



Imagine if you brought one person to our club as a beginner or social player, the impact would be terrific! We are ready to start our Beginners group and Social Bridge Group. We need new members and you can help! Share the enjoyment that we have all experienced at Duplicate Lite with others.

You can also help by volunteering or participating as a player in the social program on Tuesdays starting May 17 at 10:00 am.

Beginners Program Next Wednesday

In **May**, for people who want to learn how to play (2:00 - 4:00 pm):

May 4: Free Beginner Lesson

Series of 4 lessons, \$40 for the 4 lessons, but you get \$40 credit for free play at the club:

May 11: How To Play

May 18: The Bidding System

May 25: Bridge Tips

June 1: Your first Duplicate Bridge game

Social Program Tuesday May 17

The program will be offered on Tuesday mornings at Elgin Hall by the Peace Arch Duplicate Bridge Club. The program is free. Come play with other social bridge players. Come learn about the rotation from table to table in an organized bridge game. The first session is Tuesday, May 17, 9:00 - 11:00 am. If you are a Duplicate Lite beginner or 299er player, you are invited to participate in this free event to create a larger crowd and a more welcoming environment for the social players. For more information, contact Jack Johnson at jackjohn5225@gmail.com or 604-669-4903

0-20 Masterpoints – Opportunity to play in a separate section on Tuesdays

Starting Tuesday, May 24, 10 am – 1:00 pm you are welcome to join our social group in a separate section to earn Masterpoints and to welcome the new group of social players for 3 free sessions. **Yes Free!!**

Bidding Boxes

The use of your own bidding box will become optional starting next week. Use the bidding box on the table if you wish. Or put the one from the table onto the floor and use your own. Your choice. East/West no longer have to carry a bidding box from table to table if they do not wish to do so. You can return the club's bidding box to the club to get your \$10 deposit back.

COVID-19 Alert

The club will not always become aware when a player tests positive for COVID after a game. So we will not always be able to let you know. You should be aware that there is always the possibility that you might be exposed at our bridge game just like you might be exposed at the grocery store, at a restaurant, on a flight, at a hockey game, etc. Each player needs to decide their comfort level for themselves.

COVID-19 is still present but no longer ravaging the neighbourhood like it once was. Most people are vaccinated and the symptoms are milder, even possibly less severe than with the usual winter flu/cold.

A player present at the Duplicate Lite bridge game on Thursday, April 27, has since tested positive for COVID-19 in a home rapid test. These tests are described as “not very accurate”, so it is not certain that this person really has COVID. In any case, we want to let our players know that they might have been exposed to COVID at yesterday's game. According to BC health guidelines, the other players at our game should “self-monitor”, meaning that they should watch themselves for possible development of COVID 19 symptoms. They do not need to self isolate, but they may wish to reduce their contacts with others over the next few days to avoid possible further spread.

The wording in the BC health guidelines is as follows:

“When there is a possible COVID-19 exposure in places like work or school, people do not need to self-isolate unless they test positive for COVID-19 or develop symptoms of COVID-19. If you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19 it's important to self-monitor. If you develop symptoms stay home until your symptoms have improved and check the self-assessment tool to see if you should get a test.”