

## **Tournament Director's Report 2021**

At the club for normal bridge i.e. face to face to bridge I had two responsibilities and they were, to organise the directors and make sure we had pre-dealt boards. However playing on-line bridge there is no need to worry about pre-dealt hands as they produced by the systems. As far as directing goes only qualified directors are acceptable for the BBO sessions but on RealBridge anyone can direct. Directing on RealBridge is fairly easy once you have been shown the basic system. Once the director has set up the movement the main task is to keep an eye on when all the tables have finished (or nearly finished) and start the next round. All the technical errors that occur in face to face bridge (e.g leading out of turn) are eliminated when playing on-line. The main problem we have with on-line bridge is "losing" a connection. On BBO if someone disappears permanently the director can normally either find a reserve or failing that set up robot, but on RealBridge that is not so easy.

Of course you can still call a director if there has been a hesitation and if affects the bidding (difficult to determine if there is a hesitation) or wrong information has been given. I do know of one incident where the BBO director gave an adjusted score because of a wrong explanation!

Of course when we return to face to face bridge our directors will probably have to remind themselves about the complex laws again. That is trivial if that is all we have to worry about in returning to face to face bridge!

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