

Hi Duplicate Lite enthusiasts

Vancouver Regional Tournament - April 2 to April 8

Our very own John Demeulemeester is chairing the Vancouver Regional Tournament - April 2 to April 8 - and Duplicate Lite is sponsoring "Thursday" at the Tournament.

We encourage all of our members to attend the Burnaby Tournament and help spread the positive goodwill and friendly approach that our Duplicate Lite Club represents! There will be games scheduled for all playing abilities.

Let's support as well, our remarkable John Demeulemeester by getting involved in this tournament. John is a role model for his dedicated leadership and service to the Bridge community in B.C.

It is especially hoped that you will play in a number of sessions during the Tournament week and especially on the Thursday (April 5) which is being sponsored by our club.

NOTE: The Surrey Duplicate Bridge Club game (Wed) and the Duplicate Lite Club game (Thurs) at East Delta Hall Will be CLOSED on April 4 and on April 5 in support of the Tournament.

John and his assistants, Rhoda Tafler and Jane Youngberg, are looking for sponsors for the various events in order to provide prizes and small gifts such as the tournament decal, a welcome bag, and various treats.

Here are some sponsorship ideas for your consideration to help John and his committee make this tournament even more successful:

- Honour Recognition - Is there someone you would like to name an event after in their honour - a player, close friend, volunteer, parent or spouse? The event can also be named after a current or former player.
The final flier will be printed with the honouree's name on the event and an article will appear in the daily bulletin with the consent of the sponsor. Being a donor is a great way to support the tournament, honour someone special, and celebrate their involvement in our bridge community.
- Hospitality donation - A contribution towards hospitality would be most welcome.
- Purchase an Ad - An advertisement in the bulletin or sponsorship by a business is a neat way to promote a company
Please contact John, Rhoda or Jane if you would like to be a sponsor. The committee is open to other suggestions as well!

Take a book - Leave a book

Carroll Guichon has started a mini Bridge library for Duplicate Lite. Please join by contributing a book and/or by borrowing a book. This is a great opportunity to downsize your own Bridge library by contributing bridge books you no longer need. The library will be open at the Wednesday's and Thursday games.

Many thanks to Carroll Guichon for organizing the library. Any volunteer helpers are welcome = please see Carroll.

Upcoming Events to Improve Your Game - Mark your calendar!

A. Presentations for experienced players

Bridge with World Class Player Haig Tchamitch - June 20 East Delta Hall

Haig has many accomplishments in the bridge world including **Winner Blue Ribbon Pairs (Premier International Event at Nationals) and recipient of Lou Herman Trophy (most ACBL masterpoints at a National tournament)**

This program is for experienced and progressive bridge players who would like to learn and participate in a program dedicated to advanced bridge topics. Haig will be offering in depth perspectives on such topics such as:

Signals beyond the basics- when and how to use your system

Enriched strategies for bidding in the pass out seat

Bidding sequences after a forcing bid

Answers to questions brought forward by the group

Haig is a world class player and an excellent presenter who provides informative explanations often with spontaneous examples in order to clearly explain a question from the audience.

Here is a TENTATIVE schedule at East Delta Hall for sessions with Haig:

Tuesday June 19 - Morning session 9-10:30am

Wednesday June 20 - Morning Session 9:30 am – 12:00 noon Lunch (included noon to 1:00 pm)

Wednesday June 20 - Afternoon Session 1:00 – 3:30 pm

B. Presentation for players new to Duplicate Bridge and/or non life Master,

Barbara Seagram at East Delta Hall - Sunday, September 30

Duplicate Lite is delighted to offer a special with Barbara Seagram:

There will be a morning and an afternoon session with a lunch. More details to follow.

For both Haig Tchamitch and Barbara Seagram's presentations, there will additional information regarding registration procedures & costs in upcoming newsletters. Stay tuned!

Reminders:

Sectional in Bellingham Feb 9-11

Mentor mentee Game Feb 17 at VBC 1pm

Summary

Whether you are travelling, snowbirding or “holding the fort” at home during these winter months, we wish you continued fun and enjoyment playing Bridge and making new Bridge friends!

Cheers

Jane Youngberg

<http://www.duplicatelite.ca/>