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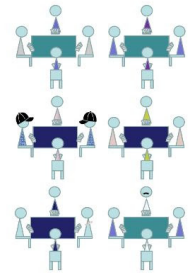
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Thanks to everyone who contributes to the conferences and gives feedback about the newsletter, or lets me know they watch the conference recordings. As long as I know this is useful, I will keep going!

The audience for this newsletter is growing. If you would like to receive it, you can subscribe at:

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Monthly Discussions

We hold a discussion about running bridge once a month. It takes place at 09.00 on a Wednesday morning, usually the third Wednesday in the month. It's an informal occasion open to all interested in organising duplicate bridge.

On November 23rd:

We discussed running bridge clubs, table numbers, table fees, bringing new players into the game. I confirmed the day of the discussions would continue to be Wednesday. The time is 9.00 GMT/BST to allow those with 10.00 sessions to join us. We decided to leave the next discussion to January. It is set up for Wednesday 18th January 09.00. Here is the link to the recording of the last meeting:

<https://youtu.be/H-xaZ-moSGg>

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Topic: Bridge in the New Normal Discussion

Time: Jan 18, 2023 09:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 832 7546 3921

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How are clubs doing?

The numbers of clubs open, and the mix of online and face to face sessions they offer seems to have largely stabilised.

Clubs and Face to Face
(Much more detail on the web site)

Face to Face Sessions On Offer	969 (969)
Clubs Offering Face to Face	498 (497)

Club Statistics Update 19th December (14th October 2022)

Table Numbers

I plan to shift the focus of information gathering from the types of session that clubs are offering to other data. One concern is that many clubs are experiencing low table numbers.

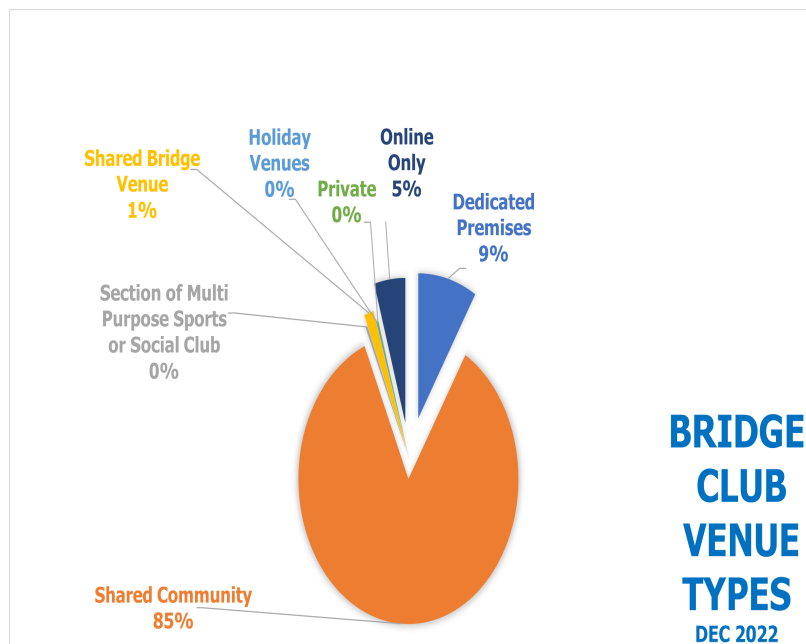
All Clubs Average Tables

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Face to Face	6.9	6.6	6.4	7.7	7.5	4	5
Sample Size	39	32	36	32	26		
BBO	7.7	6.3	7.4	9.333	7.8	4	10
Sample Size	9	8	5	6	7		
RealBridge	9.9	6.9	9.7	4.7	8.5		
Sample Size	9	9	3	3	5		

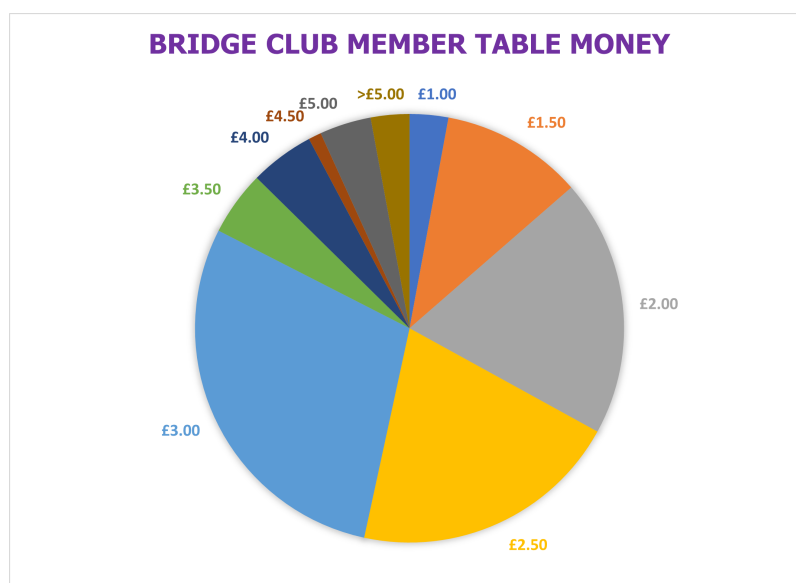
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Dedicated Premises	8.6	8.0	7.8	8.0	9.8		
Shared Bridge Venue	7.5						
Shared Community	6.5	6.3	6				

Where do clubs play?



How much do clubs charge?



BBO sent an end of year message to its players:

"From us all at BBO, we want to say a huge thank you. You're a valued member of the BBO community and have helped make 2022 a great year for bridge.

Thankfully it's been a much better year for face to face bridge, with more and more clubs re-opening their doors and multiple national and international championships to play in and enjoy.

On top of this, your love for the online version of our wonderful game has not diminished. You're one of the 750,000 strong community of players who've played on BBO this year. On average you spend over 2 hours per day on BBO; hopefully, the time you spend playing is fulfilling and fun!

Together you've played around 50 million tournament and challenge boards, 300 million casual boards, 6 million boards with and against star players and 131 million boards against robots."

Online v Face to Face

Online bridge is a wonderful thing for anyone who cannot attend face to face events. Even for those who have a choice, online is more convenient and cheaper. There are a range of offerings from finding a game with whoever is around, to meeting friends for social bridge, to sessions for less experienced players, to some elite events. Many of the senior players who used to attend county and national events are clearly reluctant to return to face to face equivalents. This makes offering them more financially risky. Now we are all much more aware of health risks.

However, thousands of volunteers are providing chances to play in hundreds of clubs. This chance to play duplicate against a field you can see, hear and talk to. It is very economic, and

good for your mental health.

We need to make former players, current online players and students emerging from teaching aware, informed and welcome at our clubs.

BridgeWhizz

This is an offer to train beginners online for free.
It was launched by ACBL aimed at youngsters, but has been taken up here in the UK and by adults.
This article by BAMSA tells more:



https://bridgemindsport.org/bridgewhizz-teaching-children-to-play/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=bamsa-newsletter_4

BAMSA

You can subscribe for the BAMSA bulletin here:

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There's more information at the page below, typically updated once a week.

BFP Club Statistics Page

Sharing the Income

It has become clear that the EBU's need for income to sustain its current operations overrides all other considerations and there is no room for discussion.

In the year 2022-2023 the EBU UM is 42p, clubs will also pay an additional county amount bringing the fee per seat to 45p-50p. At the recent AGM an increase to the EBU UM was agreed. This is a substantial chunk out of £2/£2.50/£3.00 table money, and the EBU really needs to demonstrate value for money.

Equally clubs really need to consider raising their table money. This would still be the best value organised leisure activity!

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.

Previous Zoom conferences:

2020	16th September 18th November	21st October 16th December
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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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