



High Tea & High Cards

Celebrating 15 Years of Duplicate Lite

Thursday, April 23

Fifteen years of friendship, finesse, laughter, and just the right amount of competitive spirit!

Join us for High Tea & High Cards as we celebrate 15 wonderful years of Duplicate Lite.

We'll gather for an elegant (and slightly cheeky) High Tea party -- think bridge, beautiful tea cups, tasty luncheon treats, and lots of fun.

- Thursday, April 23
- Limited to 25 tables
- Cost: \$20 (includes luncheon, celebration, prizes & fun)
- Prizes for Best Tea Party Dress-Up

Registration will be required, and we'll be collecting payment at sign-up.

Bridge, friendship, and a very good cup of tea -- what more could we want? We hope you'll mark your calendar and join us for this special celebration.

New! Five-Minute Director Moments

We've had several thoughtful inquiries about various director calls recently. To help everyone feel more confident and informed, we'll be introducing a short five-minute session at the beginning of the month on Wednesdays and Thursdays before the game.

These brief chats will explain common director calls and clarify how things work. Our goal is to make the game smoother, fairer, and more comfortable for everyone.

We hope this will be helpful -- and maybe even a little interesting!

First Director moment is March 4, 5 10:05 am

♣ Tempo & Hesitations -- Good Bridge Habits

We'll also be sharing guidance on hesitations and tempo -- what they mean, how they affect the game, and what to do if they occur.

Understanding tempo protects both you and your partner and keeps our game ethical and enjoyable for everyone.

More on this in an upcoming handout.

Please let us know if you have any topics that you would like presented.

A Gentle Health Reminder

If you are feeling unwell, please stay home.

We have members whose health may be compromised, and we want to protect everyone in our community. We will miss you at the table, but your well-being -- and the well-being of others -- comes first.

Thank you for helping us keep our bridge home safe.

Spring Lesson Series

Competitive Bidding

Sharpen your judgment. Bid with confidence, even when the opponents get in the way!

Wednesdays: April 1, 8 & 15 Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

What You'll Learn: In this focused 3-week session, we'll tackle two areas that cause the most table anxiety- and turn them into strengths:

□ When to bid to the 3-level

Know when to compete, when to invite, and when to apply the brakes.

□ Using lebensohl after interference

A clear, practical approach to handling those pesky opponent overcalls.

Instructor Jane Youngberg, Diamond Life Master

Who Should Attend

□ Players comfortable with basic bidding

□ Anyone wanting more confidence in competitive auctions

□ Players who suspect the opponents are interfering *just to annoy them?*

Cost: \$40 for the 3-lesson package or \$15 per individual lesson Register at the door

Modern Bidding Agreements

**Boost your partnership at the table with sharp, modern bidding agreements
that take your game to the next level.**

Wednesdays: May 6, 13, 27 and June 3, Time: 2-4 pm

May 6: How 2/1 differs from Standard American system: responder's bids to show they, too, have an opening hand, and the search for the best contract.

May 13: Incorporating 'modified Bergen Raises' into your 2/1 bidding agreements

May 27: Using the Jacoby 2NT convention to show a game-forcing bid

June 3: Using the Inverted Minor convention to see if a No Trump contract is feasible when you have a minor suit fit.

Fee: \$55.00 for the series; \$15.00 each for individual topics.

To register: E-mail Linda to confirm your intention to register or, beginning April 1st, register in person with Linda at Elgin Hall prior to Club games on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Instructor: Linda Palm palmlinda00@gmail.com

🕒 A Little Help Goes a Long Way

Arriving before 10:05 a.m. is incredibly helpful in allowing us to start the game on time and gives the directors the opportunity to set up the correct movement.

When players arrive just before game time, the movement often has to be changed at the last minute, which can lead to delays and occasional mistakes.

Please help us keep things running smoothly by arriving at least 10 minutes before game time whenever possible.

Thank you for being part of what makes our club such a well-run and enjoyable community!