

Hi Duplicate Lite Enthusiasts,

Exciting News

Providing our sanction application is approved by the ACBL, we will be offering a **Monday day game at the East Delta Hall in the Fall**. This new club will be part of the Duplicate Lite “family” and the manager will be **Ben Takemori**, a high level player, well respected for his playing ability and for volunteering his time and advice to players of all abilities. Ben currently directs at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Beginner Lessons

We recently completed a series of beginning lessons for individuals wishing to learn the wonderful game of Bridge. The sessions were a great success with 30 participants in total and it is anticipated that we should soon be seeing more players join our limited game on Wednesdays! Bouquets to **Lauren Cockroft** and Jane Youngberg for being such positive and encouraging instructors.

The Day with Haig Tchamitch

Haig Tchamitch was a big hit at his session for experienced players. His presentation proved to be informative and interactive. The feedback was excellent with the only complaint being that the session was too short and his lesson examples could have been displayed better on the screen! Hopefully this will be a first of a series of lessons for our more experienced players.

Special accolades go out to **Isabel Chernoff** for the amazing lunch she prepared and orchestrated. Her Raspberry Short Cake was amazing.

Duplicate Lite Name Tags

Our Club name tags are very popular. **Lauren Cockroft** kindly handles the orders and she will be sending in another order very soon. Please see Lauren if you wish to have a name tag – Cost is \$8.00.

Start times for Games

We have received some suggestions related to the start times for our games. Originally, our starting schedules were determined primarily by available time periods at Elgin Hall. However, we have much more flexibility at East Delta Hall.

One idea is to consider standardizing the times so that the day games begin at the same time. In reviewing possible changes to start times, it is important to consider the commute times at various stages of the day.

Please let John, Ed and/or Jane your ideas related to start times for our weekly games

Supervised Play - Wednesday mornings 10:00 - noon.

Our capable leader on Wednesdays, **Ed L'Heureux** has a terrific program lined up for Supervised Play. All the details including the handouts for most Supervised Play lessons are on the website – go to the side menus and click “Learn to Play Bridge” for the handouts.

Please encourage any of your social bridge players who would like to learn more about the game to join in.

Lessons start this Wednesday, July 11 at 10am for 2 hours and the cost is \$10 per session

Supervised Play topics on upcoming Wednesdays, 10 am to 12 noon:

July 11	Bidding a major suit
July 18	Bidding a minor suit
July 25	Bidding No Trump
August 1	Using 2 over 1 convention
August 8	1 No trump Forcing (2/1)
August 15	Combination (2/1)

About Supervised Play

Supervised Play sessions are NOT just for beginning players. They can be very useful and helpful for advancing players who wish to review a concept or to learn a new convention such as 2 Over 1. It is also a great way to encourage a bridge playing friend to try Duplicate Bridge and learn more about the game in a relaxed format. We invite our regular players to bring along their social bridge players to the supervised play sessions.

An effective way to learn is by doing. The supervised play series provides an opportunity to do just that – learn by doing.

Each session will start with a 10-15 minute mini lesson on the topic of the day. Participants will then play 8-10 hands based on this theme. After each hand is played, players can review a small sheet of paper in the board that describes how the hand should have been bid, should have been played, opening lead ... whatever is relevant to the topic of the day. The supervisor will mingle among the players to provide advice, answer questions and give more detailed explanations. The cost is \$10 per session. Participants do not need a partner.

Competitive Auctions

A neat observation about our club players in general: besides having a great time at bridge and being positive ambassadors for the game, there is a strong desire to continue improving.

One area where we could strengthen our play is in Competitive Auctions. In a recent game, a more experienced pair played 20 of the 24 hands during the session. This suggests that a number of our players are not bidding enough! It is tough to know when to come into the auction, when to sacrifice, and when to stop bidding. Therefore, we plan to have a couple of sessions on Competitive Auctions in the future. These sessions will be perhaps more appropriate for players who play in the open section.

Presentation to Surrey City Reps – Duplicate Bridge and the future!

We are making a presentation to Surrey Recreation Managerial Representatives and Bruce Haynes (Councillor) Monday, July 23.

The purpose is to educate Surrey about the Duplicate Bridge – what we do, how we do it and why we do it. In our view, the city of Surrey decision makers do not appear to be sufficiently aware of the value and impact of Duplicate Bridge activities. While we have made the difficult choice to continue our games at East Delta Hall in Delta, we started in Surrey and we would like to have the option of returning in the future. Perhaps some day there could be a partnership with the City to have a Bridge Centre.

Acknowledgements

Special thanks to **Cory McCaig** for the food preparation on Thursdays while our volunteer Food Coordinator, **Nancy Ruegg** was on vacation. Sincere appreciation to Nancy and her team of helpers - Lauren Cockcroft, Laura Blythe and Cory McCaig – who spend countless hours on our behalf making sure that the coffee is ready and goodies arrive. On Wednesdays, we have **Ed L'Heureux** along with Bob Dillon to thank for providing this service.

Until you have done this job, you have no idea of the time and thought it takes! Help in the kitchen with clean up at the end of the day is especially appreciated!!!

Full Day of Fun Bridge with Barbara Seagram event is almost full.

Please email Carroll Guichon if you would like a spot. <mailto:carrollguichon@gmail.com>
Sunday, September 30, 2018 \$95 (cheque or cash)

Wednesday Afternoon 0-50 Masterpoint Section

The Wednesday afternoon 0-50 masterpoint section will be changing effective now into a 0-100 section with 3 strata set at 10, 50, and 100 masterpoints. Some of our players have reached the 50 masterpoint plateau but are reluctant to move over into the open section. Some prefer to continue playing with their friends in the lower section. Others are intimidated by playing against people with significantly more masterpoints. We will increase the upper limit in the lower section so that they can continue to play in a comfortable setting.