



Guelph Bridge Club

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Bridge Lessons

Our Education Committee has been very busy working on the line-up of courses being offered this fall. On-line registration for courses is now available.

COURSES OFFERED FALL 2015

BEGINNER

Beginner Bridge (Level I)

Play bridge in the first lesson! Hand evaluation; roles of partners; opening the bidding; guidelines for play; responses to opening bids, rebids, overcalls, take-out doubles; the Stayman and Jacoby Transfer conventions (10 lessons)

When: Friday 9 to 11:30 am
Dates: Sept 18 to Nov 20, 2015
Cost: \$120

Prerequisite: none

Instructor: Sheila McLaren

Beginner Bridge (Level II)

Responding to opening bids with stronger hands; improving no trump auctions; competing in the bidding; negative doubles, opening weak two bids and preempts, strong two club opening and responses; Blackwood and Gerber (10 lessons)

When: Tuesday 9 to 11:30 am
Dates: Sept 22 to Nov 24, 2015
Cost: \$100

Prerequisite: Beginner Level I or equivalent

Instructor: Sheila McLaren

Declarer Play Course "Planning to Win"

Counting winners and watching entries in no trump; using long suits; counting losers and drawing trumps; promotion in suits and no trumps; the finesse; dummy points and trumping in dummy; discarding losers; watch out for the opponents; this is a hold up; protecting your honour. (10 classes)

When: Monday 7 to 9:30 pm
Dates: Sept 14 to Nov 23
(no class on Oct 12)
Cost: \$100

Prerequisite: Beginner Levels 1 and 2 or equivalent

Instructor: Monica Skinner

UPPER INTERMEDIATE Instructor: Malcolm Coutts

Workshop: Declarer Play the "Not So Simple" Finesse

The simple finesse is the most elementary technique in declarer play. But how often does the average player take a double finesse, a deep finesse, a backward finesse or a ruffing finesse? Come and learn more about finessses.

When: Saturday, 9 am to noon
November 7, 2015
Cost: \$15

Prerequisite: Suitable for people who have been playing bridge for two or more years.

UPPER INTERMEDIATE Instructor: Thea Davis

Thursdays – 9 to 11:30 am

What is Forcing?

October 22 – New minor forcing
October 29 – Fourth suit forcing
November 5 – Reverses
November 12 – Review

Cost: \$60

Prerequisite: Level II or equivalent

- Register on-line at www.guelphbridgeclub.org
- Payment by cash or cheque to Guelph Bridge Club. Mail to the Club Manager at the Guelph Bridge Club. (Please do not send cash through the mail.)
- Contact Sheila McLaren at sheilamclaren@rogers.com or 519.837.3960 for more information.

Learn Bridge in a Day – if you know anyone who might be interested in taking up bridge please spread the word. Learn Bridge in a Day is a condensed introductory bridge program that:

- Moves players quickly along the initial learning curve
- For participants that are true beginners, or those returning to bridge after long absences and those who want to "test the waters" before committing to formal classes.
- Includes both class instructions and coached play.

When: Saturday September 12, 2015
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Location: Guelph Bridge Club
Cost: \$35.00 (Lunch Included)

From the Board:

The Board met on August 4th; here are some of the items we discussed.

- **Game Director** – We are looking for at least 1 more director. If anyone is interested in taking the director's course, please let either Thea or Adrian know.
- **AGM** - the Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 8th starting at 5:30. We are still looking for at least 2 more board members. Neil will be approaching several club members to see if they would be interested in joining the board. If Neil reaches out to you please consider joining the board, it is a great way to give back to the club as a volunteer.
- **Learn Bridge in a Day** –We are hosting our first LBIAD session on Saturday September 12 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. We are offering a free play to any club member who registers a new bridge player for this event. We are also looking for volunteers to help us on Sept 12th. If you are a novice player you are exactly the volunteer we need to help us out at this event. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Monica Skinner at: retskinmb@gmail.com
- **NAP Games** – In July we awarded 67 RED points to players who qualified in the NAP Games.
- **STaC Games** – our Saturday 2 sessions Swiss team game went over well. We are going to do this again for the October STaC games. I hope that more teams will register to play.

The Tournament Scene:

Here is a list of the tournaments coming down the pipeline:

August 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Category</u>
Aug 7 – 9	Tillsonburg	Sectional
Aug 16 - 19	St. Catharines	299 Sectional

September 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Category</u>
Sep 5 – 7	Toronto	Sectional
Sep 12 - 13	St. Thomas	Sectional
Sep 15 – 20	Barrie	Regional
Sep 26 – 27	Caledon East	Sectional

October 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Category</u>
Oct 3 – 4	Chatham	Sectional
Oct 7 - 12	Ottawa	Regional
Oct 16 – 18	Collingwood	Sectional
Oct 26 – Nov 1	District 2	STaC

November 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Category</u>
Nov 10 - 15	Niagara Falls	Regional
Nov 20 - 22	Stratford	Sectional

Note: There are other tournaments; these are just the ones that are close. For a full list of tournaments please refer to the ACBL website.

Moving on Up:

I love to celebrate the accomplishments of our club members. Congratulations to the following people who have moved up the ladder of ACBL Ranks in July:

<u>Member</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>New Rank</u>
Donna Jackson	Guelph	Junior Master
Margie Whyte	Guelph	Junior Master
Dennis Williams	Guelph	Junior Master
Ron Ellis	Fergus	NABC Master
Thea Davis	Eden Mills	Silver Life Master
Margot Stockie	Guelph	Silver Life Master

Note 1: Rank Changes are as of the 1st of the month based on the previous month's data.

Bridge Best Practice:

Sometimes people forget a card that has been played and like to peep at a completed trick. This may be allowed but only before a card is led to the next trick: subsequent to the next lead neither declarer nor defender may inspect any card played.

Players who have not yet turned their cards face down may review all four cards in a current trick.

Completed tricks should only be inspected to verify the claim of a revoke or at the request of the Director.

This & That:

All of the odd stuff I want to share:

AGM: The Annual General Meeting will be on September 8, 2015 starting at 5:30. Please plan on attending, this is your club and the AGM is a great opportunity to raise any issues/questions/concerns you might have. Sept 8th is also a Club Championships game, so come on down to the meeting and stay for the game.

Membership Renewal: It is that time of the year; time to renew your membership. Membership fees are \$60.00 and are payable before the 1st of September.

Marketing and Promoting the Club: Margot Stockie had joined our Marketing team to help us with promoting and branding the club. We have a fantastic club, great facilities but we are not very good at getting the word out. We are very excited to have Margot on board. We will keep you posted on the changes we will be making.

Fall Team League: Gather your team members, registration for the Fall Team League will be in September. Schedule for the league is TBD, I will send out a separate email as soon as I confirm the dates with Dave.

NAP Games: I had several members have asked me about these NAP games and why does it cost us an extra \$1. The NAP Games we had in July and August are qualifying games for those who might be interested in playing in the North America Pair Game held at the National's in Reno next year. We decided to have these qualifying games because it is an opportunity for members to earn RED points at the club. Normally you can only earn RED points at a regional tournament; not everyone wants to go to tournaments but would still like to earn some RED Points. It now costs \$16/game at a Regional Tournament but in these NAP qualifying games you could earn RED points and it only cost you an extra \$1. The extra \$1 is charged by the ACBL not the club and we have no say in any extra table fees the ACBL levies on games.

Tai Chi: A pro was once asked what takes you to the next level in Bridge. Surprising his answer was fitness, tournaments are grueling and you need stamina to last 2 sessions of bridge/day for a week. If you are interested in an exercise regime Tai Chi might be a great activity for you. Isabelle Spencer teaches Tai Chi and will be starting up a new session in September.



**Tai Chi
for
Mind & Body**

First 2 sessions (September 15 & 22) FREE

Tai Chi is a physical and mental exercise that promotes good health in people of all ages. Sometimes known as meditation in motion, the systematic movements are performed at a slow but steady pace, gently relaxing, stretching and strengthening while developing balance, coordination and recovery.

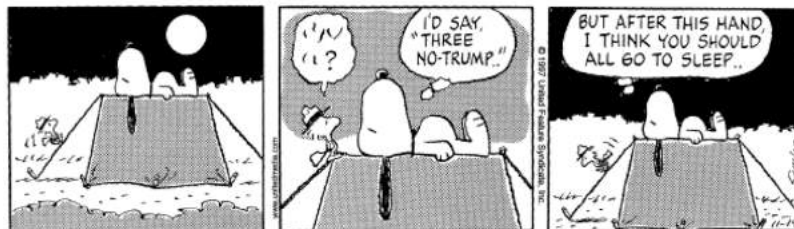
Classes will be offered at
The Guelph Curling Club - Lower Level
816 Woodlawn Street, Guelph
beginning

Tuesday, September 15th from 9:30-11 am

Required: Water bottle, comfortable loose fitting clothes, good
supportive shoes, patience, & a sense of humour.

Cost:
September 15 & 22 FREE
Then \$50 for 10 sessions or \$5 per session

Contact Isabelle Spencer (519) 823-1723



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Well that's it for now, if you have an article you want to share or an idea for the newsletter please let me know

The “Go To” People

Volunteers run the club; for the newer members of the club here is the current list of Club Officers and Volunteers:

Club Officers:

President:	Adrian Record	Secretary:	Marlene Grimwood
Vice President:	Thea Davis	Treasurer:	Pat Fung

Board of Directors:

Game Directors / ACBL:	Thea Davis	Club Manager:	Catherine Spencer
Assistant Treasurer:	Neil McLaren	Education Coordinator:	Sheila McLaren

Game Directors:

Dave Baker – Team League, Special Occasions

Thea Davis – Monday Afternoon

Adrian Record – Wednesday Afternoon

John Spencer – Tuesday Evening

Pat Fung – Friday Afternoon

Jim Rife – On Leave

Bob Griffiths – Thursday Afternoon Practice Game

Committees:

Teaching Team: Sheila McLaren, Monica Skinner, Thea Davis, Malcolm Coutts, and Jim Rife

Dealing Machine Team: Dianne Westgarth, Liz Harloff, Peter & Marlene Grimwood & Mark Hendry

Garbage Collection Team: Howard & Bonna Simpson

Greeting Cards: Joan Henry

Conduct: Adrian Record

Club Maintenance: Marcel Villeneuve, Ralph Lancaster, and Dirk Van Raalte

Laundry: Dianne Westgarth

Legal: The Firm of Miller Thomson

Library: Judy & Dirk Van Raalte, Barb McKay

Community Board: Barb McKay

IT: John Spencer

Magazines: Jeanette Hisaki

Newspaper Results: Aline Plevka

Purchasing Team:

Water – Ralph Lancaster & Cathy Gage

Cleaning Products – Maureen Mercer

Paper Products – Gloria Carter

Stuff we Drink – Pam Servos, Peter & Marlene Grimwood

Note: We all pitch in from time to time and buy things that we see is needed. If I missed anyone who has ownership for a particular item please let me know, I am always trying to update our volunteer list.