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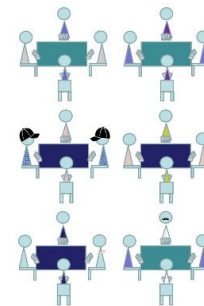
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Thanks to everyone who contributes to the meetings and gives feedback about the newsletter, or lets me know they watch the conference recordings. As long as I know this is useful, I will keep going!

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How are clubs doing?

The 787 clubs in the database offer about 1750 weekly duplicate sessions.

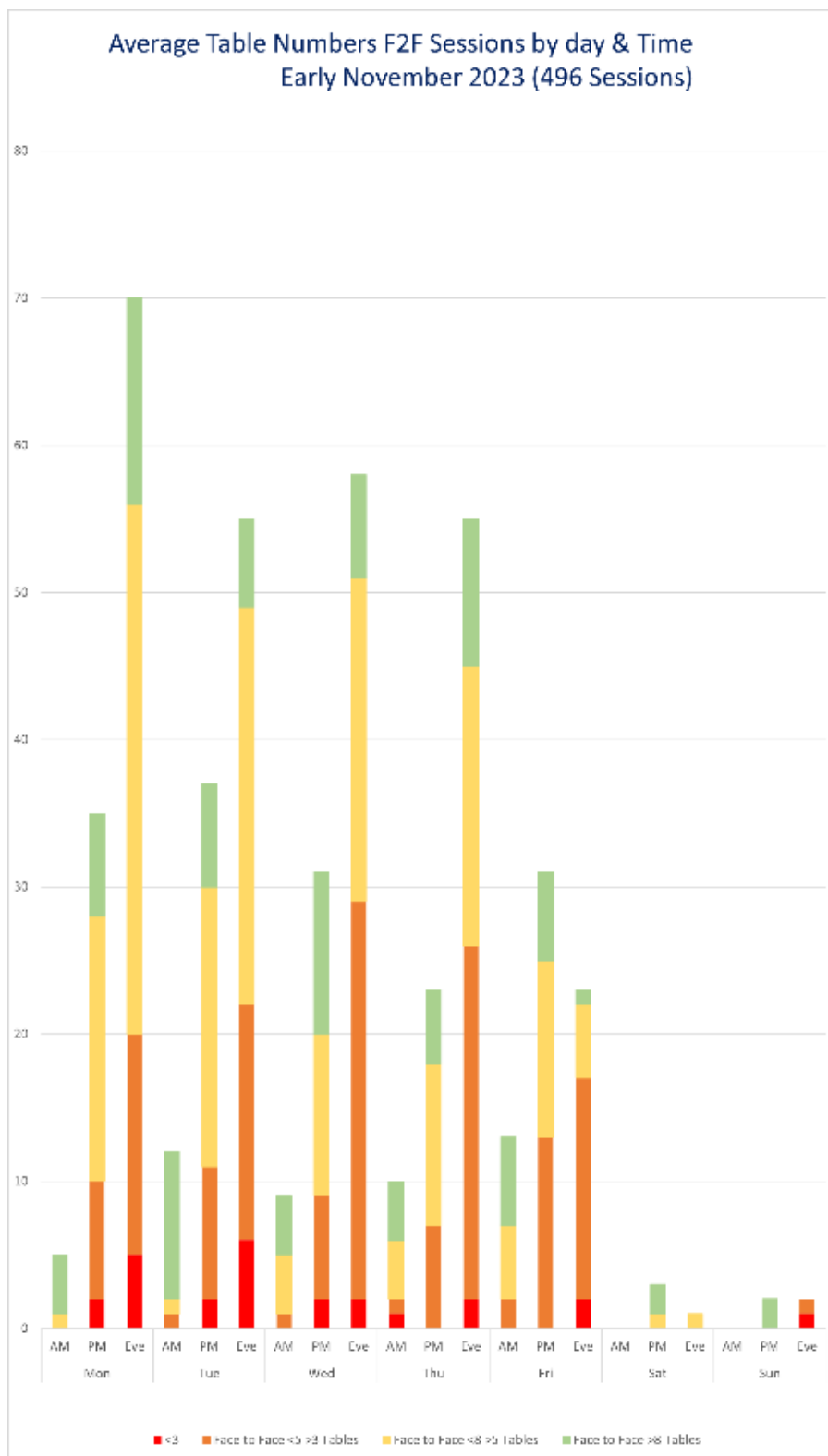
620 weekly sessions have been analysed in some detail. The session details include tables numbers (average of latest three weeks at review data) by day of week and time of day. The type of venue or online platform is also recorded.

This data shows clubs typically offer an average of 1.4 sessions a week. This is distorted by a few clubs offering many sessions. The typical club (well over half) runs one session a week.

The average face to face field size amongst the weekly sessions has for all clubs is now 6.48. A number of smaller clubs have recently been added.

F2F Average Tables

All Clubs F2F	6.48
EBU Clubs F2F	6.55
Non Affiliated Clubs F2F	6.39
Dedicated Premises	7.49
Shared Community	6.18
Section	5.39



Clubs are being resurveyed now (roughly annually), any trends are from new clubs being added, new data being added, and a bit of changes in the "existing" data. November 2023:

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

Nicky is standing for the EBU Board

You know that I am a believer in the pleasure and well being that face to face bridge gives many players. I have taught bridge for over twenty years, and run a club for more than twelve years. I have qualified as a teacher and as a county director. I have served as county chair and on county working group. I provide this newsletter and forum for discussion, especially around the pandemic.

I have offered my services to the EBU administration before. I have respect and admiration for everyone who works to make bridge happen, most of all the army of volunteers. The time has come to recognise the need for change over the need for stability.

I have met David Parry who shares my aspirations for bridge, and whose knowledge and skills complement my own and we have launched a joint manifesto. Our election to the board will be on a vote of shareholders, so if you are, or know, a shareholder, please draw their attention to our manifesto.

Time for Change

Bridge is enjoyed by millions around the world. However, it is struggling to retain its place as a leisure activity, or even as a competitive mind sport in the face of intense competition from screen-based entertainment.

The pandemic stopped face to face bridge for a while. Online bridge in both social, and competitive form increased in numbers, accessibility, and popularity. The balance between online and in person bridge has changed for ever.

It is now time to increase the appreciation and knowledge of bridge in England and grow the numbers playing the game. New players need to be attracted otherwise the relentless rise in the typical age of bridge players can only result in a slow and inevitable decline.

The future of the game in England can be turned around. With your support we will make it happen.

- We will raise the profile of the game to attract greater interest and more players.

- We will work actively with all teachers to enthuse a wave of beginners.
- We will engage with every club, no matter how big or small, whether EBU affiliated or not, and we will support beginners moving to play in club sessions.
- We will work to introduce bridge to younger players. We will support every teacher who teaches bridge in schools. We will launch a university student teaching initiative. We will promote bridge to young professionals.
 - We will breathe new life into the competitive game by developing a new and inspiring national tournament structure. We will give counties and regions the autonomy to run a broader range of green-pointed tournaments. We will reduce the national schedule and expand the regional program, providing enhanced flexibility and increased opportunities nationwide.
 - We will delete “control bridge” from the EBU’s Memorandum of Association and replace it by “promote and support bridge”.
 - We will recognise the increasingly professional nature of the game at elite level. We will respect the needs of professional players so that England may always be represented by the best possible team in all major international championships.
 - We will streamline operations and focus on core activities. We will cut out waste. We will be pragmatic. We will downsize from the current headquarters to much smaller, less expensive premises.

We are standing for election to the EBU board, by the shareholders, on Wednesday November 29th, 2023.

David Parry (London), standing for election to the board and for the office of Chair.

Nicky Bainbridge (Midlands), standing for election to the board, and for the office of Vice-Chair

Monthly Discussions

Our informal meetings are open to all interested in organising duplicate bridge. They do not have any formal role. Small and large clubs, face to face and/or online clubs, affiliated or not, in England, or outside. Please join us.

We usually hold a discussion about running bridge once a month at 10.00 on a Friday morning.

Next Zoom discussion

Nicky Bainbridge is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: New Normal Discussion December 2023

Time: Dec 1, 2023 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82413348826?pwd=TTZvVTBEdHFEdkFmYmE5QmVZaGxFT09>

Meeting ID: 824 1334 8826

Passcode: 283887

Previous New Normal Zoom Discussions

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

The proceedings are informal and are recorded and published on YouTube.

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 22nd September	https://youtu.be/PbTyAz9vuHA https://youtu.be/pPEzFxs8VBA https://youtu.be/QJlu3PIn02s
	20th October 17th November	https://youtu.be/VRP7eaeqaH8 https://youtu.be/DAv-7POhNHU
2022	19th January 16th February 16th March 20th April 18th May 22nd June 20th July	https://youtu.be/3w9hl3UWG70 https://youtu.be/Z5jOfwcpueU https://youtu.be/nlW1BIMG6-0 https://youtu.be/ekPnjt-KIZs https://youtu.be/hond7ZCvKzM https://youtu.be/cz1sBGPMisE 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
	22nd February	https://youtu.be/Og5VROx9lXY
	22nd March	http://youtu.be/ZdhdvzIVeZw
	6th June	https://youtu.be/WY2PUDMHBQA
	15th September	https://youtu.be/1j6yXjO_cLc
	20th October	https://youtu.be/J6R8u_a5Cdl

Zoom link for the next New Normal Bridge Zoom Conference

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