

April 26, 2020



## Virtual Club News

**The second week of our virtual club games went off well,  
with 3 games and 60 tables!**

**Thanks for your continued support of your club!**

### **Game Schedule**

With this experience, we will try adding one evening game to our schedule.  
Schedule for this week is:

<b>NEW: Monday, 6:45 p.m.</b> <b>Beginning April 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Open Pairs</b>
<b>Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Open Pairs</b>
<b>Thursday, 10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Open Pairs</b>
<b>Friday, 10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>0-500 Pairs</b>

All games are 18 boards with entry fee 5BB\$.

Reminder that **both you and your partner MUST be registered and logged in** at the moment the game starts.

### **WELCOME CHATHAM KENT!**

Arrangements have been made through the **ACBL** to extend an invitation to the members of the **Maple City Bridge Club** from Chatham Kent to join our games. We appreciate their support, and also the support from the **St. Thomas** and **Tillsonburg** clubs.

## REMINDERS

### SELF-ALERT

When playing online bridge, **you must self-alert**. This is one of the most challenging adjustments, as it is the direct opposite of face-to-face bridge. If a bid should have been alerted and wasn't, **continue with the game** and **immediately** call or send a chat message to the director. While the director is not able to roll back the bidding, he will be able to review the board results after it has been played. If the missed alert resulted in damage to the opponents, there may be a score adjustment to rectify the error.

### CLAIM WHEN YOU CAN

In the interests of time, players are urged to claim when they can. You do not need to be able to claim all the remaining tricks; when you claim, the computer will ask how many of the remaining tricks you are claiming.

### LEAD WHEN READY

When the auction is over, if you are on lead, click on the card you have decided to lead. You do not need to wait until the auction box disappears.

### Directors

The virtual club games will be directed by LBC directors. Any one of the following might be called to your table:



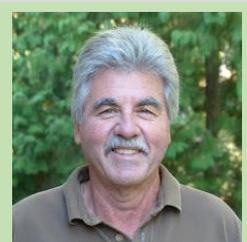
**Bruce Moor**



**Al Edwards**



**Tom Jolliffe**



**Dwight Bender**

**Thanks to all the directors for their work.**

## SUPPORT YOUR CLUB GAMES

The **ACBL Support Your Club** games continue each day at:

- ♣ 10:00 a.m.
- ♣ 5:10 p.m.
- ♣ 7:30 p.m.

Of the 6 BB\$ entry fee, \$US 4 will go to the ACBL clubs in which you have played over the past year. The same applies to the **SYC Daylong** games (individual games where you play with three robots at your own pace and on your own schedule).

Click [here](#) for more details.

## PLAY NICE AND PLAY FAIR!



We have received a few comments about the possibility that players may be tempted to cheat, which has been a longstanding concern with online competitive bridge. It has been noted that partners in the same room, or on the telephone or Zoom could easily exchange information with each other while playing.

Please remember that in the **LBC** virtual games we are playing against our fellow members and the members of our neighbouring clubs. We know that our players will follow the honour system, as we do in games at the club.

Both **ACBL** and **BBO** are doing everything possible to maintain the integrity of these online games so that honest players can be confident of a fair contest. The relevant **ACBL** statement about this matter on their website can be found at the final point on this [page](#).

## A FEW THOUGHTS FOR PERSPECTIVE

- ♣ As of **March 15<sup>th</sup>**, there was no **ACBL** virtual club facility on **BBO**, and none planned or under development.
- ♣ A mere one month later, **on April 14<sup>th</sup>**, **LBC** ran our first virtual club game, sanctioned by **ACBL**, on **BBO**.

**ACBL & BBO** scrambled to put a facility together to provide financial support to bridge clubs that suddenly have no revenue but still have significant fixed costs.

**Virtual Bridge** is far from perfect. However, it is what we have right now for mental exercise and to stay connected to our LBC community. And it helps the club financially so that we will be able to reopen our doors when the restrictions ease.