



## THE CORONAVIRUS YEAR 2020

2020 a year like no other! Lockdown brought an end to lots of activities for everyone, including our lovely evening bridge clubs. Our hon. sec. Rosemary and I wanted to keep our clubs alive and decided to investigate the idea of running a virtual club. Backed by our club committee, we decided to go virtual using Bridge Base Online as our platform. Thanks to the great support of the Northern Ireland Bridge Union and the Contract Bridge Association of Ireland we set out on our journey. The CBAI negotiated our licence with Bridge Base Online to run online tournaments and, after a few jangled nerves and a steep learning curve, we launched successfully. Club members rowed in behind us and there are now three virtual clubs successfully running each week. We also have a great team of directors who volunteer each week, putting their own bridge on hold for that evening, and I would like to thank them for their great and unselfish support. It may be some time yet before we return to the real bridge table, but in the meantime we can continue to enjoy our bridge virtually and until we meet at the club again, stay safe.

**Maria Doyle**

## OUR FIRST TOURNAMENT ON BBO BBO

**#7498 Pairs Newcastle Bridge Club**

Date: 2020-07-03 10:28 Host: vNIBU133  
 Rank: 1 Score: 78.12%  
 Prize: 0.00 BB\$ Masterpoints: 0.12

Board	Result	We	They	We	They
5	6♠E+1	1010		100%	0%
6	3♦S+3		170	0%	100%
7	2♣E-2		200	50%	50%
8	3♠W=	140		100%	0%

78.1% 21.9%

**Honor list (Overall leaders)**

Rank	Name	Score (%)	Points
1	rosequizz+joey78	78.12	0.12
2	Go11y+lamcg	71.88	
3	Scsherwood+mournegal	40.62	
4	Patricia38+UnaC1	37.50	
4	Derekmcclle+Tomorrow2	37.50	
6	Yosemite+V5 Jos	34.38	

**Card Layout:**

Table: 1

N scsherwood: ♠92, ♥AK854, ♦108642, ♣8

W joey78: ♠QJ743, ♥KQ, ♦K96532

E rosequizz: ♠1065, ♥J1032, ♦9753, ♣AJ

S mournegal: ♠AK8, ♥Q976, ♦AJ, ♣Q1074

2NT South