



## COVID19 MESSAGE FROM CACBF PRESIDENT



Fellow Bridge Player,

I trust you are all well in these Covid19 times. Since this global phenomenon started two of our friends rose to the challenge and initiated games on BBO. I am sure that without our bridge to play during this lockdown period we might have all been considerably more frustrated, bored, irritable and downright miserable!

I refer of course to Jackie Thompson in Barbados hosting the BBL Morning Games on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and John MacGregor in Costa Rica hosting evening games Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. These games were opened to all CACBF members and gave us an opportunity to play on a regular basis, six days a week.

Since March, the number of people playing on BBO grew so much that the servers 'are smoking'. Pre-Covid19, the average number of players at any time would hover around 10,000. Now it is in excess of 50,000 which ultimately resulted in the site crashing, people getting knocked off and difficulty in maintain a good enough connection for the two hours it takes to play a session.

Since 30 April, BBO has discontinued free games between 10 am and 4 pm, so the BBL games have been rescheduled to Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 6.00 pm so as not to clash with John's games. This has so far worked very well and our games have been trouble free.

Around the same time, I had the idea of holding a team tournament across the CACBF territory. One of my fervent hopes when I became President was to overcome our geographically challenged issues and focus on bringing everyone across the region together to share the love we all have for this game of ours. Without doubt the easiest and most affordable way is of course, online and Sunday afternoons were bridge-free.

I spoke with Alana in Trinidad and Tobago, John and Isabelle in Costa Rica, and Jackie currently in

the US. We talked about the logistics and it was decided to send an invite to all our national bridge organisations (NBOs) to participate. We had no idea how popular the concept might be but were soon surprised when within days we had 16 teams from 9 NBOs.

The **1<sup>st</sup> CACBF-BBO Round-Robin Tournament** commenced on 3 May and it soon became apparent that some teams had misunderstood a few things. First, a couple of countries did not realise they could enter more than one team, and secondly that we planned to start the tournament as quickly as we did. To accommodate all, we decided to restart the tournament. We now have 20 teams with the addition of 2 more from Bermuda, 1 from Jamaica and 1 from Guadeloupe.

The format therefore is a round robin as follows: 2 groups of 10 teams. Top 8 teams seeded and distributed 4 per group. 9 games per group played over 3 Sundays from 10 May. 8 boards per match. Semi-final and Finals on 31 May.

I invite all players not participating to log onto BBO and kibbitz. Can we make this a regular event? I certainly hope so and for all who did not participate this time to sign-up for the future ones.

Take care, keep safe and I look forward to playing with you very soon in the flesh rather than the virtual world!

Yours in Bridge,  
Kip

*Note: This message was issued 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.  
the IMP apologises for the late publication.*

## FOLLOWUP MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear CACBF Community,

Thanks for making the **1<sup>st</sup> CACBF-BBO Round-Robin Tournament** a tremendous success. We hope to continue with another tournament from Sunday 28 June. We are hoping for another 20 teams or more. Details will be provided by the National Association.

Kip

## RESULTS OF 1ST CACBF-BBO ROUND-ROBIN TOURNAMENT

The finals were played on 7 June. **Guadeloupe 1** reigned supreme over **Panama** while **Barbados 1** took third over **Costa Rica**.

## CACBF-BBO ROUND-ROBIN TOURNAMENT TEAMS BARBADOS

BAR1	<b>Douglas 'Kip' Rotchell</b>
	Dave Blackman
	Patricia Cummins
	William 'Tony' Watkins
BAR2	<b>Roglyn Hinds</b>
	Amanda Storey
	Norma Springer
	Patricia Greenidge
	Sian Lange
BAR3	<b>Jackie Thompson</b>
	Julie Rotchell
	Lutz Dohnert
	Neal Rechtman
BAR4	<b>Harley Moseley</b>
	Adelle Springer
	Charles Hollingsworth
	Peter Norville

## BRIDGE PLAYERS IN COVID19 LOCKDOWN



**Do me a favor. Take a few minutes off from playing online bridge . Your eyes Will appreciate it.**

Source: dailymail.co.uk

## END COVID19 LOCKDOWN - BBL REOPENING

Sporting organisations are allowed to resume activities from 15 June with COVID19 safety practices. For extra caution, BBL will delay the return to Belleville **at this time**. Online games will continue with the same schedules.

## BARBADOS vs TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ANNUAL TOURNAMENT 2020



Barbados was away to Trinidad and Tobago. Suggestion to play this tournament online was rejected by Trinidad and Tobago. Trinidad and Tobago will host Barbados in 2021.

## YOLA PARRIS CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY ON 10 JUNE



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