



# ALERT

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2020

**Many thanks** to Becky and team for our great Christmas party event, including the hand-sewn table cloths (for use in the future too!) and the great food. We broke even!

**Heads up!** Monday March 26 and Monday April 6 will be Swiss team games. This means a team of four, so 299ers can just turn up in pairs and will be matched with another pair for a team. This will help to give everyone more experience playing teams.....a lot of fun!

*Pouches are now being used to collect game fees on each table; South to be responsible for ensuring the amount collected is correct.*

**Our bridge club library** is being updated with some new, just published titles! Thanks to our Unit (Unit 246) which offered bridge teachers a monetary incentive to encourage new players to attend the Regional Tournament in Orillia in September last year. Because of great attendance numbers from our club at the 'free lunch and beginner game day' we earned \$145 which we decided to spend on new titles for our Bridge Club Library. Some great new reads for beginner and intermediate players, and a few for advanced players too. See page three for some of the new titles coming soon!

*Please remember that we are constantly in need of volunteers around the club ... jobs include making up the boards using the dealing machine, cleaning bathrooms, buying supplies, tidying up, washing the white tables etc. If you think you could help, even 10 mins once a week, please see John Montgomery email monty1444@gmail.com*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday February 14 **Sandwich lunch before game** \$2 donation
- Monday—Saturday February 10-15 **STaC week** (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) **Silver points!**
- Saturday February 15 **Friendship Day STaC Swiss Teams** single session 1pm
- Monday February 24 **Local Charity game**
- Monday March 2 **ACBL seniors' game**
- All week March 16—20 **Club Championship games** More points!
- Monday March 23 **Swiss teams, both games**
- Monday April 6 **Swiss teams, both games**
- Thursday** April 16 **Canada wide Rookie/Master game 1pm** Rookie under 100 mps.  
Come with a partner or sign up for one at the club.



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## LESSONS

### Bridge for Beginners 3

APRIL – MAY 2020

Continue to learn bridge with this course, which takes you through the steps of planning the play of the hand as declarer and teaches you more techniques to help you find the best contracts. A follow up course for those who have taken a beginner course, or for anyone who plays a little bridge and would like a refresher. Bid, play and discuss each lesson, with free notes and hand records. This six-week structured course costs \$85.00, which includes HST. Wednesday mornings 9.30—noon.

**April 1** Declarer play in notrump: counting winners and watching entries.

**April 8** The Stayman convention: "Partner, do you have a 4-card major?"

**April 15** Counting losers and drawing trump.

**April 22** Promotion in suits and in notrump contracts.

**April 29** Using length in suits and in notrump contracts.

**May 6** Helping partner to the best contract by making a transfer bid.

For more information or to register for this course please contact Frank Mustoe. Frank is an ACBL accredited teacher and a member of the American Bridge Teachers' Association.

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## BIDDERS' CORNER

Please note that although we no longer use the STOP card during the bidding auction, we are still **required to pause** after our right hand opponent has made a jump bid. [eg. A weak two or three bid.]

**From the ACBL regulations....**

***"Following a jump in the bidding, left hand opponent is obligated to wait approximately 10 seconds (while giving the appearance of studying his hand to determine a choice of bids) before making a call."***

This is because it is way too easy to give unauthorized information to partner....either by putting down a pass immediately (partner will know you have nothing) or taking a long time to consider your bid before passing (partner will know that you 'almost' had something to say). Try to make the length of time before bidding **the same** whether you have a good hand or a poor hand, after RHO makes a pre-emptive opening bid.

*Parking on busy days is improving! Thanks all for following our parking guidelines and for carpooling. You may also park on Alliance Blvd if you cannot find any other space. No more double parking please, it was causing too much aggravation. Thank you to those who are now car pooling to prevent parking congestion!*

## Recently purchased Bridge Club Library books

**Introduction to declarer play, by Eddie Kantar**, revised and updated by Barbara Seagram (two copies)

**Introduction to defense, by Eddie Kantar**, revised and updated by Barbara Seagram (two copies)

[These two books are classics and according to Seagram the best two bridge books ever written.]

**The Lebensohl convention complete, by Ron Andersen**. Everything you need to know about this convention and how to use it over NT interference, weak twos, and more.

**Playing 2/1 the rest of the story, by Paul Thurston**. Many are now playing 2/1 and Thurston's first book is being used by many players. This second book will introduce you to new ideas in this system. (two copies)

**Planning the defense, by Barbara Seagram & David Bird**. Excellent new book that covers defensive signals and discards and making a defensive plan. (two copies)

**Clever plays in the trump suit, by David Bird**.

**Demystifying defense, by Patrick O'Connor**. A great book for newer players.

**Bridge for Everyone, by D. W. Crisfield**. Beginner lessons in pictures!

**Partnership bidding—a workbook, by Mary Paul** - to be published in March 2020, two copies coming soon!

'You're in incredible shape,' the doctor said. 'How old are you again?'

'I am 78' the man said.

'78? How do you stay so healthy? You look like a 60 year old.'

'Well, my wife and I have played bridge all our married life, and we made a pact that whenever we got into an argument over bridge she would go into the kitchen and cool off and I would go outside to settle down.'

'What does that have to do with how healthy you are?' asked the doctor.

'I've pretty much lived an outdoor life.'

