

Hi there,

Here is your weekly dose of news. Sorry it is a bit long winded today.

Draw for Partner Games

If you plan to play in our next Inter A's and Area/Regional Masters Only Draw for Partner game on this Monday 12th April at 19.30, you have until at 19.00 on Sunday 11th April to pre enter on CAVBC. We only have 16 entries so far, so you need to get your skids on. We will do the draw on Monday morning and advise pairs that afternoon. As always there are BBO\$'s for the winning pairs. Please note that this game will replace the Vernon Open game. The Vernon Novice/B game will of course go ahead as normal at 19.00 on Monday 12th.

Player of the Month

We have just over one week complete for the April Player of the Month competitions and the leaders in each competition are:

- Open – Rona Booth
- Novice/B – Paula Oliver and Finn Ryan
- Novice – David Holland/Derry Peacock/Mary Kilbane/Walsh

You can check your standing on CAVBC. Just click on the Player of the Month Dropdown on the CAVBC home page.

BBO Workshops

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our Advanced Workshop scheduled for Saturday 10th April at 15.00. We will now hold it on Saturday 1st May at 15.00 instead. Anybody who has already registered for the postponed game, will receive an invitation to the rescheduled game on Saturday 1st. If you haven't yet registered and you would like to take part, please go to the CAVBC Home Page, and scroll down until you get to the Workshop section and then enter your name and email address in the form provided. If you don't want to use the form, please send your name and email address to me danjomahony@gmail.com

Spot Prizes

Last week was our 3rd week of Spot Prizes. Another 18 lucky winners each received 10BBO\$'s into their BBO accounts. You can see the full list of winners on the CAVBC home page. A pair in each of our games this week will again win a spot prize.

Free Games on CAVBC

We had a great turn out for our Free Games on Easter Monday 5th April with 152 members taking part. Our next free games on CAVBC are on Tuesday 11th May and Wednesday 26th May, so don't forget to put these dates in your diaries.

Video Option on BBO

BBO have introduced a Video feature since the start of April. On Friday 2nd April we had a trial run amongst the TD's and we all found it a very positive experience. As a result, we plan to run a game on next Friday 16th May at 11.00 so that CAVBC members can experience the Video option. If you like this feature, we will look to make it more available for you in our normal scheduled games.

If you would like to play in our CAVBC game on Friday, there are a few things that you need to know.

1. The Video option is only available on Laptops or Desktop Computers. It is not available if you play on a tablet or mobile phone.
2. Your Laptop or Desktop Computer must have a camera, microphone and speaker(s), either built-in or attached.
3. Our experience of users running it on different types of computer is as follows:
 - It worked perfectly on MacBook laptops and iMac desktops, even relatively old ones.
 - It worked well on modern laptops and desktops running Windows 10.
 - Some older Windows machines, especially those with low specifications, struggled to run it. This manifest itself in obvious slowdowns, for example, in the time it took a card to start moving after it was clicked and the speed at which the card moved. In the more severe cases, some users (approx. 15%), had to turn video off because the game became unplayable.

The details of our game are as follows:

1. The game is on Friday 16th April at 11.00.
2. You can register as normal from 9.00.
3. We will play 18 boards and we expect to finish around 13.15.
4. The charge for the game will be 2BBO\$'s.
5. We need you to pre enter for the game on CAVBC so that we can send you more details of what to expect when using the Video Option.
6. Pre entry will close at 12.00 on Thursday 15th April.
7. You will need to provide us with the following information:
 - a. Name
 - b. BBO User Name
 - c. Mobile Number
 - d. Email address
 - e. Name of Partner
 - f. Confirmation that you plan to use a laptop or desktop computer

Novice mentoring initiative.

We hope to use the BBO Video Option as part of our mentoring initiative. We will be in contact with the mentors and mentees after our video trial on the 16th. We are still happy to hear from you if you are interested in being a mentor or a mentee. Please contact me at danjomahony@gmail.com

DNR Kirwan's Gala Teams

This year the DNR is going to run a Kirwan's Team Gala Event. This is a once-off event that will be run under the Kirwans banner. It will be run over 4 Saturdays in May, as follows:

Date:	Grade:	Closing Date:	Co-Ordinator:
May 8th	Intermediate A's	Fri 23 rd April	Ria Malone 086-8248549
May 15th	Intermediate B's	Fri 30 th April	Rodney O'Hara 087-1165496
May 22nd	Masters	Fri 7 th May	Billy Ronan (c/o Mary Breen) 087-6192303
May 29th	Novices	Fri 14 th May	Andrew Kinsella 086-2580589

These will be one (1) session events, commencing at 7.30 pm, with a reduced fee of BBO\$1 per person.

As with all DNR competitions, as directed by the CBAI, there will be no prizes. However, Master Points will be awarded. The Kirwans Trophy will also be presented to the winning team, all of whose members MUST be representative of the club.

In place of prizes, the DNR plans to organise a Gala Event to celebrate all winners of DNR Regional Events during this difficult time. This will be at a time and place appropriate to Covid 19 restrictions.

If you are interested in forming a Vernon team in any of the above events, please let me know and I will look after your entry. Don't forget we have a team game on Saturday 24th on CAVBC, so this will give you an opportunity to get some practice in before the Kirwan League games.

Stay safe.

Dan