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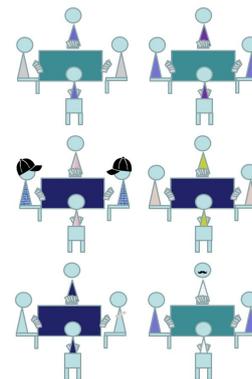
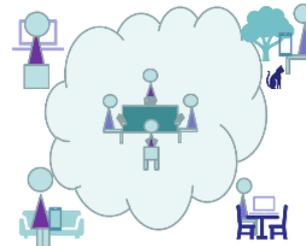
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In person at Dunchurch...

Getting Full!

The numbers for bridge at Dunchurch are growing steadily! Ten tables on Monday will be oversubscribed soon.

A couple of months ago we came close to cancelling the Thursday session, but it is getting much more popular. We extended the booking to include the Sports Lounge so we could raise the tables from five to ten. Unfortunately another hall user had already booked the Sports Lounge on Thursday afternoons once a month. So apart from once a month we can have ten tables.

One Thursday a month, we cannot have the Sports Lounge. However, we experimented with a table in the changing room, allowing us to have six. We can't come up with a six table movement with a "twizzle" table, so someone has to be willing to sit North South in the changing room for the whole session. It's a well lit and spacious environment, and our volunteers were happy, though a little too chilled. We think we know how to fix that!

If you are booking in as "wait listed", so will offer you the changing room. You might actually prefer the privacy, in which case let us know.

The booking system

We are keeping the booking system going for several reasons. We have to put out tables for each session, and it really helps to know how many to shift! Jim and I are acting as stand by pair so you don't get the long sit outs that go with few tables. However, if we know we are not needed, one of us can offer to be host. So the more we know about who is coming, the better we can make the sessions for you.

Our sessions are available to all paid up members. We do have a booking system on the web site. Thanks to all the people who have

managed to make it work. If it won't work for you, then email me and I will make the booking for you.

Mondays at 2pm AND Thursdays at 2pm

There WILL ALWAYS BE plenty of ventilation.
This reduces the risk of transmission by air borne droplets.

[Click to see how to book into a Dunchurch Session](#)

How is Face to Face doing?

Players aren't keen on travelling to larger events to mix with new groups in unfamiliar surroundings for National and County events.

BUT

More than 211 duplicate bridge clubs are offering more than 480 face to face sessions each week. Attendances are low compared to the Old Normal, but growing.

Playing Online with the Club

The Bridge Club Live Tuesday Afternoon session is not popular enough to continue, and so is cancelled.

Thanks to all the players who let me have their views on possible alternatives. It looks as though there is interest in a "speed ball" (fast-paced) session on Tuesday evening. I propose to try this out for three weeks.

The sessions will be on RealBridge, they will be free to members, guests and visitors.

There will be twenty boards to play. We will allow six minutes a board. At six minutes any boards unfinished will be "ended". We will adjust the score on unplayed boards to average minus for both pairs. These sessions will be included in the 2021 Founders Trophy competition.

The link for the first session is below. Links for the two following sessions will be on the web site.

Don't let yourself be upset if you lose boards this way, treat it as an

exercise in learning the pace required. We will not be able to assess which players are slowing the play on any table, so the average minus may disadvantage "innocent" players. However, slow players are likely to acquire more average minus scores than others. Hopefully you will get used to keeping an eye on the timer and finishing boards on time.

The best RealBridge playing experience is on modern, up to date devices with cameras and microphones. However, you can play on devices without cameras and microphones relying on the chat lines for communications as most players do on BBO and Bridge Club Live.

[Link for Tuesday 12th 8pm Realbridge](#)

Time for New Members?

People are settling into an Autumn routine and becoming more confident about going out. I am starting to receive enquiries about membership.

However, our sessions at Dunchurch are filling up and we have few ways of increasing capacity. Anyone who suggests additional sessions has to be prepared to come and help run them. ?

I am keen to favour those members who were loyal during the tough times, but I always want to further the cause of bridge. We need new players, or lapsed players, to return to the game. However, we also need to preserve our particular atmosphere always valuing civilised behavior and respect for each other above competitiveness.

One advantage of being a proprietor is that I have the right to decline access to the club. I am proposing the following principles. Firstly any player who has been a member in the last five years is welcome to apply. Current members are welcome to propose new members, and we will consider applications from other players provided that they play as an invited visitor at least once. This will give us and them a chance to see if it suits.

Saturday 11th December - Celebration

Many thanks to well over forty of you who have expressed an interest.

I know some of you are not certain of your plans, but this means we can continue with the planning.

Everyone on the list is guaranteed a chance to buy a ticket.

Play will start at 11.00am. Three rounds of five boards before lunch at 1.00pm. Restart around 2.00pm. Two more rounds of five, so should finish around 3.20pm.

Chef's Kitchen, who catered so well for us two years ago, are lined up to do so again. I should be able to calculate the costs shortly and let you know the ticket price. As always we will look to just cover the costs.

We would really appreciate a volunteer to run the raffle. We may not do one otherwise.



Accounting for your Bridge

I sent out balances and links to most of you last weekend. I am pleased that there were only a few queries and that I could sort these out quickly.

Thanks to everyone who is using bank transfer.

Thanks to everyone who is including their EBU number in the reference in their bank transfers. When you don't, I have to look it up and add it manually.

If you want to check your account you can login using the box at the top right hand corner of the home page of the web site. If you don't have your password, reply to this email and say so.

Weekly Topics Tuesday and Thursday Mornings

Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th October - **Defence Card Play**

Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st October - **Responders Re-bid**

Tuesday 26th & Thursday 28th October - **Leading Partner's Suit**

Tuesday 2nd & Thursday 4th November - **Gerber**

Tuesday 9th & Thursday 11th November - **Leads v No Trumps**

Tuesday 16th & Thursday 18th November - **Quantitative Bids**

Tuesday 23rd & Thursday 25th November - **Leads v Trumps**

Tuesday 30th November & Thursday 2nd December - **Blackwood**

Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th December - **Count Signals**

Tuesday 14th & Thursday 16th December - **Weak 2's**

Get on the list!

These sessions are included in your membership. There's no extra cost. These are relaxed chatty sessions, and a chance to see and speak to other members. Come to some sessions or few, just as it suits you. You don't need a partner.

Click the button below to receive the weekly email containing the links for Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

The invitations will arrive every week unless you tell me you don't want it any more.

Please send the links for Tuesday and Thursday weekly topics

Club Timetable

Mondays

14.00 Pairs at Dunchurch (Members Only - Booked in Advance)

Tuesdays

10.00 Tuesday Seminar (Facebook, Zoom & demo on BBO)

13.10 Tuesday Afternoon RVBC Duplicate (Bridge Club Live)

Thursdays

10.30 Thursday Practice related to Tuesday topic (RealBridge)

14.00 Pairs at Dunchurch (Members Only - Booked in Advance)

Other news

Bernard Magee's YouTube Channel

I would love to hear your news and pass it on here.

Or good experiences with any local business. They need our support.

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