

Hi Duplicate Lite enthusiasts

This notice highlights various special Bridge events which are upcoming or underway. It is anticipated that a good number of our players will be able to participate and support the activities. Have fun!

Duplicate Lite Day at the Vancouver Regional - Thursday, April 5th!

Our Duplicate Lite Bridge club will be sponsoring a special day on **Thursday, April 5th** at the upcoming Vancouver Regional Bridge Tournament. This event is scheduled from April 2 – 8 in Burnaby B.C. at the Delta Burnaby Hotel and Conference Centre (adjacent to the Grand Villa Casino), 4332 Dominion Street in Burnaby. Our very own John Demeulemeester will be serving as the Tournament Co Chair, along with Rhoda Tafler.

The purpose of the Thursday, April 5th special day at the Regional is to share the welcoming and encouraging culture of Duplicate Lite with the greater bridge community. We wish to continue to exemplify all of the positives that a friendly, yet competitive game of Duplicate Bridge has to offer. In addition, we plan to acknowledge and celebrate our special mentor volunteers **John Stevens, Jack Johnson, and Ed L'Heureux**. As well, we wish to remember **Craig Brown**, one of our club members who recently passed away.

The names of our players who are being honoured and remembered at the Regional were put forward by fellow players at Duplicate Lite and Surrey Duplicate Bridge Clubs. Individual players have made donations to help make these recognitions possible. Other club members who wish to add to these contributions may do so. Donations can be made at either the Wednesday or Thursday games. Bob Dillon will be handling the collections and the deadline is Thursday, March 15

The funds raised go toward to the Regional Tournament and Hospitality.

We hope that you will consider attending the Regional Tournament, especially on Thursday April 5th and helping out in the following ways:

- Displaying your name tag
- Wearing something with a RED colour such as a hat, scarf, T shirt etc. (Note: should you forget, we will have a limited number of hats and other clothing items available at the Tournament for our members)
- Bringing along candies, goodies, or even home baked goodies. We will have red lunch bags (a little bigger than a lunch bags) with our logo available for stuffing with your goodies. Our players will be hosts at the bridge tables to hand out goodies to teams as they arrive at your table
- Welcoming and greeting everyone you play in the “Duplicate Lite way”
- Sitting in on the presentation by Haig Tchamitch on Support doubles scheduled for Thursday, April 5 between the morning and afternoon sessions
- (Note: Haig will be visiting our club in June for an in depth workshop. More details below)

We will have decorations and a treat for everyone at both the morning and afternoon sessions plus a display honouring our special mentors.

Please plan to join us in supporting the Regional, our leader John Demeulemeester, his team, and our Duplicate Lite club!

Attention Experienced Players: Workshop with Haig Tchamitch – Wednesday, June 20 at East Delta Hall

Haig Tchamitch, a Grand Life Master, is a past winner of the Blue Ribbon Pairs, a premiere event at the ACBL Nationals. He is also a previous recipient of the Herman Trophy which is awarded to the player with the most points at an ACBL National Tournament.

Haig is a capable presenter who shares his expertise in a clear and understandable manner. He is often a volunteer at a Bridge club in Scottsdale AZ (“Bridge on Shea”) and gives tutorials which are well attended and enjoyed by experienced players.

If you would like to see Haig in action, he will be presenting at the Vancouver Regional on our Duplicate Lite day, Thursday April 5th. His session will focus on “Support Doubles”.

Our Duplicate Lite club is offering a “Day with Haig” for experienced players looking for a more advanced workshop - Wednesday, June 20th

This workshop will involve are 2 sessions: 9:45 am - 12 noon & 12:45 pm– 3:30pm.

The cost is \$65.00 and includes lunch.

The group will be limited to 50 players in order to offer more interactive sessions. The main thrust of Haig's presentations will be a more in depth look at conventions that you already use with an emphasis on Doubles, the most underutilized tool in the changing and more competitive bidding styles of today.

He will also answer more advanced questions as time permits.

To register:

This event is limited to 50 players so please register early.

Contact:

Carroll Guichon

carrollguichon@gmail.com

604 536 7410

Jane Youngberg

janemyoungberg@gmail.com

604 352 1389

NOTE: Our regular Surrey Duplicate Bridge Club game on Wednesday will be CLOSED on this Wednesday, June 20 date.

Full Day of Fun Bridge with Barbara Seagram – Sunday, September 30, 2018

Arrangements have been made to bring back Barbara Seagram to spend a day with our Club players.

She is scheduled to present on Sunday, September 30, 2018 @ East Delta Hall

Her session will run from 9:00 am to 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$95 (cheque or cash) - includes Lunch

Please sign up with a partner

Barbara is a very popular presenter; her event will fill up quickly, so please register early.

Contact:

Carroll Guichon

carrollguichon@gmail.com

604 536 7410

Beginner Game – Wednesday 12:30 to 3 or 3:30 pm at East Delta Hall:

We have added a new section at our 12:30 game for players with 0-5 master points. This separate section started in March and will carry through until the end of April. The purpose is to give our new players a chance to adapt to a game setting and increase their speed before joining the 0-50 master point section in May.

Participating players will complete about 15 boards during the first weeks and gradually work their way up to the 21-24 boards which are played each week in the 0-50 section.

Please encourage your friends who are just getting into Duplicate Bridge to come out our Beginner Game.

Supervised Play – Wednesday mornings 10:00-11:45 at East Delta Hall:

The Supervised Play series will continue at the 10:00 am to 11:45 am time slot. Players can attend the Supervised Play and then play in the regular 12:30 game. The material should be useful and interesting to players who have been playing for 1-2 years as well as for beginning players.

Each session begins with a short lesson (plus handout) on the topic of the day. This is followed by play

of 8-10 boards based on this topic theme. Each board will contain a “traveller” (piece of paper) that describes how the hand should have been bid, should have been played, opening lead ... whatever is relevant to the topic of the day. For example, On March 7, the focus was on the Play of the Hand in a Suit Contract and players practiced discarding losers and ruffing losers.

The supervisor will mingle among the players to provide advice, answer questions, give more detailed explanations. The cost is \$10 per person.

March 14: More Play of the Hand in a Suit Contract: (c) take a finesse & (d) establish a long suit

March 21: Play of the Hand in a No Trump Contract: (a) hold up a stopper

March 28: More Play of the Hand in a No Trump Contract: (b) establish a long suit

Summary

Whether you are at home, traveling or “snowbirding”, we wish you all well.

Enjoy your bridge! We look forward to seeing you at many of the upcoming Bridge activities.

You are especially encouraged to make plans to join us for the “Duplicate Lite” special day, Thursday April 5th at the Regional Bridge Tournament.

John, Ed, and Jane