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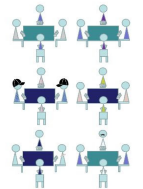
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Monthly Discussions

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 January 18th:

The start of the meeting was delayed because I was driving from Rugby to Kenilworth in the rush hour to start a new beginners course. The good news was that we have 16 in the class. The bad news was that I started the meeting a few minutes late and we lost some attendees.

We discussed running bridge clubs, table numbers, table fees, bringing new players into the game.

The time is 9.00 GMT/BST to allow those with 10.00 sessions to join us.

The next discussion is set up for Wednesday 22nd February 09.00.

The Zoom link for the next discussion, and the Youtube link for the recording of the last one are below.

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	987 (969)
Clubs Offering Face to Face	503 (498)

Club Statistics Update 29th January (19th December 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.

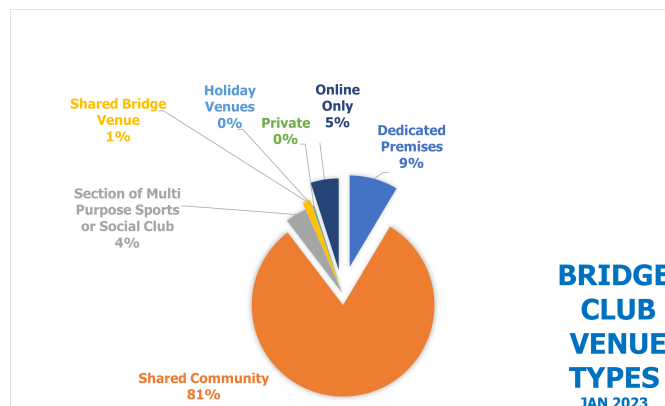
This update, with data from more clubs, shows bigger fields at dedicated premises.

All Clubs Average Tables	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Face to Face	7	6	6	8	7	4	5
Sample Size	50	49	45	39	36		
BBO	8	6	7	9	8	4	7
Sample Size	11	10	5	7	8		
RealBridge	9	6	8	5	8		
Sample Size	10	11	5	4	6		

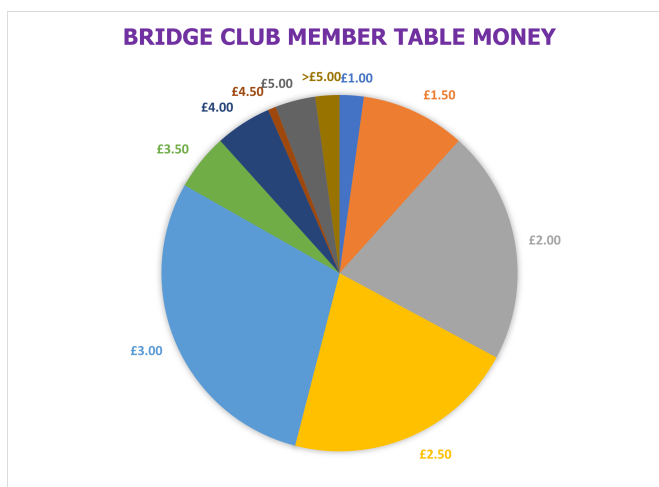
Club Average Face to Face Average Tables	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
All Clubs Average Tables	7	6	6	8	7	4	5
Sample Size	50						
Dedicated Premises	9	7	7	8	8		
Sample Size	10						
Shared Bridge Venue	8						
Sample Size	2						
Shared Community	7	6	6				
Sample Size	36						

Where do clubs play?

This has changed as some clubs operating as a section of a multi purpose club were incorrectly classified as playing in shared community premises.



How much do clubs charge?
Updated January 2023 with data from more clubs



There's more information here, typically updated once a fortnight.

BFP Club Statistics Page

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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
2021	20th January 17th March 19th May	17th February 21st April 16th June
	21st July	18th August
	https://youtu.be/pPEzFxs8VBA	
	22nd September	https://youtu.be/QJlu3PIn02s
	20th October	https://youtu.be/VRP7eaeqaH8
	17th November	https://youtu.be/DAv-7POhNHU
2022	19th January	https://youtu.be/3w9h3UWG70
	16th February	https://youtu.be/Z5jOfwcpueU
	16th March	https://youtu.be/nlW1BIMG6-0
	20th April	https://youtu.be/ekPnjt-KIZs

18th May <https://youtu.be/hond7ZCvKzM>
22nd June <https://youtu.be/cz1sBGPMisE>
20th July <https://youtu.be/1McE5pexdjg>
17th August https://youtu.be/5pegkP_R_Ro
21st September <https://youtu.be/uxmPqzTQNqo>
19th October <https://youtu.be/uxmPqzTQNqo>
23rd November <https://youtu.be/H-xaZ-moSGg>

2023 18th January <https://youtu.be/aRoMH6l68g0>

A link for the next Zoom conference is below:

Nicky Bainbridge is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: New Normal Feb 22
Time: Feb 22, 2023 09:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85449325280?pwd=cXYyZEt1Y3cxZnlrSXdreYyNFN5UT09>

Meeting ID: 854 4932 5280
Passcode: 133067

Zoom link for the next New Normal Bridge Zoom Conference

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