

CABBRI BBO News

Our tournaments are running very successfully each Tuesday and Friday and the number of registered user names is growing exponentially weekly.

This is very good news for the administration team. As we continue to see a very dark tunnel leading to the resumption of face to face bridge – the BBO tournaments are offering a friendly and more than adequate bridge experience.

“It is an ill wind that blows nobody good” and out of the chaos of Covid one of the great outcomes is the wonderful support and encouragement the Bridge clubs have offered to each other.

As I am sure you are aware, the half table issue is always a concern for me as Director, as it is for all BBO Directors. The BBO system does not allow for half tables, and unless substitutes can be sourced to fill half tables or for a player who has fallen out of the competition because of technical issues – the tournament automatically lapses.

Under the umbrella of the co-operation between clubs mentioned above - the Cabbri Club has been invited to participate with six or eight other south-east Queensland Clubs in accessing a recently launched web site which will co-ordinate substitutes from the participating clubs. If supported by players, this should ease the substitute headache. It has always been our aim to bring local substitutes into our tournaments rather than resorting to the other BBO option - foreign players.

The BBO Tournament Substitution website allows players from this group of SE Queensland clubs to nominate days (am/pm/evenings) on which they would be available to substitute for another club. These would be days on which they would not be playing in their local tournaments. All Cabbri names and details have been loaded into this website.

To nominate as a substitute:

1. A teal coloured strip which reads – **BBO Substitute Website – Click Here** has been set up on the Caboolture Bridge Club website. This is the link to the BBO substitution website.
2. When you click on this link, you will be asked to enter your BBO User name and password. Your password is your ABF number. There is an option to change your password if you so wish.
3. This will bring you to a screen which now requires you to enter your undertaking to substitute on a particular day or days of the week. (e.g. Mon 15/6 pm.) You may decide that you would be available every Monday. You have that option.
4. You then update your entry.

It is important to understand that your commitment can be edited very simply if you find yourself unavailable on a day you have previously nominated. You are in total control of your commitment.

It is also essential that you are diligent about ensuring that you are indeed available on the day and time you have selected or if not - that you have deleted the entry. As the Director will be calling players on the list on the day of his/her tournament, it would be counterproductive and frustrating to leave your name registered as a substitute if you are not available.

Finally, as the Cabbri Club has been the beneficiary of ongoing substitute support from other clubs in the area, I would hope that in the spirit of reciprocity our players will now assist our sister clubs by nominating to substitute on days when they may be available - other than our tournament days

Substituting has other benefits. Extra games - and you could be playing with players from other clubs who you may not previously have met at the bridge table. That's worth substituting for!!

Should you encounter any problems with the substitution offer process, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Quote of the week

You know you're in trouble when the first thing the opponents decide to do is draw trumps, and you're the declarer!!

All best wishes.

Noreen

