



**SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER
FROM
BARBARA & ALEX**

Hi everyone,

Do hope you are enjoying this incredible weather, wherever you are! There is lots happening so read on!

LAOS FUNDRAISER: Our Annual fundraiser for Laos will take place on Friday September 21. Mark your calendar, save the date and reserve a spot for you and your partner.

Location: Trinity Church @ 2737 Bayview.

We will be doing it a bit differently this year at our new location.

9.30 am: 2 hr hands-on workshop by Barbara

11.30 am: Lunch

12.15: Presentation on Laos by Patti Lee

1 pm: ACBL game with masterpoints

See below for more details. Over the past 6 years, we have raised money for hundreds of water filters for the remote villages of Laos. Each one now costs \$125.00 Can. or \$100.00 USD. You can purchase one or more water filters and have your name on the filter.

If you purchase one for a grandchild, you can even have a picture of your grandchild on the filter.

On Sep 21, please come. Cost is \$40.00 per person (**MINIMUM DONATION**, no maximum) Tax receipts are issued for a donation of \$40.00 or more. There is an additional \$12.00 fee charged to cover rent, (substantial), lunch and ACBL fees.

Unable to attend? We would still welcome your donation! Thank you so much for your support!

TRAVEL

Our Rhine River Boat cruise in June 2019 is almost sold out at 83 passengers in our group booked already! We do not have space aboard ship for more bridge tables, so we will close this off on June 20 and start a waitlist. If you book by June 20, you receive \$500.00 USD off your price.

Due to popular demand, we have now added another trip!

We are now doing a Transatlantic cruise on April 29 in 2020.

Starting in Rome, Florence/Pisa, Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Alicante (Spain), Malaga (Spain), Azores, Bermuda, Miami.

LOTS of days at sea on which to have a concentrated bridge program.

It is hard to believe but the ship is already selling out for this cruise just under two years away. Some categories are already gone. So call Paola Shaw at Vision Travel right away if you are interested.

Do call Paola at Vision Travel 905-873-8070 or 1-800-263-5575 # 1228 or email her at paola.shaw@visiontravel.ca

for all your travel needs; she is excellent. Scroll down for more information. Paola returns to the office on Tue 19 June.

BARBADOS: Feb 10-17, 2018: Join us for an inexpensive vacation with bridge in the sun. \$1,120.00 USD gives you one week's accommodation, all taxes, all meals and all drinks. Bridge tournament events and airfare is extra. Gratuities not included. Wonderful weather and good times. **Barbara is giving three workshops while there.** (NOT the same ones as in 2018.) Scroll down for more info. Call Roglyn to book. She is the tournament chairman.

SEMINARS: I will be teaching some seminars in the Fall at our School of Bridge in Toronto (2737 Bayview Ave just south of 401)

Sep 13: Slam Bidding

Oct 18: Double Trouble

Nov 15: Defensive Maneuvers

See below for more details. Pre-registration is required.

CALLING ALL 0-5 PLAYERS & 49'ERS (those with less than 50 master points):

We have a game for 0-5 players on Tuesday afternoons @ 12.45 pm. Stephen Laufer has taken this over and is doing a great job. We also have a game on Thursday afternoons @ 1 pm for players with 0-50 master points. Stephen is wonderful and you will enjoy both of these. Both are at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Scroll down for more information about this. FUN GUARANTEED!! Both games continue through the summer.

BRIARS: Fall Briars (October 26-28) is now sold out. You can be put on the waitlist. John Rayner and Jill Thompson take this over in April 2019. John is a SUPERB teacher. Last week in April and October. Mark those dates on your calendar now.

jillth@rogers.com if you would like to hold a room for yourself for April 2019 now.

Enjoy the Summer!
Barbara & Alex

www.barbaraseagram.com

P.S. If you wish to print any of this newsletter, there will soon be a printable version on the main page of our website at www.barbaraseagram.com That will be easier for you.

If you know anyone who may like to receive this newsletter, do let Barbara know by return email and they can be put on the email list.

Many thanks.
Barbara



TRANSATLANTIC BRIDGE CRUISE

ROME TO MIAMI

and SO much more

APRIL 28-MAY 17, 2020(18 NIGHTS)

REGENT SEVEN SEAS MARINER

WITH BARBARA SEAGRAM & ALEX KORNEL

Barbara is the Author of 26 books, the most well-known being 25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know. Barbara & Alex will be teaching bridge aboard ship and running bridge games.

This is NOT a REGENT bridge programme.

Barbara & Alex are not working for the cruise line, only for the Vision group.

You must book with Vision Travel in order to participate in our bridge programme.

Note: Space is limited as it is a small ship. Book early for best situated cabin.
Our trips sell out a year in advance.

Mariner was fully refurbished in April 2018

700 passengers. Crew 445 Cabins: 350 Tonnage: 48,075 Length: 709" Beam: 93'

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- Free Business class air on intercontinental flights
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- Penthouse suites & higher: Free personal butler

**OPTIONAL (& EXTRA) STAYOVER IN ROME PRE-CRUISE
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

Apr 29: Civitavecchia (Rome)		18.00
Apr 30: Livorno (Florence/Pisa)	8.00	20.00
May 1: Monte Carlo/Monaco	8.00	17.00
May 2: Barcelona (overnight)	11.00	
May 3: Barcelona		18.00
May 4: Alicante (Spain)	9.00	16.00
May 5: Malaga (Granada: Spain)	9.00	18.00
May 6: Cruising Atlantic Ocean		
May 7: Cruising Atlantic Ocean		
May 8: Ponta Delgada (Azores)	8.00	18.00
May 9: Cruising Atlantic Ocean		
May 10: Cruising Atlantic Ocean		
May 11: Cruising Atlantic Ocean		
May 12: Cruising Atlantic Ocean		
May 13: Hamilton (Bermuda) overnight	12.00	
May 14: Hamilton (Bermuda)		17.00
May 15: Cruising Atlantic Ocean		
May 16: Cruising Atlantic Ocean		
May 17: Miami	8.00	

ALL CABINS ON THIS SHIP ARE VERANDAH SUITES

PRICES START AT USD \$10,599.00 Category F. per person dbl. occ.

CANADIAN RESIDENTS: PRICES START AT CAN \$13,549.00

Category G per person dbl. occ.

Final payment due: Nov 18, 2019

SHIPBOARD CREDIT: \$400.00 USD per cabin if booked by Dec 15, 2018

To book, contact PAOLA SHAW AT VISION TRAVEL

paola.shaw@visiontravel.ca

Email is best so you are not playing telephone tag.

Telephone numbers: 905-873-8070 or toll free at 1-800-263-5575 # 1228

Barbara has been a licensed travel agent working for Vision Travel for over 30 years.

Paola is an excellent agent with years of experience. Her attention to detail is legendary and she can help you with ANY trip you wish to go on. Email Barbara

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BRIDGE EVENT & WATER FILTERS FOR LAOS

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21st @ 9.30 am
(Registration 8:45am)

2737 Bayview Ave. Trinity Presbyterian Church
(S of 401)

This is our annual Laos fundraiser. Note: **NEW**
Venue

Hands-on workshop by Barbara Seagram @
9.30am

"DEMON DOUBLING"

Lunch

Laos Presentation by Patti Lee

ACBL Sanctioned game follows until 3.30 pm



Patti and Barbara run a fundraiser every year to raise money to buy water filters for Laos. Cost for the day will be \$12.00 to cover the cost of lunch, rent and ACBL fees, plus a minimum donation of \$40.00 per person (NO MAXIMUM). A tax receipt will be issued for the donation portion.

Each water filter costs \$125.00 Can or \$100.00 USD. If you wish to donate one (or more) water filter(s), your name will be on the label, and you will be sent a picture of the family receiving your water filter(s).



RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:

Cheques should be made out to BARBARA SEAGRAM and sent to Barbara Seagram, 220 Lawrence Ave East, Toronto, ON M4N 1T2.

Minimum donation: \$40.00 (no maximum) PLUS \$12.00 costs.



All donations will be given to the charity and receive tax receipts. Every dime goes to the cause. Steve Rutledge, the volunteer who founded Adopt A Village in Laos, pays his own airfare, meals and accommodation. All volunteers going to Laos do the same.

This faraway land captured Patti's and Barbara's hearts in 2012. Before receiving water filters, villagers have to boil their water. (Did you know that even if you boil the water, it then has to be re-boiled later on in the day, as it becomes contaminated again). A water filter is provided for every family in the village and a lesson on sanitation/hygiene. The filters last for many years.

PLEASE JOIN BARBARA & PATTI FOR A FUN DAY on Friday, September 21, 2018. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of rural people in Laos.

Please mail in the form below with your donation/registration.



Mail to:

Barbara Seagram, 220 Lawrence Ave East, Toronto, ON M4N 1T2.

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **POSTAL CODE:** _____

TEL NO: () _____

I AM PLAYING WITH _____ THAT DAY.

Best if each person sends in their own donation so we can issue individual tax receipts.

OR CHECK THE BOX BELOW

I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH A DONATION.



All are gathered to celebrate water being brought to their village for the very first time. Running water. That is something to really celebrate. We all partied for about 5 hrs in this very rural, remote village in Northern Laos. Adopt A Village in Laos built a dam and ran pipes for miles to bring in the water. All overseen and arranged by Steve Rutledge. This is the same charity who does the water filters. Steve is the C.E.O. and founder. ALL monies raised go to the cause.



MORE ABOUT LAOS



Laos is the most heavily bombed country in the world, per capita. From 1964 - 1973, during the Vietnam War, there were more than 580,000 bombing missions in an attempt to destroy enemy supply lines during the Vietnam War. There was a bombing mission every 8 minutes 24/7 for 9 years. This is MORE bombs than fell on all of Europe during the second World War. Two million tons of ordnance was dropped on Laos. It was called the secret war as Laos was

not at war. Over 270 million cluster munitions were used. 80 million malfunctioned (did not detonate) and remain live and buried in Laos landscape. Today, the countryside of Laos is still heavily contaminated and dangerous with UXO (unexploded ordnance) lying in rice fields, villages, school grounds and other populated areas.



This is a cluster bomb, housing the small tennis-ball sized bomblets: 670 of these in each cluster bomb. Many failed to detonate and to this day, ruin the villagers' ability to till the land.

There are many accidents and the presence of the UXO's curtails socio-economic development in Laos. It impacts agricultural productivity, infrastructure building and economic investment. This contributes to a cycle of poverty in so many communities.

Within the cluster bombs are tennis ball sized bomblets. There are up to 670 bomblets within each cluster bomb. Each one needs to be defused. To date, over 40 years later, millions remain. It will

take decades upon decades to clear these. The children often mistake the bombies for toys and pick them up and throw them around. This causes an explosion. Farmers are also among the worst affected, as the poorest are forced to toil the mine-laden fields to feed their families.

Scrap metal sells for \$1-3.00 / kg so some collect this to sell and provide income. Sometimes these items turn out to be UXO's.

Eighty percent of people rely on their land to grow food in Laos, so they still use their land even at the risk of their own lives. 25% of all rural villages are still contaminated.

Civilian casualties continue.

This country is far behind most of Southeast Asia. They need our help. Adopt A Village in Laos is helping.

Join us on Friday September 21 @ 9.00 am for a bridge lecture with Barbara, followed by lunch and a presentation on Laos by Patti Lee and Steve Rutledge (Founder of Adopt A Village in Laos).

A bridge game then follows.

Please pre-register. And if you cannot attend, please consider sending in a donation to help these wonderful people. They are a wonderful peace-loving, gentle people.

Thank you from Barbara Seagram & Patti Lee for your caring.

RESPONDING TO A WEAK TWO BID BY PARTNER

Be cautious when partner has opened a weak 2 bid and you do not have a fit i.e. 2 small or fewer in her suit.

W N	East	W N E	East	W N E	East
E					
	43	2S P P	86	2S P P	5
2S P P	A532		AKQ7		KQJ8
	K852		QJ84		KQ63
	J94		J52		KQ42

But...with 3 card support:

If you have a weak hand, raise to the 3 level

If you have a strong hand and think you can make game, raise to 4.

Count the tricks for your side, based on the fact that your partner will usually have 5 tricks in the trump suit.

W N E	East	W N E	East	W N E	East
2S P 3S	Q52	2S P 4S	Q52	2S P 4S	Q52
	76		76		AKJ6
Opener must pass.	A7543		AK853		5
	752		AK6		A8643

With 4 card support and a weak hand, raise partner to game.

With 4 card support and a strong hand, raise to game.

How will she know which hand you have? She won't but she must not bid again anyway so she will either have a happy surprise when she sees the dummy or groan while she struggles with the contract.

If she doesn't make it, then most of the time, your opponents could have made lots of tricks.

W N E	East	W N E	East
2S P 4S	Q542	2S P 4S	Q542
	43		65
	K874		AKQ7
	954		KQJ7

If you have holes in your side suits and you are responding to partner's weak 2 bid, then you can ask partner whether she can fill those holes by bidding 2NT. This asks her if she has a **FEATURE**. A **FEATURE** is an Ace or a King in a suit other than the suit with which she opened. You should agree with partner on whether or not you are playing this part of the convention.

W N E East

If opener responds 3D or 3C to your 2NT query, your hand has now improved and you bid 4.

2S P 2NT

Q65

If she has no feature, she will rebid her suit at the cheapest level and you will pass.

65

AQ765

KQ7



BRIDGE ON THE RHINE & MOSELLE
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<http://barbaraseagram.com/pdf/RHINE-RIVER-BOAT-BRIDGE-CRUISE-newsletter-May-2018.pdf>

Note that we already have 55 passengers booked so there is not as much availability. Midship location NOT relevant on a river boat as the water is never rough.

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Jun 22: Embark ship

Jun 23: Amsterdam

Jun 24: Cologne

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Jun 26: Cochem

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Jun 28: Bernkastel Jun 29: Rudesheim, Germany

Jun 30: Ludwigshafen, Germany

Jul 1: Strasbourg, France

Jul 2: Breisach, Germany

Jul 3: Basel. Switzerland

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2	NIGHTS	LUCERNE	&	2	NIGHTS	ZURICH:
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NOTE THAT ONLY CANADA RESIDENTS CAN BOOK IN CAN \$

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PREVENTING A RUFF

From *Planning the Play: The Next Level*

Barbara Seagram & David Bird

Sometimes it is entirely obvious that the defenders are planning a ruff. Would you have stopped them on this deal?

S J 7 5

H 8 4 3

D Q 7 5 2

C A K 6

S 9 8 4

S A

H 9 5

H A J 10 6 2

D 10 9 6

D A J 4 3

C J 10 5 3 2

C 9 8 4

S K Q 10 6 3 2

H K Q 7

D K 8

C Q 7

West	North	East	South
		1H	1S
pass	2H	pass	4S
all pass			

North bids 2H to show a limit raise or better in spades and West leads the H 9 against your spade game. East wins with the H A and returns the H J, West follows suit as you win in your hand. A count of your losers seems to reveal no apparent problem:

Losers: S 1 H 1 D 1 C 0 Total: 3

Not so fast! You know from the opening bid that East began with five hearts. If you simply play a trump at trick 3, East will win and give his partner a heart ruff. You will lose a diamond trick subsequently and that will be one down. What can you do about it?

As soon as you win the lead, you must play three rounds of clubs and discard the H Q, even though it is a winner. Only then do you play a trump. East wins and plays the H 10 but now you can ruff high and draw trumps. You can then claim the contract for the loss of one further trick in diamonds.

PLAN: Before drawing trumps, I will discard the H Q to avoid a heart ruff.

Another one! No magical powers are needed to foresee an impending ruff on the next deal, either. Can you spot an escape route?

	S A 7 5 4	
	H 9 4 2	
	D A 7 5	
	C A 6 4	
S 9 3		S K 8
H 5		H Q J 10 7 6 3
D K J 9 6 2		D Q 10 4
C J 10 5 3 2		C 9 8
	S Q J 10 6 2	
	H A K 8	
	D 8 3	
	C K Q 7	

West	North	East	South
		2H	2S
pass	4S	all pass	

West leads the H 5 to East's H 10 and your H A. You start with these potential losers:

Losers: S 1 H 1 D 1 C 0 Total: 3

Only three losers, it may seem, but suppose you 'do what comes naturally', leading the S Q and ducking in dummy. East will win with the S K and return the H Q. West will ruff your H K and suddenly you will have four losers. You will lose one heart, one diamond and two trump tricks!

Since you can afford to lose one trump trick (but not two), you should play the trumps in a different way. You should draw one round of trumps with the S A and then lead a second round to the S Q. When the cards lie as in the diagram, East will win with the S K but West will have no trump left and cannot ruff the heart continuation.

Suppose instead that West had begun with S K93. He would win the second round of trumps with the king but he would have no route to the East hand to get his heart ruff.

PLAN: I will win and play the Ace and another trump, to avoid losing two trump tricks (one to a high trump, one to a ruff).

Quote from W. Somerset Maugham on bridge:

"Bridge is the most diverting and intelligent card game that the wit of man has so far devised.

I would have children taught it as a matter of course, just as they are taught dancing; in the end it will be more useful to them, for you cannot with seemliness continue to dance when you are bald and potbellied; nor, for that matter, can you with satisfaction to yourself or pleasure to your partner, continue to play tennis or golf when you are well past middle age. But you can play bridge so long as you can sit up at a table and tell one card from another. In fact, when all else fails: Sport, love, ambition...bridge remains a solace and an entertainment. "



BARBARA'S FALL SEMINAR WORKSHOPS

THURSDAYS 9.30 -11.30 AM

Hands-on. You play hands for the entire lesson

**Seminars are held at Trinity Presbyterian Church
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**Seminars are \$25.00 each if pre-paid prior to the class.
or \$30.00 at door. Mail in your cheque now.**

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE IN ALL SEMINARS

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Thu Oct 18 @ 9.30 am: Double Trouble

Thu Nov 15 @ 9.30 am: Defensive Maneuvers

Call Barbara or email her to register bseagram@uniserve.com 416-487-8321

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**SPACE IS LIMITED.
IF UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE LET BARBARA KNOW IMMEDIATELY.**



BARBADOS BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

FEBRUARY 10th - FEBRUARY 17th 2019

**SEVEN NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING ALL YOUR MEALS & DRINKS: USD
\$1,120.00 PER PERSON (DBL. OCC) \$1435.00 SINGLE OCCUPANCY**

EXTRA NIGHTS: \$160.00 per person DBL OCC.

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This is a smaller and gentler tournament. Very friendly and fabulous.

Highly recommended by Barbara Seagram & Alex Kornel.

Barbados is Barbara's homeland for MANY generations (almost 4 millennium!)

The rate is so excellent that you cannot afford not to do this trip.

Get away from the winter!!

Barbara & Alex will be attending the tournament in 2019.

There will be THREE free seminars given by Barbara while there. Alex will also be available to go over hands anytime.

ACBL Master Points will be awarded to ACBL members.

The Barbados Bridge League is in the process of seeking full ACBL membership as well which will upgrade the number and type of points to be issued.

TO BOOK: Contact Roglyn Hinds

roglyn@caribsurf.com 246-231-0149

Prices for bridge average \$15.00 USD per player per session. All bridge is optional. Roglyn will help to find you partners.

11 Feb: 9.30 am: Individual

11 Feb: 7.00 pm: Pelau Pairs # 1 session

12 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game

12 Feb: 7.00 pm: Pelau Pairs # 2 session

13 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game

13 Feb: 3.00 pm: Rum Pairs

14 Feb: 9.30 am: Team Game # 1 session

14 Feb: 1.00 pm: Team Game # 2 session

15 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game

15 Feb: 7.00 pm: Barbados Pairs # 1 session

16 Feb: 9.30 am & 3.00 pm: B'dos Prs # 2 & 3

NOTE: There is no significance to the names Pelau Pairs etc: It is just a designation to distinguish one event from another.

Barbara was born and raised on this beautiful island in the Caribbean. The Barbados Bridge Committee do a wonderful job running this delightful bridge tournament in February each year.

Imagine \$1,120 USD per person to spend a week at a hotel on a beach in Barbados in February, including all meals and drinks. They even pick you up at the airport!

The players are friendly, the sun shines forever and the island beckons. You cannot afford to not go! It is a very special island and I invite you to visit and enjoy all its magic. bseagram@uniserve.com

SLOW DOWN, YOU PLAY TOO FAST!

654
Q32
Q1032
AKJ

109872

A3

76

J1098

J987

54

76

85432

S N

KQJ

2C 2D

AK54

2N 6N

AK6

Q109



North knows that South has promised 22-23 HCP by his rebid of 2NT. Simple arithmetic: $22 + 12 \text{ HCP} = 34 \text{ HCP}$. North knows that NS cannot be missing two aces as that would add to 8 HCP so he bids 6NT with gay abandon.

Declarer counts tricks. West leads the S 10. East wins the S Ace and leads back a Spade. S wins it with the King.

Count your winners!

S 2 H 3 D 3 C 3

That's only 11 winners and you need 12 to make 6 NT.

If Hearts break 3-3, all will be well. If Diamonds break 3-3, you are all set but odds are not with you. Missing 6 cards, they rate to divide 4-2.

Diamonds offer you the best possibility for an extra trick because yours side also owns the D 10.

You must **postpone playing the D suit for now** because you first need to discover more information about the other suits and how they are behaving.

Cash the third Spade now. East fails to follow.

Deduction: West started with 5 Spades.

Cash three rounds of Hearts. West fails to follow on third round.

Deduction: West started with 2 Hearts.

Cash 3 rounds of Clubs. West fails to follow on third round.

Deduction: West started with 2 Clubs.

ERGO...drumroll please! West started with 4 Diamonds. East only has 2 Diamonds. East COULD have the doubleton D Jack, so you first cash D Ace and King and now finesse West for the D Jack, KNOWING with confidence that East cannot have another Diamond.



GIVE BACK TO THE GAME

Playing with a new player is a great thing to do. Make yourself available if you can. It's a terrific opportunity for any new player. New players are the future of bridge! Whether they are young players or mature folks who have just discovered this amazing game, they are anxious to learn from players with wisdom to share. Be accommodating to newer players but only offer "free" advice if you

are asked. Be gentle and understanding and be sure to encourage them to come back.

We are so lucky in Toronto to have so many opportunities to play bridge.

The main clubs that we recommend are:

Lee's Bridge Club: Tue and Wed @ 12 noon & Wed @ 7 pm @ 210 Wilson Ave.

Wayne's Bridge Club: Tue @ 6.45 pm @ 210 Wilson Ave.

Stephen's Novice Games:

0-5: Tuesdays @ 12.40 pm @ 2737 Bayview Ave.

0-50: Thursdays @ 12.40 pm @ 2737 Bayview Ave.

Hazel's Bridge Club: 6464 Yonge St @ Steeles Unit 201 416-221-0069

Toronto Bridge: 52 St Clair Ave East 2nd floor Rob Drummond: 416-968-9919

Etobicoke Bridge Centre: 590 Rathburn Rd 2nd floor. Steve Overholt etobicokebridge@gmail.com

647-897-6179

MO Bridge Club (used to be Mississauga Oakville)

Unit 20. 3105 Winston Churchill Blvd, Mississauga 905-820-5728 Phyllis Jones

Play often. If you are not in Toronto, go to www.acbl.org

Choose country, then city and find the club that is best for you.

If you cannot find a club in your area, then try playing online: www.bridgebase.com

Choose public clubs and find Relaxed Bridge.

Also, on my website www.barbaraseagram.com

Scroll down on right hand side of main page and you will find info about BIL. This stands for Beginner Intermediate Lounge. This is a lovely group of people. You pay a small fee to belong but they have free lessons and mentoring and have a great newsletter.

FALL 2018 BRIDGE CLASSES

WITH JOSÉE HAMMILL

LOCATION: TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2737 Bayview Avenue (Bayview and 401)

BASIC BRIDGE LESSONS

Wednesdays @ 1pm to 3:30 pm for 8 weeks commencing on September 26th.

\$280 includes taxes and text book if registered and paid by July 31st.

\$310 after July 31st.

For brand new players to the game & for those who have been away from the game for a long time.

INTERMEDIATE I

Wednesdays @ 9:30 am to noon for 6 weeks starting on September 26th.

\$ 230 includes taxes and text book if registered and paid by July 31st.

\$ 260 after July 31st.

For those who feel rusty and need a refresher and for those moving up from Basic lessons.

Course covers: Hand evaluation & revaluing, opening the bidding, responder's bids, major suit raises, rebids by opener, reverses, NT bidding & responses including transfers, overcalls, takeout doubles. Play components include: Planning the play of a hand in suit contracts, ruffing losers, disposing of losers by discarding, long suit establishment, finesses, hold up plays and a host of other material. The course is hands-on and you will play hands to practice.

EXCITING NEWS!!

We are now offering an EVENING Intermediate I course this fall.

It will be taught by our very own Stephen Laufer.

Stephen is a good teacher and is patient and knowledgeable.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS @ 7 pm starting on September 26th once a week for 6 weeks.

Prices as above and enrollments are done through Josee as this is her programme.

INTERMEDIATE II

Tuesdays @ 9:30 AM to noon for 6 weeks starting on September 25th.

\$ 230 includes taxes and text book if registered and paid by July 31st.

\$ 260 after July 31st.

Weak Two Bids, Strong 2 Club Bids, Slam Bidding, Cue-Bidding First Round Controls, Preempts, Unusual NT, Michaels Cuebids, Opening Light in 3rd. seat, Balancing, End Plays, Cross-Ruff, Loser-on-loser play, Introduction to defense, ...and MUCH more!!

Payment can be made by cheques payable to: Josée Hammill

...and sent with your course choices to:

Josée Hammill

1717 Avenue Rd #418

Toronto ON M5M 0A2

Payment can also be made by Interac email transfer.

**Contact Josée at mjhammill@rogers.com or 416-300-9140
for the password or additional information.**

Visit her website at www.bridgewebs.com/josees

BARBARA'S LATEST BOOK (her 26th) IS HERE

PLANNING THE PLAY: THE NEXT LEVEL

Barbara's first book in this series (also co-authored by David Bird) won Book of the Year Award by the American Bridge Teachers' Association: Planning the Play of a Bridge Hand.

That first book introduced the basic concepts of how to go about making a plan as declarer for beginning and improving players and is a popular text for bridge teachers. This sequel extends the plan to more complex situations, and covers ideas such as safety plays, avoidance play, trump control, dummy reversal, and endplays. It will appeal to players who have a good grasp of the basics of declarer play and are looking to improve from there.

Books are available from:

Lee or Wayne at their excellent Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and evening games at Temple Sinai Synagogue @ 210 Wilson Ave. OR from Stephen at Trinity Presbyterian Church at 2737 Bayview Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3.30 pm. OR order by email from Barbara bseagram@uniserve.com or you may pick up the books from us at a convenient address in North Toronto if you pre-arrange by email. We leave orders between our doors.

\$22.95 + tax = \$22.00 (They love our taxation system!!) or buy Book # 1 and 2 for \$40.00.

Think Birthday or Hostess gifts!!!



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Groups of 4-12 persons: If you are interested in having a series of lessons (or a single lesson) in your home, Enid is the one to call.

Groups of 4-12 people.

Contact Enid at 416-960-1642

or

enidr@sympatico.ca

CLASSES OUTSIDE TORONTO

WITH BARBARA IN 2018

Barbara will be teaching a few bridge classes away from Toronto. Do join us if you are anywhere nearby and have some free time.

HALIBURTON, ON margodavidson@sympatico.ca July 27

BOISE, IDAHO REGIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT
August 10, 11, 12 Deborah Lackey Deborah@DeborahLackey.com

THE ORCHARD AT ALTAPASS CHARITY FUNDRAISER
21 August

ianpbanta@gmail.com

Near Spruce Pine on the Blue Ridge Parkway. North Carolina

(click on this link)

<http://www.barbaraseagram.com/pdf/Orchard-fundraiser-2018-PDF.pdf>

CASHIERS, NORTH CAROLINA 23 August
Wade Hampton Country Club

CALEDON SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT Sat 22 Sep
Great sectional bridge tournament for all levels of players. Lots of events for less experienced bridge players. Barbara will teach in am on Saturday
Denise Donovan dcdonovan@bell.net

HOLLYBURN COUNTRY CLUB 27 September
Vancouver, BC

DUPLICATE LITE BRIDGE CLUB 30 September
Surrey, BC
Carroll Guichon carrollguichon@gmail.com



CALLING ALL 49'ERS!!!
NEW GAME FOR 0-50 MASTER
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NOVICE / INTERMEDIATES

At Trinity Presbyterian Church

BRIDGE TIP @ 12.30 pm GAME 12.45 pm
MASTER POINTS WILL BE ISSUED

lauerbridge@gmail.com

FUN GUARANTEED

Steve is a very competent director and a very nice man. You will enjoy this game.

This game is a stepping stone up from Tuesday afternoon games where you can ask questions & have help on any hand.

In Steve's games, you can ask questions after the hand or in between rounds, if time permits.

NOVICE GAME / SUPERVISED PLAY

PLAY AND LEARN

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS: 12.45 (bridge tip)

Game from 1-3.30 PM

FUN GUARANTEED!!

at TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2737 Bayview Ave

This game is for newer players. You will so enjoy the atmosphere in this game while improving your skills.

NEW PLAYERS, BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS GAME.

Make a bid, change your mind, then make a new bid!

Make an opening lead, change your mind, then make a new opening lead!

Ask the director what to do before you do it, then do it!

Learn how to play duplicate bridge in an easy-going environment.

We love having volunteers to help with this game. Please email Stephen if you are able to help us with these weekly games. A HUGE thank you to Susan Trumper who has been helping regularly with these games and also to Ann Katz who is our right hand everywhere.



lauerbridge@gmail.com is Stephen's email

Many students have questions which is why they are there) and help is needed.

Even if you could attend once a month, that would be a huge help.

Only happy bridge players are invited to play in this game!!

You will have so much fun and you will learn so much!

Master points will be issued!

Cost \$11.00 per person payable at the door.

Come with or without a partner. No need to pre-register.

Please contact Josee Hammill at mjhammill@rogers.com or 416-300-9140 for further information.

www.bridgewebs.com/josees

OR Stephen Laufer at lauerbridge@gmail.com

This is a great learning opportunity for all less experienced players. Bring your friends! FUN IS GUARANTEED!

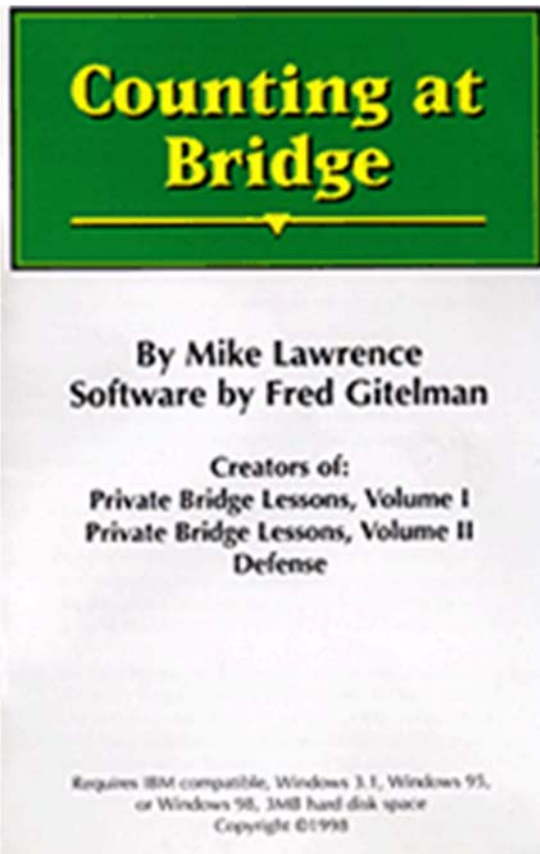
This game will continue on during the summer now, due to popular demand.

COUNTING AT BRIDGE

SOFTWARE (only works on a PC)

now available from & **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** by Barbara

Regular price: \$45.00 + tax. Special price: \$40.00 only + postage (if you are not picking up)



Counting at Bridge is superb. It gives you a genuine feeling of being at the table. As you play through a hand, Mike Lawrence provides you with multiple questions. These are questions that bridge players have to learn to ask and then to answer. The answers will help you play a hand.

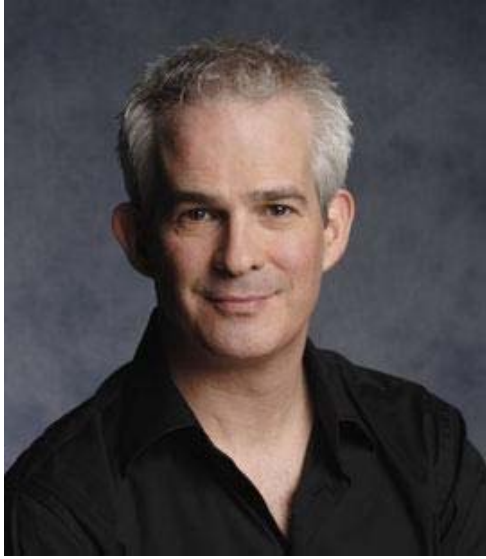
You can learn these ideas in two ways. You can play bridge and make certain errors over and over without recognizing them.

If you are lucky, you may be able to find a good player who can help you with a given problem but even that's not the same as learning with this interactive CD which forces you to find answers at the moment those answers are needed.

Or, you can play and solve the problems in Counting at Bridge.

As Mike says, "If I had these CD's when I started to play bridge (1958) and if I had a computer to use them, I would have sped up my learning curve by a huge amount."

SHAW FESTIVAL THIS SUMMER AT NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE



Our favourite actor is back at the Shaw again, Patrick Galligan, son of someone many of you in the bridge world know, Marian Galligan and father, Patrick. He is a superb actor and is performing in two plays this season:

Hound of the Baskervilles and Henry V.

HOUND of the BASKERVILLES

CANADIAN PREMIERE!

It's the return of the murder mystery to The Shaw. Sir Baskerville has been scared to death - literally. Now deductive genius Sherlock Holmes is on the case to find the murderer ... with twist after twist to keep you guessing.

Darkly fun, deliciously sly, and just the right amount of suspense: this is a whodunit you won't want to miss.

HENRY V

A troop of Canadian soldiers is hunkered down in a dugout during WWI with some copies of Shakespeare's Henry V for company.

As they enter the death-haunted, morally ambiguous world of the play, the play enters theirs.

This imaginative spin on Shakespeare is a powerful exploration of what it means - and costs - to fight for king and country.

To book, go to www.shawfest.com or call 905-468-2172 or 1-800-511-7429

Niagara-on-The-Lake is an enchanted small town.

For those of you who have never visited, plan to do so.

Wonderful restaurants, great shopping, walk by the lake and enjoy nature AND enjoy some of the best theatre anywhere.

TWO OVER ONE CHEAT SHEET \$12.00

Why you need to know the system that has swept North America by storm.

- What is the Forcing No Trump?
- Questions to agree on with partner
- Recommended conventions you should consider playing
- Opener's rebid after Forcing 1NT
- Rebids by Responder after bidding Forcing 1NT
- Raising Partner's Major
- Tips to Help you Learn 2/1
- Semi-Forcing No Trump & an alternative approach
- Fourth Suit Forcing
- Quizzes
- And lots more!



JOSEE WILL BE GIVING A ONE DAY COURSE IN THE SPRING WHERE YOU CAN LEARN TWO OVER ONE ALL IN ONE DAY

All cheat sheets and books available at Temple Sinai (210 Wilson) from Lee and Wayne on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

or email Barbara with your postal address & we will send it to you by postal mail or you can pick up near to Yonge & Lawrence if you live in Toronto.

bseagram@uniserve.com

If you don't have Barbara's other cheat sheets, we will be happy to send these out to you.

SPECIAL: ALL 4 cheat sheets \$40.00 for one of each

Just send us your postal mailing address and we will send.

When you receive the package, have a look to see cost of postage on the outside of the packet.

Send us a cheque for the cost of the product and add the postage.

Sorry but we do not take credit cards.



INTERMEDIATE CHEAT SHEET: Regular bidding

DEFENCE CHEAT SHEET: Strategy and Signalling

ADVANCED CHEAT SHEET: All the conventions (see below)

Takeout double, Support double, Negative double, Responsive, Penalty & Lead-Directing Doubles, Splinter Bids, Jacoby 2NT, Roman Keycard Blackwood, Raising Partner's Overcall (Cue Bid Raises of overcalls and opening bids), Balancing, Texas Transfers, Gerber, Bergen Raises, Cue Bidding First Round Controls, Unusual NT, Michaels Cue Bid, Fourth Suit Forcing to Game

SPECIAL: ALL 4 cheat sheets \$40.00 for one of each

We are not set up for paying online.

You mail us a cheque after you get the packet. Check on packet to see cost of postage and add that to the cost of contents and send us a cheque.

**Barbara Seagram
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Canada**

South Western Ontario Regional Bridge Tournament

Make plans to be at this tournament

Kitchener, ON July 3-8, 2018

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, July 3:

A/X/Y Open Pairs.....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Gold Rush Pairs.....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Compact Knockout.....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
19er Pairs.....10:00 am
Evening Side Series (Fast Pairs).....7:00 pm

Wednesday, July 4:

A/X/Y Open Pairs.....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Gold Rush Pairs.....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
299er Pairs (Single Sessions).....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed Knockout (1 & 2 of 4).....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
19er Pairs.....10:00 am
Compact Swiss Teams.....2:30 pm
Evening Side Series (Fast Pairs).....7:00 pm

Thursday, July 5:

A/X/Y Swiss Teams.....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Gold Rush Swiss Teams.....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
299er Pairs (Single Sessions).....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed Knockout (3 & 4 of 4).....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs.....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Evening Side Series (Fast Pairs).....7:00 pm

Friday, July 6:

A/X/Y Open Pairs.....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Gold Rush Pairs.....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
99er Pairs (Single Sessions)..... 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed Knockout (1 & 2 of 4).....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
199er Pairs.....10:00 am
Compact Swiss Teams.....2:30 pm
Evening Side Series (Fast Pairs).....7:00 pm

Saturday, July 7:

A/X/Y Open Pairs.....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Gold Rush Pairs.....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
99er Pairs (Single Sessions)..... 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed Knockout (3 & 4 of 4).....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
19er Pairs.....10:00 am
Youth Game, (Pairs).....10:00 am
Evening Side Series (Fast Pairs).....7:00 pm

Sunday, July 8:

Bracketed Swiss Teams10:00 am (Playthrough)

Tournament Chair: Ted Boyd boydst1945@gmail.com

Partnerships: Patricia McMillan palemusic@icloud.com

Playing Site:

Marshall Hall Building
Bingemans Conference Centre, 425
Bingemans Centre Drive, Kitchener, ON
Lots of free parking
Coffee costs \$1 (no outside food or
drink is allowed on site)

Tournament Hotel:

Radisson Hotel
2960 King Street East, Kitchener, ON
Free parking for guests. Rate: \$114.99,
Single or Double
Ask for "Bridge Rate" at 1-800-333-
3333.

Unit 166 Toronto Sectional Bridge Tournament

Yorkdale Holiday Inn

Sept 1 - 3, 2018

There are games for players at all levels. See www.unit166.ca

Below please find all the information about Intermediate/Novice programme.

This tournament is highly recommended by Barbara & Alex and Steve is doing a great job with developing games for players with less experience.

SAVE THE DATES!!

Intermediate/Novice Schedule

Games & Learning Sessions

Saturday Sept. 1

9:15-9:45 Defense lecture: Opening Leads vs Suit contract

10:00 499er & 99er Game

1:45-2:15 Defense lecture: Opening Leads vs NT

2:30 499er & 99er Game

After game: Hospitality will be provided. Location TBA

Sunday Sept. 2

9:15-9:45 Forcing Defense lecture

10:00 499er & 99er Game

1:45-2:15 Active Defense lecture

2:30 499er & 99er Game

After game: Hospitality will be provided. Location TBA

Monday Sept. 3

9:15-9:45 Swiss Team strategies lecture

10:00 299er Swiss Teams (single session)

2.30 299er Swiss Teams (single session)

All learning sessions by Steve Overholt

Steve is Owner/Teacher of Etobicoke Bridge Club

Email Steve etobicokebridge@gmail.com about any Intermediate or Novice event or with any bridge questions

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