

DBC Preference Survey Spring 2021

The survey was designed to establish members' views relating to how we might play bridge at DBC in the future. All members were encouraged to participate. In all 48 responses were given. There is a small discrepancy in responses (eg Q7 & Q7) due to inaccuracy filling in the questionnaire.

Question 1

Over the past year, many of us have been playing Bridge online. If you have the choice, how would you prefer to play Bridge?

Online	9	19%
Face to Face	14	29%
Combination of both	23	48%
Don't mind	2	4%

Question 2

For our regular Wednesday evening Danetre Bridge Club sessions how would you prefer to play?

Online	13	27%
Face to Face	22	46%
Don't mind	12	25%
Don't intend to play at Danetre Bridge Club	1	2%

Question 3

Would you be interested in playing additional session(s) organised with Danetre Bridge Club?

Yes	17	36%
No	30	64%

Question 4

You have indicated an interest in playing Bridge one or more additional sessions with Danetre Bridge Club. How would you prefer this to be?

Online	12	48%
Face to Face	2	8%
Don't mind	11	44%

Question 5

Please would you indicate when you might like to play an additional session(s). Please select one or more from

None of below	5
Mon pm	5
Mon eve	12
Tues pm	2
Tues eve	7
Thurs pm	2
Thurs eve	7
Fri pm	2
Fri eve	5

Question 6

Have you participated in any of our RealBridge four board sessions in association with Andrew Robson?

Yes	26	54%
No	22	46%

Question 7

Extremely valuable	4	14%
Very valuable	4	14%
Somewhat valuable	12	41%
Not so valuable	7	24%
Not at all valuable	2	7%

Question 8

Have you played on-line bridge with Danetre Bridge Club using RealBridge?

Yes	38	81%
No	9	19%

Question 9

Please let us know why you haven't played RealBridge with Danetre Bridge Club. When completed skip Q10 and go to end of survey.

Don't want to play Bridge on computer	8
Too many boards	0
Don't have/struggle with technology	1
Don't like RealBridge	1
Don't want to play at DBC	0
Other	2

Question 10

How was your RealBridge experience?

Have had limited experience of Real Bridge - at present have a regular on line match on a Wed evening - anticipate this will end after lockdown. Daventry bridge Club is very friendly and welcoming. Don' mind whether its on line or not - It's the game that counts

Real bridge is better than bbo.

Quite enjoyed it.

I am very keen to stay using the very interactive and simple to use RealBridge system.

RealBridge has been well organised and a great simulation of the real thing. Personally I prefer BBO because I'm able to concentrate more. RealBridge can attract more noise/distraction than face to face.

If computer working well very good but we have had trouble with computer stuttering as I believe other people have as well.

Good fun. Still meet people virtually. The system won't let you revoke or play out of turn. Keeps us all in line.

I enjoy Realbridge and think the software is great. BBO has a slight advantage as far as I'm concerned simply because I am able to play in the same room as my husband whilst he watches tv. My regular partner won't play bridge on line so we got out of the habit.

It is sociable and good to see familiar faces I find the screen too busy and distracting Too much chat when playing the hands I prefer BBO.

No problems. When tech issues have been overcome it is as good as it gets. Any probs can be overcome and etiquette issues can be tweaked from now going forwards.

I've enjoyed it notwithstanding some technical issues amongst members. Grateful for this during lockdown but think it's too early to consider face to face again yet. Concerned about speed of play with some members and think an average score should be given if there's a delay. If this is known and understood then it might encourage speedier play. None of us want to be unkind. Thank you for all you do.

Have enjoyed the sessions. Thanks for organising them.

Enjoyed playing.

Can be slow sometimes . Other than that it's been very enjoyable.

With realbridge allowing video and sound it is most unfortunate that the behaviours exhibited by some members fall well below the etiquette expected at a bridge club and shows a lack of respect to the opposition by talking, commenting & even giving information to their partner during the bidding/playing period. Additionally the lack of enforcement of the time allocated to the 2 boards means that many players are kept waiting for significant periods through the evening for 1 or 2 individuals. I also prefer 18 board to 24 but would say if the pace of play is maintained & correct behaviours shown this would not be so much of an issue. I would be happy to continue online as this removes the need for travel, which is cost effective & better environmentally and easier in winter. I prefer BBO to realbridge to avoid the delays and inappropriate video/sound behaviours.

Good but not easy playing with partner in the same house.

This has been a very positive experience. Whilst I would always prefer face to face bridge this has been a very acceptable alternative in the circumstances. The opportunity to see and speak to players gives the RealBridge system a distinct advantage over BBOnline. I also appreciate the efforts of committee members in making the arrangements which have gone very smoothly.

I think it works really well. There are issues around etiquette as those who perhaps don't use zoom/teams for work don't understand that you really need to mute if you don't need to speak. Also the need to turn off vision and sound if blowing one's nose or eating one's tea. Two players in the same room causes feedback and other sound issues and probably should be discouraged where possible. The game plays well and the tech issues seem to be resolved. Misclicks are irritating but inevitable. In real life a misplay can be corrected albeit with the directors guidance for the serious or for the less competitive a bit of kindness. Perhaps some thought could be given to that in the future. It can seem a bit slow with 15 minutes although I understand that some people play slowly either through habit or through struggling with the technology. In general I think it is a great system.

Once we were all able to get on line with picture and sound I have enjoyed it. Nice to be able to see and hear people without a 25min drive either side and often slower face to face

Really enjoyed. This survey though is inconclusive since I would rather play face-to-face but I would not want to move from online until it is safer.

Not at all interested in playing on line and only want to return to face-to-face bridge. If this is not possible I would resign from the club.

I find the video boxes too large and distracting compared to BBO. I would prefer if they could be resized and/or moved about by the user.

Yes like it but find BBO much clearer.

It was very valuable during lockdown but 18 boards would be enough.

Very good Good to see all those involved.

I haven't played on Realbridge but would be concerned that background noise from both my husband and dogs would be a distraction to others!

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I didn't like it. I could see the people I was playing with but they couldn't see me or hear me, nobody could tell me how to fix the problem.

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Good fun. Still meet people virtually. The system won't let you revoke or play out of turn. Keeps us all in line.

It was great to see everyone initially. RealBridge ok but prefer BBO. 15 minutes is too long for two hands.

I prefer on-line on a cold winters night.