

To: **all Sarum Bridge Club members**

As you will all know, the Monday evening Duplicate session has been suspended because of insufficient regular attendees to make the session viable. The Committee has decided to pilot a Duplicate session on RealBridge to replace it. For those who are not familiar with this (English) platform, it enables all players to see, and speak to, all other players and organises all the movements as well as dealing the boards and computing the scores. The very big advantage is the ability to revisit both the bidding and the play and there is also the double dummy enabling hands to be replayed and the consequence of playing a particular card observed. The only requirement is a screen with a video camera and microphone and a reasonable internet speed. Whilst recognising that many members prefer face-to-face play, many clubs around the country have found a weekly RealBridge session to be a popular addition to face-to-face play and the Committee hopes that this initiative will be well-supported. The cost per session (usually 24-27 boards depending on numbers) will be £1.50 and you will be billed monthly in arrears. To gauge enthusiasm, we will run 3 pilot sessions on Mondays at 7pm. The first session will be on Monday 7 Dec 2024 and the subsequent ones on 14 and 21 Dec at the same time.

Please return an email to **anthony.warley@gmail.com** along one of the following lines (please do answer even if your choice is option 3)

Option 1. I intend to play on Mon 7 Dec starting at 7pm.

Option 2. I cannot play on Mon 7 Dec but would like to play on future Mondays.

Option 3. I have no interest in playing on RealBridge.

Those that respond with Option 1 or 2 will receive further instructions and a link to join an hour or so before the first session. It would be preferable to join as a partnership, but it is possible that we will be able to pair players shortly before the session if enough singles request a partner and there would be no charge if a partner could not be found.

Anyone not familiar with the platform can visit the website which provides very comprehensive information.

<https://realbridge.online/>

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