



We are delighted to announce that after a week of closure, we will be reopening our doors tomorrow, Tuesday! We sincerely hope you have missed the camaraderie of your friends, the thrill of friendly duplicate games, and the delectable homemade goodies that make our club so special.

Recently, we had the pleasure of hosting an exciting two-day event with the esteemed **Barbara Seagram**. As always, her presentation was outstanding, the food was top-notch, and the entire event was flawlessly organized. We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Carroll Guichon** and her team of dedicated volunteers: Linda Palm and Don Guichon, who served as her main lieutenants, and Isabel Chernoff, whose amazing scones delighted everyone. Additionally, we express our gratitude to Alex Kornel (Barbara's husband), Robin Adams, Bob Dillon, John Demeulemeester, Ed and Jane Youngberg, and Ed L'Heureux for their support. We mustn't forget all of you who lent a hand in cleaning the tables and setting up the room!

For all players, we have some upcoming lessons that might pique your interest:

1. Opening Leads: Wednesday, June 21, from 1:45 to 2:30. Opening leads have evolved with technological advancements, rendering some information from the past no longer valid. If you typically lead with the fourth card from your longest and strongest suit, it may be time to reconsider. Join us to discover the current and improved lead guidelines that surpass our previous teachings.

2.2/1 Switch or Upgrade: Wednesday, June 28, from 1:45 to 2:30. Many advanced/expert players no longer employ the 1NT forcing convention within the 2/1 system. Surprisingly, the 1NT contract often proves to be the most advantageous. This session will show you how to easily adopt 2/1 with a few adjustments, opening new possibilities in your game.

This week's games and lessons will be held at Elgin:

- Tuesday: 10:15 AM - Beginners group, 11:00 AM - Open Game.
- Wednesday: 10:15 AM - 0-299 and Open Game.
- Thursday: 10:15 AM - Open Game.

We are also considering introducing a 0-299 section on Thursdays permanently and will be seeking your feedback on this matter.

Tip of the Week: Lead before writing contract on your scorecard or in the Bridgemate.

There are two primary reasons for this:

- 1.Speed up the game, allowing more time for socializing after the hands are played!
- 2.Show consideration for declarer and your partner, who can begin planning their strategies. Not leading and immediately focusing on scoring or entering data slows down the game and lacks consideration for others.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in our bridge club. We look forward to reconnecting with you and enjoying the game together!