

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

With the onset of Covid-19 last March, Newcastle Bridge Club members were bereft of games at their Clubs, until some members “discovered” Bridge Online (B.B.O.).

Committee members Rosemary Cunningham (Secretary) and Maria Doyle set about investigating tournaments for all interested Newcastle players, resulting in a very enthusiastic uptake by many, from novices to experienced. B.B.O. is an online platform where about 50, 000 players from all around the world may avail of the game. Each may play according to one’s own level or play up with higher partners or opponents. There are dozens of hands for each level. You can practice on your own, play with partners and chat with friends.

Here in Newcastle, B.B.O. offers opportunities to socialise – albeit online - with new friendships as well as renewing friendships – something greatly missed by all, as a result of ongoing coronavirus restrictions.

Now all three Newcastle Bridge Clubs are flourishing where B.B.O. gives opportunities to practice and develop personal skills, gain confidence and provides challenges and stimulation as we progress through winter and beyond.

In these extraordinary times, B.B.O. – a game for all genders and ages - helps to motivate our days and give us something to look forward to.



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