

BRIDGE ON OFFER AT CCBC2019.

At CCBC we currently offer 3 different types of bridge - two online sessions and one F2F session 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 duplicate at Colden Common Community Centre. This is our weekly F2F session. It is held every Tuesday afternoon starting at 12.45. 24 boards are usually played and the finishing time is shortly before 16.15. The scoring system used is BriAn which enables the results to be uploaded onto the website immediately the game is over. Those sitting North are asked to bring a mobile phone or iPad for scoring.**

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 to avoid half tables where possible and early sign up is advisable. Each Saturday morning the Partnership Secretary, currently Laura Hunter, will email the list to all members. All players are asked to sign up by no later than 18.00 on Monday.

On the Tuesday of play 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. The table plan will also be available at the Hall.

Protocols are in place to ensure the safety of all players. Players are asked to take a lateral flow test before attending the Hall and not to play if they are feeling at all unwell. You should bring a face mask and wear it if requested to do so.

Table money is £2.00 which will be collected retrospectively by the Treasurer(see below). Refreshments are not provided but players can bring their own and there will be a short break mid afternoon

- 2. Roll up. We hold one roll up session each week on a Saturday morning at 11.00. Robert Solomon runs the session and you need to make**

direct contact with him if you would like to play. Robert's email address is: rgbsolomon@aol.com 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.** This session is held weekly at 18.45 on a Thursday. The session is held in the "competitive" section of BBO. Sign up should be done on the "Find a Partner" facility as described below. The closing time for the Thursday session is 18.00 on the Thursday.

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. After that time players run the risk of being excluded.

The BBO session incurs 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. For the winter of 2023/4 this is a Team Competition played in BBO Team Match over 9 sessions played on defined Friday evenings.
5. **“Find a Partner”.** This facility is available to Members 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. In the menu column on the left hand side of the homepage 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 also 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 sessions on BBO and at our Club physical sessions at Colden Common Community Centre.