

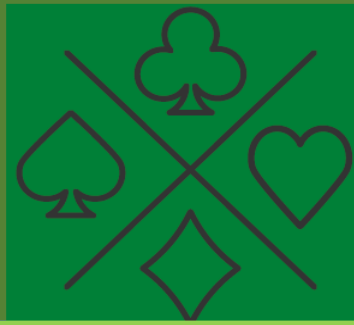
EDITOR'S NOTE



AND...



Wishing you a sparkling 4th of July  
Filled with pride, honor and lots of fun!



### EDITOR'S NOTE

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA!

All those who celebrate Canada as their home and native land, celebrate Canada Day on July 1st. The day commemorates the anniversary of the Constitution Act, which consolidated three territories into the single nation of Canada, way back in 1867. That's right — Canada celebrated its 150th birthday in 2017, now we are 156 years young!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Three Canadian islands are among the top ten biggest islands in the world. They are Baffin Island (more than double the size of Great Britain), Victoria Island and Ellesmere Island.

The Trans-Canada highway is the longest national highway in the world, at over 7,604 km/4,725 miles in length.

The beaver is Canada's national animal, and it was once proposed that a beaver appear on the redesigned Canadian flag.

Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world's lakes combined.

Canada has the longest coastline in the world with 202,080/125,567 miles of coast.

Canada is the 2nd largest country in the world, after Russia, though just 1.5% larger than the USA.

Canada has been invaded twice, both times by the USA, first in 1775 and again in 1812.

Canada's only desert is in British Columbia and is 15 miles long. It is the only desert in the world with a long boardwalk for visitors to walk.

The most popular pizza in Australia is the Hawaiian Pizza, which was invented in Canada.

Canadians drink more fruit juice per capita than any other country (think beer too – LOL).

There are more doughnut shops per capita in Canada than anywhere else in the world and Canadian's eat more doughnuts per person than any other country (can you say TIMs?).

Canada is the world's most educated country with over half its residents having college degrees

**Editors Comment:** Some of these facts may be outdated.



### CLUB CORNER

#### CONGRATULATIONS PLAYERS

Our editing failed us last month, but it is **never too late to congratulate** so, **CONGRATULATIONS to Elaine Kari** on obtaining her Silver Life Master! Well done, Elaine, a grand achievement.

In addition to Elaine, we have 3 other players who all achieved new master standing:

**Bronze:** Jordan Winick

**Silver:** Mary Walker

**Platinum:** Paul Janicki

#### CONGRATULATIONS RHBC

It was announced in the MAY Bridge Bulletin (Page 33) that RHBC made the TOP 50 clubs, that's right, **we were #18 out of 50** for our 2022 table counts with 5,583 tables, that's 22,332 players. Thanks to all of you who supported us and who continue to support us!!

#### GAME START TIME

##### (Both Online and Face to Face)

Our Face-to-Face games start at 12:45, but **PLEASE** arrive at **least 10 minutes** before start time so we can setup the movement and start on time! When you arrive last minute, it causes delays for us all, and can impact the movement.

Our online games start at 12:30, but **PLEASE** arrive at **least 5 minutes** before start time. When you come in with a minute or seconds to spare it can alter the whole movement and often time the director doesn't see the new arrival and the game is started with the wrong format. This isn't pleasant for the rest of the field, so please arrive a few minutes ahead of start.

PS: we DO start online games a few minutes early when everyone is online and we have an even number of registrants so late entries run the risk of being 'left behind'.



REMEMBER WHEN YOU COULD REFER  
TO YOUR KNEES AS RIGHT AND LEFT?

INSTEAD OF GOOD AND BAD.  
AH GOOD TIMES, EH!



### FACE TO FACE CORNER

We have been working hard and it is paying off, we are seeing new faces at our games and they are both growing; our Thu game has gone from an average of 12 tables up to 15 and Sat was holding its own at 6-7 and is now we are 10-11. Let's keep the momentum going, tell your family, bring a friend or two or three!

We continue to look for ways to improve the bridge experience, if you have suggestions, please let us know, we love new ideas, even "refurbished old ones".

A few reminders that will help you and help us -

1. **Turn off** or mute your cell phone. When phones ring during a game, it breaks concentration. Sadly, they are still ringing during the game!
2. **Arrive at least 10 minutes** before game time so we can shut down registration and finalize the movement. We know there are times you are running late, no problem, just call Susan or Izhar, let them know you are on your way.
3. Please do **not move** before the round is called, it is distracting to others, if you are moving for coffee or the restrooms please do so **quietly**.
4. Please **talk quietly** if you finish a round early, others are still playing and as tantalizing as your conversation is, the rest of us don't want to hear, we want to play our hands.
5. **Sitouts happen**, if you are sitting out, please go into the front foyer to chat if you wish, voices carry and again, think distraction!
6. Please **don't** update your score card during the round, it delays the round; more below.





**FACE TO FACE CORNER**



We've said it before, but  
it's worth repeating,  
please  
**STAY OUT OF THE  
KITCHEN!**



Do not take phone calls in the kitchen, go out into the entry way.

Do not decide to refill the cookies or restock supplies, ask Claude or Susan

After the game, please put your bidding box in the blue Rubbermaid tub to the left of the exit door, clear off the table.

Please return your pencil to the box you picked it up from, on the registration desk.

Please take the played boards and table card, along with Bridgemate to the setup table, outside the kitchen.



If everyone helps with these simple things it will help the clean up crew get out that much faster!



### FACE TO FACE AND ONLINE CORNER

#### MAINTAINING SCORE SHEET (F2F)

We are delighted you want to keep your score and details, however, please don't delay the game in doing so. You should not be writing when –

- You arrive at a table, be play ready, don't start writing in your score sheet
- When you are on lead, **lead then write** so declarer can take a moment to assess
- Please don't delay the board and then the round because you are updating your score sheets, update when the round is done.
- You are going to delay the board because you are updating your sheet.

#### JULY 1<sup>st</sup> GAME (BOTH)

RHBC is also celebrating Canada Day with our regular running **online** game, so come join us before the Fireworks begin for our regularly scheduled Saturday game. Of course, on July 4<sup>th</sup> (Independence Day) we will run both our games, 0-500 @ 12:30 and our Cocktail Game @ 4:00. Come Celebrate with Us!

**No Face to Face** the facility is closed for the holiday!

#### SPECIAL GAMES COMING TO YOU...(ONLINE)

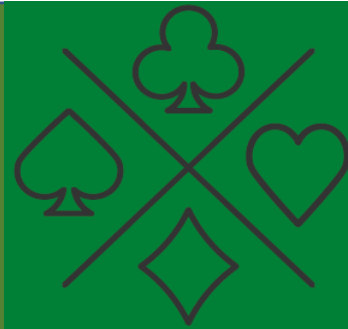
August is bringing in SILVER LININGS, the week of August 7 – 13<sup>th</sup> you can earn 100% silver points. This is the time to get those missing silver points you need.

Remember, the cost for special games goes up to 5BB\$ to offset the ACBL table fee increase!



# RICHMOND HILL BRIDGE CLUB (RHBC)

## JULY 2023: GRAPEVINE



### ONLINE CORNER

#### SUMMER SCHEDULE

RHBC will continue to run all games, **even on the holidays**, including August 7<sup>th</sup> (Civic Holiday), September 4<sup>th</sup> (Labour Day), October 9<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving Day) and even Christmas Day (Dec 25<sup>th</sup>)!

Our online games are -

Monday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday (All Open Games) @ 12:30

Tuesday (0-500) @ 12:30

Tuesday Cocktail Game (Open Game) @ 4:00 (18 boards, 6 min / board)

Sunday (0-350) @ 12:15

#### SUNDAY ZOOM

The Sunday Zoom is on sabbatical until the fall as are the F2F mini lessons, but keep practicing and remember we are always happy to answer any questions you have on those "tough hands".

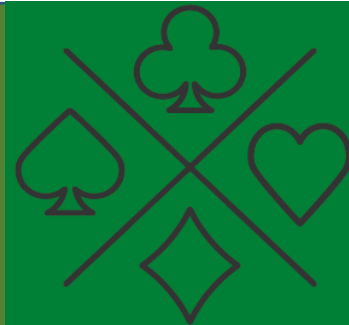
**Attention Limited Players:** Watch your inbox for **Barbara Seagram Quizzes** with answers coming a week afterwards, about 8-10 quizzes in total!! We're helping you keep your bridge momentum going in the right direction to hone your bridge skills! At the end of the summer there will be an offer for you to purchase Barbara's Quiz Book with all 30 quizzes! We can't wait, but don't want to hurry the summer along!

#### CONGRATULATIONS

#### PAUL & MARY LEONARD

A little birdie flew by and dropped the seeds of a special Wedding Anniversary, Paul (pwlll) and Mary (mel\_III) Leonard celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Jun 22, 2023. A milestone, most definitely. Congratulations Paul and Mary

If there was a way to read a woman's mind, I am not sure I would want to. I hate shoes, shopping, gossip, and I already know I am annoying.



### PLAYER INFORMATION CORNER

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY IZHAR

Izhar didn't want any 'pomp and circumstance' around his birthday, no party (sad), no presents (oh why?) or celebration (we missed a good party), but we knew about it and just couldn't let it go by without saying **HAPPY 80<sup>TH</sup>** the big day, June 30<sup>th</sup>!

Many happy returns Izhar from all of your bridge friends at the club and thanks for all you do for us!



#### SUBMITTED BY LOU ANNE

My husband and I managed to stay well for our vacation down south. We returned home and he tested positive for COVID. He started taking **Paxlovid (\*)**, recommended by the pharmacist, the next day and felt remarkably better. It is really nice that the pharmacists can prescribe some things. I called our Shoppers Drug Mart, explained the situation and was able to pick it up right away. And, the pharmacist said "if you test positive at some point get it right away".

I'm telling you this story as I know you are in touch with a lot of people and some may not be aware that you can get Paxlovid from your Pharmacist (it has to be started within the first 5 days of testing positive and you take it for 5 days).

**(\*) What is Paxlovid?** Nirmatrelvir/ritonavir, sold under the brand name Paxlovid, is a co-packaged medication used as a treatment for COVID-19. It contains the antiviral medications nirmatrelvir and ritonavir and was developed by Pfizer. It works by preventing the COVID-19 virus from making copies of itself in the body. Paxlovid is the first-choice treatment for mild to moderate COVID in people with a higher risk of severe illness.

**Remember before taking any medication you should consult your physician or check with the pharmacist to make sure it is right for you**





### MISCELLANEOUS

#### TEST YOURSELF!

#### ONE HAND, SIX QUESTIONS

Vulnerable. Sitting South and you hold this hand:

♠ KJ10765   ♥ Q65   ♦ 654   ♣ 7

1. North	East	South	West
1♥	2♣	?	

2. East	South	West	North
1♥	?		

3. North	East	South	West
2♣ (*)	Pass	?	

(\*) strong

4. North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	?	

5. West	North	East	South
1♠	Dbl.	Pass	?

6. East	South	West	North
1♠	Pass	2♦	Dbl.
Pass	?		



### MISCELLANEOUS

### TEST YOURSELF!

### SOLUTIONS

1. 2♥ Not strong enough to bid 2S
2. **PASS** Two weak for a weak jump overcall at this vulnerability. The HQ is not a good card offensively.
3. 2♠ Unless you play that a positive response in a suit guaranteed two of the top three honors. If you do, respond 2D, waiting.
4. 3♠ Rebid your strong six card major-the first priority.
5. **PASS** What else?
6. 2♥ Partner has a club-heart two-suiter possibly with four hearts and five clubs. If you get doubled, you might decide to run to 3C. Bid 2H confidently to stave off the double.