Hi Duplicate Lite Enthusiasts

It is hoped that you and your families are all continuing to take care and to keep well as our Province enters the next phase of coping with the COVID 19 pandemic.

We just completed our first week of online bridge with BBO and overall, it was a good start. We had 14 tables at our Monday Open game, 7 tables at the Wednesday "299" game and 13 tables at the Open Thursday game.

It was great to be able to connect and play bridge with fellow club members!

Certainly we did encounter some technical issues which resulted in frustrations for several of our players who, through no fault of their own, ran into difficulties being accepted into the game (s). However thanks to the outstanding efforts of Ed L'Heureux and Bob Dillon, these problems were managed and our players had a good experience.

Schedule for Next Week 10:15 am Cost \$4.00 US: Find us on BBO at Virtual Clubs – and search Duplicate lite.

Please note that the game for this **Wednesday Game will be 0-99.** In an attempt to include more of our beginning level players, we are adjusting this week's Wednesday game be a restricted "0-99" game. We will continue to monitor our participation numbers in these restrictive games to determine what best meets the interest and needs for our members. At the end of the week, we may add new games and/or change the Master Point category for the Wednesday game.

Monday, May 25, OPEN Game Wednesday, May 27 LIMITED Game 0-99MP Thursday, May 28 OPEN Game

We can make our online experience better if you assist us with the following:

1. When you encounter a problem on BBO and you contact the director for help, **PLEASE** look in the chat area and look for a reply to your request for help. The director will be trying to contact you by chat. If you are disconnected the director will try telephone providing we have your number or email. Also, please keep your phone line free if you are disconnected.

Our directors had difficulty sorting out problems because players were not responding to chat, email or phone calls.

2.Offer to volunteer to be a substitute player as an individual or with your partner as a pair for at least 4 games on a specific day. **This is an opportunity to play for free and earn master points**: To keep our game friendly and limited to our club players, we require volunteers to be substitutes for each game. Please email Mike Foster: casinoblackjack3@gmail.com if you are able to help the club. Please note that as a spare pair you would likely play on average only every second week.

3.Please fill in your full name on your profile and introduce yourself at the beginning of each round. At round one, simply go to the chat area and select "Table", type your message such as "Hi everyone, Jane (yella) and Ed (eddycanuck) Youngberg here", highlight and copy the message and press send. It is now on your clipboard and at the beginning of each round go to the chat area, paste your message into "Table" and send it. It is friendlier when you know your opponents and you introduce yourselves— just like our club!

All the procedures for registering with BBO and for playing in one of our club games are outlined in our Web site. http://www.duplicatelite.ca/ There are also links to videos which explain the online process in a clear and concise manner.

If you have questions or need clarification, please email Bob Dillon at bdquad@telus.net

It is anticipated that the number of our members participating in our BBO games will continue to grow in the coming weeks. As we all become more comfortable with the process of playing on line, the game experience should be even more positive and enjoyable.

Please encourage your friends from Duplicate Lite who have not yet joined our online games to give it a try. If they are computer "shy", perhaps you could assist them with getting registered with BBO and with completing the steps for finding our club game.

Cheers, John,Ed, Ben, Bob, and Jane