

## **BRIDGE ON OFFER AT CCBC2019.**

**At CCBC we currently offer 4 different types of bridge each week. What follows is a guide to these, a guide to using the Find a Partner facility on our website and a guide to the use of the website generally:**

- 1. Tuesday online duplicate. This is our main weekly session. It is held every Tuesday afternoon in the “casual” section of BBO starting at or just before 13.00. It is modified duplicate scored in IMPs. Played over 5 rounds of 4 boards per round, the finishing time is shortly after 15.30. Each table has a table host who will locate the predealt boards in use for the week, issue invitations and keep the score. The scores are collated shortly after the event closes and are published by email from our website.**

**Signing up for this session is important and should be done, where possible, through the Find a Partner facility. It is the policy of the Club in all online sessions to avoid half tables where possible and early sign up is advisable. Each Saturday morning the Partnership Secretary, currently Carol Cannon, will email the list to all members. The deadline for signing up is 22.00 on Sunday but any pair signing up after the sending of the list is at risk of being asked to drop out if they are the last to sign up and create a half table. Efforts will be made to find extra players to make up the table but success is not guaranteed.**

**On Monday each week the Director for the week will send out a table plan. You should check that this is accurate and take note of who you will be playing against.**

- 2. Roll up. We hold two roll up sessions each week. These are on Thursday and Saturday mornings at 11.00. Two committee members look after this session being Hazel Kellett and Jane Karfoot. To play in either of these sessions you need to make direct contact with one of these two. Play is informal in the “casual” section of BBO. Players can play for as long as they wish and there are no table moves. The scores are not published. The “Find a Partner” facility is not used for these events.**

3. **BBO Duplicate.** These sessions are held alternate weeks at 10.00 on a Wednesday and 19.00 on a Thursday. The sessions are held in the “competitive” section of BBO. Sign up should be done on the “Find a Partner” facility as described below. Again, half tables are not possible so early sign up is sensible. The closing time for the Wednesday session is 18.00 on the Tuesday and for the Thursday session 18.00 on the Wednesday.

There is a detailed guide on how to register for the “tournament” on the day but players need to note that registering is necessary no later than 15 minutes before the set start time.

These BBO sessions incur a fee of £1.25 for each play. If you wish to play with a guest you can do so but you will remain responsible for their fee. The Treasurer, currently Mark Baylis, will collect the fees from you and will notify you when they are payable.

Bridge at these sessions is the closest we get to the type of duplicate we would play in the Club. Scoring is in Matchpoints (%) and the results are published instantaneously online and shortly afterwards on our website. There is a detailed analysis available and there is a Guide on how to use this.

Normally we will play 2 board rounds and each round is timed at 18 minutes. The excess time is to allow for introductions, social chat and lost connections. However, the moves will happen inside the 18 minutes if all tables are finished.

These are easy and friendly sessions to play in. Aside from registering, the players do no more than play the cards as they arrive. You should note that CCBC2019 is not an affiliated club and there are no Masterpoints nor is the score included in your NGS. Undos are to be granted where possible and conventional bids are alerted by your partner.

4. **Online competitions.** There will usually be an ongoing online competition. At the time of writing this is an Individual with a League

format. This is played weekly in the “casual” section of BBO. This current event will complete towards the end of March and will probably be followed by a Team of 4 event. Entries will be sought in due course and the event will be held in the Team Match section of “competitive” BBO.

5. **“Find a Partner”.** This facility is available on the Club website. To access it you need to click on this heading in the Menu on the Homepage and then log in. Once you have done this, by scrolling down you will be able to see who has signed up for future events under 1 and 3 above. Entering you and your partner is simple. First, you need to decide which of you will physically sign up. That person, having logged in, goes to the day they wish to play and, in the boxes shown to the left of the listed names, you click the right hand box. A tick will appear. You then type the name of your partner into the adjacent wider box and then find and click the word “Confirm” which is at the top left of the page (you may need to scroll up).

Note that should you no longer be able to play in an event for which you have signed up, the person who has made the booking needs to go in to “Find a Partner”, click the centre box and delete your partner’s name. You will again need to click “Confirm”.

You will note that the left hand of the 3 boxes is ticked if you do not have a partner and would like to play. After confirming, your name will appear in the header showing that you are looking. For the most part our players will check with their normal partners and other contacts before using this facility. Once you have said you are looking for a partner in this way, you have indicated that you are willing to play with any member. It will enable Carol and/or the Director to try to find someone for you.

6. **CCBC 2019 website:** The Club’s website is currently looked after by Jackie Kershaw. It contains pretty much all the information you may need. Some of this is password protected for reasons of Data Protection. By clicking on any of the “Useful links”, you will find a guide on what to do, for example how to register for a BBO duplicate or how

to use the results. The usernames of the players are also available. In the menu column there is access to the ongoing competitions including their rules, scores and past winners. You can also find the Constitution, guide to best practice and details of the current Committee. The best way to find out what is there is to experiment!

7. **Contacts:** The Committee will always welcome questions no matter how basic or trivial. We want to ensure that all members enjoy their experience at our virtual bridge as they would by attending at Colden Common Community Centre for a Club physical session. We will get back there as soon as we can but rest assured online is here to stay as well!