

My original interest in duplicate bridge was sparked by my mother and sister being duplicate players. I got connected to our local club here in Nashville by taking lessons and playing in the games for new players...all pretty standard stuff. Unfortunately, I had been away from the club for a while and just as I decided to rejoin, the pandemic began. I did not have the relationships at our club to play online (no partners). I did alert the leadership...but nothing long term materialized.

My sister, Anne Hollingsworth, plays in District 21. She discovered that her club was offering online lessons for beginners and put me in contact with the teachers. They are using a combination of Zoom and Shark Bridge. I am taking an 8 week course in improving my play and playing as a guest in their 1-20 game on Wednesdays through BBO (12 boards)

I also play in the Robot section of BBO twice daily to help me work on making a plan, counting cards and improving my concentration.

I think that online class and play have kept me engaged and I'm sure I'll be back to my local club when that becomes possible. Playing online has been comfortable and easy ( no drive across town, parking issues, etc.) so it's a vehicle that I hope will remain in place.)

In terms of a suggestion for now...it would be great to know of clubs that are offering online teaching and have games for rock bottom beginners...

Thank you for the work you do on behalf of our local bridge community.