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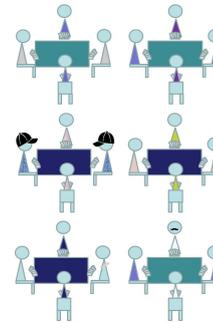
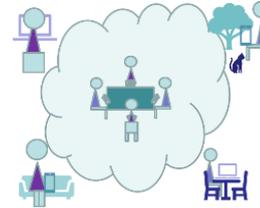
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Welcome RVBC For Members,  
Learners, Visitors and Guests

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## Founders Trophy

Our main trophy used to be awarded for the strongest performance, over the season, on Monday evenings.

In 2020, hit by the pandemic, we awarded it to the pair with the strongest performance over all the competitive sessions we offered. Of course some of you only played online, and some online face to face, and a few played occasionally in both.



### 2020 Champions

We were delighted to award it to a pair who came regularly to our face to face sessions. They were consistently strong.

This year we have again included all competitive sessions in the ladder. We started with a minimum of 10 events to qualify and the best 10 results counting. I like this because once you've played 10 sessions your qualifying score can't get worse!

The leading pair established a perfect record over 10 events. If anyone equaled it we would have to work out some sort of count back - too complicated.



So we increased the minimum events and qualifying scores count to 15.

Peter and Vera are still in the lead by quite a margin. There's about 12 events to go, so come on the rest of you!

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## In person at Dunchurch...

### Covid

The numbers in Rugby have at last turned downwards. However, there is still plenty of the virus out there and the NHS is expecting a severe flu season.

As far as I know, we have played face to face well over seventy times without any evidence of transmission at the club to my knowledge.

So let's keep doing what seems to work.

- \* Make sure you get your booster and your flu jabs.
- \* Thank you to people who have stayed away when they had colds etc or had been "pinged". Lets follow their example.
- \* Let's keep the air moving through the bridge rooms - yes I know

some of you feel the cold. Please put/keep those layers on, have a hot drink, ask about our microwaveable hand warmers.

\* Keep booking ahead so we can space the tables out as much as possible.

\* Keep using the hand sanitiser before, between rounds and after playing.

\* We don't ask you to wear masks at the table (have you noticed we use bigger tables?) but when you move around, there is more risk of you getting close to someone else. Masks will reduce risks.

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## Mondays at 2pm AND Thursdays at 2pm

There WILL ALWAYS BE plenty of ventilation.  
This reduces the risk of transmission by air borne droplets.

[Click to see how to book into a Dunchurch Session](#)

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## How is Face to Face doing?

More than 300 duplicate bridge clubs are offering more than 6000 face to face sessions each week. Attendances are low compared to the Old Normal, but growing.

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## Fast Pace Tuesday Evening

We have settled into a new format.

The sessions start at 19.45 on Tuesdays on RealBridge aiming to finish around 21.30. They cost £1 for members automatically debited from your account.

There will be eighteen boards to play. We will allow six minutes a board. At six minutes any boards unfinished will be "ended". We will adjust the score on unplayed boards to average minus for both pairs.

These sessions will be included in the 2021 Founders Trophy competition.

Links for the session are in the calendar entry on the web site.

The best RealBridge playing experience is on modern, up to date devices with cameras and microphones. However, you can play on devices without cameras and microphones relying on the chat lines for communications as most players do on BBO and Bridge Club Live.

[Link for Tuesday 12th 8pm Realbridge](#)

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## Time for New Members?

People are settling into an Autumn routine and becoming more confident about going out. I am starting to receive enquiries about membership.

However, our sessions at Dunchurch are filling up and we have few ways of increasing capacity. Anyone who suggests additional sessions has to be prepared to come and help run them. ?

I am keen to favour those members who were loyal during the tough times, but I always want to further the cause of bridge. We need new players, or lapsed players, to return to the game. However, we also need to preserve our particular atmosphere always valuing civilised behavior and respect for each other above competitiveness.

One advantage of being a proprietor is that I have the right to decline access to the club. I am proposing the following principles. Firstly any player who has been a member in the last five years is welcome to apply. Current members are welcome to propose new members, and we will consider applications from other players provided that they play as an invited visitor at least once. This will give us and them a chance to see if it suits.

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## Saturday 11th December - Celebration

Many thanks to well over forty of you who have expressed an interest.

I know some of you are not certain of your plans, but this means we can continue with the planning.

Everyone on the list is guaranteed a chance to buy a ticket.

Play will start at 11.00am. Three rounds of five boards before lunch at 1.00pm. Restart around 2.00pm. Two more rounds of five, so should finish around 3.20pm.

We found that the catering increased the cost too much, so we have decided to go with "bring your own food". The club will provide tea, coffee, a pre-lunch mulled wine or juice and mince pies.

We would really appreciate a volunteer to run the raffle. We may not do one otherwise.



I sent out balances and links to most of you last weekend. I am pleased that there were only a few queries and that I could sort these out quickly.

Thanks to everyone who is using bank transfer.

Thanks to everyone who is including their EBU number in the reference in their bank transfers. When you don't, I have to look it up and add it manually.

If you want to check your account you can login using the box at the top right hand corner of the home page of the web site. If you don't have your password, reply to this email and say so.

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## Weekly Topics Tuesday and Thursday Mornings

Tuesday 9th & Thursday 11th November - **Leads v No Trumps**

Tuesday 16th & Thursday 18th November - **Quantitative Bids**

Tuesday 23rd & Thursday 25th November - **Leads v Trumps**

Tuesday 30th November & Thursday 2nd December - **Blackwood**

Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th December - **Count Signals**

Tuesday 14th & Thursday 16th December - **Weak 2's**

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### Get on the list!

These sessions are included in your membership. There's no extra cost. These are relaxed chatty sessions, and a chance to see and speak to other members. Come to some sessions or few, just as it suits you. You don't need a partner.

Click the button below to receive the weekly email containing the links for Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

The invitations will arrive every week unless you tell me you don't want it any more.

Please send the links for Tuesday and Thursday weekly topics

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## Club Timetable

Mondays

14.00 Pairs at Dunchurch (Members Only - Booked in Advance)

Tuesdays

10.00 Tuesday Seminar (Facebook, Zoom & demo on BBO)

13.10 Tuesday Afternoon RVBC Duplicate (Bridge Club Live)

Thursdays

10.30 Thursday Practice related to Tuesday topic (RealBridge)

14.00 Pairs at Dunchurch (Members Only - Booked in Advance)

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## Other news

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Bernard Magee's YouTube Channel

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