

EDITOR'S NOTE

THE LONGEST DAY EVENT:

Tuesday June 21st @ Thornhill Golf Club. RHBC will run their online games on June 21st with ALL proceeds will be donated to Alzheimer's Society of Ontario, so if you can't join us F2F, please join us online to help support this WONDERFUL cause!

IT'S SOOOO CLOSE! Registration forms have been sent! Please get yours filled out and return it so you are ready for a 'fun filled day for a very worthwhile cause'!

NON-MEMBERS: A quick note, you do not have to be an ACBL member to join in this great day for a great cause.

ONLINE AUCTION: Watch your inbox for the online Auction, you will want to browse the 'goodies' available, get ready to shop! The target to open bidding is **JUNE 1ST**

COVID PROTOCOLS: We've been asked "will players be vaccinated? Will players wear masks"? Like all events we are following the COVID government regulations and guidelines, which at this time means masks are optional, but we have seen, as I'm sure you have that about 98% of players are wearing masks.





FACE TO FACE GAMES

Face to Face is back, players are slowly returning, but it has been a challenge and we still feel it is going to be a long road to our former glory!

Clubs are about to compete with something out of their control, the WEATHER, and reduced restrictions, as we exit the pandemic (we hope)! We are entering summer, at long last, which means good weather, sunshine, golf, tennis and a lot of outdoor activities. We continue to rebuild the face-to-face games, but we can't do it without you, so please try to rejoin our Thu 12:45 game @ Rouge Woods Community Centre. It is a great venue; bright, airy, roomy and a nice game!

We would also like to **WELCOME** new faces at the tables! We are thrilled to have new players join our games and we welcome them all. We'd like to introduce them to you – Lou Anne Gent, John Hull, Wai (Lana) Ling Ko and Joe Lefkowitz

WATCH FOR IT... We were not able to have our Celebration in December when the 2nd lock down hit, but we will still host our 'Welcome Back Lunch'. We are waiting for the warmer weather and are targeting early June so watch your inbox for the news and invitation!

Ever heard a player say things like these?

Ten things a bridge player would never say ...

1. This club (playing area) is always the right temperature – never too hot or too cold.
2. Free coffee? No thanks.
3. Cool! A four-board sitout.
4. No, I don't think tournament fees are too high.
5. I can always count on my partner to remember every convention on our card.
6. No gossip, please. I'm not interested.
7. More new Alerts! More new Alerts!
8. One thing I can say about bridge players – they sure know how to dress.
9. No matter which direction we sit, the cards always go our way.
10. I don't feel like bridge today, thanks. I'd rather jog and work out.

– Marilyn White, Toronto

RICHMOND HILL BRIDGE CLUB (RHBC)

APRIL 2022: GRAPEVINE



CLUB CORNER

CLUB POLICY: ALERT CHANGE

We have played on BBO now for over two years as a club. We announced that our club policy for opening a Standard NT (15-17) **DOES NOT** need to be alerted.

Well, we are also happy to announce that you **do not** need to alert **transfers to the majors!** The majority of players play transfers, it is very common and no longer needs to be alerted over partners NT opening **with no interference.** The following bids are understood -

- 2♥ = transfer to ♠
- 2♦ = transfer to ♥

If you play these bids and they mean something else in response to your partners NT opening you **MUST ALERT.** A transfer/relay to the minors must also be alerted.

ONLINE ACBL SPECIAL POINT GAMES COMING SOON

A reminder, ACBL has only one weekend to earn extra points in May!

May 14-15th – **Grassroots Weekend** - 2x regular club points, Cost: \$4

COMING IN JUNE

June 18-19th – **Longest Day Weekend**, in support of Alzheimer's – 2x regular club points, Cost: \$4

ONLINE CHEATING

We often hear *“our opponents bidding was suspicious”; “I question their defense; how did they know”?*

Sadly, cheating exists in life and in online bridge.

ACBL has been monitoring suspected cheaters, but they have now taken a giant ‘step forward’ and created **EDGAR**

EDGAR has been designed, tested and proven to randomly search **all online games** in play. **EDGAR** constantly scans the tables in play looking for violators and can detect 17 ways players cheat including some of the most common:

Bidding and Lead Detectors plus
Discrepancies Between Declarer Skill &
Defender Skill

Players identified as violators will face a ban of up to 6 months from online play.

As a club we are happy to know that ACBL is working hard to reduce online cheating to help us maintain the integrity of this great game.



CLUB CORNER



CHANGES ARE COMING....

Sunday Zoom Call - Warm weather is coming, summer is so close and that means bridge players will start playing outdoors. We will suspend the Sunday Zoom Call for the summer, we did this last year. Players won't miss out on the topics of interest.

Zoom calls End: Sunday May 29th

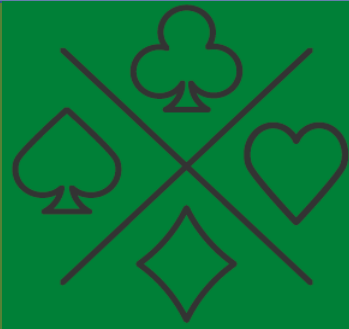
Zoom calls Restart: Sunday Sept 11th (after Labour Day).

NO ZOOM: May 8th MOTHERS DAY

TUESDAY TIP – will continue! This is Lorraine's 20-minute Tip on Tuesdays before our games, you receive an invite to the tip if you play in either the Tues 0-350 or 0-25 game! The feedback on the tips has been EXCELLENT.

TUESDAY (0-25) and SUNDAY (0-75) GAMES – now require you to preregister. We have been averaging about 4 tables, but we have had to cancel the Tuesday 0-25 game. We would like to know if we have enough players for the game to go ahead and preregistering will provide the information. Send an email to Susan @ sbealsca@yahoo.co.uk the day before to register with your partner. If we do not have enough entries to run the game you will be advised the evening before game day.

LESSON TEASER: Lorraine takes the summer off from teaching, but she is going to host one more two-hour lesson in the near future, date to be determined. I am told this lesson will be on New Minor Force (NMF)! Watch your inbox for more details



PLAYER'S CORNER

WELCOME SONNY BESSANT, OUR NEWEST DIRECTOR!

We are pleased to announce the arrival of a new director to our games.

We are delighted to announce that Sonny Bessant has agreed to direct our Saturday games. Most of you have played against Sonny, but now he will be behind the scenes. Welcome aboard Sonny!

CONGRATULATIONS DAVE & CATHY TUBB

Cathy and Dave were the Common Game winners in March! As winners they both received 10BB\$! You will also see both Dave and Cathy recognized on the Homepage at The CommonGame.com and the Sunshine Bridge News publication! Well done Dave and Cathy!!

AND THERE'S MORE

Players are growing and advancing and several players have moved up a level, we'd like to congratulate the following players on their milestones!

Junior Master: Bea D'Andrade
Club Master: Sandra Robertson
Sectional Master: Judy Hackett
Bronze Life Master: Gerry Whiting
Silver Life Master: Koji Kari





PLAYERS CORNER

Submitted by Irfan (very funny)

An eye opener for those who are under the delusion that Bridge is just a card game!

A lady applying for a job as a housemaid, when asked why she left her last employment, replied:

"Sir, the wages were good, the living conditions quite comfortable, but it was the most ridiculous place. They played this game they called Bridge. Last night a lot of folks were there. As I was about to bring the refreshments, I heard a man tell a lady, "Lay down and let's see what you've got."

Another man said, "I have strength, but not much length."

Yet another man told a lady, "Take your hand off my trick!"

I dropped dead when a lady said, "You forced me. You jumped me twice, but you didn't have the strength for even one good raise."

Another lady was talking about protecting her honour, and one lady told another, "Now it's my turn to play with your husband; you play with mine."

I packed my bags, took my hat and coat and was leaving, when I heard a young man say, "I guess we can go home soon. This is the last rubber."

LESSON REMINDER

STARTING Tuesday May 10-June 14;
9:30A-10:30A a 5-lesson series begins!

Cost: \$100.

1. When to (or not to) **break suits** on defense
2. **Leading aggressively or leading passively** (How to know which to choose)
3. **Doubling artificial bids** (When? Why?)
4. When and how to **show your attitude or count**
5. The use of **pre-empting and sacrificing** (When should you do it? What does it show? Why?)

Lessons Include: Interactive Instruction on Zoom (recordings available for 7-days), presentation, notes and follow-up.

Contact Mike at:

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EXERCISE YOUR MIND



PLAY DUPLICATE BRIDGE



MISCELLANEOUS

TEST YOURSELF!

Combatting Pre-empts...Continued

Winning combat tactics for the bidder who is troubled?

Parry left? Parry Right? Try to escape undoubled!

On each of these 3 hands your RHO has opened with a pre-emptive bid, and you are presented with two reasonable options, (if you would do something else, once again, don't admit it).

1. RHO opens 3♣ in first seat with your side vulnerable

♠ A J 2

♥ K 6 2

♣ A Q J 10 6

♦ A 6

What's your bid?

- A. Double
- B. 3NT

2. RHO opens 3♠ in first seat with your side vulnerable

♠ Void

♥ A K Q

♣ K Q 10 9 8

♦ Q 8 6 3 2

What's your bid?

- A. Double
- B. 4NT

3. RHO opens 3♦ in first seat with your side vulnerable

♠ A J

♥ K 10 7 6 3

♣ Q 10 8 6 3

♦ J

What's your bid?

- A. Pass
- B. 3♥



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ANSWERS TO TEST YOURSELF

Compare yourself with the two experts who faced the exact same situation in real life and acted differently.

1. 2007 Springold

Zhong Fu doubled and partner played in 4♠. Down 1, -100

Fluvio Fantoni bid 3NT and played there. Down 3, -100

2. 2007 Bermuda Bowl

George Jacobs doubled; partner passed for penalty. Down 1, +200

♠ A 10 8 6 3 ♥ 10 6 4 2 ♣ 2 ♦ K 7 5

Glenn Groetheim bid 4NT and partner played in 5♦. Down 1, -100

3. 2007 Bermuda Bowl

Claudio Nunes doubles and partner played in 3NT. Down 1, -50

Neville Eber bid 3♠ and partner played 4♠x. Down 4, -800