

**VANCOUVER BRIDGE CENTRE**

**Reopening of Face to Face (F2F) Bridge**

Hello everyone,

I have been wanting to reopen F2F bridge as soon as possible. But it seemed prudent to wait for Dr. Henry’s September 7 announcements. Its not possible to operate the club at reduced capacity. In the meantime ASK has rented our space to Elections Canada from August 15<sup>th</sup> until after the election. This means VBCs first game will either be Sunday, September 26 or Sunday, October 3. These dates are subject to change depending on prevailing conditions at the time.

Protocols:

Proof of full vaccination required (bring it with you first time you play – electronic or paper).

Masks optional.

Players will use the same bidding box throughout the game.

At end of game we ask all players to wipe down the bid boxes, bridgemates, and boards at their table. Disinfectant wipes will be provided.

Initially no food hospitality will be provided. Tea and coffee will be available. Paper cups will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own cups.

Game Schedule: Times have changed slightly

Daily Monday to Friday at 10:30 am

Saturday and Sunday at 1:15 pm

Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:15 pm

The Thursday morning game remains at 1-299 MPs. All other games are open stratified.

No change to card fees: \$10 per game

Parking:

There is no longer any free parking in the parkade. Enforcement is vigorous. Cost is \$2.50 an hour or \$7.50 for the day. However, we still have the same parking spots as before but at a higher cost to the Club. Therefore, there will be a \$2.00 fee for the use of a parking stall. This will be collected on the honor system. Street meter parking is \$1 an hour but a maximum of three hours. On Sundays the street one hour and two hour limits are removed. Also after six pm in the evenings. Free street parking is available within a few blocks.

As a consideration to other players carpooling is very much encouraged to ensure spots are available to all who need them. If you are able to walk a few blocks, please consider street parking. Or transit.

I am in negotiations with Easy Park for two reserved spots on the top level for less mobile players.

Virtual Games:

Is there enough interest to run online games then? These games can only take place outside the in person game times. Evenings other than Tuesdays and Thursdays, perhaps later afternoon games Monday to Friday. Some feedback would be very much appreciated. My email is klochang@gmail.com.

Finally, I really want to thank you all for your support over the past 18 months. Initially your very generous donations enabled me to continue paying the rent for the remainder of my lease. Then the online proceeds made it possible to pay storage rent and to secure the site for reopening. I was amazed at how quickly you took to online bridge and that you could keep up the enthusiasm for so long. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Sincerely,

Ken Lochang

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