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Frustration in produce section as no one dares to lick their fingers



My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands – that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends." Turns out, we're spending two weeks behind the fridge. 😂😂😂

Dear Members

Covid 19 Level 4

Well here we go again! It's not looking good for returning to bridge any time soon but I guess we just have to wait and see. As soon as we are in Level 2 we will be able to open up again. We will post any updates on the home page of the website as soon information comes to hand.

Keeping In Touch

Please make the effort to keep in touch with your bridge friends. A telephone call goes a long way! The longer we are in isolation, the more important this is!

AGM 2021 Sunday 29 August 1pm

Who knows if this will be able to go ahead. If we are still in lockdown in a week's time, we will postpone the AGM to the first Sunday afternoon that we can hold it. We will let you all know – updates on our website and / or newsletter.

Subscriptions

Subs were due on 20 August. Most people have paid, but there are a number who have not. \$80 for a full membership and \$60 for associate membership where another club is your home club. Payment can be made on internet banking – ASB 12-3011-0816965-01. Please quote First Name/ Surname/Your Computer Number. Thank you.

Bridge Base Online (BBO)

BBO offers the facility to set up matches with three Bridge friends and play online. Some of you are already using this facility but we have some newbies on board who may not know about it so here is a comprehensive list of instructions so that you can enjoy playing with your mates again, albeit not in person.

You and your partner and your opponents all need to be members of Bridge Base Online. You can do this by going to www.bridgebase.com, select LOGIN / REGISTER then select BECOME A MEMBER. You will need to choose a User name and a password.

The next time you go online, you can just select LOGIN. If you tick REMEMBER ME you will automatically be logged in on your computer.

Setting up a Match

You will need the User name of your partner and your opponents.

After you have logged on you need to select the following:

- Under the heading Play or Watch Bridge
Select CASUAL
- Then under Find your Own Game
Select START A TABLE
- Don't worry about the privacy settings they are fine.
Click on START A TABLE and then RELAXED GAME
- Now you need to enter the user name of your partner and the opponents. Eg click on North and then select RESERVE and enter the username of the player to sit there. For yourself select your position and select SIT.

Now you are ready to go.

The other players will receive an invitation to join your table as soon as they log on.

I encourage you to give it a go - it's fun and it's good for your Bridge!

JUST A FEW EXTRA NOTES THOUGH

FRIENDS

It is easier if you have already entered the players' usernames as FRIENDS.

You can do this by clicking on PEOPLE on the Right hand side of your screen.

At the bottom right hand side of the your screen you will see a space to enter their names.

Do this for each of them. (It saves time later)

SELF ALERTING

The system does not allow your partner to alert your bids in a timely fashion. You must do it yourself BEFORE you make your bid.

That is click on ALERT then type in a brief explanation eg Trans to H then make your bid.

COMMUNICATION

To communicate with the other players there is a blue box at the bottom left hand corner of your screen. Click on it to show TABLE – now everyone at your table can read your message. Click on it to show PRIVATE – Now you can give an explanation to your opponents without your partner seeing your response.

IMPORTANT

You will be the HOST and so if player loses connection or drops off for some reason you need to click on the relevant box ie North/ South

Select RESERVE then type in the username. If you have entered them all as FRIENDS the name will come up automatically after the first couple of letters.

However if you drop off, whoever becomes HOST (Will appear the top of the screen) needs to do the same for you.

MISTAKES

It is so easy to accidentally click on the wrong box and make a stupid bid or play the wrong card.

Near the top on the left is a blue box with 3 lines on it. QUICKLY click on the box and select UNDO.

Your LH opponent will then be asked to accept your request. OR if someone ends up in a ridiculous contract due to errors like this it is best to click on the same box and select REDEAL

RESULTS

Click on HISTORY on the right hand side of your screen and you will be able to see your ongoing results. MY TABLE will show just your results but OTHER TABLES will show the results of others who have played the same board.

Enjoy & take care.

Kind regards,

Ilona West & NSBC Committee

Keep well everyone.