

Hi Duplicate Lite Enthusiasts,

## Happy New Year!!

We wish to extend good wishes to everyone for an enjoyable holiday season and a healthy new year. We trust that all of our Duplicate Lite players are keeping safe and coping OK with the continuing pandemic.

The coming new year promises brighter days ahead with the arrival of Corona virus vaccines. It is our hope that in the near future, there will be an opportunity to resume live bridge games. We look forward to connecting in person again - perhaps at the time when we relocate our club to Elgin Hall. We will be keeping you posted on such developments.

Stay well and have a happy 2021!

## Duplicate Lite's Thursday Game adds 299 section!

Some of our newer players wanted more 299er games so they would have more opportunities to play against their peers. Presently, we have only been scheduling a 299 section on Wednesdays. We used to have a limited section at all of our live club games.

We heard you and we are listening. So, starting on **Thursday, January 14**, we will add a 299er section to our Thursday game. Please let your bridge friends know about this new game.

- 299 game will start at 10:15 am Thursday morning just as it is on Wednesday morning
- **The open game will be rescheduled to 10:25 am** from the 10:15 time slot as it is on Wednesday morning

This will keep all start times on Wednesday and Thursday consistent.

## BOUQUETS

A big "Thank You" go out to the following club members:

1. **Janie Ochsendorf and Roy Livingstone** organized and gave a very successful tutorial and game practice session for players new to BBO. A big thank you to Ed Youngberg, Rich Schmidt, Cedric Miller who helped support this venture. Kudos to all participants, well done! We look forward to seeing you at our club games soon.
2. **All Duplicate Lite players** who contributed to the Food Bank drive. **This year we raised \$1900.00 in our 5th year of support for the Food Bank.** Your kind donations helped make Christmas "merrier" for many struggling families and individuals!  
Thanks to **John Demeulemeester** for once again making this important, yearly activity happen, especially during the Pandemic.
3. **John Demeulemeester and Jane Youngberg** for hosting the "Xmas party" online. It was great to visit with players and watch the photo memories of previous Christmas get togethers.
4. **Isabel Chernoff** for keeping us informed of our players who are no longer with us or who are dealing with serious health issues. Please let us know if there is news that should be included in the newsletter.
5. **All of our online players** who are supporting the club and keeping us going during the pandemic

## Membership News

We are sorry to advise you that our friend **Rita Allison** died recently. Rita has been a valued member of our club since its inception and has always lent a helping hand wherever she saw a need. As per her family's request, a donation has been made in her memory to the BC Cancer Foundation. Below is a copy of the obituary published in the Vancouver Sun.

*It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Rita Allison. After a long battle with metastatic breast cancer Rita passed away peacefully at home on Friday, December 11, 2020 with her husband and daughters by her side. Above all else Rita loved her family, especially her grandchildren, and despite the struggle with illness, remained loving, caring and kind to all around her. Rita was predeceased by her Parents Emma and Edward Oswald, Brother Kurt and sister Winnie (Leighton). Rita is survived by her husband Ron of 57 years, sister Millie (Atkinson), daughters Karen (Adriano) and Wendy (Brian) and grandchildren Alexander, Alanna, Nicholas and Emily. Rita grew up in Charleswood/Winnipeg, Manitoba and in marriage lived in Ontario and Alberta before settling in south Surrey. Rita was active and enjoyed tennis, golf and contract bridge. The family would like to thank Rita's doctors and also the home health care nurses at Whiterock Fraser Health for their excellent care.*

Happy New Year  
John, Ed, Ben, Bob and Jane

Cheers,  
Jane Youngberg