

BRIDGE DAY WITH PATTI LEE

(Have a fun day with your friends in a beautiful venue with good food, while learning to be a Better Declarer and Supporting Schools in Cambodia!)

Thursday, May 26, 2016, 9:30 am - 3:15 pm

Chatterbox Club --- 25 Goodman St N, Rochester, NY 14607 (585) 473-4554



"All About Long Suits" - A long suit in the dummy should make every Declarer smile. It is an opportunity to obtain extra tricks, once the suit is established. To do this, Declarer will need enough entries to the dummy to establish the suit and another entry to the dummy to run the suit once it is established.

"To Finesse or Not To Finesse" -- Most players just love to take finesses, but many of these are not necessary. After all, a finesse is not a sure thing; in fact, they only work 50% of the time. If we think that we need to take a finesse to make the contract, we should first strive to find another means to make the contract and fall back on the finesse, only if we cannot find another strategy.

Schedule for the Day (Note: A partner is not required for the lesson)

9:30am - 10:00am: **Registration, Coffee & Pastries**

10:00am - noon: **All About Long Suits**

12pm - 1:15pm: **Luncheon**

1:15pm - 3:15pm: **To Finesse or Not To Finesse**

COST: The cost for coffee, morning pastries, and lunch is \$30. Please car pool, as parking is limited. To register, fill out the form below and send it with your check, made out to Sally Hill, and mail to: **Sally Hill, 1254 Old Farm Circle, Webster, NY 14580.** Your check is your registration.

Charitable Donation: Patti Lee is not charging for the bridge lessons, but we are suggesting a donation of \$25 or more to support the school children in Cambodia. A charitable tax donation receipt will be issued. Checks should be made out to A Mine Free World. Checks / cash for your donation will be collected at lunch.

For more information, please contact Sally at (585) 872-1669 or shhill@rochester.rr.com or anytime at Bridge!

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PATTI LEE

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- American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) Accredited Teacher and Tournament Director. For 15 years, worked as a Tournament Director in Canada and the United States; currently, trains and mentors new directors.
- Bridge teacher at various private clubs in Toronto, as well as on cruise ships; taught thousands of students from beginners to advanced intermediates; travelled all over the world teaching bridge and escorting tour groups for the last 19 years.
- Appointed a lifetime member of the ACBL National Goodwill Committee
- 2004 - Received the Kate Buckman Award (the person who contributed most to others' enjoyment of the game of bridge in ACBL Unit 166)
- 2008 - Received the Audrey Grant Award (bridge teacher of the year for Unit 166)
- 2015 - Appointed a lifetime member of the ACBL National Charity Committee
- Co-chair of a fund raising committee that built and furnished a school in Cambodia in 2011 and continues to support 4 schools, with over 700 students.

- Co-chair of a fund-raising committee raising money to install water filters in Laos and build schools in Laos.
- Junior Bridge Player Coordinator for 4 ½ years
- Advertising Manager for the Canadian Masterpoint Magazine
- Chair of the 1994 Canadian Women's Bridge Team Championship

BANYAN LEARNING TREE SCHOOLS IN CAMBODIA

Patti Lee and Barbara Seagram escorted a group to Vietnam & Cambodia in 2011. Before they left, they had collected clothes, school supplies, and dental supplies to give to the children. They had also raised enough money to buy 40 bikes to give to children in landmine affected areas in Cambodia, so that the children could get to school. While in Cambodia, they visited the school near Phnom Penh and found that the school was one room with a cement floor and bamboo/tin sides. As well as bikes, they decided that *a proper school* was needed. Upon returning to Canada, they began fund raising and within a year, the school was built.

Barbara and Patti returned to Cambodia in March, 2012 for the opening of the school. Subsequently, their efforts have funded a library, installed electricity in another site, and furnished three other schools and libraries. There are now 4 schools in the Banyan Learning Tree system. Patti and Barbara have continued to do fund raising projects. They recognize that you cannot build and abandon. With that in mind, they are dedicated to maintaining the four schools, paying the teachers, and buying all of the supplies. The annual cost is \$20,000.

Patti & Barbara take turns going to Cambodia to check on all of the projects. The schools are centres for the communities. There are many outreach projects: a sewing centre, a weaving centre, and chicken farmer training. The libraries tend to have the only books available for the children in the villages.

Now, Barbara & Patti are working on ways to help the villagers with health care issues: many of these initiatives are case by case, but practical hygiene and preventative health measures are generally needed. More work is needed in this area, as many of these parents and children never see a doctor. Life expectancy in Cambodia is only 63 years. Many die in childhood of things that could easily be cured. Barbara & Patti are both passionate about all of these projects, and spend countless hours planning and running bridge events to raise the funds to support the projects. For more information about the schools and the other projects in Cambodia, please go to www.banyanlearningtree.org or www.schoolsforcambodia.blogspot.ca.

Patti thanks you so much for your support of their schools by your attendance at this bridge lesson and your donation to the Banyan Learning Tree Schools. If you cannot attend the lesson, but wish to contribute, we would be very grateful. A charitable tax donation receipt will be issued for any amount of \$25 or higher.