# RICHMOND HILL BRIDGE CLUB (RHBC)

**OCT 2022: GRAPEVINE** 



## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

# **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**





# **HAPPY HALLOWEEN**





## **EDITOR'S NOTE...LUG PUMPKIN TOTE for SICKKIDS**

### TRICK OR TREAT WITH THE LUG PUMPKIN TOTE, SUPPORTING SICKKIDS

The Lug Pumpkin Totes in support of Child Life at SickKids Hospital in Toronto will be available to purchase starting October 2nd. Lug created the perfect Pumpkin Tote for Halloween and by purchasing this bag you will be supporting the Child Life Program @ SickKids.



How to purchase your Pumpkin Tote? Go To: <a href="https://www.Luglife.com">www.Luglife.com</a>
\$25.00 CAD + Taxes (approx. \$20.00 USD)

BY THE WAY: If you don't wish to purchase a Pumpkin Tote, but would like to donate to the Child Life program at SickKids, please use this link: http://gofundraise.sickkidsfoundation.com/goto/Lug

#### THREE WAYS TO GET YOURS

Visit www.shopluglive.com On October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM EST for the kick off event

OR

Visit <u>www.Luglife.com</u> website (CAN\$) or <u>LugLive App</u> (US\$) and shop on the website.

OR

Follow Lug on social@shopluglive on Instagram and Facebook. Live shows are streamed on each social channel

Please purchase by October 9 to ensure delivery in time for trick or treating on Oct 31.



## **EDITOR'S NOTE...MORE ON THE RAFFLE**

#### MORE ABOUT THE RHBC RAFFLE

We promised more to come and here it is – On Thu Oct  $6^{th}$ , at our F2F game we are raffling off the following prizes –

- 1) White and Red Wine Package (2 bottles each)
- 2) LCBO and Esso Gas Gift Cards (separate items)
- 3) Free Play Club Voucher (10 plays)
- 4) Barbara Seagram Books (2 items with 2 books each)
- 5) LUG 'surprise' items (2 in total)
- 6) Something Sweet Package

**Silent Auction:** Also, on Oct 6<sup>th</sup> we raffle off Alex and Barbara in our silent auction to play with the winners. The winners can pick one of 3 dates – Sat Dec 3, 10 or 17, you and your partner will team up with Barbara and Alex, play and learn!! Starting Bid: \$20.00

**50/50 Draws:** On Oct 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> we will have 50/50 draws at the club. Players can win some 'cold hard cash', splitting the pot!

#### WHAT WILL OCT 6<sup>TH</sup> F2F GAME LOOK LIKE YOU ASK?

Step 1: Arrive a little earlier and register for the game as usual and get your seat assignment

Step 2: Buy your raffle tickets

1 for \$3 | 2 for \$5 | 5 for \$10 | 12 for \$20

Step 4: Place your raffle tickets in the 'ticket bag' in front of the items you want to win

Step 5: Place your bid on the silent auction sheet, attend the mini-lesson!

Step 6: At the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last round, we will halt the game and the winning tickets will be pulled, by a special guest and prizes distributed. We also will announce the silent auction highest bid.

Step 7: Last Round continues

**THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING THIS WONDERFUL CAUSE**. We've said it before and say it again, we hope we don't need SickKids, but if someone does, we are thankful it is available.



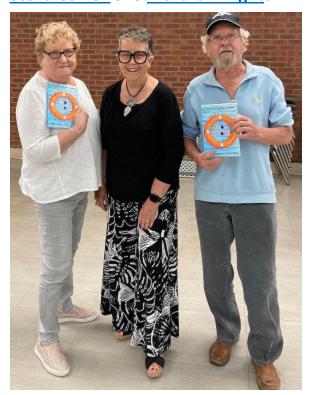
### **FACE TO FACE GAMES**

#### A MESSAGE FROM IZHAR

It's so great to be back F2F! We are now officially running both our games, Thursday and Saturday, and we were fortunate enough to get Elgin Barrow Arena for both games! Same great game, but now one location only, you don't have to remember where to go!

Our Thursday game is averaging 10+ tables, we are seeing our game grow consistently and are hoping to continue the momentum, so please come and play, help us continue our growth surge! Remember our "Mini Lesson" before the game (12:15) with handouts. Game time is 12:45 so please arrive at least 10 min before start time to get checked in and seated.

Our Saturday game started on Sep 10 with 6 tables and brought us two special guests – Barbara Seagram and her husband Alex Kornel! We were thrilled to have Barbara & Alex play in our 'debut' Saturday game! Barbara so very kindly gave us two of her latest books (Play it Safe) to raffle off, which we did, and the Winners Were... drumroll please; Stella Cowen and Richard Wright!



We have seen the return of many familiar faces, but we also have many new faces, players who played online, and are now coming out to our F2F games. We had one player who drove 2.5 hours so he could meet his partner and she could play her first F2F game! Thanks Sue (savitr) and John (sully444). Thomas even coaxed his Dad Keith into joining us!

The F2F game fee is \$6 at the door, but you can buy a coupon for \$50 for 10 plays, a very popular option. Don't forget we have "Free" tea, coffee and cookies with a birthday cake on the last Thu of the month.

Come out and join us, enjoy this great game we all love so much, share the comradery, see familiar faces and meet some new players!



## **ONLINE GAMES**

Fall is officially here, we aren't sure about you, but we don't know where Summer went, it seemed to be here and then gone, I guess we blinked! In keeping with the past few years, we have juggled our winter game schedule to accommodate players who have moved from the 'great outdoors' to the 'warm indoors'.

**Mon and Sat (0-500)** games have been sunset until after Thanksgiving then we will assess. We want to run one healthy game. We'll restart on Mon Oct 24<sup>th</sup> and see if more players are ready to play. The Sat game is on hold, we have both F2F and online, so we'll see.

**Tues (0-50)** game has restarted and its now a **(0-100)** game! The game time is 12:15 and is available for players who need a 'safer' pool to swim in! It runs after the Tues tip.

**Tue (0-350)** has changed to **(0-500)**. Since we suspended the (0-500) on Mondays for now, we wanted to give players a place to play. Same great game, just expanded on Tuesday. We will reset it back to 0-350 when we restart the Mon (0-500).

**Tues Tip** is back on Tuesday @ 11:30 (20 minutes, with Lorraine); we re-started on 9/20 and our attendance is growing. This is a great way for players to learn from a seasoned teacher.

**Wed (0-350)** game @ 9:30A has returned, remember 18 boards, you are done in 2-hours, but you are not rushed. Our first game had 3 tables, we need more so we can keep it running, so it's a wait and see kind of game for now. If you have the time, we have the game!

**Wed PM** game has been sunset for now, we'll see if there is an interest when cold weather starts and days get longer. We need more people interested in playing to host the game.

**Sunday Zoom** has returned on Sunday's @ 3:15 (40 minutes), but we decided to move them to every other week to give everyone a week of down time. Next Zoom: Sun Oct 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Ladies Game** remains, Tuesdays @ 4:00 and we are hoping to see a little more activity at the tables as the golfers move indoors in the coming weeks. Please join us in supporting this really great game!



### **CLUB CORNER**

#### **LESSONS BY LORRAINE:**

Lorraine Eaglesham is running a 7 week online intermediate course, **INTERMEDIATE I**, starting on Thursday, October 6 from 4pm to 6pm. It is recorded, so you don't have to attend "live" if you have other commitments. Course outline includes:

- Rebids by Opener and Responders
- Forcing bids, limited/unlimited bids (when to stop bidding and when to continue!)
- Limit Raises
- Perfecting NT bidding (Stayman, transfers)
- Overcalls (Simple and Jump overcalls)
- Take-out Doubles
- Reverses | Law of Total Tricks | Safety Play | Hold-Up Play | Safe Hand/Danger Hand
- Play of the Hand: planning, project suit, the 4 methods of eliminating losers. Hand played, interaction, homework and email consultation! \$195 fee includes textbook. For more info: bridgewithlorraine@gmail.com.

#### **NEW TUESDAY NIGHT GAME ON BBO**

EXTRA, EXTRA, YOU READ IT HERE

MEDHAT, IS RE-STARTING HIS TUESDAY NIGHT GAME @ 7:00PM

**BOARDS: 24** 

**MINUTES / BOARD: 6 minutes** 

#### **LORRAINE'S TUESDAY TIP**

The Tuesday Tip restarted on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> with <u>"Is Your King Pulling It's Weight"</u> followed by <u>"Analyzing the Opening Lead"</u> on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. Great news, we are going to open the Tuesday Tip to all our limited players so watch for your invite! If you don't get one and want one contact Susan Beals

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### **Submitted by Linda Saffer:**



"Bridge is the most interesting game that the art of man has ever devised. To have learnt to play a good game of bridge is the safest insurance against the tedium of old age. What decision, what

quickness of apprehension, what judgment, what knowledge of character, are required to play a difficult hand perfectly."

From a biography of W. Somerset Maugham.



# BARBARA SEAGRAM'S INTRODUCTION TO BRIDGE VIDEO

Barbara has kindly offered RHBC a **FREE** link to her video, introducing BRIDGE to players who have never played.

#### https://youtu.be/V033as-0bCQ

Please share this video with all your non playing bridge friends. It is 30-minutes and will give them insight into what Bridge is all about; hopefully they want to learn and it grabs them as it has all of us.

We need more players playing bridge to keep the game alive, and this is a way we can promote it. If any of your friends are interested in learning bridge we are working with <a href="Lorraine Eaglesham">Lorraine Eaglesham</a>, a great bridge teacher who, just for us, will host a series of beginner lessons, but that's not all!

Barbara has also given us a video for the more advanced players, those with up to 350 master points. This 30 min video called "Taking Tricks with Tiny Cards" is available for only \$10! If you are interested in purchasing the video link, contact Susan Beals @ 416-433-2292 or sbealsca@yahoo.co.uk to find out how.



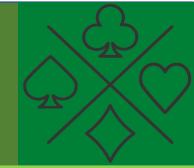
## **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **TEST YOURSELF!**

#### **TESTING YOU ON OPENER'S 3RD BID**

On each of these hands the auction is the same, now SOUTH, what do you bid?

1. • 4	♥ A Q J 10 8 7 6	<b>♣</b> J 4 3	♦ A 3
2. 🛊 5	♥ K Q J 10 9 7	♣ Q 4	♦ K 7 4 3
3. ♠ K Q	• A 7 6 5 4 3	<b>♣</b> KJ6	<b>♦</b> 8 5
4. 🛊 K 7	<b>♥</b> A 9 8 6 5 4	♣ Q 10 6	♦ Q J
5. • 9	♥ A Q 9 7 6 4	<b>♣</b> K 7 6	♦ K J 10
6. 🛦 -	<b>∨</b> A 8 7 6 5 4 2	<b>♣</b> K 10 3 2	<b>♦</b> A 2



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#### **ANSWERS TO TEST YOURSELF**

- 1. **4**♥. Your partner has a strong hand and your independent heart suit must be revealed. You can play in hearts facing a void if necessary.
- 2. **3♥.** You have a minimum opening bid with a possibly wasted ♦ K. Your heart suit is independent, always a plus; 3NT is off the wall.
- 3. 4. Your hand has improved tremendously on the bidding. Partner figures to have five or six spades. (If partner had four spades, he would have arranged a different auction). There is a likely slam here and you should indicate the strength of your spades; a raise in clubs, partner's second suit, would show four clubs.
- 4. **3**♠. You have already shown partner six ♥ so now is the time to give partner a preference. A raise to 4♣ shows four card support and rebids of 3♥ or 3NT are both off the wall.
- 5. **3NT**. Sticks out like a sore thumb.
- 6. 4 ◆! You have to have talked this one over! The jump to 4 ◆ announces a big fit with partner's last bid suit plus the ace of the jump suit. It's a neat way of showing fitting hands while staying beneath the level of 4NT. The leap is called the "an out of the blue cue".