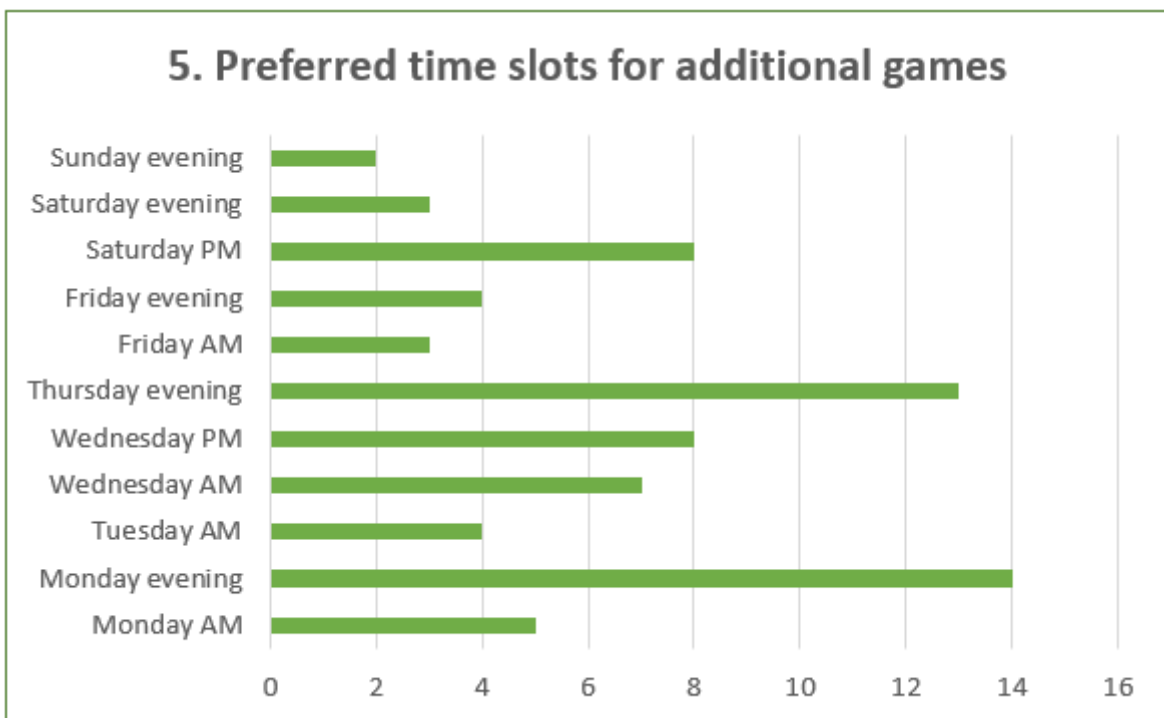
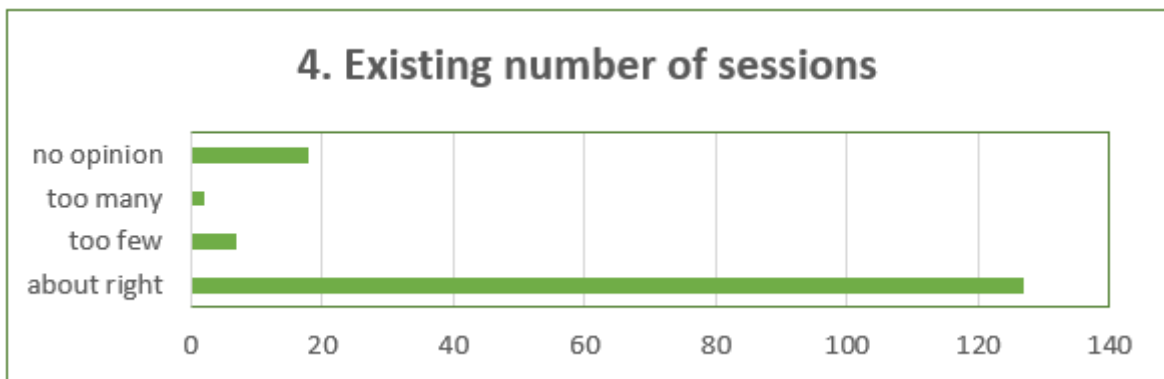
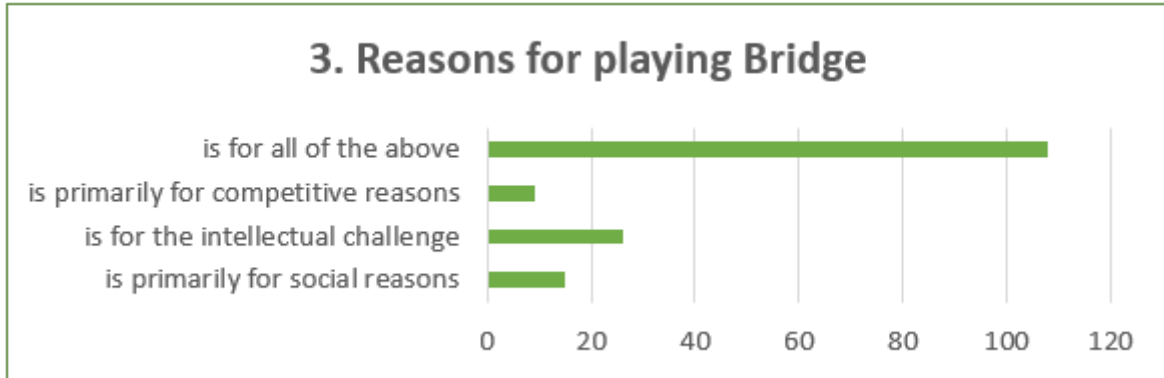


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Introduction

We had 252 responses, thank you. Of those, 157 are regular players in CBC online sessions, and 95 are not playing in CBC online events.

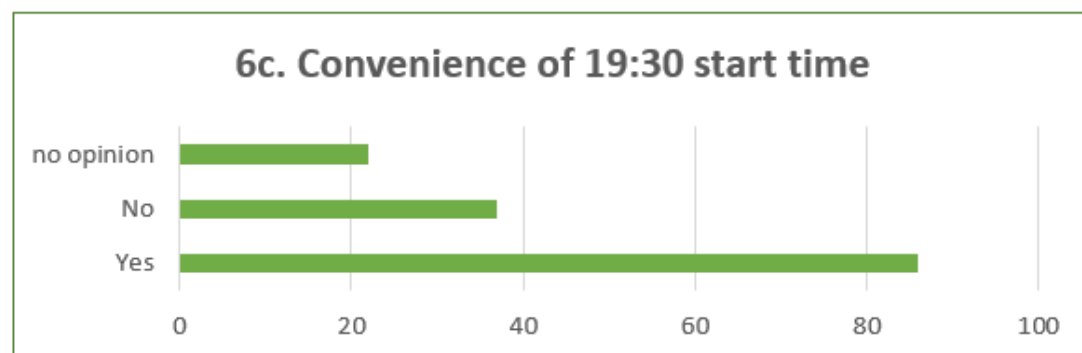
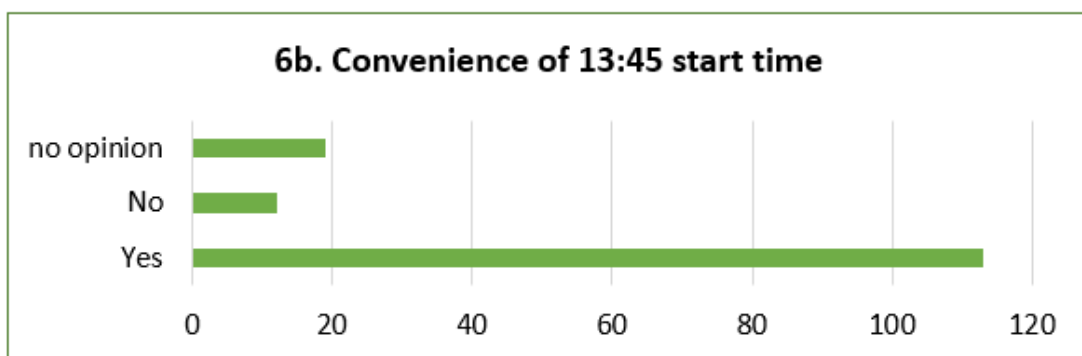
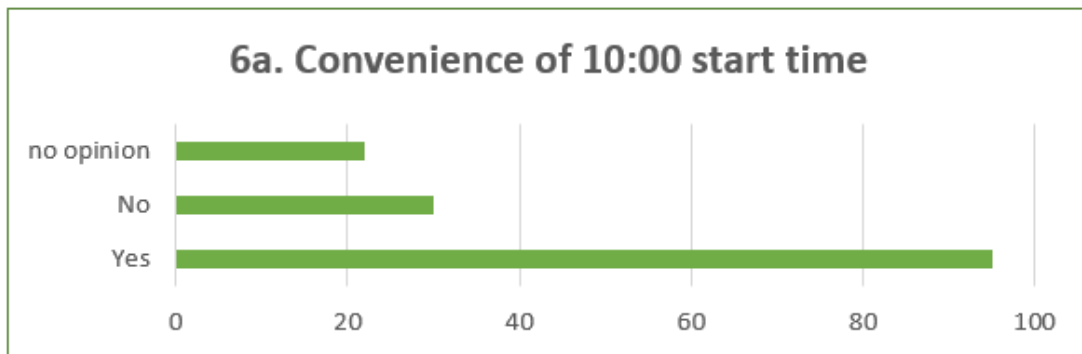
Regular Players



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5a. Are there any others

More evening please
Sunday evening
An evening not too advanced!
More SIMS, and Charity matches
When I feel like playing
I vary which sessions I do.
Monday evening
Depends on partner availability
Potentially any morning sessions
Tues am
More evening sessions would be good for people who are still working
Monday afternoon
None
Wednesday pm
Thursday Morning
None
Thursday pm



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2- 2.30 would be better start time and more in the evenings . I play a lot of the EBU sessions with partners .
19:00
2 pm and 7 pm
18:45 or 19:00 would be fine. I stopped playing in evening sessions when the start time was changed to 19:30
The 1.00pm starting was more than adequate as it allowed members to have more time available in the afternoon
19:00 evenings

Prefer 7pm evening
7.00pm
2 pm and 7 pm
prefer not to play in the morning
Start evening sessions earlier, ideally 6 pm
Would prefer start time to mirror club session timings
A little more than half the time, the afternoon session (when elderly parent is asleep) is the only session I can attend and the timing on that is perfect.

Start evening session earlier, as at Club. Prefer 1pm start for afternoon so can go for a walk afterwards
Start at 7pm preferred
A session late afternoon say 4.30pm would help
7-30 too late hard to sleep over stimulated 10-00 busy house and dog

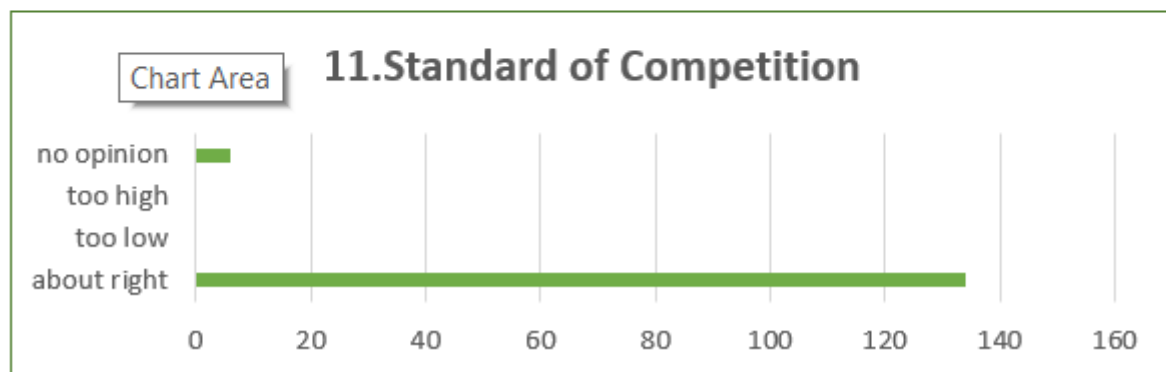
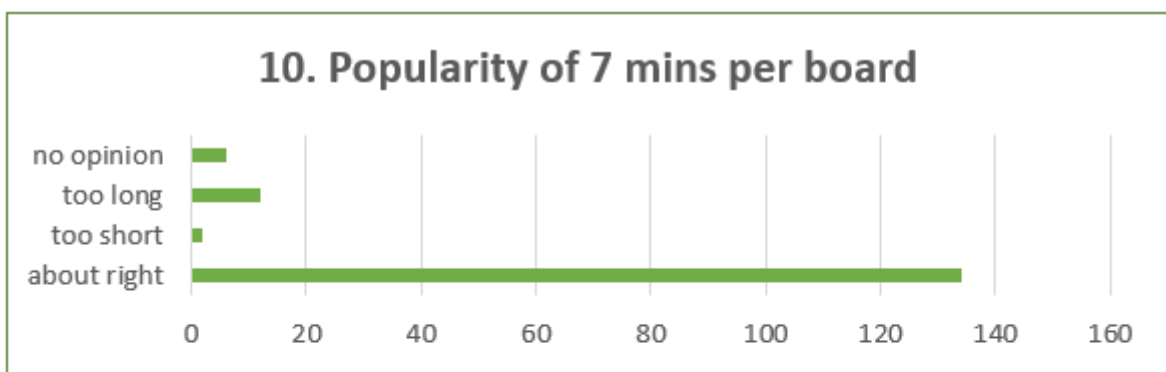
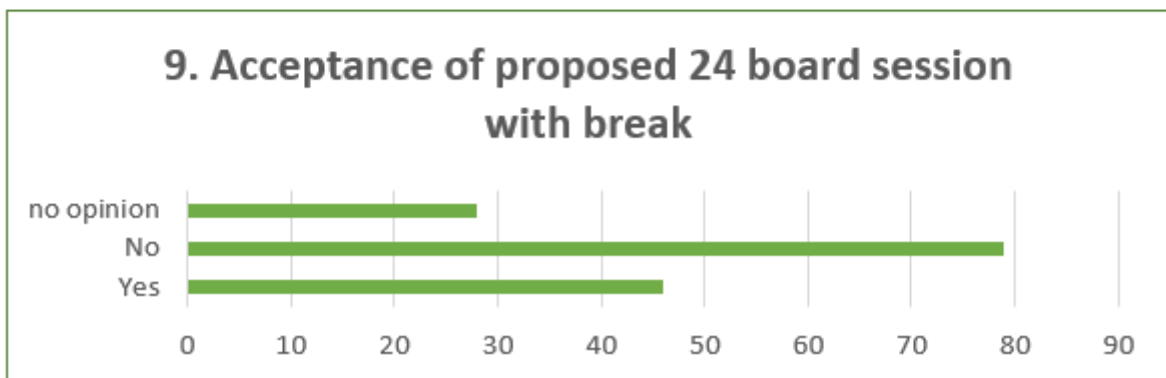
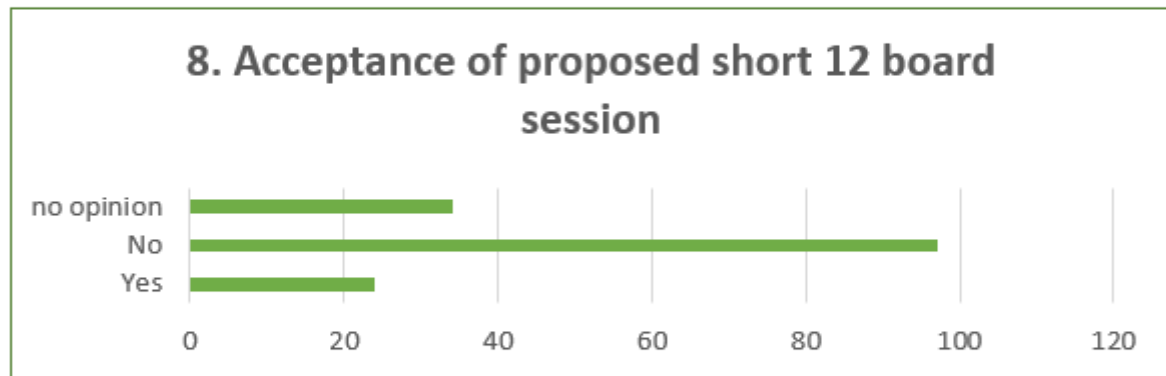
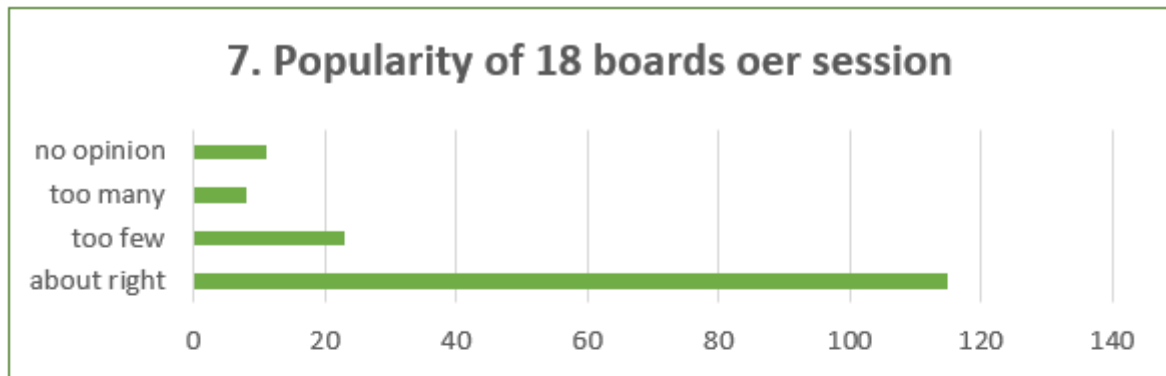
the only thing I might change is to offer some times later in the afternoon around 4 pm so that it doesn't interfere with the day time or evening too much. It seems quite a popular time when I play socially for those reasons.
Would prefer 7pm to 7.30 though
Morning session to start at 10.30am
Would actually prefer afternoon sessions to start later say 4pm
6.45pm

Too late
I would prefer a later start to the morning session
Earlier evening start time 6:30 to 7pm
7pm would be a better start time for evenings afternoon later evening earlier
7.00pm
18:45-19:00

prefer earlier in the day, my partner's brain works better.
Evenings start (and finish) too late for me
7:30 start means icannot play ebu game at 9. 7pm start allows this
10.30 7,00
19.00 hours
14.00 afternoon sessions

Start earlier
7.0pm
Later morning 10.30 am
There are many ebu and other matches in the evenings. So avoid them

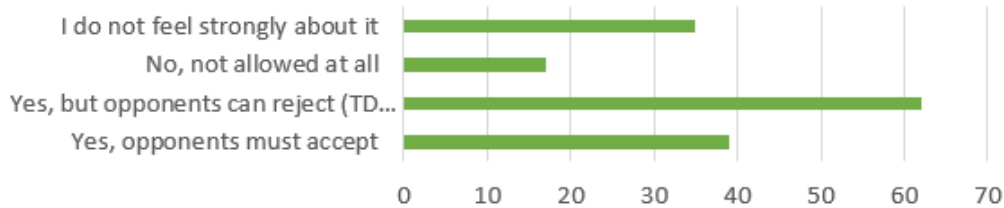
7.30pm could move to 7pm
Later
7.00pm
7.0pm
Earlier 7.00



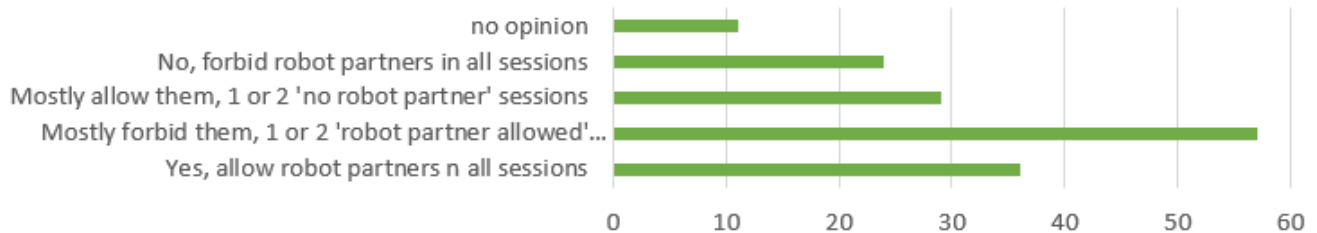
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Pairs Wed Eve
We are missing the better players
Danish
Tuesday afternoon, Friday afternoon
Gentle bridge Tues and Thurs mornings, Sat morning about right, I feel all other sessions are too high a standard for me
No equivalent of F2F Tuesday upstairs
afternoons
Friday afternoon
Thursday afternoon
18 serves me well/ 20 or 16 but no more or less

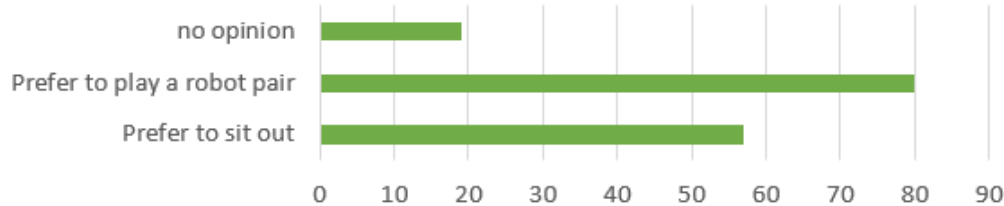
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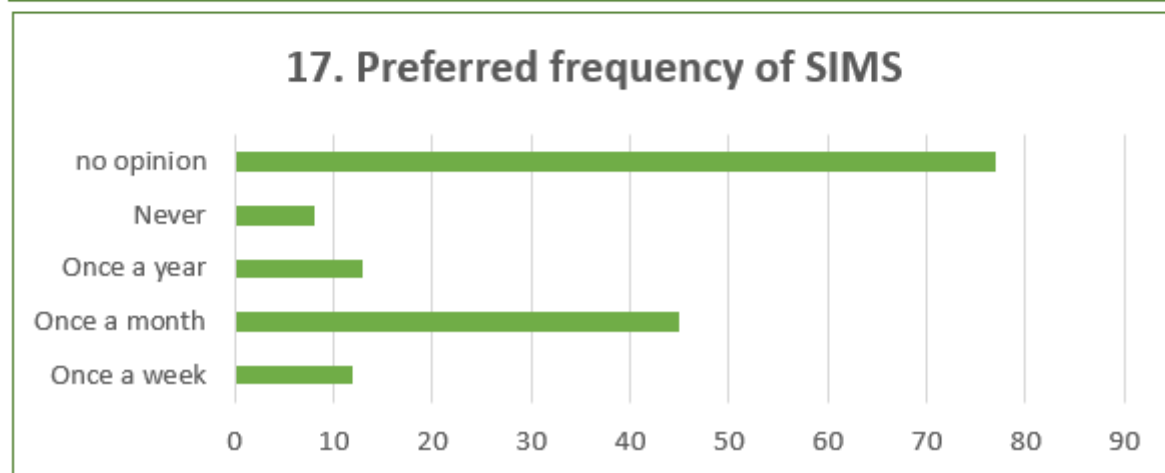
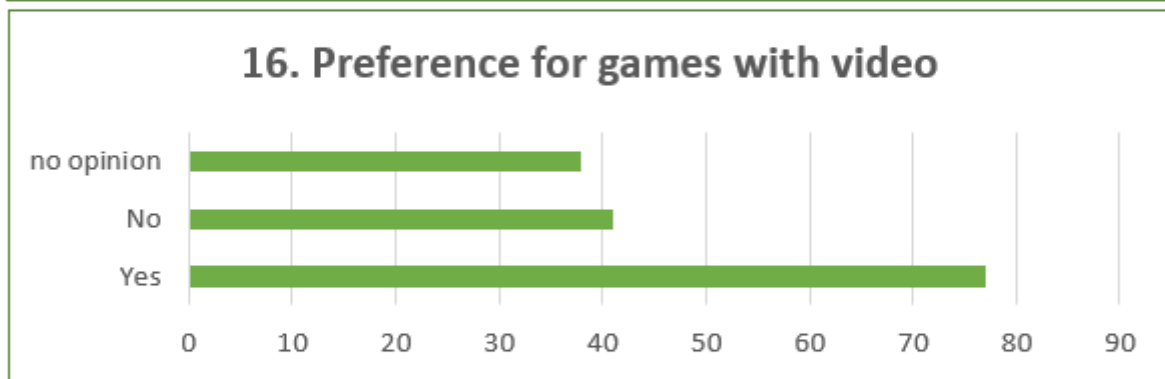
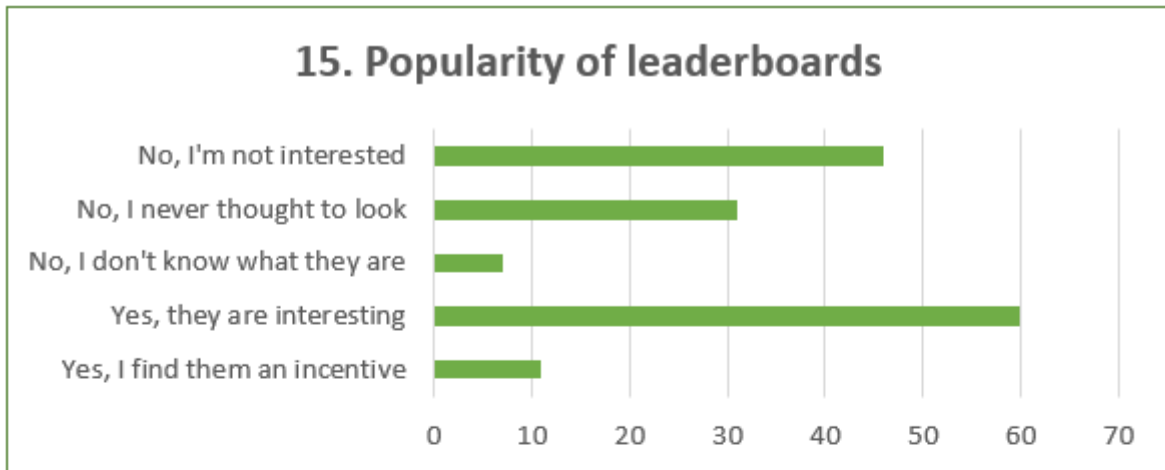


13. Popularity of robots



14. Sitouts vs robots



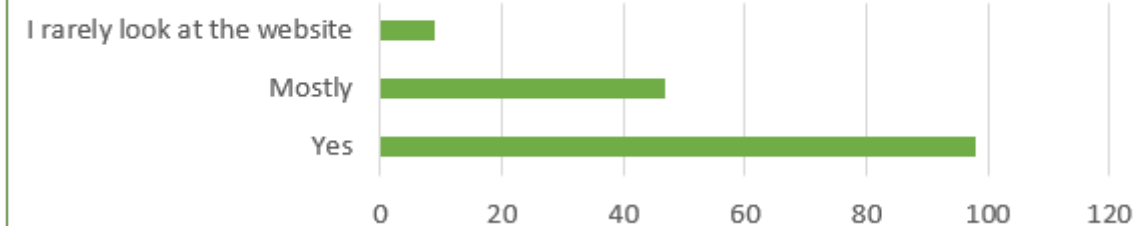


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18. What, if any, other competition formats would you like to see?

I'm loving the GCBA 9 high Swiss Pairs. Perhaps CBC could run a similar competition	Swiss pairs
I like pairs, teams not to often	more GP events
Pairs League	None, happy with what we have
I enjoyed CBC Pairs league but no point currently in duplicating GCBA . Swiss Pairs is really good. Prefer Swiss to Danish when system	Swiss Pairs and Teams Leagues
Would like the equivalent of F2F Tuesday upstairs	I am a year 2 student, so gentle bridge sessions are fine, and yet to try the Sunday Social sessions but will do when time permits
I enjoy playing teams which I do at a smaller bridge club online	gentle teams
individuals and teams in afternoons	GB session in the evening
Tournaments	Teams on weekly sessions
teams	Pro-Am events to encourage progression of players. The grumpiest wouldn't play 😃
What matters is the standard of bridge, not the format. You want a homogeneous field.	none - the more complicated, the more chance of a mishap with the IT
Enjoy playing teams in our own private BBO competition with 5 teams of 4 outside of CBC	more sessions to include level indicator versus other reams and countirs

19. Percieved accessability of website



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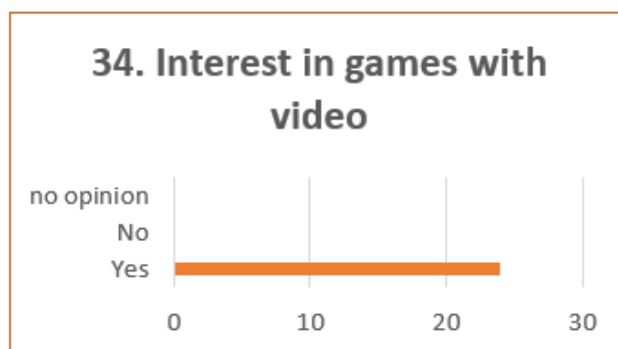
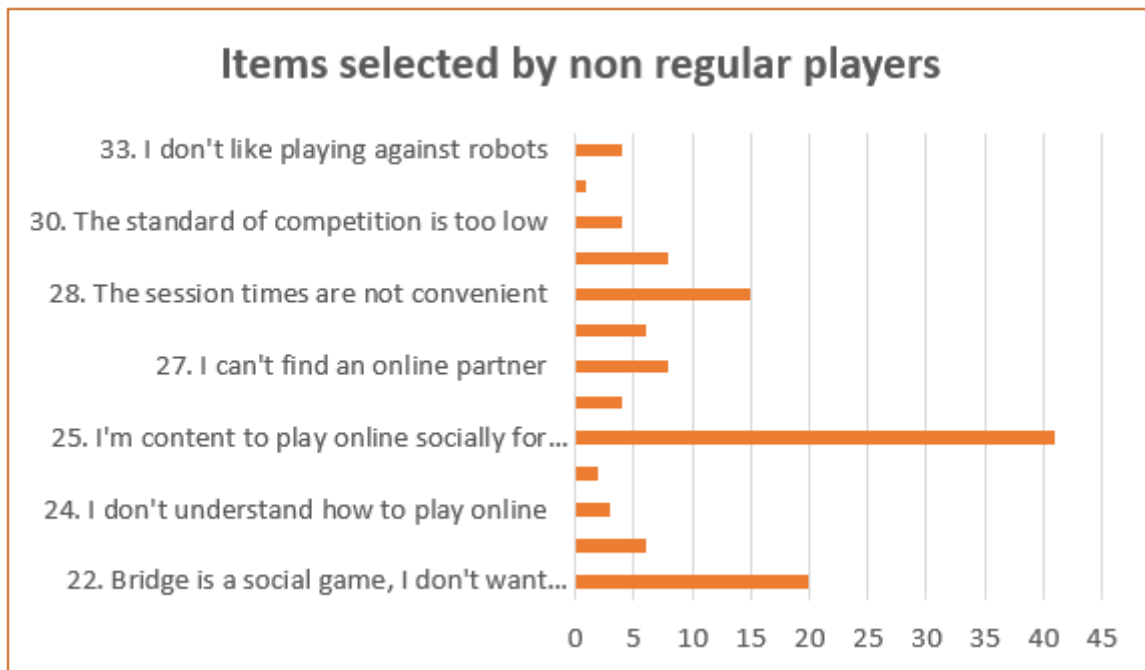
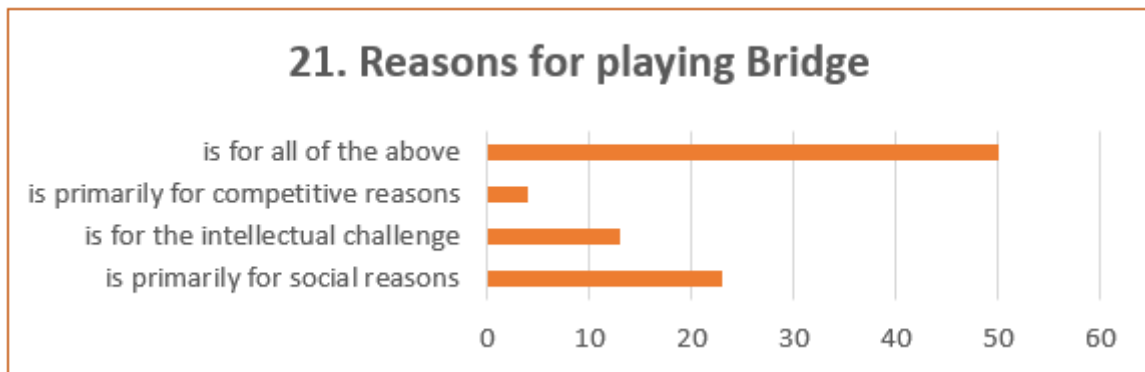
20. Do you have any comments or suggestions?

Prefer two board rounds for gentle bridge, don't enjoy 3 board rounds	On the subject of undos, I think they should be allowed for misclicks but not after the next player or player has bid. I have suspected on a couple of occasions that it has been requested because it has been realised that an error in the actual bidding has been made!! Also If I could request anything it would be 1 or 2 sessions restricted to certain NGS levels as in Gentle bridge. Eg no player over NGS 9 or NGS 10. I find it intimidating to play players who are of a lot higher standard than myself and have bidding systems that I don't yet understand.
5. My answer was only selected because it was a mandatory question, just ignore my response to this question. 12. This is my response for the games I play but it may not be the appropriate answer for some other events.	No, but i would like to thank everybody who has made it possible for us all to continue playing.
Raise awareness of announcing/alerting requirements, declaring system, and the protocol of Mis-clicks.	Big thank you to the TD and other directors and scorers - they all work very hard to keep the club going and encourage members.
I would prefer the Danish and IMPs sessions to be once per month	EBU run a 9 high tournament each day which is popular. Only NGS band Nine or below
Prefer two board rounds for gentle bridge, don't enjoy 3 board rounds	If robots are playing as a pair, remove them from the results table
Is it possible to have a standby system for some sessions instead of robots?	Can you confirm Christmas schedule? Sessions going ahead etc
I think the organizers of these events should be applauded. The website is great. I don't like Robots as I think they distort the results, but that's BBO's thing.	
sims 4 times a year	Grateful for everything during lockdown
Robots -should only be used as a last measure. Robots systems should match players systems- such Acol etc	No thank you.
None	Think CBC has done a really good job in the circumstances. We find we play enough with CBC when allowing for our other social bridge sessions and doing the Bernard Magee seminars/hands.
The fact that everyone plays the same boards is a better measure of ones skill	I enjoy it. Am glad of it. Well done. Keep it up
CBC site is not considered safe as regards bugs , (so my computer tells me!)	You are doing a good job
Just increase number of boards and do not allow too much time. I wait and wait!	The web site is very over crowded and old fashioned looking. Puts one off looking.
Keep reminding players to self-alert non-conventional bids including doubles	No thank you.
Online bridge is not the same but is very useful in current circumstances	I have been a member for 1 year +. That is barely sufficient time to ans in depth and experience!

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:Hello, I have been enjoying playing bridge online with CBC, however I notice from the sessions list that there are a substantial number of sessions aimed at very experienced players. When we first started to play online in the general sessions we felt we had more of a game. However lately it appears that the sessions we have been playing in are attracting very strong players and it is difficult to enjoy as much. Is there any chance of scheduling some intermediate level games too? Unfortunately we cannot make the gentle sessions that are currently scheduled and previously we were only using those sessions very infrequently anyway. I

Non-Regular Players



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35. What could the club do to encourage you to play online?

For club play, I prefer to play on the Real bridge website

Ban robots Sorry to be negative

I use BBO because that is what I started with And am happy with it.

I play a lot on line socially and using EBU . If there were more sessions with CBC then I would play more .

Nothing, really. I've played a few online games but I'm happy to wait until FTF bridge is available again. I spent the latter part of my working life in front of a computer screen all day and I now have home projects which involve computer time, so I don't want to add to that. I am happy to play when asked to fill in as an emergency but I don't want regular computer bridge. If FTF bridge didn't return, I would reconsider.

I do play Bridge base 4 hands regularly -learning curve as Robot plays a completely different system to my normal system & enjoy it -my regular partner is my Wife and she does not want to play on line -one concern is that being in same location some good play could be misinterpreted as naturally we are in the same house but if we played would isolate and I suppose the same could apply to other couples who play-not sure how you overcome this issue-will return to live bridge when we can

Although the only vaguely appropriate response for why I don't play many CBC events is No 30 it sounds much worse than it actually is. There are enough events run by the GCBA and the EBU of a type which I enjoy to meet my needs at a competitive level. The Club is a member of both the EBU and the GCBA so it doesn't need to do anything at all to meet my needs but I applaud the intention to discover those who are missing out on bridge during Covid and make sure they are trying to help them get some bridge played. Well done.

I do play online through EBU relaxed 9 high 11am competition and U3A Friday pm through CBC and socially. I tried some CBC sessions but did very badly!

Beginners sessions in the evening /weekend. I am only a year 3 player and have now forgotten a lot. Possibly may need to find a partner

difficult for the club as I really enjoy the games I play socially,

I play on BDO Already.

I have become a carer as my wife needs constant help, so cannot slot in any bridge session of more than 15 mins. Otherwise I would have definitely played online.

MAKE IT EASIER TO NAVIGATE THE ONLINE SYSTEM

Nil

I play online with Stroud Bridge Club. Once a week is sufficient for me as I am not an addict.

There isn't an "any other comments" box, but online Bridge is too open to cheating!

I play on line with friends 4 or 5 times a week Clubs games seem of a very high standard when I look at the results.

I think you are doing all you can. One problem is that I would like to play with my wife as partner, but as we share the same computer I don't see how that is possible!

Just keep emailing with options and one of these days I'll get back into it!

Answer to 22 sums it up. Have tried, including with 3 friends arranged by adept - just does not do it for me

Haven't got round to playing at CBC. Am playing in Herefordshire and Ross events + county matches

I would definitely play online through the club if I could find a partner. I play outside of the club but none of those I play with want to play through the club.

Get people to look at the partner required box!

see 27a and 34 above

Nothing - I look forward to playing at the club again

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I play friendly 2/3 times a week online and enjoy it, so no need for encouragement

Please offer a Gentle Bridge session in an evening. As someone who works during the day (as a key worker) I have felt overlooked and undervalued and neglected as a member of the group. I am also aware that others who I learnt with and who are able to play in the day time are gaining more experience.

I usually play GCBA Monday Nights and join in occasionally with higher standard evening games plus Pairs League if/when available. Also join in with my wife on occasions, especially SIMS events. Eye strain can be an issue so I am content with 2 or 3 games a week.

I love playing bridge online and I play with my partner twice a week socially. We are both members of CBC but my partner can only play at the weekends or in the evening as she works. We would play if there was an evening casual bridge such as the old Monday or Wednesday nights.at the club.

I enjoy playing but there are time constraints

The session times don't work well for my partner and me. We have made arrangements with other pairs from CBC to play at more convenient times.

We do play online, but mainly in EBU or GCBA matches. I prefer the 12 board EBU format and the GCBA teams matches.

From the outset I've played once or twice a week on Bridgebase with a group of friends, most of whom, though not all, are members of the Bridge Club. We appreciate being able to arrange timings (usually 4pm-6pm) because it doesn't interfere with most daytime & evening activities. We also use Whatsapp chat for communication. We're quite happy as we are but will return physically to the Club when possible.

Probably nothing as GCBA are offering enough for my current needs.

Use a bridge site that allows you to see the players.

Your session day/time don't suit me currently. The EBU 9-high sessions are convenient, and I like the 1.5 hour duration. I would like to support CBC though.

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Gentle bridge in the evenings ...I work thanks

I do play online socially with friends. This is enough at present.

It is a shame that the club plays exclusively on BBO If the club played sessions on BBL I would join those sessions. As an example I played in the CiN sims and it took over 2.5 hours to play only 20 boards with a huge amount of wasted time between each pair of boards. On BCL or socially I normally play for 2hrs and play 24 boards

Nothing

Nothing really. It is a problem I have with using a mouse for long periods

nothing: i just don't wanna

I play on line in GCBA and EBU events. Club pairs events are too long (18 boards) and there are too many slow players

The club is doing it's best. I only want to play with people at the actual club

Nothing. My other interest genealogy involves lots of computer time. I need to keep my eye for everything else

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Probably not much. I'm sure I could cope with online bridge but I didn't have a regular partner when Covid started and I have kept busy with family and the other things I do which have all continued online. If there is anyone else of my standard keen to find a partner then I would be willing to give it a go but otherwise I am happy to wait until the club can reopen.

I do not enjoy the 'technical world'!

A session on Monday and Thursday evening, which is when I used to play at the club

I like, the flexibility of playing with friends, we can start a stop when we want to.

Nothing. I would not be comfortable playing online and this would affect my ability to play.

I have been playing regularly on BBO in EBU tournaments, as I find that playing 12 boards online is easier than 18. I am interested to play CBC sessions, but daytime isn't convenient. I used to play Wednesday evenings at CBC, but the Club's online evening sessions are limited. They seem to be for advanced players, whereas I am an intermediate standard.

Already enjoying the sessions I do but can't wait to get back to the club. Enjoy the Swiss pairs thank you

I play 5 times a week and I can play anywhere with people I know. It would be more difficult trying to fit in Club bridge.

I don't have a partner and feel that I need some bridge lessons to gain confidence

Although I have played online using BBO, I'd much prefer it with a video link to give a social aspect

The Tuesday session clashes with other commitments and a Thursday session before a 2 hour lesson is too much to manage.

Have sessions at different times

Make it easier to know who you are playing. The names are usually some code and clicking through doesn't help often so I may as well play in a cheaper session like EBU Relaxed

Enough bridge/screentime already, so only play occasionally @CBC - Yes to RealBridge if it eliminates typing of bids

Have played online socially and intend to play online CBC in new year

I'm very happy playing as I am at the moment.

Lived London & played from 1950s socially, clubs and countries till CBC in 2004. Several years with CBC but ran out of pards and enthusiasm. Now kitchen bridge rarely. Retained CBC membership as (a) more members in club, more power politically (b) freedom to play at 'my' club. Too old now.

I have personal problems at home that preclude sitting dedicated at my computer for any length of time. The interruptions are continuous

it is really my decision, and some members that I play with on BBO weekly, report that they did not enjoy the CBC sessions But I should give them a go myself

provide the equivalence of the wednesday pairs league. I would play in that as its a good standard.

I do play on line a lot but at other clubs, little time to play at Cheltenham

I don't play online for none of the above reasons. I spend much time online doing other things and look on bridge as a change from that. This applies with or without a pandemic.

Convince my husband that's it a good idea!!

make payment easier

The reason I have not been playing is not due to anything the club has /has not been doing as it all seems well organised. Family commitments and lack of motivation are the main reasons!

I am quiter happy to play with friends in a low key way

Nothing ... I await the opening of the club .. whenever that is !

Lessons People may play if more confident

One of us is keen-ish but the other is not!!

Most of us in year 2 students, have found our own 4s and most of us play 'socially' at least 4 times a week, which is very pleasant. The Thursday morning CBC dates are certainly more nerve wracking and tense, but good to get membership with the EBU via this way.

Fix my back! A year ago I broke my back in a fall. So for physical and mental health reasons I propose to wait a little longer before before considering returning to the game. I doubt I'll be able to function well enough to manage evening sessions anyway. I will certainly keep in touch with the CBC website. Thank for all the good work you are doing. Bill

Make it easier to find partners.