



March Newsletter: Spring Into Your Best Bridge!

Spring is just around the corner, and the club is buzzing with new ways to improve your game and celebrate our community. Whether you're just starting out or looking to hunt for those elusive Gold points, we have something for you.

1. New Game for New Players!

Starting Tuesday, April 7 | 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Fresh off Bridge 101 and 102? This game is designed specifically for you. We're creating a relaxed environment for our newest members to gain confidence at the table.

- Eligibility:** Graduates of Bridge 101/102 and any players with **fewer than 20 masterpoints**.
- When:** Every Tuesday morning starting April 7

2. 15-Year Anniversary for Duplicate Lite! High Tea & High Cards: Theme colour PINK!

Thursday, April 23 | Limited to 25 Tables

Fifteen years of friendship, finesse, laughter, and just the right amount of competitive spirit! Join us for an elegant (and slightly cheeky) party as we celebrate **15 wonderful years of Duplicate Lite**. Think beautiful tea cups, dress up, tasty luncheon treats, and lots of fun.

- Cost:** \$20 (includes luncheon, celebration, prizes & fun)
- Dress Up:** There will be prizes for **Best Tea Party Dress-Up!**
- Registration:** Payment is required at sign-up.
- 2 sections Open and 0-299

ACT FAST: We are down to the final 5 tables **left!** Please sign up soon to ensure you don't miss out on this milestone celebration.

3. A Friendly Request: Let's Start on Time at 10:15 am sharp!

To ensure everyone has an enjoyable experience, please remember to **arrive at least 10 minutes early** for all games.

Many of our players have appointments or transport commitments following the game and wish to leave on time. Arriving early helps the Director set the movement and ensures we can have an "orderly start" into the first round!

4. Spring Lessons: Sharpen Your Skills!

Competitive Bidding with instructor Jane Youngberg

Stop letting the opponents annoy you! Learn to bid with confidence when the auction gets crowded.

- Dates:** Wednesdays, April 1, 8 & 15
- Time:** 2:00 pm □ 4:00 pm
- Topics:** April 1: Competitive bidding (when to bid to the 3-level)
 - April 8: mastering **Lebensohl**
 - April 15 TBA
- Cost:** \$40 for the series / \$15 per individual lesson. Register at the door!

Modern Bidding Agreements with Linda Palm

Ready to move beyond Standard American? This series explores the 2/1 system and modern conventions.

- Dates:** Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 27 & June 3
- Time:** 2:00 pm □ 4:00 pm
- Topics:** **May 6:** Transitioning from Standard to 2/1.
 - May 13:** Modified Bergen Raises.
 - May 27:** Jacoby 2NT (Game-forcing bids).
 - June 3:** Inverted Minors.
- Cost:** \$55 for the series / \$15 per topic.
- Registration:** Email Linda at palmlinda00@gmail.com or register in person at Elgin Hall starting April 1.

5. Director's Tips: "Bridge Etiquette"

Wednesday, April 1 & Thursday, April 2 Tips presented 5 minutes before game time

Our last presentation on Hesitations was so well received that we're following it up with a focus on **Bridge Etiquette**. Good etiquette isn't just about being polite_ it keeps the game fair and moving smoothly!

We want to hear from you! Are there specific director calls or tricky table situations you'd like us to include? Please let a director know so we can address your questions in the presentation.

6. Upcoming Special Events & Games

Mark your calendars for these high-value sessions:

Date	Event	Highlights
Thu, Apr 16	Vancouver Monthly Unit Game (MUG)	Bigger field, more masterpoints .
Thu, Apr 23	High Tea & High Cards	15 Year Anniversary! (Register in advance)
Wed, Apr 29	Club Championship	Boost your masterpoint total.
May 20 & 21	ACBL Stardust Week	25% GOLD Points (Wed & Thu).

7. Partnership Desk: Special Thanks to Roger Annis

A huge thank you to **Roger Annis** for his hard work in arranging partners and ensuring everyone gets a chance to play!

- Looking for a partner?** If you would like to be added to the list of players looking for partners, please email Roger at rogerbridge200@gmail.com.