
Bridge in the New Normal November 2021

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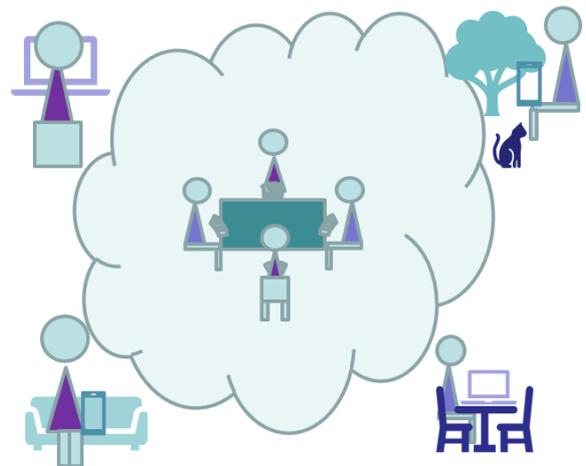
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Thanks to everyone who contributes to the conferences and gives feedback about the newsletter, or lets me know they watch the conference recordings. As long as I know this is useful, I will keep going!

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Face to Face Activity

The Return to Face to Face.

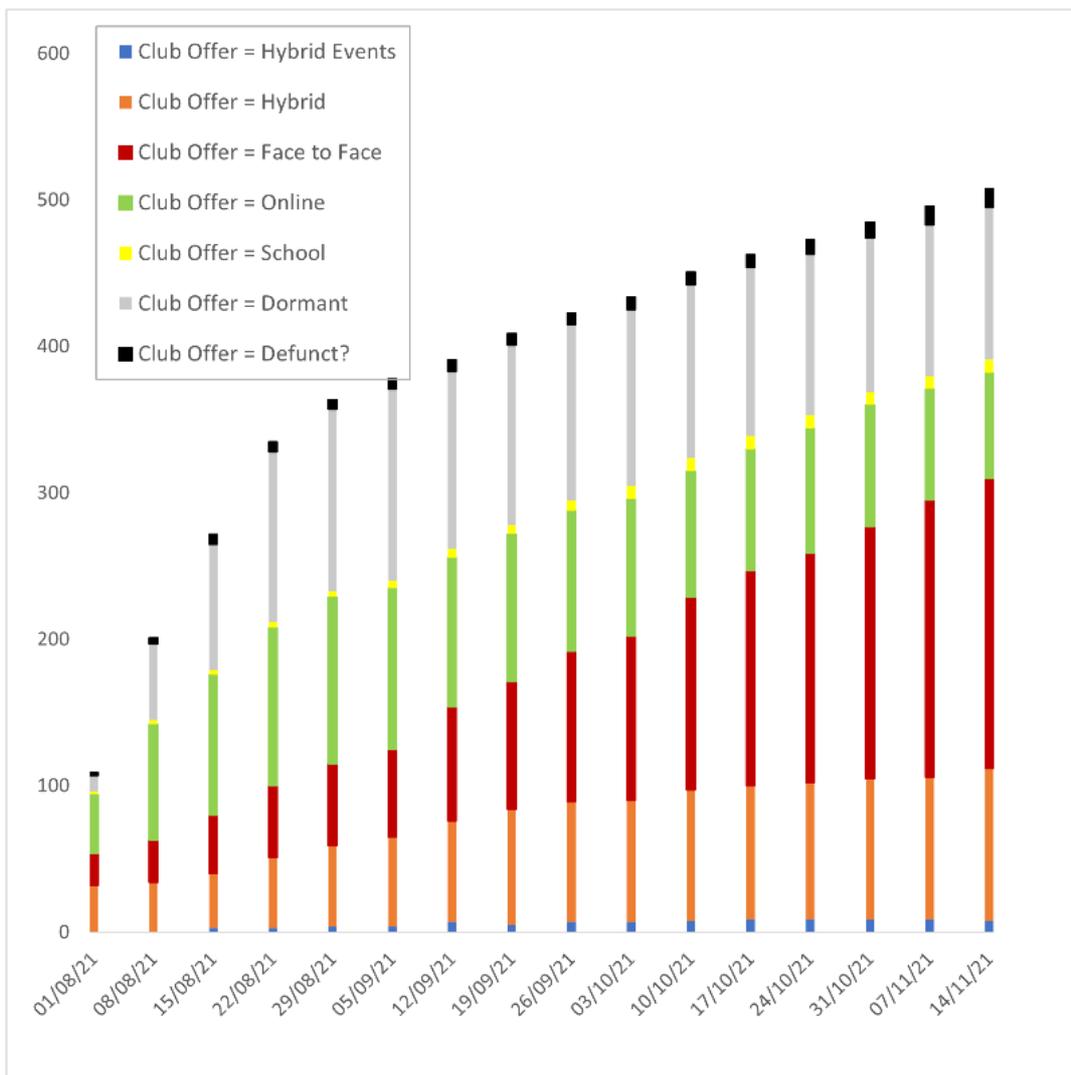
Face to Face Sessions Offered per Week	654
Clubs Offering Face to Face	314

In the second week in November the number of Face to Face only clubs has reached 314 and is still growing. The number and proportion of Online only clubs is declining.

The proportion of dormant clubs in the sample is slowly declining.

This sample grows as about ten clubs a week are added. The profile of additions tries to follow that already monitored, with a bias to dormant/small/unaffiliated clubs as they are probably underrepresented.

This chart represents the trends in a weekly snapshot of the offer from the clubs in the current sample, now over 500, being monitored weekly.



A page of statistics and comments from clubs (some direct to me, and some from their web pages) gives a good insight into the emerging new normal. Here's one important chart. You can look at the web site page for more detail at:

[BFP Club Statistics Page](#)

Other Club Trends

I check out changes on about 150 web sites a week.

Clubs are adjusting their sessions, with face to face and online coming and going.

Many clubs are concerned about low turn out for face to face and consequent financial pressures. Here is a breakdown by day of the week and session type of club offers.

All Clubs Sessions by Type and Day	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Face to Face	620	134	125	130	117	90	18

BBO	199	48	35	35	38	28	7	8
RealBridge	134	33	26	28	20	22	4	2
Bridge Club Live	38							
Pianola	0							
EBU Affiliated Club Sessions by Type and Day								
		Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Face to Face	452	102	86	98	86	63	15	3
BBO	178	45	31	31	31	27	6	7
RealBridge	109	23	21	24	17	21	3	1
Bridge Club Live	33							
Pianola	0							
Non Affiliated Club Sessions by Type and Day								
		Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Face to Face	166	31	39	32	32	27	3	3
BBO	21	3	4	4	7	1	1	1
RealBridge	25	10	5	4	3	1	1	1
Bridge Club Live	5							
Pianola	0							

EBU Changes to Master Point Handbook

Rules for online events to be different to rules for face to face events

The EBU have decided to treat licenced county events run online differently from those run face to face. They are limiting the number of one day green point events that any county may run to one a year. The EBU has also doubled the licence fee for online county events from £8 approx per table to £16.

Competing for stronger players attendance

Limiting the number of county online events may benefit the EBU's online events. It is unlikely to induce more players to play in county and national face to face events. One EBU board director has suggested it will benefit club face to face offerings. Most players will make their choice of face to face versus online considering their attitude to the pandemic and ability to travel.

How about financial support for club face to face?

However, the change opens up an interesting possibility. The EBU could materially assist club face to face activity by reducing the UM for club face to face events by 50%. If you think that is a good idea, please let me know, but more importantly let your affiliated county shareholder know, and any EBU board directors, particularly

Gayle Webb as club representative director.

EBU<->Club Communications

The second "monthly" update from the board appeared on 4th November..

The EBU board director with special responsibility for representing clubs, Gayle Webb, has been in touch. She apologises for not being in touch before and not attending our meetings. She will not be able to attend meetings in future.

The online only "Discovery" magazine that members were asked to forward is apparently intended to be published annually.

The monthly bulletins and some other information is available on the EBU web site at the link below:

[EBU County/Club Communications Index](#)

New Normal Zoom Conferences

The meetings are informal gatherings. They are intended to bring together a wide range of perspectives. They should allow constructive debate.

The proceedings are not secret and will be recorded and published widely.

Zoom conferences took place on:

- 16th September
- 21st October
- 18th November
- 16th December 2020
- 20th January 2021
- 17th February 2021
- 17th March 2021
- 21st April 2021
- 19th May 2021
- 16th June 2021
- 21st July 2021
- 18th August 2021
- 22nd September 2021
- 20th October 2021.

A link for the next Zoom conference is below:

Nicky Bainbridge is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bridge in the New Normal November 2021
Time: Nov 17, 2021 02:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84581600188?pwd=djR4OEtLWUQrNTBWVVdoV09BWWZtUT09>

Meeting ID: 845 8160 0188

Passcode: 973334

SAVE THE DATE
NEXT MEETING
Wednesday 19th January 2pm
(We will all be too busy in December)

Zoom link for the next New Normal Bridge Zoom Conference

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There is also information on playing Covid-secure bridge.

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