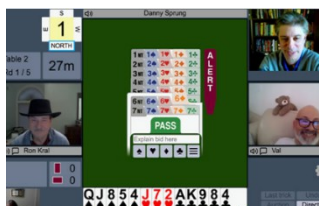


Monday 2nd December

Our first Realbridge Session



I think many of us went into this session not knowing quite what to expect and with a certain amount of trepidation. However, Anthony sent us all the relevant information, as well as giving us all some emergency numbers to call if all else failed! I followed the link, completed a very simple login procedure and found myself at the site, with a little diagram showing me that some people had beaten me to it, and already chosen where to “sit”. Not much change there then! I confess to having looked at the Realbridge website in order to familiarise myself with some of the functions, but really it all proved to be really straightforward. Some of the comments sent to Anthony after the session helped to confirm that I wasn’t the only one to be impressed.

“It was my first experience with Real Bridge and I took a bit of time to settle in, but it was enjoyable - and speedy!” Gillian

“It was my first ever in Real Bridge and I enjoyed it very much, looking forward to the next session.” Maria

In fact, everything went so smoothly that we finished early, just after nine o’ clock, having played 21 boards!

Well, relatively smoothly – it was rather amusing to not be able to see Mike, who was apparently sitting in Stygian gloom, all that could be seen of him was a rather spooky hint of glasses. Oh yes, and Sid forgot that he had an audience. He too had some lighting issues and out of the semi darkness, we could hear him counting his cards: “One, two, three, four, five, six, seven” – “Sid, we can hear you!”

Anthony informed us that once the results have been uploaded to the EBU and our website, should we choose to do so, we can review the hands, and as the session is still open, go into the scores and the individual board numbers, click on the contract box and bring up the hand. Then, if we want, we can replay the hand, not only as it was played, but also as it should/could have been played. What a clever feature! I don’t think I shall be taking advantage of it, but I know there are those out there who like to analyse the hands.

Thank you Anthony for organising the sessions and hope to see some “new faces” being bold and trying Realbridge out like we all did. The next session is on Monday 9th December.

See you there?

Sheila

If you are interested in taking part, please let Anthony know. anthony.warley@gmail.com