

Hi Duplicate Lite Enthusiasts

Duplicate Lite was 10 years old on April 21!!

**Please join us for our online Anniversary Swiss
Team Meet**

Monday, May 17th, 10:15 am

Pre registration Required before May 17

**To register, please send the names of the players and partners
(who is playing with whom) , BBO names, , your team captain
and phone number to Bob Dillon**

**at bdquad@telus.net Home Phone: 778-593-1406 Cell
No: 778-238-9620 . Cost will be \$20 per team (paid when
you register).**

The following is **very important information** for the team game:

The Swiss games look a little different when you register!

You need to have a team of 4 (only 4, and you may not switch partners once the game begins) • Invite your partner, just as you would for a regular pairs game. (You are the Inviter of the pair.) • When partner accepts, your pair will be added to the list in the Select Teammates screen. • When you see your team's other pair, the **Inviter** must click on them to select them. • Only the Inviter of the second pair will see the invitation to join the team. • Once the invitation is successful, the entire team will move as a unit to the Entries tab.

Please be back online at least ten minutes before the game is slated to begin.

IMPORTANT – if you are not online when the game begins, it **WILL** start without you. Your teammates will then be seated in the game, and you and partner will be on the sidelines, not in the game!

Matches will happen automatically • BBO will first match you with a team that has close to your team's combined masterpoints®. • Each subsequent match will be created by like VPs won. • Using the Danish Swiss rules, BBO allows replays between teams not near the top of the field.

Scoring in BBO Swiss Teams Players see their scores at the end of the round, just like in face-to-face team play. BBO uses "WE" and "THEY" in this view, but it's confusing. If a team wins a board: • The E/W pair will see the IMPs in the "They" column • The N/S pair will see the IMPs in the "We" column

A team's running VP total and place in the standings is displayed beside the table under the board number.

IMPORTANT – if your table doesn't play a board, the board does not get "thrown out," as would happen at a face-to-face tournament. Your table will receive an Average/Average (until/unless your Director adjusts the score later). And If your table doesn't start a board with 3 minutes to go in the round, BBO will not allow you to play it. (This is the same as they do in a pair game.)

Survey Results

Thank you for your terrific response. So sorry that we did not preface the process with our commitment to NOT OPEN until we can offer a safe environment!!

Main results are:

- 1.our players want everyone vaccinated,
- 2.not to serve food at the games (initially)
- 3.players have their own bidding boxes.

We will be ordering bidding boxes at the best bulk price and will let you know the cost.

Our Online Club Games - ethical play

Our goal is to make our online games enjoyable and fair for all – not an easy task for our directors!! Your help to monitor and report unusual occurrences definitely helps.

Please **do** report an unusual bid or play to the director. But it is **even better** to report the incident to the ACBL yourself. After the game, click on Virtual Clubs, click on North America, then click on the blue Player Memo at the bottom. This displays a form that you fill in. All you have to say is that you found a particular bid or a particular play "unusual". For example, East bid a 4 card suit twice but never bid their 6 card suit. Or, North led a singleton King on opening lead. After filling in the form, just press Submit at the bottom. The people at the ACBL and BBO are better trained and better equipped to investigate these cases than your local directors. The ACBL may not act if there is only one isolated incident. But if they find a pattern, they can take action.

(Clicking on the player name and then on “Report Abuse” sends a report only to BBO. Clicking on the Player Memo button sends the report to the ACBL. I think using the Player Memo is the better way to go.)

Alerting your Own Bids

In online play, you are supposed to alert your own bids. Only the opponents see the explanation. This is superior to the procedure in face to face play. You cannot “wake up” your partner. But many people are still not doing it correctly.

- You must alert your bid before you make the bid. If you have trouble with this, try turning on “Confirm Bids”. Then you can type the explanation before you hit OK.
- If you forget to alert before you bid, you can click on your bid after the fact and add an explanation. This is a far inferior second choice since your opponent might bid before you finish your explanation.
- It is not enough to just hit the Alert button. You must type an explanation. (If you double the opponent 1NT bid, is this equiv hand? takeout?, 2-suited? If you just hit the alert button, the opponents have no idea and must stop to ask for an explanation. Give the explanation before you bid.
- Do not just give the name of the convention. Not everyone knows Bergen or Flannery or Drury. Just saying the name might tell your opponents nothing. Some examples:
 - Do not say “Bergen”. Say “7-9 & 4-card support” or “10-12 & 4-cd sprt”.
 - Do not say “Inverted Minor”. Say “10+ pts, 5+ card sprt”.
 - Do not say “Flannery”. Say “11-15, 5H & 4S”.
 - Do not say “keycard” or “1430”. Say “1 or 4 keycards”. Or say “2 key cards + Queen”. (One pair was so rude as to say “What, don't you know keycard?” when asked to explain further.)
- You must announce the transfer bids. No need for “transfer to hearts”. Just “hearts” is OK.
- **Do not say anything in Chat to Table.** This will give your partner unauthorized information. It is OK to chat to the opponents. But it is far better to explain in the Alert Explain box.
- Do not click on opponent bids just for fun. Each time you click on a bid, the bidder gets a pop-up box asking for more explanation. We have had cases where someone has clicked on a bid 5-10 times and the opponent cannot keep up with closing the pop-up window.

Continuation of Mini Lessons May 13, 9:15 am – 10:00 am

Beginning May 13 9:15 am – 10AM 2 sessions – 45 minutes in length. Please try to be online with zoom prior to the lesson. No cost.

May 13 - **Lebensohl Part 1**- useful convention for dealing with weak 2 openings by the opposition.

May 20 - **Lebensohl Part 2**- useful convention for dealing with interference over your 1 NT

Here is the zoom link – also on our website

[Click here: Zoom Link for Mini Lesson](#)

0-229 Players

Northshore Bridge Club

Friday mornings at 10:15 we run a 0-299 limited game. One of the best ways to get better at this game is to play more. The limited games provide an awesome opportunity to learn without getting beaten up too many times from the much more experienced players typically found in Open games. If you are looking for another opportunity to play and to meet some more players, please contact Margaret Pattison at 778-873-6420 or email nsbridgec@gmail.com. We will be happy to set you up as a guest player. The game can be accessed 2 hours before game time on BBO, Competitive, then All Tournaments, then search for 'Northshore Bridge Club'.

Thank you. Margaret and Paul

All-Western 99er NiteClub

Players with under 99 points can play in an ACBL sanctioned game across several Districts. The "All Western" 99er NiteClub (with another game for those folks with less than 20), plays Mondays thru Thursdays starting at 6:30pm (6:20 for under 20mps) Pacific time. These 12 board sanctioned games are followed by a post session analysis and Q and A.

Please go to our website for all the necessary information to participate.

<http://www.duplicatelite.ca/>

Cheers,

John, Ed, Ben, Bob, and Jane