



Happy Holidays

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We come to the end 2020, an annus horribilis for the global population in the face of the COVID19 pandemic.

In bridge, we made adjustments and continued to play the game we love. Special recognition and thanks to Jackie Thompson who quickly setup and managed our online games and making the BBL website the go-to location for all records of the online games within our Zone.

We were very fortunate that our Sun Sea & Slams tournament held in February ended more than a month before the first case of COVID19 was reported in Barbados. The tournament was a great success and players immediately booked for 2021.

COVID19

During the national lockdown, we supported both of our tenants and our helper Victoria, and made a small donation to our security guard. The League reopened on July 18th (Cave Hill Bridge Club) with the recommended COVID19 protocols in place.



An additional hand sanitizer was installed at the entrance, temperatures are taken, masks are mandatory, and room and furniture sanitized after every game.

We are averaging three tables at the games played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and Saturday afternoons. We require visitors to be on the island for at least two weeks before coming to the League but up to this point, we have had no visitors. Players report that they feel very safe in our environment.

REMEMBRANCE

During the year we lost some of our long serving members. We were saddened by the death of Michael Gill in February, Bertie Callender in May and Jeffrey Newton in November. Our condolences go to the families of these three past members.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021

In January, we will hold the open trials for national teams selection, dates to be announced shortly. The CACBF Zonal Championships are scheduled for May in Panama, so we

need to be prepared in case this becomes a reality. The national teams are again invite to Trinidad to play in the annual tournament which was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID.

Unfortunately, there will be no Sun Sea & Slams 2021. As to be expected in the uncertainty of COVID19 there were very few reservations and plenty of cancellations. In addition, Barbara Seagram is unable to attend and this in itself would have affected the attendance. This will negatively affect the finances of the League in 2021.

However, we will end 2020 on a high note. We will have our annual holiday hamper game on Tuesday 15th December at 7.00pm. All are invited.

Here's wishing our bridge family a very Happy Holidays and good health, happiness and good bridge in 2021.

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CACBF: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends in Bridge, as the year 2020 comes to a close and the sooner the better, we can

only but hope that 2021 brings us the breath of fresh air we have all been craving for the past nine months.

Without doubt we have experienced numerous traumatic events that has touched every human on our planet. It has, I am sure, caused us to recognize how fragile life on earth can be and how precious our time here is.

Unlike most sports or activities we have been lucky in so much that we have been able to satisfy the craving for our wonderful game by playing online from the comfort and safety of our homes. My Committee comprising of Alana, Jackie, Isabelle, John and myself recognized back in March that we need to coordinate regular online games to satisfy the needs of our players across the region. Jackie had two weekly games which were very well supported until the capacity on BBO got to breaking point. John had and still hosts three weekly games for all players and friends across the CAC and wider areas. These games certainly did the trick in those early days but we still thought something was lacking.

It was also decided that we could take the silver lining from the dark clouds that were above us and use these unfortunate circumstances as a catalyst to bring our Brothers and Sisters from across the CACBF together the likes of which has never been done before. Without doubt these past nine months have introduced us to so many players in our Zone who share the passion we have for this game.

It is true we are small in numbers, large in distance from each other but new friendships have been forged by this online interaction which has undoubtedly brought us so much closer to each other and long may it last.

Like the Phoenix we shall rise again and I am convinced that 2021 will be a year to remember and celebrate. My Committee plans a new tournament in early January to combine the new friendships we have made in a Mixed NBO Team game. Teams will comprise of no more than two players from one NBO playing with two from another. More details will be announced later next month but for the time being talk to your colleagues across the region and plan to put a team together.



Panama has confirmed its plans to go ahead and host the 2021 CACBF Championships next May in Panama City. The consensus is that the Covid situation will be no more than a

memory by then and I urge you all to give some serious consideration to participate in these games. Apart from the keen competition it is an ideal opportunity to meet friends new and old and celebrate the camaraderie we have recently created.

In closing it only remains for me to wish you and your families Happy Holidays and a Happy, Blessed and Healthy New Year. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible either across the table online or in person.

*With the warmest regards I am,
Yours in Bridge.
Kip*

MESSAGES FROM THE CLUBS

CAVE HILL BRIDGE CLUB

Cave Hill was the first club to offer in-person games after the closure of sporting events due to the COVID19 pandemic.

We have been very lucky here in Barbados with no community spread up to now. Really, it is not luck but the vigilance of those charged with keeping us safe.

Let us all continue to be cautious for our safety over the holiday season that we may have more tables in play in 2021.

*Pat Cummins
President*

MORNING BRIDGE CLUB



We were delighted to return to Pine Road in July for the camaraderie that the relaxed morning games provide.

There will be no holiday luncheon this year but we invite members to play the Cave Hill hamper game on the 12th and the League's hamper game on the 15th.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

*Norma Morris
President*



HASTINGS BRIDGE CLUB

A famous clerical worker in a Patent Office in Bern Switzerland, produced a seminal document in which he showed that there is only one absolute in the physical universe, and that is the speed of light. All else, space and time included, is relative.

That clerk was the genius Albert Einstein, certainly the most gifted Patent Office worker ever. Generations of mathematicians and physicists have tried to disprove this postulate with no success so far.

The relevance to the Hastings Bridge Club? Despite all efforts to refute Einstein, relative time has continued to pass inexorably and with increasing speed, for the officials and members of Hastings Bridge Club. This has resulted in a marked reluctance of the aging President and Secretary to expose the club members to the possible ravages of COVID19.

In addition, the natural deterioration of all physical organs, especially presidential eyesight, has rendered travel at night a hazardous event with the large element of gambling involved. So, it is very unlikely that the club will be meeting before the next Annual General Meeting of the League at which time, more vigorous and younger(?) officials can be voted onto the executive, in order to keep the club active on the bridge scene.

*Harley Moseley
President*

HOLIDAY HAMPER GAMES



Source: oureverydaylife.com

12th December – Cave Hill Bridge Club, 2.30 pm

15th December – Barbados Bridge League, 7.00 pm

Quotable quote:

*Too bad, pard, that was an unlucky grand slam —
the ace of trumps was offside.*

