

18:28:10 From Jo-Ann Rauch to Everyone:

Does anyone know how many bridge clubs have opened F2F bridge? Is there any guideline regarding the pandemic numbers to open in person bridge?

18:31:18 From Michael Gooden to Everyone:

I see it

18:33:43 From Greg Coles to Everyone:

Good afternoon/evening everyone!! Nice to see so many of you here early.

18:34:22 From Maureen Knowler to Everyone:

We are in Southern Ontario and the places we rent from won't consider talking to us in until after the New Year.

18:37:37 From Denise Donovan to Everyone:

curious about the reopening status of clubs in provinces other than Ontario.

18:40:07 From Rita to Everyone:

what is happening with noncompliant virtual clubs regarding guest policy

18:40:39 From Greg Coles to Everyone:

Denise District 1 has 42 clubs open for face-to-face bridge. District 2 has 51.

18:41:23 From Greg Coles to Everyone:

Oops - sorry, that's f2f and Virtual Clubs combined.

18:41:42 From Greg Coles to Everyone:

13 and 5.

18:41:43 From Maureen Knowler to Everyone:

I am interested in noncompliant virtual clubs as well. The rest of us follow the rules and guidelines, shouldn't everyone?

18:42:22 From Fay to Everyone:

How do you raise your hand??

18:42:49 From Mimi Pustilnik to Everyone:

One club owner said the guest policy was raised to 20%. Is that correct?

18:43:04 From Maureen Knowler to Everyone:

yes 20% now

18:43:44 From Maureen Knowler to Everyone:

but 30 to 50% is still a great deal over.

18:44:00 From suemanning to Everyone:

Fay, it's probably in Reactions at the bottom of the screen

18:44:02 From Melody Euler to Everyone:

@Faye Click at the bottom on Reactions You will see where you raise and lower your hand

18:44:38 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

and what effective difference does it make, if a club is at 30. if those same players would otherwise be playing in bbo games?

18:45:00 From Fay to Everyone:

thank you

18:45:18 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

Can anyone confirm if +allavail+ works for Swiss now?

18:45:25 From Matt B to Everyone:

While we're waiting - the first dozen F2F Tournaments have been held, table counts are averaging right at 40% 2019 table counts, same event, same month in 2019, held at the same location:  
[https://medcitybridge.com/R\\_other%20pages/work/F2F%20VACB%20Tournament%20Updates.html](https://medcitybridge.com/R_other%20pages/work/F2F%20VACB%20Tournament%20Updates.html)

18:45:34 From Maureen Knowler to Everyone:

It affects the clubs the normally would play in and support in their own communities.

18:45:37 From Rita to Everyone:

the guest rate was set for a reason!

18:45:56 From Matt B to Everyone:

(Also, alerting (!) the latest on F2F and VACB table counts for those interested:  
[https://medcitybridge.com/R\\_other%20pages/work/F2F%20Updates.html](https://medcitybridge.com/R_other%20pages/work/F2F%20Updates.html))

18:46:09 From Lynn Chapin to Everyone:

@Joe, it is rumored so ;)

18:47:21 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

Thanks for the data Matt! I was going to start looking up tournaments but you saved me the trouble.

18:49:58 From Debra Freisleben to Everyone:

Has anybody tried to find a blank convention card on the new ACBL website? I finally went out and did a Yahoo search to find it.

18:51:47 From Brian Jones to Everyone:

Good evening everyone. My name is Brian Jones and I am the newly appointed Club Manager for Club 225938. My first meeting with all of you. Happy to be here.

18:52:05 From Diana-Shelly Studio to Everyone:

Hello & welcome

18:52:09 From Jim Ricker to Everyone:

Welcome Brian

18:52:14 From Maureen Knowler to Everyone:

Hi Brian

18:52:19 From Robin Stephens to Everyone:

welcome

18:52:25 From Robert Maier to Everyone:

Our condolences. It's a BYOB meeting.

18:52:27 From Mimi Pustilnik to Everyone:

welcome Brian

18:54:48 From Rosalind Abel to Everyone:

Where's club 225938

18:54:52 From Clarence to Everyone:

my name is Clarence Durand. I'm like Brian, except my club is 158329. You seemed a welcoming group so I will introduce myself. :)

18:55:09 From Rosalind Abel to Everyone:

Hi

18:55:17 From Mimi Pustilnik to Everyone:

Hi Clarence

18:55:27 From Janet Case to Everyone:

Welcome Clarence

18:55:38 From Robin Stephens to Everyone:

where is the hands up to ask a questions option

18:55:53 From Brian Jones to Everyone:

Clarence, welcome and great to join together with you

18:55:56 From Bob Shuken to Everyone:

reactions

18:55:58 From Jim Ricker to Everyone:

We have a limited amount of welcoming but you are under the limit... welcome Clarence

18:56:01 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

hi Clarence, my name is ellis and I am an addict

18:56:42 From Robert Whiting to Everyone:

A pirate walks into a bar wearing a roll of paper towels as a hat... The bartender asks "whats with the paper towels?"

18:56:54 From Robert Whiting to Everyone:

Arrrr theres a Bounty on me head

18:57:05 From Lynn Chapin to Everyone:

LOL

18:57:11 From suemanning to Everyone:

Arrrrr

18:57:19 From Rosalind Abel to Everyone:

L'Shana Tovah

18:57:29 From Robert Maier to Everyone:

/kick {Robert Whiting}

18:57:47 From Mimi Pustilnik to Everyone:

Same to you Rosalie

18:57:48 From judy Knox to Everyone:

So funny I forgot to laught

18:58:02 From Mimi Pustilnik to Everyone:

I mean Roselind

18:58:47 From Rosalind Abel to Everyone:



18:58:47 From sara to Everyone:

I can't find hand to raise on screen

18:59:03 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

Go to reactions to raise your hand.

18:59:07 From Rich Carle to Everyone:

check under reactions

18:59:44 From Ann Caparros to Everyone:

If on an iPad go to more in upper right and corner

19:00:00 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

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19:01:19 From Rosalind Abel to Everyone:

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19:01:51 From Debra Freisleben to Everyone:

13th

19:02:16 From Mimi Pustilnik to Everyone:

You look good Greg!

19:02:33 From John to Everyone:

The Bulletin said there is a Regional on line in October. Is that correct?

19:02:35 From Dot Boulia to Everyone:

Has anyone tried to direct a F2F game and a virtual game at the same time/overlapping times? if so, any issues? or suggestions?

19:02:50 From Lynn Goldblatt to Everyone:

Now that we have Live For clubs, do we still need to do DBADD?

19:03:07 From Jim Ricker to Everyone:

no

19:03:10 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

yes I do it 3 or 4 times a week. my last live table is still sitting discussing the hands

19:03:11 From Jerry to Everyone:

No need to do DBADD

19:03:13 From Chip Cleveland to Everyone:

DBADD is obsolete

19:03:22 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

@Lynn DBADD for non ACBL members

19:03:22 From Ronald Wallace to Everyone:

I cannot raise my hand. No button on the the participants screen

19:03:27 From Nick Weedman to Everyone:

Having trouble with uploading hands into ACBL Live. Hands don't appear sometimes but not always when the .aca, .bws, and pbn files are uploaded.

19:03:42 From suemanning to Everyone:

Raise Hand moved to Reactions on coputer

19:03:42 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

my best suggestion make sure you have a good headset to hear the online director calls.

19:03:48 From Alan Powell to Everyone:

Dbadd might be useful to keep your local database but its not necessary

19:03:50 From Tom to Everyone:

Raising hand is on Reaction menu

19:03:53 From Rich Carle to Everyone:

I direct a weekly session with both online and F2F games simultaneously - no problems. Can be a little tough when I also play in the F2F game.

19:03:59 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

and don't play and direct even if you have a half table.

19:04:06 From Jim Ricker to Everyone:

DBADD will keep your local database up to date.

19:04:16 From Robyn Leming to Everyone:

You still have to DBADD if you have masterpoint races in your club only.

19:04:43 From mark cohen to Everyone:

New here and we are opening a new club in King of Prussia PA this month! Big, scary step...

19:04:43 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

If you don't DBADD, you don't get MP race info for your local club and AVG % info updated for local club races.

19:04:45 From Nick Weedman to Everyone:

We do DBADD after every gme.

19:04:49 From Wes Powers to Everyone:

DBADD also updates the attendance records, if you use them.

19:04:50 From Lynn Goldblatt to Everyone:

We've noticed that we can't run attendance reports now that we don't dbadd. For example, we wanted to know how many of our club members with less than 100 points had played this year. No records show up since we stopped dbadding. Is there another way to get this?

19:05:18 From Paul Davis to Everyone:

Dot. PABC is running face-to-face games concurrent with online. Delta gave a gut punch after our initial reopening and our online games suffer because we are giving preference to F2F when awarding MPs so our online Open sections are actually limited. This has given yet another opening to competitors.

19:05:19 From Debbie Thornton to Everyone:

Big thanks to Greg, Lynn and ACBL for reinstating Silver Linings!!!

19:05:50 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

@ Lynn G..... use DBADD anyway to get that info into your local database to run those reports

19:06:14 From Tom to Everyone:

My game didn't have enough tables today. I suspect people were playing in the big clubs

19:06:47 From Gael Westall to Everyone:

no they are playing in the \$1.75 games

19:06:53 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

Yes, Tom, that happens a lot with us. Live games are losing a lot of money.

19:06:54 From Jim Ricker to Everyone:

Define very shortly...

19:07:14 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

No define the new policy

19:07:27 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

50 % is outrageous

19:07:29 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

will there be any brick and mortar clubs post pandemic

19:07:38 From Tom to Everyone:



I'm not sure. I went from 6 tables last week to 0 this week

19:07:49 From Auggie to Everyone:

Sounds like you are taking the easy way out Greg. Very disappointed in ACBL and enforcing their own policy.

19:07:59 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

yes agree Auggie

19:08:28 From John Grossmann to Everyone:

How can you hold a club accountable when they apparently don't have access to their Guest percents? Are you planning to publish this info to clubs? Real time?

19:08:35 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

I used to watch the visitors so carefully. Then I noticed that it didn't seem to be important to ACBL. I knew clubs that couldn't be in compliance. So I don't even check mine anymore.

19:08:36 From Gael Westall to Everyone:

our online games have gone from 50+ tables a week down to 6 or 7 Why isn't ACLB helping us out more

19:08:38 From Mimi Pustilnik to Everyone:

It's a little late to change the visitor policy

19:08:44 From Tom to Everyone:

I'm afraid by the time these "very soon" policies regarding guests will be obsolete by the time they are in place.

19:08:49 From Rosalind Abel to Everyone:

Acbl is in direct competition with the face 2 face

19:08:57 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

2 or 3 days after September started lol

19:09:33 From Debra Freisleben to Everyone:

I sent my calendar out Sep 29 and the changes came out Sept 30.

19:09:37 From Doug Bradley to Everyone:

I can't stay; how do I find the recording of this meeting tomorrow?

19:09:39 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

It is way too late to change the visitor policy

19:09:40 From Gael Westall to Everyone:

ACBL is no longer looking after clubs only how to make more money for them We may not have a club anymore as we can't pay rent

19:09:43 From Rosalind Abel to Everyone:

we need a STaC

19:09:43 From Mimi Pustilnik to Everyone:

Make the points virtual and F2F the same!

19:10:03 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

We are witnessing a clear transition in the way bridge is played. Online bridge is the Amazon of bridge.

19:10:20 From John Grossmann to Everyone:

You are correct that clubs that only have one or two small games a week definitely can have a problem getting all games to launch without visitors.

19:10:22 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

STaCs are allocated to the units. Contact your unit. Our is running one in October.

19:10:27 From Tom to Everyone:

@Gael: I was just wondering about people going back to their old places regarding availability and cost.

19:10:28 From Martin Hunter to Everyone:

Table #s going down? The "Anything for a Buck" Virtual Clubs are stealing your players - some of those Club Managers are here tonight

19:10:32 From sam k (houston) to Everyone:

How about a chart showing a 10-table game under all the different point-awarding scenarios?

19:10:49 From Brian Jones to Everyone:

yes

19:10:50 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

Jow stacs are units everywhere except california

19:11:01 From Jim Ricker to Everyone:

Silver Linings September 20-26

19:11:13 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

How are STaCs done in California?

19:11:20 From Lynn Chapin to Everyone:

It is updated:

[http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/Clubs/2021\\_Game\\_Schedule\\_Club\\_Manager.pdf](http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/Clubs/2021_Game_Schedule_Club_Manager.pdf)

19:11:27 From Tom to Everyone:

One person who runs two clubs is opening face to face while others in San Francisco are being more cautious

19:11:37 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

My head is spinning trying to keep up with all of this. I need weekly reminders.

19:11:38 From Mimi Pustilnik to Everyone:

why not Silver Linings week for F2F clubs

19:11:39 From John to Everyone:

If you are a club who doesn't know how to run A GNT on line can the District run a qualifier?

19:11:42 From david reiter to Everyone:

I find the ACBL very out of touch with the clubs.

19:11:43 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

disteict, or western conference. don't get me going on this topic.

19:11:46 From Matt B to Everyone:

@Linda agreed! The Silver Linings doesn't sound like it will help F2F STACs or in-person sectionals. It's nice to have silver points available for everyone but it definitely makes it easier to get them at home

19:11:59 From Rosalind Abel to Everyone:

can't find a STaC in dust 3 unit 106

19:12:00 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

Hard to compete with all the online special events as we try to get people back to F@F

19:12:05 From Stephanie Threlkeld to Everyone:

[https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/clubs/2021\\_Game\\_Schedule\\_Club\\_Manager.pdf](https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/clubs/2021_Game_Schedule_Club_Manager.pdf)

19:12:17 From david reiter to Everyone:

Greg talks a lot but there is no help for the clubs.

19:12:20 From Jim Ricker to Everyone:

ONLINE REGIONAL in OCTOBER?

19:12:31 From david reiter to Everyone:

the ACBL is out of touch with its members

19:12:37 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

Yes, not to mention people who don't mask and others who are terrified of coming into the club.

19:12:46 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

david, what help do you want specifically.

19:12:58 From Ray Yuenger to Everyone:

Yes, David seems to know what the members want.

19:13:02 From Paulette Hauck to Everyone:

We opened, had to close this week back to virtual because everyone is frightened to come back - I have told them they need to play in our games, not the \$1.75 games ... or there will not be a club to come back to

19:13:25 From Jerry to Everyone:

Info on ACBL website says clubs can run TWO Club Appreciation games per session in October?

19:13:27 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

if no one has noticed, we need to go back x years and rebuild our business. acbl wont do it for us.

19:13:40 From Robert Maier to Everyone:

two this weekend

19:13:40 From Matt B to Everyone:

F2F tournaments currently running at 40% of 2019 table counts (apologies for repeating the link):

[https://medcitybridge.com/R\\_other%20pages/work/F2F%20VACB%20Tournament%20Updates.html](https://medcitybridge.com/R_other%20pages/work/F2F%20VACB%20Tournament%20Updates.html)

19:13:43 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

Yes, Paulette. Clubs may die. I do foresee it.

19:13:46 From Robert Maier to Everyone:

lynn yokel out west ran a sectional

19:13:54 From Lynn Chapin to Everyone:

@Jerry - yes, Face-To-Face this is true.

19:14:02 From david reiter to Everyone:

I don't think its up to me to decide, but the ACBL needs to be more pro active for the clubs. Listen to him now. Is there anything to help our clubs

19:14:18 From Teri Smoot to Everyone:

Lynn did a good job and the sectional went well. About 37% of 2019

19:14:19 From Ray Yuenger to Everyone:

What kind of help, David?

19:14:41 From Mimi Pustilnik to Everyone:

How can anyone go to Texas!

19:14:49 From Tom to Everyone:

I would suggest monetary help to pay for the increasing rents

19:14:49 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

What kind of things would be helpful for F2F? Make a suggestion for what the ACBL can do to help you.

19:15:15 From Mimi Pustilnik to Everyone:

Even out the masterpouints awarded

19:15:19 From Felix Moore, Duke City to Everyone:

what about regionals??

19:15:24 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

Fix he guest policy?

19:15:25 From Rosalind Abel to Everyone:

Acbl can stop competing with f2f

19:15:28 From Mimi Pustilnik to Everyone:

oops. points

19:15:35 From Tom to Everyone:

Remember that going to Austin helps support the state of Texas (LOL)

19:15:38 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

Fix the master point inequities

19:15:39 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

suggestion to ACBL to help f2f clubs -- reduce the online multiplier

19:15:42 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

ACBL competing with F2F? Huh?

19:15:43 From Paulette Hauck to Everyone:

Help with rent ... STOP Competing .... Get rid of the \$1.75 games

19:15:57 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

Quit marketing online to the detriment of f2f

19:15:57 From judy Knox to Everyone:

ACBL is concerned with bringing in members and players. If online games is where the future lies, then they are smart to promote them.

19:16:08 From Tom to Everyone:

Make BBO pay for licensing to use ACBL and Masterpointss

19:16:30 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

Even if you fix the guest policy, it needs to be enforced. It's useless to have a policy with no checking. No incentive to comply.

19:16:34 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

Ah... those \$1.75 games on BBO are not going away. BBO has the right to run them by contract and they have an online sanction.

19:16:50 From Robin Stephens to Everyone:

Why would any go to Texas. With Such oppressive policies

19:16:55 From Dennis Harms to Everyone:

Our virtual clubs pour money into the face to face clubs. Don't kill virtual clubs. I agree to go after the \$1.75 games. DUH.

19:17:14 From Karen Sylvester to Everyone:

The ACBL needs to support F2F clubs...more special events, less points given virtually..more points F2F. My unit doesn't have a silver week until Nov...there have been many virtuallyt

19:17:15 From Rich Carle to Everyone:

Perhaps the BBO contract can be renegotiated?

19:17:15 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

\$1.75 is not going away.

19:17:18 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

masterpoints online have no effect on f2f clubs

19:17:50 From Ray Yuenger to Everyone:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/open-carry> Bring your firearms to Austin.

19:18:08 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

Issue online sanctions so that not every T, D, & H can run 50 games a week.

19:18:09 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

we just need to go back to work to grow our games with lessons and beginner lessons. cruise control will not work.

19:18:24 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

agree Ellis..people who play online play online people who play in person play in person. Virtual is here to stay and it is a good thing

19:18:31 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

Check your firearms when flying -- they are frowned upon in the airplane cabin

19:18:44 From Bob Shuken to Everyone:

Let's keep POLITICS out of these meetings

19:18:56 From mark cohen to Everyone:

What is dbadd? Thanks, new here.

19:18:58 From Paulette Hauck to Everyone:

If \$1.75 is not going away, then make the points non-ACBL reflective ... so it doesn't go toward LM or other levels

19:19:18 From Rosalind Abel to Everyone:

we started lessons and Acbl can out the same week with new lessons online

19:19:32 From Tom to Everyone:

Sorry but Texas is a hell hole with their oppressive measures. They need to be held accountable & organizations should boycott the state

19:19:53 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

boycott Texas has a ring to it.

19:19:53 From Rich Carle to Everyone:

Hear, Hear!

19:19:55 From Robin Stephens to Everyone:

very well put Tom



19:20:08 From Teri Smoot to Everyone:

Also agree with Tom

19:20:11 From judy Knox to Everyone:

Yes Well put Tom

19:20:28 From Tom to Everyone:

ACBL doesn't have the guts to back out of the tournament in Texas

19:20:35 From Al Smith to Everyone:

Border Match Un swiss with 1 board per round

19:20:50 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

Canceling a National is expensive.

19:21:11 From billkoehler to Everyone:

no politics please

19:21:20 From David Fraser to Everyone:

Tom: are you going to pay the cancellation fees?

19:21:21 From Tom to Everyone:

There are many things more important than money. Like a person's inviolable right to vote

19:21:37 From Julie to Everyone:

I think you should keep politics out of this forum

19:21:42 From Robin Stephens to Everyone:

you can't put a price on dignity & human rights

19:21:42 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

Good question, Kay

19:21:45 From Dennis Harms to Everyone:

Here are the requirements for Life Master non pigmented definitely count the way I read this.  
500 At least 75 are black At least 75 are silver At least 100 are red/gold/platinum At least 50 are  
gold/platinum

19:21:57 From Tom to Everyone:

Did you not hear Greg last month say that the ACBL has made millions on the Virtual Clubs?

19:22:21 From Lee Daugharty to Everyone:

Leaked

19:22:23 From Tom to Everyone:

I'm not talking politics. I'm talking about people's rights being violated.

19:22:36 From Bob Shuken to Everyone:

Tom shut up

19:22:40 From Jerry to Everyone:

That's politics

19:22:53 From Jeff Jacob VACB\_T7 to Everyone:

let's be nice and keep the talk to bridge please

19:23:00 From Jim Ricker to Everyone:

just keep it to bridge folks

19:23:02 From Wil Bedard to Everyone:

what is overly soon?

19:23:53 From Rosalind Abel to Everyone:

Will the finals be online of f2f

19:23:55 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

Some Districts do NOT have GNT club-level qualifiers. Others do.

19:24:22 From Brenda Alberico to Everyone:

is there a minimum number of teams needed for F2F GNT game?

19:24:24 From Lynn Chapin to Everyone:

@Tom, actually, Greg in the last meeting quoted the amount that the ACBL passed through from BBO to the CLUBS. Please check the link to the last meeting to get the exact quote :)

19:24:33 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

D25 just allows you to show up for the district finals with your team. D7 has club-level qualifiers.

19:24:39 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

Running a club GNT qualifier after the finals still makes money and gives bonus masterpoints

19:24:45 From Terry to Everyone:

how often can you run gnt games f2f

19:25:03 From Ray Yuenger to Everyone:

D21 District GNT final only, no qualifiers

19:25:11 From Matthew Dyer to Everyone:

D13 doesn't require club level qualification either

19:25:14 From T29 Chris Wiegand to Everyone:

Bill Michaels has passed away

19:25:20 From John Grossmann to Everyone:

Bill Michael died a year ago.

19:25:30 From John to Everyone:

What about D18 seems as if no one in charge

19:25:34 From shirl to Everyone:

Bill Michael has passed away

19:25:37 From Lamya Agelidis to Everyone:

D22 requires GNT club qualifiers

19:25:49 From Jeff Jacob VACB\_T7 to Everyone:

talk to me I can help you

19:27:11 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

lamya do virtual clubs count?

19:27:12 From Debra Freisleben to Everyone:

We can see you, Greg!

19:27:19 From Rosalind Abel to Everyone:

clear the cache

19:27:39 From Ray Yuenger to Everyone:

If he can't see you, he probably can't read the chat.

19:27:43 From don marsh to Everyone:

BBO does exactly what they want....

19:28:16 From Karen Campbell to Everyone:

The Western Conference does Stac for their districts

19:28:17 From don marsh to Everyone:

BBO is our competitor...sorry

19:28:44 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

Virtual clubs gives more points and are black

19:28:58 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

ok , maybe we can go back and replay the recordings about this for the last 15 months

19:29:27 From Cathy to Everyone:

We have lost our 499ers to these new games.

19:30:06 From Kathy Venton to Everyone:

Can an explanation go out to the players from the ACBL

19:30:18 From david reiter to Everyone:

What are unpigmented points?

19:30:31 From Rosalind Abel to Everyone:

our f2f lost 14 tables per week to the new 499 games

19:30:41 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

@Dave R -- most online points are unpigmented

19:31:00 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

"and don't forget the clubs are the life blood of the league"

19:31:01 From Susan to Everyone:

@DaveR Not colored

19:31:25 From Angie to Everyone:

Many people really don't understand the point awards.

19:31:31 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

We counted on that. But as folks are more comfortable in the online setting, they're not as dependent on us or the comfort of playing against people they know.

19:31:37 From Gael Westall to Everyone:

I agree Ellis the clubs are the bloodline of ACBL

19:31:53 From david reiter to Everyone:

do they count as regular points just like black points or are they less valuable

19:31:55 From Dennis Harms to Everyone:

Page 9 of the August Bridge Bulletin has a letter from ACBL President Georgia Heth. In the second part of that letter, she describes the types of masterpoints -- pigmented (black, silver, red, gold, and platinum) and unpigmented -- and how online games differ from in-person games. Pigmented points are available with all in-person games and with online virtual club games and online ACBL tournaments. All other online games provide unpigmented points. Masterpoint races do not count unpigmented points except for the online masterpoint race. Rank achievement requires a certain number of pigmented points. For a table showing the masterpoint requirements for each rank, see Masterpoint Ranks – Effective January 1, 2010 | American Contract Bridge League – ACBL.

19:31:59 From Ray Yuenger to Everyone:

<https://www.acbl.org/masterpoints/>

19:32:04 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

I think advertising the advantages of black points is necessary.

19:32:12 From Tom to Everyone:

People have told me they like the anonymity (sp?) of the \$1.75 games

19:32:37 From Linda Tuff to Everyone:

Good points Robin!

19:32:52 From Mette Smith to Everyone:

I don't think its the host - most players aren't sure who it is and don't care. It's knowing who's at the table.

19:32:57 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

People sometimes give spurious reasons for \$1.75 games

19:33:22 From T29 Chris Wiegand to Everyone:

check table history

19:33:24 From Wil Bedard to Everyone:

yes, their going into limited point games explains why the masterpoints for limited games were finally fixed... it was for their benefit...

19:33:37 From T29 Chris Wiegand to Everyone:

yes, you don't see chat unless you are at the table

19:33:47 From Tom to Everyone:

Table History

19:34:00 From Libby to Everyone:

you always have to use table history

19:34:04 From suemanning to Everyone:

only see the chat if you are at the table when it is made

19:34:06 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

Agreed

19:34:12 From Jeff Jacob VACB\_T7 to Everyone:

I have never had a problem getting the table history as a vacb

19:34:13 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

yes always table history unless you are at the table

19:34:14 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

Agreed

19:34:24 From Debra Freisleben to Everyone:

You only see the chat while you're at the table. Otherwise you have to go to Table History.

19:34:40 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

You can only see the table chat if you are at that table. Lots of things can go on without your awareness.

19:34:52 From Ann Caparros to Everyone:

Go to the table.

19:35:01 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

Unless someone reports it to you.

19:35:05 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

Robot subs are equally unfair

19:35:12 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

subs do not count as visitors

19:35:13 From David Fraser to Everyone:

or use this utility

19:35:15 From David Fraser to Everyone:

<http://bridge.wespowers.com/BBOTableHistory.html>

19:35:34 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

I think they do Edward.

19:35:42 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

what you saw was probably private chate

19:35:47 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

no

19:35:48 From Bradley Bartol to Everyone:

No

19:35:48 From Morris "Mojo" Jones to Everyone:

not me

19:35:48 From Mette Smith to Everyone:

No!!!

19:35:49 From Matthew Dyer to Everyone:

no

19:35:49 From Jeff Jacob VACB\_T7 to Everyone:

no

19:35:51 From Jim Ricker to Everyone:

no

19:35:51 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

nope

19:35:52 From Libby to Everyone:

no

19:35:52 From John Grossmann to Everyone:

Not here

19:35:53 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

Anne, I think you're mistaken.

19:35:56 From Steve & Mary Beth Cordray to Everyone:

No

19:35:59 From Jim Ricker to Everyone:

table history

19:36:00 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

I would be overwhelmed with chat messages if I could see them all

19:36:03 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

You need to go to the Table History.



19:36:04 From Libby to Everyone:

complaints and table histor

19:36:05 From Hump Dawg Millionaire to Everyone:

I call BS...

19:36:06 From GRAND RIVER BRIDGE CLUB to Everyone:

Using the table history you can see the other chat

19:36:06 From suemanning to Everyone:

call director, check table history

19:36:08 From Debbie Thornton to Everyone:

Routinely scroll thru Table histories

19:36:11 From don marsh to Everyone:

You can always go to tables history.

19:36:18 From Rita to Everyone:

use Wes Power's table history

19:36:20 From Tom to Everyone:

Table History. Table History. Table History

19:36:24 From Charles Bennett to Everyone:

You never see Chat unless you are at the table. I move around constantly.

19:36:30 From John to Everyone:

We need online Regionals, at least in Canada as there is no appetite for F2F Regionals

19:36:52 From Greg Coles to Everyone:

I'm just gonna be quiet and see how long Lynn will go on without me. Don't tell her.

19:37:04 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

No way to monitor all the table chat particularly with larger games.

19:37:05 From Cindy Stewart to Everyone:

We have had 2 instances where a player asked about a bid (tapping on the call made); yet that enquiry did not show up in table history. It happened to me when I was directing and had it happen to me as a player (The director insisted that no query had been made of the bid ... )

19:37:08 From Susan to Everyone:



19:37:08 From Ray Yuenger to Everyone:

Raise your hand, Greg.

19:37:12 From suemanning to Everyone:

LOL

19:37:16 From Rich Carle to Everyone:

Online Regionals should be tailored more like F2F ones are.

19:37:45 From suemanning to Everyone:

Cindy interesting. Maybe only shows when an explanation is made

19:37:55 From Libby to Everyone:

transcript available

19:38:06 From Kathy Pollock to Everyone:

I agree, Rich. More boards, more opponents.

19:38:26 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

Make Tournaments online and save the travel and get everyone playing there and close the Clubs

19:38:28 From Greg Coles to Everyone:

5% gold for Club Appreciation Swiss

19:38:31 From Debbie Thornton to Everyone:

only at F2F?

19:38:44 From Shelley Fishman to Everyone:

Can you run 2 club appreciation pair games if you don't run a team game?

19:38:51 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

trying to figure out how to run a team game with 3.5 tables.

19:38:53 From marilyn wells to Everyone:

Up to .25 points

19:38:54 From Greg Coles to Everyone:

2 per sanctioned session

19:39:14 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

2 per sanctioned session

19:39:38 From Felix Moore, Duke City to Everyone:

it is 2 per session

19:39:39 From Edmonton Bridge Centre to Everyone:

correct

19:39:43 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

2 Club App games in October per sanctioned session. Pair or Team.

19:40:06 From Cindy Stewart to suemanning(Direct Message):

Sue ... in other instances, the table history shows 'explanation requested' and the bid is circled in red. Neither of these things happened in the two examples I gave. In one case, the next player was waiting for the explanation - yet the player (who phoned me) said he gave the explanation. It wasn't visible to anyone ... including the director's table history record

19:40:14 From Libby to Everyone:

smoking fun

19:40:52 From Dennis Harms to Everyone:

So you could run 4 team games. 2 club appreciation and 2 GNT

19:41:04 From Greg Coles to Everyone:

That is correct Dennis

19:41:13 From Rich Carle to Everyone:

Yes

19:41:29 From doug handler to Everyone:

i can no longer copy the chat (for purposes of pasting so i can read them later). any suggestions?

19:41:30 From suemanning to Cindy Stewart(Direct Message):

That is awfully interesting. I think they should be investigated. I'll see if I can do anything or not.

19:41:44 From Rich Carle to Everyone:

actually, every session can be GNTQ if you want

19:41:47 From Cindy Stewart to suemanning(Direct Message):

In the example where I was a player, the response came back "no explanation available", so I called the director, who insisted that no query had been made. Haven't experienced or seen it since - but, was all last week.

19:41:55 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

@Doug -- try Windows 10 and Chrome

19:41:56 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

click the 3 dots to the right of your chat box and it's a save chat option

19:41:58 From Melody Euler to Everyone:

Your players need to call a director

19:42:24 From Denise Donovan to Everyone:

I think many players are going to need a retraining session, especially the novice/int. crowd.

19:42:24 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

yes Greg, thank you. :)

19:42:25 From mark cohen to Everyone:

What is the masterpoint award structure for Club Appreciation game?

19:42:25 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

@Doug -- the 3 dots are sometimes on the lower right

19:42:26 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

u can download chat after the meeting. it will be with the posted link.

19:42:28 From Mette Smith to Everyone:

You can't see failure to alert.

19:42:32 From Marie to Everyone:

Please double check on # of CA team games allowed per sanction in October. Thanks

19:42:45 From Benjamin Dickens to Everyone:

are there instructions somewhere of how +gnt+ turns the game into a swiss team? I know swiss team is suppose to show up as a format option under Matchpoints then IMPs

19:42:55 From Robert Maier to Everyone:

I got to practice some out of rotation insufficient bids so that was fun

19:42:55 From Jeff Jacob VACB\_T7 to Everyone:

face to face has been quiet for me , I think most forgot how to revoke

19:42:56 From Felix Moore, Duke City to Everyone:

Virtual bridge is full of illegal and silly bids. Some players have carried this over to F2F :)

19:43:02 From Teri Smoot to Everyone:

Lynn Yokel ran our Sac Sectional this weekend and did fine!

19:43:02 From bds02 to Everyone:

I was shocked at what occurred in our Sectional by people who know better. Not things they can do online.

19:43:32 From Kim Brinkman to Everyone:

Absolutely! We had so many funny stories when we started back F2F. Everyone took in stride and laughed!

19:43:57 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

new link works first time

19:43:58 From Libby to Everyone:

We called our angel, Lynn Yokel, and straightened these problems out and educated our directors early on.

19:44:02 From Auggie to Everyone:

Does ACBL not realize the instructions about when and how often to run which game is NOT clear? Giving straight forward instructions should not be this hard.

19:44:26 From Ray Parnell to Everyone:

the new web site looks like it was done by kids

19:44:38 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

Right. There is a lot of the failure to alert on BBO, and unless I am contacted, I do not know. Even if I'm visiting the table, I don't feel I should address the problem unless the opponents mention it. I direct limited games, so they are not doing it purpose. They just don't know or remember.

19:44:40 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

the new website was done FOR kids

19:44:40 From suemanning to Everyone:

Ray why do you think that might be?

19:44:44 From Libby to Everyone:

game upload very good now

19:44:48 From Lynn Chapin to Everyone:

[https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/clubs/GNT\\_instructions%20\\_VC\\_and\\_F2F.pdf](https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/clubs/GNT_instructions%20_VC_and_F2F.pdf)

19:44:52 From Karen Sylvester to Everyone:

I have no problem uploading results, but the program will not accept my pdf hand records (done just like before the upgrade)

19:45:06 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

yes no hand records will upload

19:45:13 From Laurie Levin to Everyone:

I have virtual games everyday and still many of my players play in BBO \$1.75 games

19:45:22 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

hand records should be PBN or DUP files

19:45:24 From Jeff Jacob VACB\_T7 to Everyone:

upload the pbn file for hand records

19:45:28 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

Harry has retired

19:45:28 From Robert Maier to Everyone:

Don't go overboard, we are paranoid enough

19:45:29 From Kevin P T69 to Everyone:

pdf is wrong format

19:45:32 From Melody Euler to Everyone:

Harry not on staff

19:45:35 From Melody Euler to Everyone:

Jesse Karl

19:45:37 From Melody Euler to Everyone:

yes

19:45:38 From Rich Carle to Everyone:

use the pbn file for hand record uploads, not the pdf

19:45:39 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

yes but get error messages

19:45:40 From Melody Euler to Everyone:

TJ

19:45:48 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

I use dup or pbn

19:45:51 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

pbn hand record upoad fine for me

19:45:52 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

error message and will nto go

19:45:55 From Shirley Dulcey to Everyone:

The site previously let you upload both: PBN for software, PDF for humans

19:46:09 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

Jesse, Karl, TJ & I think Rick

19:46:11 From Shirley Dulcey to Everyone:

So how do you upload the human-friendly hand records now?

19:46:15 From Terry to Everyone:

how often can f2f run gnt

19:46:44 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

if not Rick, then it might be Bernie

19:46:55 From Rich Carle to Everyone:

every session can be a GNTQ

19:46:59 From Kevin P T69 to Everyone:

Shirley, it will create the pdf from the file you upload

19:47:35 From Rosalind Abel to Everyone:

Hear hear

19:47:36 From Laurie Levin to Everyone:

Definitely

19:48:07 From Mimi Pustilnik to Everyone:

We have been around 57 years. maybe not much longer

19:48:11 From Libby to Everyone:

but we have drawn attention to the 1.75 games

19:48:13 From Laurie Levin to Everyone:

There were never as many games

19:48:25 From Tom to Everyone:

But many people weren't aware of \$1.75 games until they went online.



19:48:26 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

Houston area Club closed. Buried by BAND.

19:48:31 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

change the online MULTIPLIER

19:48:36 From Ray Yuenger to Everyone:

Pandemic has shut down many businesses.

19:48:42 From Auggie to Everyone:

Greg, you are missing the point completely!

19:48:45 From Tom to Everyone:

I mean out of necessity to play in VACB games.

19:49:05 From Robin Stephens to Everyone:

Except Covid highlighted BBO \$1.75 games & pushed them into it

19:49:19 From Jim Ricker to Everyone:

Covid is still the issue, two clubs locally here have had to re-shut down due to players with Covid at the club.

19:49:25 From don marsh to Everyone:

I went looking for a buggy whip factory last week and could not find a single one....bridge is changing.....

19:49:34 From doug handler to Everyone:

can anyone tell me how to see the chat after round table is over...i'm not able to watch it all and do everything else. i used to copy and paste it to an email to myself...but today...that's not working (cannot copy)...

19:49:37 From Laurie Levin to Everyone:

Many of my players play in \$1.75 game instead of my virtual game

19:49:45 From Tom to Everyone:

Yes, Robin. People went to VACB games, looked around and found cheap games

19:49:46 From Shelley Fishman to Everyone:

I have many players who don't plan to return to F2F bridge even after the pandemic. They got used to online play (in the 1.75 games) and like that it takes up less of their day and costs less.

19:49:48 From Robin Stephens to Everyone:

there still has to be controls

19:49:54 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

Yes, pandemic has changed everyone's lives and a lot of businesses. Change is uncomfortable.

19:50:00 From Angie to Everyone:

Does BBO pay the same table fees as virtual clubs?

19:50:03 From suemanning to Everyone:

Doug, the three dots let you save chat to a file

19:50:07 From Lee Daugharty to Everyone:

Perhaps ACBL needs to begin working on their own platform for the future

19:50:18 From Dot Boulia to Everyone:

I totally agree with Gael. We brought all our players to BBO .

19:50:19 From Libby to Everyone:

Greg makes a good point. We are mostly losing to big pools rather than BBO

19:50:23 From Alan Hedegard to Everyone:

The BBO "bonus" should disappear!

19:50:24 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

BBO pays the same sanction fees that we do. 25 cents per person.

19:50:31 From Robin Stephens to Everyone:

well said Gael

19:50:41 From Dot Boulia to Everyone:

FALSE. We are running 4 a week

19:50:42 From sam k (houston) to Everyone:

Change multiplier so players have more of incentive to play locally.

ACBL/SYC - 0%

Out of unit: 10%

In unit : 25%

Or something like that

19:50:45 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

Joe are you sure about that?

19:50:47 From judy Knox to Everyone:

I think ACBL and BBO have done a great job helping our clubs. I think it has brought in more players.

19:51:15 From Tom to Everyone:

I'm still not clear that BBO gave anything to ACBL for awarding masterpoints. Do they pay \$1 a table as we do?

19:51:40 From Robin Stephens to Everyone:

they are a business

19:51:42 From sharon to Everyone:

we reduced our prices to \$2 for players with less than 200 points and \$4 for everyone else. No change in the number of players. Have even been told they wouldn't come for free any more.

19:51:43 From Dennis Harms to Everyone:

Gael ddin

19:51:53 From Mette Smith to Everyone:

Bridge is a better game online - that can't be changed.

19:51:57 From Diana-Shelly Studio to Everyone:

I had to "hold players hand" to get them comfortable playing on BBO. Many said, they would never play online. But now they are playing all the time. Much more than they used to play F2f

19:52:01 From Dennis Harms to Everyone:

t sound angry to me. She was talking about a REAL problem.

19:52:03 From Laurie Levin to Everyone:

We will be out of business by then

19:52:18 From Dennis Harms to Everyone:

The 2X multiplier helped the Virtual Clubs.

19:52:24 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

Human beings are social creatures -- face to face is preferred

19:52:24 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

Our lifeboat has become our competition. We needed BBO and we still do. Who knows what is going to happen? Will there be a new virus next year?

19:52:43 From Auggie to Everyone:

I think players start look for BBO points instead of MP.

19:52:45 From suemanning to Everyone:

is anyone using Love Bridge? We are considering it.

19:52:56 From Ray Yuenger to Everyone:

What is Gael's proposal?

19:52:59 From Laurie Levin to Everyone:

Hear hear

19:53:08 From Shirley Dulcey to Everyone:

Unfortunately, in some ways our clubs DON'T offer a superior product. F2F is more expensive, runs more slowly, and you have to travel to the game. You have to deal with bids out of turn, insufficient bids, and revokes, none of which can happen online.

19:53:29 From Marie to Everyone:

Club Championships and Upgraded Club Championships do not cost clubs anything extra.

19:53:30 From Steve & Mary Beth Cordray to Everyone:

We have not lost anyone to the BBO games. They like to play with people they know.

19:53:32 From Tom to Everyone:

EXACTLY Gael. I still don't understand why the Labor Day games were the same price for double black points and then this past weekend the price was \$1 per person for double black points.

19:53:36 From Dennis Harms to Everyone:

Or at least let Virtual Clubs have the same special games as Face to face clubs.

19:53:48 From Louise - Kona Hawaii to Everyone:

I think she should be mad at the people that does not vaccinate

19:53:49 From John to Everyone:

HGear hear

19:53:50 From Anne Neeter to Everyone:

I for one want to thank BBO for saving our club in these tough times. We would not have a club without BBO. So Thank You!

19:54:02 From Debra Freisleben to Everyone:

This weekend was a charity game.

19:54:07 From Debbie Thornton to Everyone:

I'm with Anne!

19:54:09 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

YES ONLINE IS HERE TO STAY It is good for the players, We just need rules folleds--guest plicy

19:54:33 From Libby to Everyone:

I am happy ACBL is not offering regionals online. It is the province of the districts. ACBL should not compete directly with the districts

19:54:35 From Wil Bedard to Everyone:

There are multiple clubs south of Tampa along the west coast playing online... I can name four others.

19:54:37 From judy Knox to Everyone:

I'm with Anne, too

19:54:43 From Ronald Schoenau to Everyone:

Let's call BBO games, "fake bridge"

19:54:43 From Shirley Dulcey to Everyone:

Virtual clubs address those things, but at a price compared to the non-club online games. Some people just want to play bridge

19:54:56 From Dennis Harms to Everyone:

We should work on Greg's point of making the Face to face and Virtual clubs a better product.

19:55:16 From Tom to Everyone:

@Debra . for some International Fund. Charity begins at home as they say. I don't like being forced to pay to charity

19:55:21 From John to Everyone:

While F2F Regionals are not going ahead then Online should fill the gap

19:55:23 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

agree both are good for bridge

19:55:23 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

Online is like a vacuum sucking players out of the clubs permanently. Face to face is going to be smaller permanently. Many clubs with fixed costs will disappear.

19:55:27 From Shirley Dulcey to Everyone:

I suspect that championship games may move online permanently because it makes many of the forms of cheating that can happen F2F impossible

19:55:40 From Dot Boulia to Everyone:

Asking again in case you missed it. Really would like to know...Has anyone tried to direct a F2F game and a virtual game at the same time/overlapping times? if so, any issues? or suggestions?

19:56:02 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

There seems to be far more cheating online than f2f YMMV

19:56:06 From Lynn Chapin to Everyone:

Tom and Gael, the reason the \$4/table extra this past weekend was because that \$4/table went to a special fund. Just like the face to face games, when you run a Junior Fund... or an International Fund.. or an Educational Fund .... or Alzheimers Funds! Those fees actually GO to those places. They are fundraisers.

19:56:22 From Ray Yuenger to Everyone:

Dot, did you miss the prior answers to your question? Then save chat.

19:56:27 From Wes Powers to Everyone:

Dot, I did it for several weeks. No issues.

19:56:49 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

We need procedural penalties

19:56:55 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

hear hera

19:56:56 From Shirley Dulcey to Everyone:

Not in the fully proctored championship events. Expensive to do but it works. Or it could be done onsite -- make the players come to the tournament but sit them down in four separate rooms

19:57:06 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

Yes, outside score adjustments would be great on BBO!

19:57:10 From Tom to Everyone:

I want to donate to charities of my choice, not the ACBL's

19:57:23 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

I would like procedural penalties -- BBO has demonstrated that I don't need it

19:57:52 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

Thanks Greg

19:58:21 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

No Swann and Okbridge

19:58:27 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

It seems to be an inferior contract

19:58:35 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

23.4%

19:59:07 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

the Credit card fees for sure, that should be in the 20%

19:59:29 From Wil Bedard to Everyone:

they make the same from us that they do from their own players...

19:59:58 From Libby to Everyone:

Is what you are saying that BBO fees should be lower so that virtual club fees could be lower?

20:00:00 From doug handler to suemanning(Direct Message):

thank you sue...i MUCH appreciate that and i'll take it for now...but can you also send instructions as to how i tell software where i want it saved (so i can find it)? i am @ dough0918@aol.com. thanks so much. i admire how you seem to be at the bottom (and knowledgable) about EVERYthing!!!

20:00:01 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

Yes, but would it help BBO? Why would they do that?

20:00:03 From Edmonton Bridge Centre to Everyone:

If you have so many \$3 games each week that you can't adjust this manually then you're starting to sound like a predator super club

20:00:48 From Edmonton Bridge Centre to Everyone:

Didn't GREG once say that our agreement with BBO provided the lowest cost of any Virtual clubs in the world?

20:01:06 From suemanning to doug handler(Direct Message):

That's so nice! I'll look into it :-)

20:01:13 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

The credit card charge has always was irritating, not the 20%. We have brought them the customers. They should be happy to have them and not punish us for the ease of using a credit card.

20:01:17 From Edmonton Bridge Centre to Everyone:

And IMPS

20:01:25 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

Yes, ACBL has a better deal with BBO than the European clubs

20:01:47 From Paulette Hauck to Everyone:

What is everyone paying their virtual directors per game now?



20:01:50 From Tom to Everyone:

Yes, there is no choice regarding the CC fees. It's not like you can pay cash

20:01:57 From Jerry Burford to Everyone:

perhaps BBO could take that credit card fee away from each player when one buys BBO\$. That could let the players finance themselves and get a little more to the clubs.

20:02:08 From Dot Boulia to Everyone:

Auto scheduler needs a COPY function. I'm sick of having to edit and re-edit them for special events. I want to COPY existing games rather than edit them.

20:02:12 From Marty Bley AKA Oma to Everyone:

50 dollars is what we pay our directors

20:02:19 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

CC fees should be negotiated part of the 20%

20:02:31 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

50

20:02:55 From Mette Smith to Everyone:

\$40/game + \$1/table

20:03:00 From Anne to Everyone:

email stated 7-8:30

20:03:05 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

YES THEY DID. THANKS it saved us all

20:03:16 From PWilliams to Everyone:

flat \$50

20:03:18 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

some would have closed 18 months ago

20:03:18 From Diana-Shelly Studio to Everyone:

Why not have BBO take the CC fee out of the BBO money deposits instead of out of the clubs pockets

20:03:23 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

we made it to here

20:04:31 From Marty Bley AKA Oma to Everyone:

Lynn on my screen Paulette Hauck is next, then doug handler, john grossmann, paul davis, sara

20:04:44 From Marty Bley AKA Oma to Everyone:

and harry ingman

20:05:02 From Marty Bley AKA Oma to Everyone:

unit 232

20:05:45 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

I hear ya, Rich. Ditto here.

20:06:14 From Morris "Mojo" Jones to Everyone:

I usually sell out beginning bridge classes through a local community college. We tried offering some f2f classes this fall, and got ZERO enrollments. Adults don't want to go back to school in person yet.

20:06:19 From Ronald Schoenau to Everyone:

what % of f2f players wear face diapers?

20:06:19 From Paula Olivares to Everyone:

I pay directors \$50

20:07:23 From Ronald Schoenau to Everyone:

As f2f director, I direct free.

20:07:29 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

Yes I get the not sleeping

20:08:00 From John to Everyone:

25%

20:08:09 From Felix Moore, Duke City to Everyone:

100% in masks in F2F due to New mex regs

20:08:28 From Greg Coles to Everyone:

I would also like to say those of you that may be Yankee or Red Sox fans - How about those Blue Jays????

20:08:54 From Jeff Jacob VACB\_T7 to Everyone:

22 points I thought that was a football score

20:09:09 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

true, inevitable

20:09:15 From Tom to Everyone:

The best record in all of MLB is with the San Francisco Giants. If they win tonight, they are in the playoffs!!!

20:09:17 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

masterpoints wins

20:09:52 From Steve & Mary Beth Cordray to Everyone:

Does anyone know how many tables BBO had before the pandemic as opposed to now?

20:10:25 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

400% less

20:10:30 From Diana-Shelly Studio to Everyone:

I agree the clear points should NOT count toward ranks in ACBL. They should have a separate ranking for clear points

20:11:07 From Lee Daugharty to Everyone:

ACBL used the same strategy when they introduced SILVER mastserpoint to increase attendance at Sectional tournaments during the mid 80's

20:11:16 From Tom to Everyone:

On the flip side there just aren't enough opportunities to get gold points for those of us who need them to get to LM

20:11:30 From Lee Daugharty to Everyone:

Good suggestion Paulette

20:11:42 From suemanning to Everyone:

Anyone else using Love Bridge?

20:11:52 From Marty Bley AKA Oma to Everyone:

The attendance on BBO when I started back in the beginning was around 7 or 8 K, over the course of the years until shut down in 2020 it was 10 to 12 K, By april of 2020 there were 50 to 60 K worth of people

20:11:59 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

hope to once we get f2f numbers up

20:12:15 From Tom to Everyone:

Someone could write a dissertation regarding masterpoints and the concept of a life master being "better" than a NLM

20:12:20 From Linda MacCleave to Everyone:

Gotta go. Have to open up a Zoom room for my players.

20:12:38 From Lynn Chapin to Everyone:

Seeya Linda!

20:12:44 From Karen to Everyone:

Food is not an option in f2f yet

20:13:01 From Karen to Everyone:

only prepackaged

20:13:17 From Tom to Everyone:

Haven't they determined that COVID can't be passed through food?

20:13:19 From suemanning to Everyone:

Silly, don't get Covid from food

20:13:33 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

touching spoons you can

20:13:38 From Auggie to Everyone:

Good suggestion Paulette.

20:13:39 From Cathy to Everyone:

We are losing equally if not more to the big conglomerates. Getting worse each week as those games are growing.

20:13:45 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

so you're saying no spooning?

20:13:45 From Diana-Shelly Studio to Everyone:

I don't offer food currently at f2f

20:13:47 From suemanning to Everyone:

touching things is a very low risk

20:13:53 From Tom to Everyone:

I thought that they showed you can't get it from surfaces either

20:13:58 From Susan to Everyone:

Put food in mouth with hand. Then pick up cards with same hand. Next table uses same cards.

20:14:04 From David Fraser to Everyone:

fomite transmission is much less of a factor than they originally thought 16 months ago

20:14:14 From suemanning to Everyone:

right, what David said

20:14:29 From Susan to Everyone:

But not impossible

20:14:30 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

But it looks good to not, that is the point

20:14:35 From suemanning to Everyone:

worry about what you breathe and forget the rest, maybe don't touch your eyes

20:14:35 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

Bad Food and Face to face Versus no travel cheaper fees and more MPS.... hmmm.. selling snow to eskimos

20:14:35 From Ann Caparros to Everyone:

We dont service food because people have to take their masks off. Our state requires masks.

20:15:04 From don marsh to Everyone:

Doing what?

20:15:15 From suemanning to Everyone:

well yes it does make people take masks off, that is true, but that's not prepackaged vs non, it's eating at all

20:16:22 From T29 Chris Wiegand to suemanning(Direct Message):

yep -- we scrapped the prepackaged stuff a long while ago... and now we ask people to eat away from the table with others

20:16:26 From Viktoria Renaud to Everyone:

Unfortunately We will never be able to open f2f

20:16:39 From Heather Harmeyer to Everyone:

I think if we keep trying to avoid online play, we will NEVER get younger players to this game. It is silly to be so disdainful of online clubs.

20:17:05 From Libby to Everyone:

you can't beat face to face socializing

20:17:14 From Heather Harmeyer to Everyone:

I am far younger than most of the people in the ACBL and I have a serious concern that this game is going to die if we don't adapt.

20:17:26 From judy Knox to Everyone:

I agree with Heather

20:17:40 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

the online platform is better then face 2 face minus the social part, we need to you lovebridge to combine thme both

20:17:42 From Lee Daugharty to Everyone:

Cannot the players decide which form of the game they choose? i.e., THEIR Live club or THEIR Virtual club?

20:17:55 From Rich Carle to Everyone:

I agree with Heather also, but adapt - how?

20:18:03 From Kathy Pollock to Everyone:

Bridge peaked in 1940, the most players playing

20:18:03 From Auggie to Everyone:

Supplementing our income online only works when we have players. If ACBL would stick to their own policy to not allow clubs above 20% guests the smaller clubs might survive.

20:18:09 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

Face to face will survive... but things are not going to be like they were ever again. IT will be smaller.

20:18:11 From Anne to Everyone:

Yes. we need new players

20:18:19 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

yes auggie

20:18:24 From Mette Smith to Everyone:

Yes. Bridge belongs online. That's where it is best. F2F needs to become something else.

20:18:36 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

but small clubs need to combine so they can offer limited games

20:18:54 From judy Knox to Everyone:

I agree with Mette

20:18:55 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

It's very sad but some F2F clubs will not be able to reopen. I love F2F bridge. Online is fine but it's not quite the same.

20:19:06 From Brian Jones to Everyone:

two worlds on this call, you wonderful souls south of the border and then us in Canada. We won't open F2F for a while so keep virtual club needs in mind

20:19:25 From Tom to Everyone:

One issue of teaching younger players online is teaching them f2f etiquette. I was teaching a millennial and couldn't get him to stop swearing, etc.

20:20:27 From Heather Harmeyer to Everyone:

I agree, Tom, but that is the case no matter what. An online/virtual hybrid can be done.

20:20:41 From judy Knox to Everyone:

Online is much better for new players.

20:20:59 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

yes Heather....the online platform is better all the common irregularities go away

20:21:05 From Tom to Everyone:

Easier to teach etiquette and stop bad behavior face to face, though

20:21:35 From Heather Harmeyer to Everyone:

I think etiquette is a deeper issue. I'm sure there are those problems away from the table as well.

20:22:38 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

agree, teaching and new players and volunteers is needed. We need face2face...we need to look at it like a business....go to concert in person or stream it, watch football on tv or go to game...we and out players have option now a good thing not a bad thing

20:22:59 From Ray Parnell to Everyone:

About 50% of the players at my F2F games don't play in online games.

20:23:48 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

"Soon"

20:23:49 From Susan to Everyone:

75 % of F2F players in our clubs never played online.

20:23:52 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

:)

20:23:56 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

yes we only got 50% of our players online, we need to get that 50% back in person



20:25:47 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

now you feel like us paying rent and bills the past 18 months

20:25:58 From Libby to Everyone:

you might not be able to keep that promise

20:26:10 From Libby to Everyone:

a little in the bank is a reasonable safety measure

20:26:25 From Laurie Levin to Everyone:

What about our Unit that have a contract for Regional that may be cancelled

20:26:36 From Libby to Everyone:

you can manipulate points to make things easier for face to face clubs

20:26:43 From Ann Caparros to Everyone:

Need to maintain a contingency fund ,

20:26:46 From T29 Chris Wiegand to Everyone:

still forced to round up

20:27:09 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

They did manipulate the points for F2F clubs. You can essentially run 10 weeks of special games.

20:27:09 From T29 Chris Wiegand to Everyone:

no rings/three ways

20:27:11 From Jerry Burford to Everyone:

We pay our vac directors \$1 per paying player (subs don't pay and our directors don't get paid for them). We will pay \$30 to \$60 for our weekday games. Weekends are much lighter.

20:27:50 From Rich Carle to Everyone:

BBO will add a robot team to make an even number

20:28:57 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

agree John. Amen

20:29:18 From John K to Everyone:

Amen

20:29:36 From Ann Caparros to Everyone:

Still love Magic the Gathering.

20:29:42 From Tom to Everyone:

Collectible Card Game (CCG)

20:29:53 From Matthew Dyer to Everyone:

were pants required for the BOG meeting?

20:30:23 From Ellis Feigenbaum to Everyone:

for the answer to that look at the MYD list

20:30:31 From Phil Benamy to Everyone:

pants were suggested for the BOG meeting

20:31:12 From Libby to Everyone:

you gave us a great table showing the gains on club championship

20:31:13 From Mette Smith to Everyone:

This is funny. Remember when shoes and shirts were required?

20:31:58 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

Th and Fr are 2 days of the whole week. You still have mon thru Wed

20:33:40 From Libby to Everyone:

my understanding is that you cannot split weeks. If the answer is different, please send us all a the answer

20:35:04 From bill brooks CM Permian Bridge club Midland TX to Everyone:

logging off for the other game F2F chess

20:36:13 From Alan Hedegard to Everyone:

Logging off, meeting too long!

20:36:38 From Rosalind Abel to Everyone:

Good evening 🌙

20:36:42 From Wes Powers to Everyone:

Yeah, we should go back to every other week at least.

20:38:42 From Laurie Levin to Everyone:

They did the same to me

20:38:43 From Tom to Everyone:

The dumbest thing I heard of was an alliance between clubs in Santa Rosa, CA and somewhere in the southeast of the United States.

20:39:28 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

Yes they are recruiting players. They are also telling them how to work around the guest restrictions

20:39:42 From Wil Bedard to Everyone:

We had the reverse... a club asked if we would take over their online players... as they no longer wanted to do so...

20:39:48 From John Lagodimos to Everyone:

I thought pooling had stopped

20:39:55 From Larry Hays to Everyone:

The Amazons are in it for the bucks.

20:40:24 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

I do it for the buck but I follow the rules and ethics

20:40:29 From Sherrie Goodman to Everyone:

I get asked as an individual to go to their website and sign up to be on their include list.

20:40:37 From Ann Caparros to Everyone:

I thought acbl was shutting down or at least not letting virtual clubs across district lines

20:41:14 From Wil Bedard to Everyone:

I wish chat had a "like" feature, Ed!

20:41:23 From Paul NC Bridge to Everyone:

Mega alliances have a mega 15%.

20:41:37 From T29 Chris Wiegand to Everyone:

first menu NOT second

20:41:40 From TJ Singer to Everyone:

chat does....go to reactions and clap or smile, etc

20:41:48 From T29 Chris Wiegand to Everyone:

in the first menu, change pairs to swiss

20:41:53 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

how can you sign up to be in their include list

20:42:05 From Diana-Shelly Studio to Everyone:

You have to create a Swiss teams from scratch

20:42:17 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

You cannot "sign up" to be on someone's include list.

20:42:18 From T29 Chris Wiegand to Everyone:

the second menu is called format, but it is the format section in the first menu

20:42:21 From Diana-Shelly Studio to Everyone:

You can not modify or copy a pairs

20:42:59 From Tom to Everyone:

One "appearance" per person, please (LOL)

20:43:26 From Sherrie Goodman to Everyone:

You can't copy a tournament to create swiss, you have to create tournament from scratch

20:43:35 From doug handler to Everyone:

be careful of that for which you wish...

20:43:48 From Ray Yuenger to Everyone:

<https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/bbo-and-acbl-extend-partnership/>

20:44:57 From Mette Smith to Everyone:

louder Ellis

20:46:54 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

agree Ellis...20 % fine

20:47:01 From Edward Scanlon to Everyone:

but cc fees are wrong

20:47:10 From Bradley Bartol to Everyone:

Thank you, Ellis!

20:50:58 From don marsh to Everyone:

Primary...secondary....

20:51:13 From Tom to Everyone:

Client Server

20:51:18 From don marsh to Everyone:

Master slave needs to be put to rest.....

20:51:26 From Hump Dawg Millionaire to Everyone:

Greg and Lynn - Thanks for all you do! And now, since it is Monday Night in the First week of the NFL - Area you ready for some football?

20:51:56 From Sherrie Goodman to Everyone:

Yes, Larry, they are poaching me.

20:52:01 From Cindy Cox to Everyone:

Even MORE mega cross-district clubs???

20:52:23 From Fay to Everyone:

I have been putting my hand up all night but it would not stay up and I do have a game issue problem that happened last week and need to talk to someone from ACBL if someone would call me.

20:52:42 From Libby to Everyone:

This is terrible and this is poaching. It indicates that the current policy is encouraging larger pools, more impersonal and less face to face which is critical

20:53:20 From Tom to Everyone:

I thought we weren't allowed to pull any further

20:53:46 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

With very limited exceptions, I thought that was the case too Tom.

20:54:42 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

Yes! Once per month is not enough.

20:54:47 From Ronald Schoenau to Everyone:

No more outside of unit consortiums

20:54:57 From Ray Yuenger to Everyone:

Yes, the fewer meetings have tended to run longer.

20:55:45 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

Sounds a LOT like poaching and perhaps the abuse of the ACBL Privacy Policy, does it not?

20:55:57 From Wil Bedard to Everyone:

I thought that was permitted for teaching... but not for this...

20:55:59 From Martin Hunter to Everyone:

Poachers, Cross-continent recruiting, "Anything for a Buck" Clubs that gladly take Guest Pairs - such a sad state of affairs - and some of you are on this call

20:56:04 From Sherrie Goodman to Everyone:

I have received these poaching letters.

20:56:21 From Lee Daugharty to Everyone:

How can there be a workaround with the software being controlled centrally?

20:56:35 From Tom to Everyone:

There should be extreme sanctions to the club that sends out those letters. They should know better by now.

20:56:46 From PWilliams to Everyone:

We had 3 players make the 3 hour drive to Knoxville so that they could become "members" of that club under current policy

20:57:10 From Paul Davis to Everyone:

I get multiple promotions from BAND at multiple email addresses and have never played in one of their games online or in person.

20:57:29 From Lee Daugharty to Everyone:

I see. We have no F2F where I live.

20:57:43 From Sherrie Goodman to Everyone:

I got these letters from 2 of these large clubs.

20:57:46 From PWilliams to Everyone:

The Knoxville club sent unsolicited welcome emails to untold # of 99ers in May.....nothing was done about it.

20:57:55 From Joe Grill to Everyone:

Isn't that a violation of the ACBL Privacy Policy if they use the e-mails lists to contact players with no EBR?

20:58:03 From Tom to Everyone:

@Paul: One of my club members got that and I reported it to Greg. Apparently they can do whatever they want with no sanctions.