

Hi Duplicate Lite Enthusiasts,

It has been a number of weeks since we last saw each other due to the COVID 19 virus. John, Ed, Ben, Bob and I MISS YOU!! We hope that you are managing to cope in these unprecedented times and that you are all staying safe and healthy.

Unfortunately, Duplicate Bridge will not be meeting or playing at East Delta Hall until such time that clearance is received from Provincial Health authorities. Thus, we are sending out this email to outline important information about an exciting way to continue to be involved with our Duplicate Lite Bridge club by playing bridge on line using Bridge Base Online (BBO).

First, on behalf of our Duplicate Lite members, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the many individuals who are at the front-line in dealing with this virus crisis. If you are not yet participating in the nightly routine throughout metro Vancouver (and other cities) to show appreciation to our health care professionals, first responders and essential workers, you may want to join your neighbours by going out your door every evening and banging pots and pans at 7:00 pm!

It is anticipated that a number of our members may be ready to get back to playing Club bridge. After all, most of you have used your increased time at home since the lock down protocols were established to tackle an array of activities and tasks such as cooking, reading, cleaning, painting, gardening watching Netflix and wine tasting! (Sounds exhausting doesn't it?)

Well, we are very pleased to inform you that Duplicate Lite is going to be moving on line with BBO. This will be an opportunity to enjoy a game with other Club players and win some ACBL points as a bonus. We invite all Duplicate Lite players to join us.

Are you new to Bridge Base Online (BBO)? Have you ever tried it? The ACBL has some video tutorials to teach you how to join BBO and how to play online. You can find these videos at: <https://www.acbl.org/bbotutorials>.

If you are planning to play in the Duplicate Lite online games, we strongly recommend that you join BBO (free) and learn to use it before we get started. You may find it a bit difficult playing at our online game if you are not familiar with BBO. You can also practice in some of the BBO free tournaments. From the Bridge Base Online Home page, select "Competitive", then select "Free Tournaments". You can practice by yourself against 3 robots in any of the "Individual" tournaments.

We are hoping to schedule our online games on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10:15 am providing our games are approved by ACBL and BBO. It is anticipated that our first game will be on **Monday, May 11**. There will be another email with all the details that you will need to play **once we have approval**.

The cost per game for each player will be US \$4.00 (BBO only accepts US currency). **You will need to open an account with BBO in order to play in our club games.**

Please note that individuals mostly from our clubs will be allowed to play in these games. **Peace Arch Club will be holding a Tuesday game at 1:15 pm starting May 5**. We are intending to pool together with the Peach Arch Club in the online BBO games so that players from our Duplicate Lite games can play in this Tuesday game and individuals from the Peace Arch Club can play in our games.

Larry Cohen Event

Unfortunately this event was cancelled due to the pandemic. Carroll Guichon was the key organizer for this activity. We would like to thank Carroll for the many, many hours she volunteered on our behalf.

It may be of interest that Larry Cohen is giving webinars on line and you are invited to learn more by following this link: [Larry Cohen Webinars](#)
There is also many free and interesting material on his website www.larryco.com

Please plan to join us for Duplicate Lite on line! Look for our upcoming email with further details.

If you have questions and need assistance please email Bob Dillon at bdquad@telus.net

Take care and stay safe,
John, Ed, Ben, Bob, and Jane