

# Ace of Clubs Bridge Club

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*Dear Bridge Player,*

Not even our wildest dreams .....

could have prepared us for how our lives would be these last few months.

Our hearts, thoughts and condolences go to the families of the members we have lost in this time from Covid-19:

Michael Soester  
Roy Gluckstein  
David Proops  
Carole Bernholt

Also to our members who have lost loved ones:

Sandy Arnold who lost her partner Michael Zlotnick  
Marilyn Morrow who lost her brother Bunny Barnett who lost her husband Philip Pittack

I am delighted that quite a few of you have come through the other side some having been in hospital and others recovering at home.

Other members who have sadly passed in the last few months from unrelated issues, but no less sad are:

Ivor Young  
Ruth Goldsobel  
Edna Gergel  
Gary Bergman  
Eddie Symons  
Ray Hillman

Condolences also to two of our team members, Giles Ridger and David Goldberg who have both suffered the loss of their respective fathers.

As I'm writing this it's unclear whether there will be another lockdown. In any case we hope that the advances in medical science will keep the rest of us and our loved ones safe.

Now for our Bridge News



Hands up if you've seen our brand new website. If not click below:-  
<https://aceofclubsbridgeclub.co.uk/pa-y-here-login>

Here you can get your results and the latest information of our online bridge schedule which we are working to expand to satisfy everybody's needs.

## Duplicate Players Online

It has been lovely to have so many of you continuing to support the Ace of Clubs. Thank you.

We originally chose to replicate our club sessions to not confuse your diaries for when it was time to return to the club. Who knew that 6 months later there is still no hope of that?

Whilst we started with BBO, as there was no practical alternative and it has given us the outlet we needed, we have now found a superior alternative in **RealBridge**. See below.

## Supervised Players

You can't say we haven't tried! Unfortunately BBO doesn't lend itself very well to supervised bridge for large numbers. We tried with a combination of BBO and Zoom which worked for a few but not enough to warrant continuing.

Thanks to those of you who came along and persevered with us.

We believe that **RealBridge** will solve all the previous problems and aim to start soon. See below.

RealBridge really is...

New  
AND Exciting

As face to face club bridge is out of the question and online bridge is here to stay for a while yet we have been lucky to find this brand new platform which is in its final stages of development. It features live video streaming of all 4 players at the table.

You can see and speak to everyone. Finally, bridge (nearly) as we once knew it.

Duplicate is already up and running on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and will commence in the daytime from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Supervised is planned to start in November. Beginner, intermediate and duplicate. Daytime and evening.

As our schedule hasn't yet been finalised please look out for my emails and check out the website.

## One More Condolence

😞 Just heard whilst writing that sadly Neil's mother has just passed away. Our thoughts are with him and his family.

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On a happier note we offer our congratulations to those of you who have cause for celebration with new grandchildren either here or on the way and engagement and wedding announcements. Good times to look forward to.

Jill Feldman