

### EDITOR'S NOTE

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Kung Hei Choi and Xīnnián hǎo

It is hard to believe that 2023 is here, a New Year has been born and we say goodbye to the old year, gone, but not forgotten.

We had a lot happen in 2022, the 5<sup>th</sup> vaccine was released, COVID pressures started to ease, we could see people and we resumed our F2F games. The club participated in three charity events – The Longest Day, SickKids Program and just recently our Food Bank Drive! All successful.

We look forward to a successful 2023, both F2F and Online games and hope you continue to join us at the tables!

Wishing everyone a very **Healthy and Happy New Year!** Remember the friends we have lost; be thankful for the friends we have and excited about the new friends we will make this year





### CLUB CORNER

#### WE HAD A PARTY!

Our welcome back lunch in support of the Richmond Hill Food Bank was a **GREAT** success! We had 70 people attend with good food, good bridge and good fun.

We raised **\$2,410** for the food bank all thanks to your generosity. However, we had other support, 'cheering for our success behind the scenes' and we would be remiss in not recognizing them and saying a **BIG THANK YOU!**



**PAG  
DIRECT**



**RICHMOND HILL  
HYUNDAI**

We approached Marc Hull, the Sales Manager at Richmond Hill Hyundai about our game in support of the Food Bank and the community need; he immediately got the ball rolling. Marc was able to get a contribution towards our lunch so there was more for the charity. We **thank him and his team** for both their support of our game and the needs in our community. They are located at 11188 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill; if you are in the market for a car; new, used or even a lease, please contact Marc and mention the bridge club. He will be delighted to help you. Thank you once again Marc!

When we started down the road to our welcome back lunch, we always knew we were going to support the Food Bank in Richmond Hill; they need our help. However, we wanted to support our local business community as well; 'shop local', for

our needs. We approached Longo's Richmond Hill, Ryan the store manager, was very supportive and kind in assisting us with our food requirements and the catering team were excellent. The positive feedback on the food was great, particularly the **mini croissants**, they were a huge hit, Longo's is just down the street from Hyundai; located at 10860 Yonge St, Richmond Hill and will be happy to help with your needs!



**RICHMOND HILL BRIDGE CLUB (RHBC)**

**JANUARY 2023: GRAPEVINE**



**FACE TO FACE GAMES – PARTY PHOTO ARRAY**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTO GALLERY**

Here's a glimpse of the fun times we had at our Welcome Back, Charity Game! **THANK YOU** to our Photographer, Koji for taking the photos!

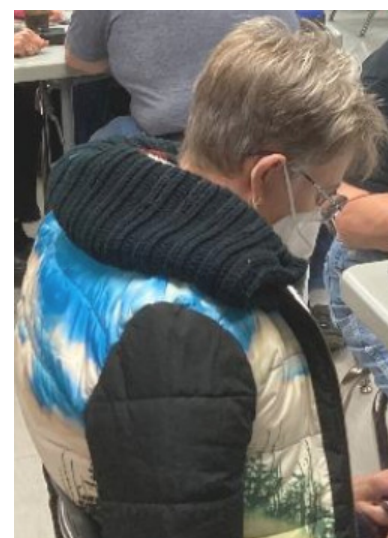


# RICHMOND HILL BRIDGE CLUB (RHBC)

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### MORE PICTURES





### STILL MORE FROM THE CLUB CORNER

## IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO CONGRATULATE!



We missed it in November and we missed it again in December, oh my gosh, but not in January by golly! We wish to Congratulate **ALBA SAPTEL** on achieving her Silver Life Master! Alba worked very hard to attain this milestone and had a lot of help and support from her beloved husband Bob; he is cheering her on from above. Many of you know Alba as 'leety' on BBO as she plays in most of our club games. Way to go Alba!!

### LET'S KEEP IT ALL IN THE FAMILY

Gene Machida achieved his Regional Master this past month and while he was working very hard on his goal, his sister, Elaine Kari was very busy with her own goal, obtaining her **Silver Life Master!** They both reached for the stars and were rewarded! Congratulations to you both

#### Submitted by Jim Aston

I was sitting back one day, pondering things and suddenly it popped into my head, "where did the name 'bridge' come from for this game we all love"?

I turned to my friend "Mr. Google" and found *the card game got its name from the **Galata Bridge**, a bridge spanning the Golden Horn and linking the old and new parts of European Istanbul, where they apparently crossed every day to go to a coffeehouse to play cards.* So now you know!

A DAY WITHOUT  
**BRIDGE**  
PROBABLY WOULDN'T  
**KILL ME** ♠  
BUT WHY **RISK IT?**



### ACBL CHANGES & ONLINE IMPACTS

Well into every life a little rain must fall, and ACBL is making changes that are affecting both Online and F2F games; it's not really rain, more of a monsoon.

**EFFECTIVE JAN 1<sup>ST</sup>**, they are increasing the table fees for all games by \$0.10 across the board, F2F and online; a little rain, but there is an added cost to online, an additional **\$4 per table bringing fees to \$5.10 for online (a 400% increase)**, the monsoon!

**WHY YOU MAY ASK?** We certainly asked and so did many other clubs

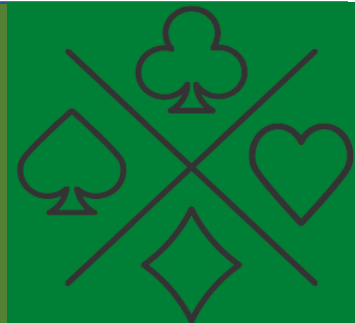
- a) There was a major shake up at ACBL, an early gift to Greg Coles (Director of Operations), Joe Jones (Executive Director), Mary Stratton (Director of Marketing), were all terminated and a new board arrived making sweeping changes.
- b) The goal seems to be "run both F2F and Online with high table counts". It appears ACBL is penalizing clubs who run online games only, without offsetting F2F games. The F2F games need to be large or there are penalties.
- c) Unfortunately, ACBL has not taken into account Canadian Winters, the storm on 12/15 impacted attendance at F2F games, in the new world we would be 'penalized' for this, yet it is beyond our control.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR RHBC?** Well, we are going to see what happens in January and what the overall cost to the club will be. It is hard to 'nail it down' as each month has different player attendance. RHBC **WON'T** increase any of the current game fees except on Sunday the fee will increase to 4BB\$ to help off set the 'ding'; making all games the same price. Most area clubs are increasing fees, we hope to avoid this.

We will continue to work through it. As always, our goal is to provide both F2F and Online games that are fun, competitive and reasonably priced. We will continue to do our best to deliver on this promise, barring anymore surprises from ACBL we should be positioned to achieve this.

# RICHMOND HILL BRIDGE CLUB (RHBC)

## JANUARY 2023: GRAPEVINE



### 2023 GAME SCHEDULE

Every year we sit back, look at our games, look at what our players are asking for and then we try to deliver on that. We are revamping our game schedule slightly; a big part is in response to the new table fee structure; **small games are simply not viable**. We need your help to keep the games going and to keep prices down. BBO is increasing their game fees effective Jan 1, 2023 by 10-20% to help clubs.

#### ONLINE GAMES – All games are 4BB\$

**Monday** – One (Open) game only @ 12:30; we will sunset the 0-500 game for now.

**Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday** – No Change to any of the games

**Tuesday** – **LADIES GAME CHANGE**. We tried as ladies only, but it hasn't worked and with the new table fee structure we need more players, so we're **OPEN to MEN** and are now the **Cocktail Game @ 4:00PM | 18 bds | 6 min/bd**, done for cocktails!

**Wednesday** – Evening (Open) – **is moving to Thornhill!!** Medhat is going to take over this game and run it as a Thornhill Game. Same great game, 7:00PM and **only 3BB\$**. We hope you will join in the New Year, starting Wed Jan 4<sup>th</sup>!

#### FACE-TO-FACE GAMES –\$6 at the door or buy a Coupon (\$50 for 10 plays)

**Wednesday** – Open Game @ 12:45 @ Angus Glen Community Centre

**Thursday** – Open Game @ 12:45 @ Elgin Barrow Arena

**Saturday** – Open Game @ 12:45 @ Elgin Barrow Arena

**(\*) Sat F2F restarts on January 7<sup>th</sup>**, come and join us.

#### REMINDER

We serve coffee, tea and cookies at our Face-to-Face games and sometimes other goodies, one just never knows what will magically appear, but you have to be there to partake!





### ON LINE CORNER

#### ALERTING TRANSFERS - REFRESHER

We announced a few months ago that if you are transferring to the majors; such as:

1N - 2♥ = transfer ♠

1N - 2♦ = transfer ♥

In RHBC games you do not have to type in the explain box, but you must click the **RED ALERT** button so the ops know it is not a natural bid. We recommend you type in “**To S | To H**” indicating the transfer, but since this is a normal NT sequence the red alert is sufficient. The ops know it is not a natural bid by your alert and can ask if they wish.

If you are relaying to the minors, please type in the explain box what your bid means as many play this auction differently.

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION

Players, our directors would like to ask you to **PLEASE register at least 5 min before the game** begins so we can get the format set. Further, if you decide to leave before start time, for any reason, please let the director know you are leaving as soon as possible. If you leave a minute before start time, we don't have time to react and change the format. It impacts everyone in the field, the director and is very unfair. So please be courteous and register early and let the director know if you are leaving the game.

#### TUESDAY TIP

**NOTE:** No Tuesday Tip on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Lorraine will once again be heading to a warmer climate and so the Tuesday Tip will go on sabbatical from Feb through Mid March. At that time, we will restart the tip and assess the numbers. Lately attendance has been down, which could be the holiday season. If we do not feel there is enough interest, we will cancel them in the Spring and see if there is more interest in the Fall.





### LESSON CORNER

#### MIKE KENNY & JULIE BERDOCK "SHORT" LESSONS

More good news, Mike and Julie are offering two (2) of their short lesson topics in January, so get your pens ready and mark your calendars, then contact Mike to reserve your spots, we know these 'hot topics' will fill up fast!

- Inverted Minors, from 9:30 to 11:00 on Tuesday morning Jan 17, 2023. Cost: \$25
- 2-Suited Overcalls from 9:30 - 11:00 on Tuesday morning Jan 31, 2023. Cost: \$25

Lessons will be delivered via Zoom, notes will be provided, and the lesson recording will be available to participants for 10 days following each lesson.

If interested, please contact Mike Kenny at [michaelkennybridge@gmail.com](mailto:michaelkennybridge@gmail.com) to reserve your place at the table

#### LORRAINE EAGLESHAM - FREE LESSON REMINDER

Lorraine Eaglesham is offering a one-hour **FREE** training session on filling out a convention card. This session is designed for newer and intermediate players with little or no convention card experience. You will find this helpful to:

- Comply with club rules;
- Get you and your partner on the same page;
- Trigger your own thinking about bidding and carding practices.

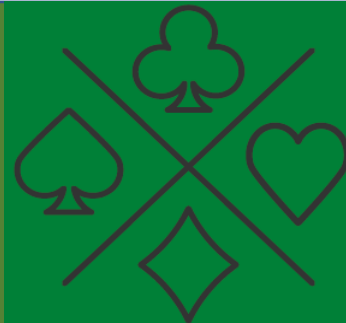
At the end of the session, you will have a completed personal convention card!!!

**DATE: Wed January 11th, 2023**

**TIME: 4:00-5:00PM**

You must register to get the link, there are 98 places, only 20 remaining.

Please contact Lorraine at: [bridgewithlorraine@gmail.com](mailto:bridgewithlorraine@gmail.com)



### MORE ON FACE-TO-FACE GAMES

#### LET'S TALK REVOKES

We've all done it, played the wrong card and end up revoking. When it is recognized, the director should be called right away to address the situation. Many players believe that there are 'penalties' when there is a revoke, such as 1 or 2 trick penalty. This was true under the old laws, but the laws changed in 2017. ACBL does not penalize opponents for a revoke, but instead equity is restored. What does that mean you ask?

If a player revokes and declarer was going to take the next 9 tricks, then they are given 9 tricks, not 1 more because of the revoke, all we want to do is restore equity.

What happens if a player revokes and then comes in later and takes the last 4 tricks, but had they not revoked declarer would have taken 3 out of the 4 tricks? The director will then give declarer back the 3 tricks, equity is restored.

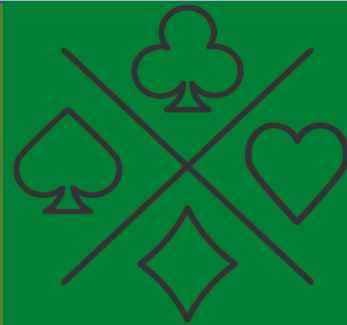
When a revoke happens, please call the director right away.

#### WHAT ABOUT CLAIMS?

When you claim you should tell the opponents what you are going to do. Justify why you are making the claim. For example: "I'm are going to pull the last trump and my remaining cards are all good" or "There are no more trump; I have all the high cards."

Now opponents, please make sure you let the declarer explain why they are claiming and how they will play the remaining cards. We find there are three types of claims, Good Claims stated properly, Good Claims stated poorly and Bad Claims that the director adjudicates.

**Note:** It is a good habit to **NOT** make a claim when trump is still outstanding, pull all trump then Claim.



### MISCELLANEOUS

#### TEST YOURSELF!

**CORRECTION:** HAND #1 Answer last month had an error in your partners cards. There were only 12 cards and the K♥ was in both hands. Your partner's hand was:

Partner's hand:

- ♠ AK
- ♥ AQ10
- ♦ K75
- ♣ AQJ107

Thanks, Mike, for catching the error!

**How would you handle this fairly common sequence in the South seat with neither side vulnerable playing MPS?**

| South (you) | West | North | East |
|-------------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠          | Pass | Pass  | Dbl. |
| ?           |      |       |      |

You hold:

- |               |          |        |       |
|---------------|----------|--------|-------|
| 1. ♠ AJ1087   | ♥ KQ876  | ♦ K2   | ♣ 3   |
| 2. ♠ AQ976    | ♥ AK3    | ♦ AQ3  | ♣ 108 |
| 3. ♠ AKJ986   | ♥ 3      | ♦ QJ84 | ♣ K5  |
| 4. ♠ KQ1096   | ♥ AKJ103 | ♦ A2   | ♣ 3   |
| 5. ♠ AK109865 | ♥ 2      | ♦ AJ10 | ♣ K5  |
| 6. ♠ AJ876    | ♥ KQ92   | ♦ 43   | ♣ QJ  |



### MISCELLANEOUS

#### ANSWERS TO TEST YOURSELF

1. 2♥ You have enough strength and distribution to bid your second suit. If not now, when?

2. RDBL Letting partner know you have the best hand at the table at the same time encouraging him to join the party. Incidentally this is not a rescue S.O.S redouble. The S.O.S redouble is used after a takeout double has been left in for penalty:

| South (you) | West | North | East |
|-------------|------|-------|------|
| 1♣          | Dbl. | Pass  | Pass |

RDBL

(This one is an S.O.S redouble)

3. 2♠ You have the strength and distribution to bid again, but you must have a strong suit to rebid it in this sequence.

4. 3♥ Not forcing but highly invitational. You don't need much for game facing this monster.

5. 3♠ Facing a passed partner this rebid shows a hand that can take about 8-9 tricks and doesn't need much for game.

6. Pass. This is not your hand, stay out of trouble.