

18:58:55 From Bonnie Stettler : D14 is this week

18:59:25 From GIDBC : We are having a sectional, and have several members who are upset with "proof of vaccine" requirement. Our area has no requirements, in general. Can we conduct or tournament according to local guidelines, vs ACBL guidance?

19:00:47 From Joe Grill : ... probably not if you want to have it staffed by ACBL TDs.

19:00:52 From Homa : It is pretty upsetting to see following message before our Virtual games starts with few ACBL games posted:

19:02:01 From Homa : the message" No virtual games are available now. Here are othe ACBL-SACTINONED games you can play"

19:03:26 From Robert : Having issues with ACBLScore when we run a club championship. It doesn't seem to give any extra points. When I send the file home and change the strats the issue seems to get fixed. Any clues why?

19:03:59 From Debra Freisleben : Do you have the most recent version of ACBLScore on your club computer?

19:04:04 From Phil Benamy : @robert -- how many sections? do you do OA?

19:04:10 From Bradley Bartol : Do an F6

19:04:16 From Lynn Chapin : @Robert, at the end of the game, force ACBLScore to "score" the game. Either F11 then SCORE, or F6 (which does the same thing). Email me if you need help.

19:04:30 From Joe Grill : F6 👍

19:04:43 From Lynn Chapin :  
[https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/NAP\\_Qualifiers/NAP\\_D1.htm](https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/NAP_Qualifiers/NAP_D1.htm)

Change the number from 1 to your District's number.

19:05:14 From Robert : ok - thanks, we'll try that. I am fairly new to doing this, so I didn't try it.

19:06:47 From David Livingston : Unit game info?

19:07:13 From Lynn Chapin : @David, are you talking about the NAPs?

19:07:39 From Lynn Chapin : Qualifiers are listed alphabetically, by Unit in the District.

19:08:39 From Lynn Chapin : STaC pigments on Live for Clubs will show all silver. Disregard... we will rescore the games to award the pigments.

19:09:18 From Cathy Taylor : When will the virtual clubs and the live clubs have the same rules? I.e. club championships etc.

19:09:39 From Jim Ricker : not this calendar year

19:10:35 From Coach Diana : Will they ever bar online clubs from running game if they have no physical games.

19:11:53 From Jan Evans : What is there an online Gold Rush during D17 Royal STAC?

19:11:54 From Maureen : We only need the sanction for face to face games right? Or do we need them for any games we run online?

19:12:07 From Pal NCBridge : Is the F2F calendar published? Link?

19:12:11 From Lynn Chapin : @Diana, although that was discussed at one point, it is not in the upcoming plans at this time.

19:12:27 From Jim Ricker : Same question, do virtual games need to sanction every session?

19:12:30 From Lynn Chapin : @pal

<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/clubs/SpecialGamesChart2020.pdf>

19:12:52 From Tom : Anyone have a suggestion for instructing players on how to deal with a person who is suffering dementia? Two people at another club in which I was playing reacted terribly to a woman who gets easily confused, and she got very upset. tjsbridge@gmail.com

19:13:16 From Marty Bley AKA Oma : I hear her

19:13:16 From Susan Fronapfel : I can hear Lynn

19:13:17 From Mark Lacroix : I can hear her

19:13:19 From Bob Shuken : I can hear her

19:13:20 From Jim Ricker : I heard her

19:13:21 From Marty Bley AKA Oma : yes

19:13:23 From Marty Bley AKA Oma : right

19:13:25 From Marty Bley AKA Oma : LOL

19:13:33 From Marty Bley AKA Oma : WHO KNEW??

19:13:34 From Dot Boulia : Duh!

19:14:06 From Debra Freisleben : Any special events for Virtual clubs for the rest of the year (including ACBL special events) other than the Online Regional???

19:14:49 From Lynn Chapin : Hi Debra, there are no online virtual club special events through the end of the year at this time.

19:14:59 From Debra Freisleben : Thx Lynn

19:17:26 From Lynn Chapin : 2 weeks for 2022 Upgraded

8 weeks for 2022 Club Championship weeks

19:17:32 From Chip Cleveland : We have been running "Welcome Back" games but have not been disciplined about keeping track of how many games have been run. What's the easiest way to get a count of how many we've already run.

19:17:35 From Lynn Chapin : In addition to those FREE ones now in November

19:18:55 From Debra Freisleben : Anybody else having problems with ACBLScore hanging up when you try to close it?

19:19:02 From Lynn Chapin : @Chip, go to your results page... click on the little arrow to the right of RATING" and it will sort your games by their rating name. Scroll to Club Champ and Upgraded Club Champ ... and you can easily view them. (Pay attention to the dates, because 2021 etc will be in there.)

19:19:34 From Bob Shuken : Debra yes I have problems

19:19:36 From Stephen Beaton : Will sanctions be renewed for virtual sessions only (no physical location)? Will new sanctions be granted to someone wanting to run virtual sessions only? -- Stephen.

19:19:44 From Mark Lacroix : Who is your district tournamanet coordinator

19:19:51 From Mark Lacroix : They should have stepped in

19:20:12 From Lynn Chapin : @Stephen, I will make sure that Greg hits all these points in the communication he was just talking about.

19:22:23 From Marsha Sandersen : Are you doing anything to promote virtual clubs??

19:22:56 From sam k (houston) : Why are we running online regionals that compete with the vClubs? Expecially since vClubs cannot have any more special events.

19:23:13 From Coach Diana : lack of money

19:23:18 From Lynn Chapin : @Pramod, please email me

19:23:32 From Lynn Chapin : I have information for you, Pramod.

19:24:52 From Phil Benamy : The Bulletin comes with membership

19:26:06 From Phil Benamy : I believe that the Indian government subsidizes some of that

19:26:59 From Joe Grill : The most depressing day of the month is the day I get the "Membership Trend Report."

19:27:11 From Debra Freisleben : I've had 11 members die in the past 14 months.

19:27:30 From Pramod Khanna : Indian Government does NOT subsidize Cricket or Bridge. They both run on Sponsorships from Industrialists, etc.

19:27:37 From Ellis Feigenbaum : only 11?

19:27:58 From Debra Freisleben : Club only has about 85 members at the start

19:28:10 From Dot Boulia : The point?.

19:28:42 From Robert Whiting : next round all move please

19:28:48 From mark cohen : Doomsday!!!!

19:29:12 From mark cohen : We just had 68 new people at our Learn Bridge in a Day!!

19:29:31 From Tom : Where was that Mark?

19:29:39 From Lynn Chapin : @Mark! WOW WOW WOW!!!

19:30:16 From Debra Freisleben : Montgomery, AL isn't a fertile ground for large gains in membership.

19:30:41 From mark cohen : King of Prussia outside Philly. Almost all word of mouth. Happy to share results and other info

19:30:47 From Robert : We are trying to run bridge classes this fall. We hope for 2 beginner classes. Unfortunately, with the growth of online, we may teach them and then lose them to virtual. Hopefully they will play FTF

19:31:02 From mark cohen : ACBL was tremendous help with coop advertising.

19:31:03 From Linda MacCleave : Our lifeboat has become our anchor. This is no one's fault. Folks are still scared.

19:31:23 From Ellen Gordon : All the ACBL is interested in is making money! They don't care about the brick and mortar clubs!

19:32:12 From Bradley Bartol : Keeping all the bridge players happy. What could possibly go wrong?

19:32:31 From Phil Benamy : How can you make everyone happy? You do your best and be satisfied that you did your best.

19:32:32 From Homa : I believe that players mostly got comfortable playing on line and not necessarily Sanctioned ACBL ones. i.e. I never played on line before COVID.

19:32:48 From Linda MacCleave : Right Phil.. LOL

19:33:18 From Linda MacCleave : and Bradley

19:33:25 From dick Hartman : I have a very small club. I'm convinced that the best use of my efforts is to advertise for a Dementia prevention program. It seems that complaining about all the factors that are handicapping the return to F2F will go away but what led to your success before the pandemic shut down.

19:33:30 From Ellen Gordon : Why does the ACBL even still have the BBO connection! GREED!

19:33:47 From Joe Grill : No, it's a contract.

19:34:00 From Lynn Chapin : @Ellen, that connection is legally contractual.

19:34:03 From Dot Boulia : We have spent enough time to hear one person's concerns. Pls move on.

19:34:03 From Coach Diana : Requiring more black points for each new level may cause some to to play in club games

19:34:12 From Ellen Gordon : I am not aware of any contract.

19:34:39 From Joe Grill : BBO and the ACBL have some contract that allows them to run online games. It predates Covid.

19:34:40 From Phil Benamy : @Ellen there is a contract with BBO -- it might be a deal with the devil -- but during an emergency, you do your best and it doesn't always work out.

19:34:45 From Jim Ricker : BBO contract runs THROUGH 2024

19:35:14 From Jim Ricker : BBO paid \$3 M

19:35:19 From Tom : I thought it was through 2025

19:35:33 From Jim Ricker : you might be correct

19:35:51 From Jim Ricker : contract began pre covid

19:36:04 From Ellen Gordon : Clubs with no physical facility shouldn't be allowed to have virtual games.

19:36:10 From Lynn Chapin : <https://www.acbl.org/club-corner/>

Click on Zoom Meeting Repository beneath the My Club header

19:36:20 From mark cohen : Is this a non-smoking Zoom????

19:36:53 From Linda MacCleave : MC, cute

19:37:15 From Joe Grill : @Mark. Just use a Zoom filter. 😊

19:37:45 From Lynn Chapin : @ Dave, the 5/27 club manager update announced the Upgraded Club Championships and Upgraded Club Championships for June, July and November. Did you receive that? Please shoot me your email address so that I can check to make sure you are on all the lists.

19:38:08 From mark cohen : Joe - Filter!!!! Hy-sterical!!!!

19:38:09 From Linda MacCleave : whoa

19:38:51 From TJ Singer : have your players sign a waiver like a lot of people have done

19:38:52 From Shelley Fishman : I have an indemnification clause and have to carry insurance but not related to COVID

19:39:03 From TJ Singer : a lot of clubs have done

19:39:20 From Tom : We just need to have a Certificate of Insurance for our facility

19:39:58 From Joe Grill : I had to carry separate insurance when I rented in a physical space.

19:40:01 From Bob Shuken : I have insurance for my club, Covid is an exception

19:40:26 From Ellen Gordon : I've owned a club for 31 years and people play virtually at a club that doesn't have a facility. It's quite a hardship. I'm just trying to survive.

19:41:19 From mark cohen : More doomsday again - and again...

19:41:35 From Phil Benamy : More reality again and again

19:42:04 From mark cohen : Serves no purpose to go the doom route...

19:42:32 From Phil Benamy : Worse to stick your head in the sand and deny reality

19:42:48 From mark cohen : Tremendous success with ACBL ads - 67 newbies at LBIAD Saturday.

19:43:14 From Linda MacCleave : I don't know how you could restrict clubs from playing virtually if they do not have a physical club. It's probably happening a lot now. However, I agree that virtual games should be paying sanctions.

19:43:15 From Tom : Three f2f clubs in our area: one gets 16 tables; one gets 9 tables; and one barely gets 4 tables

19:43:28 From Wes Powers : Mark, do you have any feel for how many will continue in the game?

19:44:27 From Lynn Chapin : @Mark - this is so true! ACBL has a fantastic cooperative advertising program! Everyone should bookmark:

<https://acbl.org/marketing/#cap>

ACBL refunds 50% of advertising costs up to \$500 match!

19:44:50 From TJ Singer : NLM sectional are not run by ACBL employees

19:44:51 From Sherrie Goodman : The ones who want to play online will play online whether or not there are virtual clubs. I still believe that ACBL/BBO games are my biggest competition with our virtual club.

19:44:58 From mark cohen : You can email me at markacohen@msn.com

19:45:13 From TJ Singer : STaCs are exempt from this as well

19:45:39 From Linda MacCleave : I see an interesting phenomenon now. Some of my live players do not want to play online ever. Some of my online players never want to play online again now.

19:45:54 From TJ Singer : yes

19:45:55 From Mark Lacroix : yes'

19:45:59 From Mark Lacroix : TC

19:46:04 From mark cohen : I'm a new-ish manager but there's so much doom and complaining here. Wow!

19:46:17 From Linda MacCleave : I mean live. Some of my online players do not want to play live ever again.

19:46:53 From Linda MacCleave : Yes, Mark. That's our function here. :)

19:46:58 From Bob Shuken : Linda we have a small club and we have both of them

19:47:53 From Jim Ricker : @Linda I understand, it seems that many would say, NO we need to FORCE those players to return to Live Bridge. Seems foolish Players have the right to chose.

19:48:13 From Lynn Chapin : @Ellis, sending you the D22 STaC coordinator info.

19:48:22 From Mark Lacroix : He's taking my quest ion .....

19:48:29 From scart : Suggestion for future meetings - LIMIT each person to 3 or 4 minutes. If they can't finish in that time...get back in line.

19:48:53 From don marsh : can we have a time limit here on folks...please?

19:48:54 From Jim Ricker : give him a time limit please

19:48:58 From Bob Shuken : I agree LIMIT

19:49:14 From Pramod Khanna : Second 'scart' 's suggestion

19:49:20 From Phil Benamy : I agree with limiting one persons time. Except that I am happy to cede my time to Ellis and one or two others.

19:49:29 From don marsh : Hey Greg....can we move this forward?

19:50:04 From Dot Boulia : Let's go, pls

19:50:08 From Lynn Chapin : (insert applause emoji here)

ACBL not involved whatsoever in finances between clubs.

19:50:51 From Dot Boulia : I assume they will be removed when their sanctions are cancelled next Feb 1.

19:51:16 From Al Smith : If a club does not renew its sanction, will ACBL eliminate them from being pooled with anyone?

19:51:22 From Linda MacCleave : ok, so if complaining is our job here, which it is, I would complain that BBO should not charge us credit card fees. However, this is not something ACBL can solve, but they could request this fee be eliminated. They should be making plenty of money. I don't expect anything to happen.

19:51:28 From Dot Boulia : Mark, they still have sanctions.

19:51:29 From Phil Benamy : I expect that they will sanction at least one session a week and then not open.

19:51:48 From Ray Yuenger : Let's not strangle the clubs online that are struggling to reopen.

19:51:59 From Dot Boulia : Why is BBO charging sales tax again?

19:52:18 From Linda MacCleave : wait, sales tax

19:52:25 From Joe Grill : BBO charges sales tax to players based on where they live, when applicable.

19:52:28 From Phil Benamy : Perhaps online should offer fewer points than face to face offers

19:52:35 From Homa : Re: Getting back to F2F is not black and white. We are really trying to go back F2F, but our rent for the place that we had is gone so much that we can't survive. We are trying

19:52:51 From Dot Boulia : Last time I bought some BBO bucks, they added 2.50 to my 40

19:52:56 From Homa : gone up

19:53:00 From Jim Ricker : @Linda, correct. Nothing will happen regarding BBO CC fees

19:53:23 From Joe Grill : @Dot. Where do you live?

19:53:42 From Joe Grill : Does your state charge sales tax for online transactions?

19:54:04 From Joe Grill : Mine does. 😞

19:54:06 From Jim Ricker : @Phil, ACBL already is .62.75% of the BBO award

19:54:34 From Amy G : Why can't we all just except that we have multiple options to play bridge now? Some prefer online in the comfort and safety of their own homes and some prefer the social aspects of face to face. There are benefits to both and room for both.

19:54:50 From Paul Davis : The issue is keeping clubs alive which is difficult when online only clubs are competing with full service clubs. Clubs running F2F games are doing double duty just to barely stay afloat and need their players and income from online as well as in-person sections. Allowing online only clubs to compete for players with full service clubs defeats the goal of keeping clubs alive.

19:54:54 From scart : @Homa - Try churches with the angle of offering something to Seniors.

19:54:59 From Pramod Khanna : Thanks, Amy

19:55:10 From Joe Grill : <https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/states-with-internet-sales-tax>

19:55:23 From Linda MacCleave : Amy :)

19:55:46 From Dot Boulia : @Joe apparently they do. I live two places and I guess one does and one doesn't. I'll need to be careful about which case I use.



19:56:16 From Lynn Chapin : EMAIL ME, SUE - if you need more info.

lynn.chapin@acbl.org

19:56:35 From Al Smith : Since ACBL is going to sanction online club sessions, is the ACBL going to make apply the no inter-district pooling equally to all clubs? Will ACBL eliminate inter-district pooling that the ACBL has grandfathered for a number of the large online clubs?

19:57:09 From TJ Singer : log into the manager's online ACBL account, click on club manager tab and click on the renew club sanction tab

19:57:45 From Lynn Chapin : Sharon, I will be happy to bring this up again. Please shoot me an email to remind me!

19:58:10 From Linda MacCleave : BBO club

19:58:16 From Lynn Chapin : There is no BBO membership ...

19:58:16 From Linda MacCleave : ?

19:58:41 From Phil Benamy : I have played f2f at several clubs.

19:58:48 From Lynn Chapin : It doesn't work that way... it was always a club for years and years before the pandemic.

19:58:53 From Jim Ricker : BBO contract predates the Virtual clubs

19:58:58 From Dot Boulia : Yes you did. You created a login!

19:59:03 From Lynn Chapin : The VACB rules don't apply to BBO.

19:59:13 From Joe Grill : Sharon, you are technically correct... which is the best kind of correctness!

19:59:13 From Phil Benamy : BBO is not a VACB

19:59:36 From Coach Diana : you joined the BBO club when you created a BBO username

19:59:53 From Joe Grill : 👍

20:00:02 From Dot Boulia : Ty Greg

20:01:10 From TJ Singer : Unit game info is sanctioned by your Unit Tournament Coordinator and should be emailed to all the local unit's clubs

20:02:14 From Jamie Newman : Thanks to both Lynn and Greg who are always so patient and positive (good example for the rest of us).

20:02:36 From don marsh : not true

20:02:47 From Lynn Chapin : @David ... 1 662-796-7235 -- CALL ME (LYNN)

20:03:22 From Linda MacCleave : OMG Lynn!

20:03:24 From duran : Agree about lynn and Greg's patience. Lynn is especially responsive to every question I ask.

20:03:41 From Linda MacCleave : Lynn is amazing!!

20:03:53 From Coach Diana : Lynn is the tops!!

20:04:28 From Jim Ricker : BINGO

20:04:30 From Dot Boulia : I tried to search for info on the new convention card on the website and it couldn't find anything. Now I learned they have been covering it in the bulletin every month since March. While I should have already known that, I think the ACBL search should have been able to locate it.

20:05:08 From Pramod Khanna : ACBL Website is very User - UNFriendly

20:05:23 From Amy G : Is there a requirement to use the new acbl card or is the old one still acceptable

20:05:23 From Pramod Khanna : especially their 'Search' function

20:05:38 From Debra Freisleben : I have to agree - the new website isn't as easy to use as we were led to believe.

20:05:39 From Robert : I just performed a search (magnifying glass) and keyed in CONVENTION CARD. it shows up right away

20:05:46 From Morris "Mojo" Jones : I have better luck using Google "site specific" search to find things at acbl.org. On Google use "site:acbl.org search terms"

20:06:11 From Lynn Chapin : @Amy ... too many sitting around, so people are still using the old ones. I don't think there are parameters with discontinuation of the old one yet.

20:06:14 From Pramod Khanna : Agree with Morris 'Mojo' Jones

20:06:32 From Lynn Chapin : @MoJo, that's the ticket, right there! :)

20:07:03 From Lynn Chapin : \*\*\*\*\*

And then +hm18+ was born....

20:07:20 From pam gorbics : <https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/ConventionCard.pdf>

20:07:59 From Linda MacCleave : same here, Mark

20:08:29 From Dot Boulia : I am not looking for the card, I am looking for info on what everything means on it. Some of it is Greek to me and I have idea how to fill it out. Instruction if you will.

20:08:33 From Coach Diana : Our plan was to move f2f online when we have snow storms. Do we need a special sanction for that one off type of thing

20:09:54 From Sherrie Goodman : BBO can run them every hour

20:09:56 From Phil Benamy : There should be a glossary for the new convention card

20:10:16 From Dot Boulia : Good idea Phil

20:10:19 From Phil Benamy : and the glossary should be somewhere on the card itself

20:10:39 From Phil Benamy : or at least a link/QR code to the glossary

20:10:54 From Lynn Chapin : @Phil.... QR code... excellent idea!

20:11:03 From Sherrie Goodman : But BBO can have a 99, 199, 1999, Open every hour

20:11:15 From darlenescott : So can we have a face to face game at 12:30 and an on-line game at noon and only need one sanction?

20:11:33 From Linda MacCleave : Exactly

20:11:37 From Jim Ricker : toothpaste out of the tube

20:11:59 From sam k (houston) : The Bridge Bulletin is running a column in each issue about a diff. section of the new convention card. p. 36 in the Sept issue

20:12:00 From Lynn Chapin : @Darlene, thanks for asking that. I will add it to the list of sanctioning questions and make sure it is addressed!

20:12:13 From darlenescott : Thank you

20:12:18 From Joe Grill : @Darlene, according to my understanding you cannot run an online game and a F2F game of the same kind at the same time.

20:12:40 From darlenescott : The gamester not connected

20:12:41 From Joe Grill : (under the same sanction #)

20:12:45 From darlenescott : They are separate

20:12:59 From darlenescott : Are not connected I meant

20:13:08 From Ray Yuenger : So you don't shop on Amazon?

20:13:08 From Joe Grill : You may not run two open games at the same time, under the same sanction #, as is my understanding.

20:13:11 From Paul Davis : Most F2

20:13:15 From Linda MacCleave : I keep Amazon in business

20:13:50 From sam k (houston) : if you can run two virtual games under the same sanction, why not a F2F and an online game at the same time?

20:13:56 From darlenescott : Face to face is a limited game. On-line is an open game.

20:14:00 From Tom : It's the big online clubs versus the small online clubs that's a problem

20:14:16 From Mette Smith : can't hear you

20:14:26 From sam k (houston) : 1pm, 4pm -- both afternoon open games. How is that different from 10am online and 10am F2F both open games?

20:14:33 From Jim Ricker : soft spoken but I can hear him Mette

20:14:34 From Lynn Chapin : @Mette, I can hear him.

20:15:09 From Paul Davis : Most F2F clubs see online games as part of their future. That is not the issue. BBO is beside the point. Allowing "clubs" to run only online games now puts full service clubs at a competitive disadvantage.

20:15:35 From Lynn Chapin : @Sam, I think that 1pm open and 4pm limited requires two sanctions... please email me if you have specific questions about sanctioning. I have a loooong list right now, and want to be all-inclusive in the answers.

20:16:20 From Jim Ricker : but multiple limited games at a single session are one sanction

20:16:46 From Linda MacCleave : Most of my players never knew they were a member of a club before we had this experience.

20:16:50 From Pal NCBridge : ACBL website is sloooooow, please make it faster!

20:16:58 From Phil Benamy : @robert -- use a different email client

20:17:05 From Debra Freisleben : Set email for HTML

20:17:08 From Jim Ricker : players have NO IDEA what their profile looks like

20:17:12 From Dot Boulia : It's your email program doing that!

20:17:56 From Jamie Newman : Thank you!

20:18:05 From Coach Diana : 10th is a holiday

20:18:09 From Mark Brown : Hi folks,

One of the things we have found that works very well for increasing participation in our F2F games is having a Non-Playing Director, and inviting players to come down SOLO, and pairing them off when they show up, and having the Director play with the remaining SOLO player if need be.

20:18:25 From JENNIFER KUHN : Where can we find the recording for this meeting?

20:18:40 From Dot Boulia : Anyone know how to save the chat using zoom on the iPad?

20:18:45 From Jim Ricker : @Jennifer, will come in an email.

20:18:46 From Sherrie Goodman : where can I get a copy of the recording of this meeting. I was busy caring for a new grandchild.

20:19:02 From Sharon Smith : Thank you for keeping the conversation constructive. I do so hope club reporting gets more reliable. I know you are working on it.

20:19:14 From Lynn Chapin : Sherrie, you lucky girl, you :)

20:19:18 From Diane : Does anyone share a common player list with another club and how do you handle that?

20:19:21 From Lynn Chapin : I will email out the link to everyone tomorrow.