

PLAYING BRIDGE ON-LINE

We're delighted to give you the good news that you and a partner can now play in a club event with one or both of two local virtual bridge clubs set up in response to the lockdown.

The first of these is 1066 Virtual Bridge Club, which is being run by Brian Gould, initially for members of St Leonard's, East Sussex and Bexhill bridge clubs and TDBC members are welcome to join. 1066 is playing on Tuesday evenings at 7pm and on Thursday afternoons at 1.30.

The second, Weald of Kent Bridge on Line, is being run by Val Golding and Derek Patterson with members of Tenterden, Hawkhurst and Pembury invited to join them. They play at 1.30pm every Wednesday afternoon.

To play with either 1066 or WoK you will first need to register with Bridge Base Online, a US company who have been working with the EBU in setting up virtual clubs. Registering to play through BBO is easily done at www.bridgebase.com.

In registering you will be asked to create a unique username which is the name you will play under. You will also need to purchase US dollars to pay your 'table money'. This is easily done on the BBO website in multiples of \$10, using a credit card or PayPal. Your dollars then sit in your BBO account to be used when you play in an event or "tournament" as it is described. At the moment 1066 is charging \$3 per session, WoK \$4.50.

Having registered with BBO you must let Brian (brian.gould@live.co.uk) have your BBO username and EBU number know if you want to join 1066 and Val (valerie.golding@me.com) or Derek (de1bert@hotmail.com) if you want to join WoK. Ahead of playing in either a 1066 or WoK event you will need to find your own partner who has also registered with BBO.

With two virtual clubs already operating locally, we won't be setting this up ourselves. So, if you would like to try club bridge in a virtual setting, please give 1066 and/or WoK a try – we will look forward to seeing you again when bridge around traditional square tables resumes. Take care, stay safe, stay alert.....

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