



Club News & Updates Looking Ahead to 2026 ♠

As we move into 2026, we have some very positive news to share about our club!

A Growing Club

We're delighted to report that the club continues to expand:

- Wednesdays: consistently 19+ tables
- Thursdays: 15+ tables and growing

We're also welcoming new players, thanks to our strong reputation and the outstanding lesson programs led by Linda Palm and previously Ed L'Heureux and Jack Johnston. Many volunteers have helped our new players as well. Their commitment to teaching and supporting newer players has made a real difference - thank you!

Special Games & Extra Masterpoints

We have several special games coming up where you can earn extra masterpoints. Full details will be posted on our website, but here are a few highlights:

- Wed Feb 4: Club championship, more masterpoints.
- Thu Feb 5: Club championship, more masterpoints.
- Wed Feb 18: Canadian Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) game, silver points.
- Thu Feb 19: Canadian Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) game, silver points.
- Wed Mar 4: March Madness, 33% RED masterpoints.
- Thu Mar 5: March Madness, 33% RED masterpoints.
- Thu Apr 16: Vancouver Monthly Unit Game (MUG). This is a Unit Board game (held once a month), which typically attracts players from across the Lower Mainland and offers extra points. We're pleased to be hosting this game at our club.

A Word About Directors

Directing is a challenging and often thankless job - and one that few players are eager to take on. Our directors do this as a service to the club, receiving only a small stipend. They direct because they care.

If directors were not allowed to play while directing, we would likely struggle to find people willing to do the job - a challenge faced by many clubs. We're fortunate to have a strong, capable group of directors, and we want to support them so they can continue serving the club.

That said, if anyone is interested in training to become a director, please let us know - we would love to grow that group!

15th Anniversary Special Game - April 2026

Volunteers Needed

As part of our 15th Anniversary celebration, we're planning a special anniversary game and would love some help to make it truly memorable. (Actual date and theme to be announced.)

We're looking for volunteers to:

- Help with a phone-out to reconnect with former players who were part of the club in its early days
- Assist with decorations
- Lend a hand during the event itself

If you enjoy connecting with people, adding a festive touch, or helping behind the scenes, this is a wonderful way to be involved. Even a small contribution makes a big difference - and it's a lovely chance to celebrate how far our club has come.

How You Can Help Keep the Game Running Smoothly

A few small courtesies make a big difference:

- Arrive 15 minutes before game time - this helps us start on time.
- Lead before entering the contract in the Bridgemate or on your scorecard.
- Please don't discuss the hands immediately after a hand. According to the laws, discussion of a hand is not allowed at any time, even after the round. People at adjoining tables will overhear. This gives them unauthorized information. If you say things like "I had a singleton club" or "makes game with only 22 combined points" or "I should have sacrificed at the 5 level", this gives the next table to play the board a lot of information and skews the results in someone's favour. Even something like confirming "bid 4 spades and made 4" at the end of the hand said too loudly is not good. No discussing of the hands until the game is over. Talk about the weather or grandchildren.
- Do not move boards to the next table until the round is complete.

Food Bank Thank You

A special word of thanks to Bob Dillon and John Demeulemeester! Representing our club, they collected, carefully accounted for, and delivered our Food Bank donations on behalf of us all.

Thank you to everyone who contributed - and especially to Bob for quietly making sure our generosity reached those who need it most. Your efforts truly make a difference.

Thank You Letter from the food bank

Dear Members of the Duplicate Lite Bridge Club and Surrey Duplicate Bridge Club,

On behalf of the Surrey Food Bank, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible support and generosity throughout the years. Your fundraising efforts this year have reached a high of \$5,035, combining cash, cheques, and web donations. This remarkable contribution has been received as of January 19th, 2026, and will go directly toward supporting individuals and families in need across Surrey and North Delta.

Your steadfast dedication over the past ten years has been nothing short of inspiring. Together, your group has raised an extraordinary total of \$40,348 since 2016:

- ▣ 2016: \$2,465 ▣ 2017: \$3,078 ▣ 2018: \$5,123 ▣ 2019: \$4,988
- ▣ 2020: \$1,990 (COVID year) ▣ 2021: \$5,963 ▣ 2022: \$2,821
- ▣ 2023: \$3,450 ▣ 2024: \$5,435 ▣ 2025: \$5,035

Your unwavering commitment has made an incredible impact on our mission to fight food insecurity in the community. Thanks to your efforts, we can continue providing vital resources to those who need them most.

As requested, we are pleased to confirm your contributions for this year and the cumulative ten-year total for your records. We hope this information supports your wrap-up process for January 2nd and helps set the stage for another successful event in the coming year.

Thank you once again for your generosity and for making a difference in the lives of so many. We look forward to continuing this meaningful partnership with your group.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Anas Mouswes

Fundraising Lead

Surrey Food Bank

Learn Team Strategy - Coached by Experts (0-499ers)

The Canadian Bridge Federation is offering a weekly online IMP pairs program designed specifically for players with 0-499 masterpoints. This fun, supportive series focuses on team-style bridge, with expert guidance and live hand reviews.

- When: Tuesdays at 8:00 pm ET, January 20 - March 10 (play any or all sessions)
- Format: Online on RealBridge - 14 boards followed by a live expert review
- Cost: Free registration; \$6 per player per session
- Who: Canadian players with 0-499 MPs (non-CBF members welcome)

Players will rotate partners, ask questions live, and build confidence for team events – including B & C Canadian Championships

(You'll need to register on cbf.ca and set up a RealBridge account.)