

PARTIAL REOPENING THE BRIDGE CONNECTION (TBC)

Reading this document in its entirety is the only way you will get the full picture of how this partial reopening will/can take place.

The Bridge Connection will be restarting the F2F (face-to-face) Tuesday 9am 0-750 event on November 2 (*running concurrently with game on BBO at the same time*), continuing all that month. Colin and I have documented how this will work. Please take the time to study the material located in this document to get a full picture of how this will work. We can accommodate up to 10 tables at the club and cannot start a game without a minimum of 4 tables.

Please only contact us with questions/clarification after reading the material in this document. If you believe something is missing or is unclear, that is when you are encouraged to contact us. We prefer phone contact (8am-9pm eastern) as it is the most functional and least time-consuming way. It also avoids the 2km email trail that is next to impossible to follow and understand. Our numbers are

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We know this is a lot of information ... welcome to bridge and what COVID has done to it. We are located at 43 Capital Dr., off Merivale just south of Hunt Club. By clicking the **Coordinates and more** button on our home page, you will see additional information relative to the club, especially where we are located.

The face-to-face and online games are separate, and each game's table count on its own will determine the MP awards. For the games running on BBO, the cost will be the same → 3 BB\$ (equivalent to 4 CAD). For the games running at the club, the cost will be \$10.

The following outlines how the club will be run. The foundation of these restrictions is driven by what Public Health Ontario (PHO) has mandated. If the advice from PHO changes, TBC will need to adapt accordingly:

- Players must present ID and evidence of double vaccination (one time only), no exceptions for any reason whatsoever, to comply with existing regulations
- Players will be asked to sign in with name and phone number to comply with existing regulations
- One 10 or two 5-dollar bills are all we can accept upon registration
- Players must preregister for a game and registration closes 45 minutes before the game is set to start
- Players must sign a waiver absolving TBC from any liability related to COVID-19
- Preregistration must be done via email; we will not register people by phone; preregistration is being accepted only for the very next game
- Preregistration for a game opens when its immediately preceding game ends; for example, you can preregister for the Nov 9th game once the Nov 2nd ends
- Masks are optional when playing at the table; they are required for all other activities including moving from table to table and must be worn upon arrival until game start
- No refreshments or food except water which will be available in recyclable paper cups
- No water bottles, thermoses, or any beverage carrying device (ACBL mandated)

- Players will pick up a bidding box on arrival which they will carry around from table to table; you may bring your own bid box
- Furniture set up for the game cannot be moved
- At the end of the game, people will sanitize their bidding boxes with wipes provided and place in a central location
- Walk-ins are not accepted; do not disappoint yourself by showing up before a game and being turned away since you did not preregister
- Game cancellation emails will be sent 45 minutes before a game start
- No going to the mouth to lick fingers to assist one's ability to fan and organize the cards, please and thanks
- People must cough and sneeze into their elbows and wear a mask if they have a recurrent cough (in the opinion of the Director)
- No game can start with less than four tables
- Anyone who is within a travel distance from the club is encouraged to preregister
- Hand records for the games will only be online
- If we have a half table, the Director will not be available to play
- Hand sanitizer will be conveniently available around the club and on each table

The success of this initiative will determine our future plans. If there are not enough pairs to start the game at the club, the online offering will proceed alone.

It has been some time since we have played face-to-face (F2F), and TBC understands that all participants are rusty. We expect two-way patience from all participants in this pilot project (and moving forward).

Colin Brodie/Michael Abbey

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