

“Minutes” of Unit Board online discussions month of March 2021

1. As vaccinations become more available and the Covid numbers continue to fall, a broadcast email was sent to the membership to get feedback on re-opening the Bridge Center for Face to Face bridge. The responses were varied, as expected, recommending caution if the Center was to re-open or recommending waiting for a future date that would feel more comfortable.
2. A Committee to study the possible opening of the Bridge Center was appointed. This Committee consists of Myra Reneau, Sue Shramko, John Felker and Richard Spangler. On March 25, the initial report of recommendations for re-opening the Bridge Center was sent to the Board of Directors for consideration and discussion.

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1. On April 16, 2021 Iris Abelson sent a broadcast email announcing the Bridge Center opening on May 4 for Face to Face play setting out the following guidelines. The following is a result of the Board unanimously approving these requirements.

Reopening Information for May 4th

Dear Bridge Friends,

I am thrilled to announce that on May 4, 2021 the Chattanooga Bridge Center will reopen its doors for face-to-face bridge twice a week.

First, thank you to the reopening committee headed by Richard Spangler with the help of Sue Shramko, John Felker and Myra Reneau. The reopening committee will revisit these procedures as needed, and I will update you as changes are made to our policies.

Our games will take place at 9:30am on both Tuesdays (open game) and Fridays (limited to 499 or fewer points). The price will be \$6.00 per person. Virtual games will remain on the current schedule and do not conflict with the in-person games. The reopening is based on the current CDC guidelines and protocols which have been clarified regarding vaccinated individuals. Accordingly:

1. All players must be fully immunized against COVID-19 to come to the games. People are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their single dose vaccine or two weeks

after the second dose in a two-vaccine series. (In order to play on Tuesday, May 4, you must have received your final dose/shot no later than April 20.)

2. Every player returning to the Bridge Club must produce official proof of vaccination on their first day back. There will be ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS to this requirement. This information will be logged and will only be required your first time back.
3. Players will NOT be required to wear a mask/face shield (based on the Hamilton county having waived mask requirements starting April 29), but are highly encouraged to do so if they prefer.
4. Hand sanitizer and a cleaning station in the kitchen will be provided.
5. Temperature checks will be done as people enter for each game.
6. No food or drink will be provided, but one can bring and consume their own food and beverages.
7. Bidding boxes will be numbered to assist in using the same box during the game. This will not be required.
8. The Bridge Center will be cleaned after each game. There will be no cleaning of cards, bidding boxes, bridge mates, etc. because of the sufficient length of time between the games.
9. Please do not attend a game if you have been exposed to someone with COVID within two weeks of playing at the club, or when you are feeling ill yourself in any way.

Items to note:

1. **You must email Myra Tatum before each game.**
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3. There will be no Ambassadors in the beginning, although singles can show up hoping to play.
4. The clock will be utilized and managed by the director.
5. There may be surprises our first week back!!

These guidelines are intended to protect our players. In no way are they designed to exclude anyone. We look forward to the day when no restrictions of any sort are required. Until that day, we greatly appreciate your cooperation and adherence to these guidelines. Please do not test us on these rules—they are firm and they are completely non-negotiable. We can't wait to see everyone again, and we're looking forward to renewing old friendships while developing new ones. See you at the tables.

2. A Motion was made and carried to raise the current Director fee from \$35 to \$50.
3. Mike Holmes has been appointed Education Chair
4. Richard Spangler has volunteered to Chair all future tournaments.
5. Check signing privileges have been approved for Iris Abelson, Margie Moses and Buddy Landis.