

No Fears On-line Bridge Club

As you may know, in the Summer we set up a No Fears Bridge club for players seeking a relaxed game who would not normally play in big, competitive events, who are missing their bridge and who would like to “keep their hand in” while waiting for live bridge to come back – a long way off, I fear.

Unfortunately numbers were too low in the summer sessions to make it a viable concern, and we had to close the club down. The members were disappointed, but we promised to try again when winter was on the horizon. We intend to re-start in October and would like to hear from anyone wishing to join this Club. Playing bridge on line is very popular, and many just play casually with a friend or three; but we are offering bridge in a “club” atmosphere such as in your own club. *Advantages – no driving home in the dark at the end of an evening’s bridge; no passing on a bad cough or cold; no visual expressions of disappointment; not possible to revoke or make in insufficient bid!*

Sessions will comprise no more than 18 boards and 16 minutes per 2 boards.

Because Wednesday afternoons are no longer available, we are working towards a **Thursday or a Tuesday afternoon** for the sessions; and table money, via Bridge Base Online (BBO) is \$3 a time. Full details of how to join both BBO and the No Fears Club are on the S&SCBA website (www.bridgewebs.com/staffsshrops). But don’t register for this club yet. There is quite a lot to take in initially, so don’t be overwhelmed by all the instructions! If you are new to BBO you can have lots of free practice sessions before deciding whether to join the Club. If you need help with any of that please contact me or one of those whose names are quoted in the instructions.

These sessions are open to anyone who has some experience playing duplicate, so please encourage friends to join you in the Club. This is not exclusive to E.B.U. members, and I stress that it is intended to be relaxed and friendly bridge. So, find a bridge partner and join the Club. (Through Border Bridge Club, Shrewsbury Online Bridge organizes sessions for beginners and others who might lack confidence in joining one of the other online clubs - on Wednesday afternoons.)

So that we can judge whether there is enough interest to re-start this no fears bridge, I would like to know by the end of this month how many will wish to play. Whether you are already registered to play or if you will be a brand-new member, I would still like to know. Please let me know by email, mentioning your preferred day.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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