

Due to the ongoing pandemic, club games are still postponed indefinitely. We will be offering virtual online games starting Nov 11. Below is a short, detailed explanation of what's going on and how it works. Please reach out to JANICE UPENIEKS (705-242-0845) or Bill Belfour (705-326-0931) if you need further assistance.

Games will be held EVERY **Wednesday (299ers) and Thursday (Open) at 1:15**. Please look for this header. **VACB144881 (4 digit random assigned #) Pairs, ORILLIA BC 1:15PM Open** (the date of game).

1. Registration is open 2 hours prior to game start (11:15am).
2. 18 or 21 boards – 3 boards/round (21 minutes/round, 7 minutes/board); hands are pre dealt From The Common Game.
3. Black MP's are awarded, games are ACBL sanctioned; \$4 USD per game with an 80% kick back to the club!
4. Scores will be posted on our club's website and through your personalized ACBL account after the game.
5. You do **not** have to be an ACBL member to play in the open game but if you don't have an ACBL number you will be ranked as an A player. To play in the 299er game you must have an ACBL number . You can apply for a free 120 day membership at acbl.org/guest-join.
6. If you need a partner, please contact Janice Upenieks at 705-242-0845, or sign into partnership desk on BBO at least 1 hour before the game.
7. BOTH partners out of the partnership need to be online to register for the game.
8. Bridge Base Online Info <https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/>
9. In order to play with us, you need to create an account with Bridge Base Online.
10. Once you have done so, please email Jane (janekf74@hotmail.com) with your username so you will be added to our virtual game list.
11. Please fill out your convention card. If not the SAYC card will be loaded for you automatically by the system.
12. Add money to your account **ONLY** through BBO (bridgebase.com) ; it is the safest and offers the best exchange rate. Once you're logged in, you'll see BB\$ in the upper right hand corner, click here and follow the instructions.
13. Please ensure you add your ACBL number if you have one as this will directly affect the strats for the game.

NOTE: Strats are determined by highest MP holdings of the pair, not the average. If you are not an ACBL member, you will automatically be stratified in A despite your partner being a B or C . We have zero control over this.

If you need to update or add your ACBL number, once you've logged in, click on ACBL World and you'll see 3 blue bottoms at the bottom of the screen, click on Update your ACBL number.

For information on how to set up your account you can watch

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Miscellaneous:

- 1) If you are ever having issues with changes not saved, can't see a tournament etc, please log out then back in. This seems to be a common issue and easily resolved doing the above step.
- 2) Once you're in a game, to call the director, click on the blue box with three lines through it.
- 3) Please play quickly as rounds/boards are **TIMED**, (movement is done automatically whether you've finished or not), **alert your own bids** (found in your bidding box), claim when you can and keep all chat until the end of the round.

If two people are playing in the same house you must be in separate rooms and not communicate with each other. BBO monitors bids and leads and if you are found cheating there will be penalties or suspension. Likewise, no cell phone usage is allowed while playing the hands.

- 4) If you need help you can call Bill Belfour 705-326-0931, Rodger Archer 705-259-0764, Sandy Monk 705-325-6987, Janice Upenieks 705-242-0845 or Jane Foster 705-795-4989

LASTLY, HAVE FUN!