

Briter Bridge Club 2

Lockdown bridge in a virtual club

Here is a brief summary of opportunities available locally and open to Briter members. **Warning:** the details have been changing frequently. I will try to keep it up to date but check with the websites or organisers for the latest information.

BBO GAMES WITH MULTIPLE TABLES (players guide themselves around and do not necessarily play the same boards)

Players advise the director in advance that they intend to play and who their partner is. At the allotted time those playing North log into BBO and set up a table in the relaxed bridge club and invite their partner and the pair they have been told are their first opponents. South, East and West log in, press **casual** and wait for an invitation.

North will be sent messages from the director telling them who to invite next and when. The number of boards played will vary and will be random. Thus it is rare that the same board will be played by all participants.

The charge for this type of game is £2.50 per person per game, payable to the organiser not BBO. Briter members are welcome to play at Slams on a Wednesday afternoon and Friday evening. They should have played on BBO and know how to host and how to find a table if they miss their invitation. They should also have read the instructions on the Slams website.

www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=slams&pid=display_page25 If you want to practice hosting and finding tables please contact jan.titcombe@ntlworld.com to arrange a short session or to find a Briter pair who have been playing at Slams who could make up a table with you. This method at Chislehurst on Tuesday or Thursday evening is currently in suspension as players preferred the method below. See the respective websites for timings and further information. Please email Roy Lambert at

SlamsBridgeClub@btinternet.com if wanting to play at Slams or Derek Patterson at derek.patterson@chislehurstbc.co.uk if wanting to know the situation at Chislehurst.

VIRTUAL DUPLICATE VIA BBO for EBU affiliated clubs

This differs from the variation above in that you become a member of the EBU (you don't need to do anything, it will be automatic) and need to buy BBO dollars in order to play. **Warning:** when buying BBO dollars choose the credit card option NOT the PayPal or iTunes routes as these cost much more. On some tablets and iphones the credit card option may not be easy to find. Use this link:

www.bridgebase.com/purchase/pay.php

To play you register for the game and wait to be invited – do **not** wait in the casual area. Players do not need to set up a table and issue invitations. Everyone plays the same boards and East/West are automatically moved on at either a set time or when everyone has finished the allocated boards. If a board is unfinished at the time set for the move an average is given.

This variety of bridge is offered on a Monday evening by Bromley North and on Tuesday and Thursday evening and Sunday morning by Chislehurst. Currently the charge for Bromley North is 4BBO dollars, the charge for Chislehurst is \$3 to BBO and £1 to Derek.

If you are interested in playing at Bromley North please let Jan Titcombe have your username, email address and EBU number if you have one and know what it is. For Chislehurst please email Derek.

Further details on their websites at <http://www.bromleynorthbc.co.uk/> and www.bridgewebs.com/chislehurst/ .

These are not the only clubs running such sessions. Farnborough, Caterham and the Kent County Bridge Association all have some similar opportunities but you are more likely to “meet” and be able to chat to players you know at the clubs detailed.

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