



EDITOR'S NOTE

It is hard to believe it is September! The summer is almost gone, kids are back in school, winter is on our radar. There are many sad faces, but not us! We are ready, willing and hoping that the F2F games will continue growing and that our online games will remain healthy and enjoyable for those unable to play in the F2F games.



Since it is going to get colder outside and people will move indoors, looking for other ways to entertain themselves, we are going to add back our zoom calls (Tips and Topics) and will restart some of the games we put on hiatus for the summer to see if the interest is back!

We are still in the process of working out when to host our Welcome Back Lunch, it has not been forgotten. We were going to host it in August, invitations were printed, menu was planned, but then the COVID numbers started rising and people were 'nervous', so we have pushed it out, again, and will give you lots of notice when we finally get a date firmed up.

LONGEST DAY has come and gone and we wanted to share the final results with you. We are thrilled to announce that the Day of Bridge hosted at Thornhill Golf Club, by both RHBC and Thornhill raised **\$25,000** for Alzheimer's Ontario!

Thank You to everyone who participated to make this a successful event, we could not have done it without your participation and support!

WHAT'S NEXT? A TEASER...

RHBC will be running a charity game in October to support a special program at SickKids Hospital. The price will be \$5 with all proceeds going to the event. More information and the date to follow!

Our club's mission hasn't changed, we want to be able to give back to our community and those who need our help. SickKids is a great cause and a hospital that has touched most of us at one time or another.



FACE TO FACE CORNER

Submitted by: Izhar, Susan, Claude

Say it isn't so, is it really true? YES, it is true, read on for more!!

We have been asked by several players when we will restart our Saturday game and we sent out a team to explore our options and hoped to secure the room at **Elgin Barrow**. Our Saturday game, pre-COVID, was always at Rouge Woods, but we wanted both games to be in the same location with a plan to restart in mid to late September.

The pool of players willing to play F2F is still small, we do not want to compete with other area clubs, so we opted to try to restart Saturday, but we need your help and participation if it is going to be successful and allow us to keep it going.

It's official; we restart on **Saturday September 10th @ 12:45** there are no lessons before the game, so come join us. Like all our games there are cookies, tea and coffee and of course bridge!

The online game will still run-on Saturday, but that is changing too! The price will increase to 4BB\$ **AND** there will only be one game to start with, the Open game, the same format offered on Thursday. If we see or hear of an interest to host a limited game, we will consider this as well, but let's start slowly and see where it leads us.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bob Stuart achieving Ruby Life Master

**John Sullivan on being the Aug 299er
Top 20 Finishes Winner!**

**Martin Braun on being the Aug Open
Winner!**

WELL DONE!!

CONVENTION CARDS

A reminder that EVERYONE should have a convention card, whether Face to Face or Online. Newer players, if you need help, please reach out and ask, we're happy to get you started!!



ONLINE CORNER

LABOUR DAY GAME CHANGES

The long weekend is fast approaching and we know many are busy with family, friends and the great outdoors so in keeping with our August 1st holiday we've made a few changes.

Holiday Schedule

Saturday Open Game @ 12:30 (there will be no 0-500)

Sunday Game (0-100) @ 12:15

Sunday Open @ 12:30

Monday Open Game @ 12:30 (there will be no 0-500)

THEY'RE BACK!

TUESDAY TIPS: Lorraine's tips are starting on Tuesday September 20th. Remember the tips are 20 min before our club games so you have lots of time to 'learn and play'. If you play in any limited game, you will be invited!

SUNDAY ZOOM: Like the Tuesday Tip, the Sunday Zoom topic restarts on Sept 18th, but they will run **twice a month**, not weekly. Since the Tuesday tip is open to all our limited game players, we opted to make the Sunday zoom twice a month. Remember you receive the invite when you play in any one of our limited games: 0-50, 0-100 or 0-350.

RESTARTING WED (0-350) GAME: We promised we would restart the morning game on Wednesdays in the Fall and our **first game will be Wed Sept 21st @ 9:30A**. Remember this is a 2-hour game, you only play 18 boards, then the day is yours!! We hope there is enough interest so we can keep the game going through the 'long cold days of winter'!

LADIES GAME: We love to hear that player's enjoy our games and several have called out the Ladies' game and are bringing their friends, which is great, the more players the more competition and fun. Numbers were low in the summer, but we are hoping that they start the climb back up in the fall.



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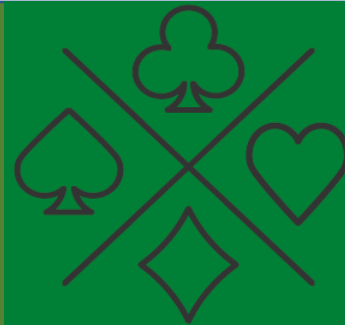
ETIQUETTE REFRESHER

We all know bridge is a game, everyone wants to do their best, but there are rules, laws and guidelines we follow to maintain the spirit and integrity of this great game and to create a friendly environment. The introduction of online games to bridge clubs changed how we play and now as we go back to the face-to-face games, we felt it important to remind players of a few of the basics for both venues.

FACE TO FACE

1. DO NOT touch your opponent's cards, EVER
2. DO NOT touch dummy's cards, point if necessary
3. DO NOT roll your eyes, sigh or make other facial expressions
4. USE THE ALERT card if your partner is making an 'unnatural bid', do not SPEAK
5. IF, AND ONLY IF, the opponents ask what your Alert means, then you explain, tell them what it means to you; example, "my partner has 4-card support and 10-12 points"
6. ALWAYS BE KIND to your partner and to your opponents
7. NEVER raise your voice for any reason, call the director
8. DO NOT snap your cards for any reason, many do it out of habit, please break this habit, it is annoying and it damages the cards and indicates 'displeasure'
9. PARTNER makes the alert, not the bidder (the opposite to online)
10. REMAIN seated after your round, do not 'wander'. If you are chatting, do so quietly, others may not be as fast as you, be courteous to those around you.
11. DO NOT discuss the prior board when coming to a table, remember your ops may not have played that yet.
12. HAVE a convention card, both F2F and Online.





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ONLINE

1. If a bid is not alerted, assume it is NATURAL, please don't ask for an explanation. It slows the tempo of the game and disrupts the bidder.
2. CALL THE DIRECTOR if you feel there was a failure to alert or you were harmed, the director will deal with it.
3. DO NOT use the Alert Button, instead explain your bid BEFORE you bid, by typing in the bid box in the explain line.
4. EXPLAIN the bid, we say this every game, but it still happens where players name a convention; Bergen, Jacoby, New Minor Force, etc. Not all players play these conventions so they need to know what the bid means.
5. DO NOT ask a player privately what their bid means, again it is disruptive
6. PLAYERS even though you 'think' that a bid is obvious, such as a response to a 4NT bid or Gerber, please explain it, e.g., 0-3 kc or 1 A, not all players play 1430 or Gerber.
7. DO NOT run the clock down by continually clicking on the explain button. If the answer isn't satisfactory, call the director to intervene.
8. REMEMBER you aren't the only player in the game who is calling the director, there are disconnects, other calls and often two games being run. The director will get to you and answer your call, but it may take a few minutes, so please be patient
9. DO NOT criticize your partner, don't 'teach' your partner at the table. This is very unsettling for the opponents and embarrassing to your partner
10. NEVER self congratulate, we have asked this MANY times, it is unkind to the opponents when you say WDP, particularly when the ops made a mistake, do it privately. If you wish to say nice try that is acceptable.
11. NEVER make a comment to the ops, your partner or the director that is unkind, and please do not use quotation marks or any other emoji that is open to interpretation

WE ALL LOVE THIS GREAT GAME, SO LET'S KEEP OUR CLUB A WARM, FRIENDLY PLACE FOR PLAYERS TO ENJOY THE GAME, BOTH ONLINE AND F2F.



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LESSONS

Lorraine is back from her summer holidays, refreshed and ready to start not only the Tuesday Tip (Sept 20th) but also her lessons. She has a great series lined up.

START DATE: Thursday Oct 6th from 4:00PM to 6:00PM for 7 weeks

FEE: \$200 including Barbara Seagram's textbook (\$70 for 2nd person from same household)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Players with less experience and veterans looking to learn new techniques and/or brush-up on their basic skills.

COURSE CONTENT:

BIDDING: rebids by opener and responders, forcing bids, limited/unlimited bids, limit raises, perfecting NT bidding (Stayman, transfers), Overcalls, Take-out Doubles, Reverses, Law of Total Tricks and much more

PLAY OF THE HAND: planning, project suit, disposing of losers (ruffing in dummy, entra winners in either hand, finessing, long suit establishment), unblocking, the hold-up play, danger hand, etc.

COURSE DELIVERY:

Online, using ZOOM, PowerPoint and Bridge Base (BBO), student interaction

LESSON FOLLOWUP:

YouTube Video of each lesson, 7-10 deals to play online, PDF of 4 deals from class, email consultation

REGISTER/MORE INFORMATION: Please email Lorraine at bridgewithlorraine@gmail.com or call 905-477-5060



MISCELLANEOUS

TEST YOURSELF!

BIDDING WITH A LOUSY HAND

One doesn't always pick up good hands. Sometimes one has to make do with one like this:

- ♠ 76
- ♥ K54
- ♦ J765
- ♣ 10876

How would you handle this lovely hand sitting SOUTH, given the following 6 sequences?

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

2. West North East South
 1♠ Dbl. Rdbl. ?

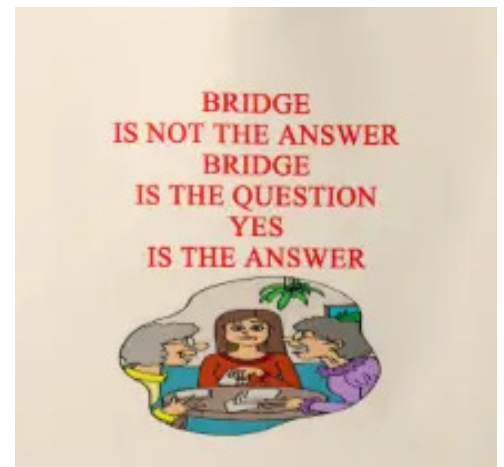
3. North East South West
 1♠ Dbl. Pass 2♣
 Dbl. Pass ?

4. North East South West
 1♣ 1♥ Pass 3♥ (1)
 3♠ Pass ?

(1) Pre-emptive

5. North East South West
 1♥ Pass Pass 1♠
 3♦ Pass ?

6. West North East South
 1NT (1) Dbl. (2) Pass ?
 (1) 15-17 (2) Penalty double





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ANSWERS TO TEST YOURSELF

- 1. 2♣.** It's not for you to reason why, it's for you to do or die. Bid your cheaper four card suit and hope for the best.
- 2. Pass.** You are off the hook after the redouble. It is up to partner to rescue himself. Bidding a minor suit at the two level after a redouble suggests a 5 card suit, exceptionally a strong four carder.
- 3. 2♦.** Partner's double is for takeout and you are taking it out. Bridge is a simple game.
- 4. 4♣.** The other choice is 5C, a bid you might make if your king were in another suit, any other suit. Partner figures to have 10 or 11 black cards with more clubs than spades (possibly 5-5) and there are no words to describe a "pass" at this point.
- 5. 4♥.** Having passed partner's 1H opening bid, you could hardly have more. Besides, there is a double fit - always good for taking mucho tricks offensively. Go for it!
- 6. Pass.** Your partner has announced a hand as strong or stronger than the opening bidder. Believe it or not, you have nothing to be ashamed of. Your side probably has as many or HCP than they do and partner is on lead. If you remove partner's penalty double of one notrump, you announce a weak hand with a five or six card suit.