. You can sign up with a partner or without and we will try to find you one.

- *The **Zoom practice meeting** is December 9th, Wednesday @ 6:00 PM. Contact Janie by email if you wish to participate asap (janieochsendorf1@gmail.com)*
- *The **Practice Game (Team Game Format)** will be December 16th, Wednesday @ 6:00 PM. Seating will be limited so please contact Roy (royliv@live.ca) ASAP or by Sunday, December 13th, if you are interested or have any questions.*

Virtual Christmas Party Details

The Zoom session will be for about 30/45 minutes. A warm invitation is extended to all Duplicate Lite players (past and present) to join us for this internet get together.

Participants may wish to wear a Christmas hat and/or a Christmas sweater and to have a Christmas toast.

Here is the link plus any other info to get connected.

Pre Game Virtual Christmas Party, Monday December 14

Log on to Zoom between 9:15 and 9:25 am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85153232798>

Meeting ID: 851 5323 2798

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdgvZkEemm>

Post game Virtual Christmas Party, Thursday December 17

Log on after the game

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87258503612>

Meeting ID: 872 5850 3612

Program:

There will be a 10 -15 minute time for logging on to Zoom and then a short Duplicate Lite version of virtual entertainment, followed by breakout sessions. Zoom will automatically send you to a smaller virtual room with a few other players for approximately 7 minutes.

At the end of 7 minutes, Zoom will shuffle the group for another visit with more players. We will try to do as many breakout sessions as possible before game time. It would be great if you have your proper name for your Zoom identification.

We will also give you some suggestions for break out room topics. In the Duplicate Lite way, we always start with a friendly hello and introduce ourselves to the group.

Problems: I am sure we will have some technical issues but we will try our best! Our Zoom account is limited to 100 players so the first 100 will be admitted.

It would be lovely to actually see some of our fellow players and share some Christmas joy together! Hope to see you on Zoom!

Food Bank Days

From now until the end of December the club will be raising money for the Surrey Food Bank

The Surrey Food Bank provides food to 14000 people in Surrey and Delta each month.

Our three clubs and our players and directors have raised funds in each of the past four years. Club fees are donated and our players have generously contributed

In 2016 we raised over \$1000 , in 2017 \$3000 and in both 2018 and 2019 \$5000.

All charities are experiencing drops in donations. Our goal this year is \$2500.

Please consider donating again online by visiting this

website <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/duplicate-lite-in-surrey-bridge/>. If

you donate more than \$20 a tax receipt will be sent to you.

A Big Thank you to our Volunteers

It was necessary to move all our equipment to a storage locker. Under the terrific guidance of Bob Dillon, his helpers, John Demeulemeester, Ben (Darkest Nightmare) Takemori, and Bruce Adams moved everything!!

Elgin Hall

We are all hoping that we will return to face to face bridge and we are in the process of negotiating with Surrey for Elgin Hall. Will keep you posted.

Cheers

John Demeulmeester, Ed L'Heureux. Ben Takemori, Bob Dillon and Jane Youngberg