

Virtual Bridge Games in GTA

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Some GTA bridge clubs are running virtual (online) games. Etobicoke Bridge is now hosting two virtual game; 0-20 Pairs Wed 1:30 and 199er Pairs Thur 1:30. Both of these games offer post-game hand analysis via Zoom and all participants are sent recommended bidding and personalized tips. Also the two-club combination of MOBridge, Etobicoke has games that are available to “regulars” from these clubs. A “regular” is defined as someone who has played at a club at least once before January 1st, 2019. By playing in these games, you are supporting neighbour clubs and also EBC. You may also request to be added to a club’s eligibility list.

While I have most 0-20, 50, 100 games listed below, to see all the virtual games offered in Unit 166, go to the unit website

- www.Unit166.ca
- On the main screen, click on **Unit 166 Virtual Bridge Clubs**

To register and play in the Etobicoke 0-20 or 199er Pairs games....

- Login to BBO
- ACBL Virtual Clubs; All Clubs (scroll down left bottom) Two hours before game time, the club game will show up and you can register from that point up to 10 minutes before game time
- You can search for any game, enter “et” for Etobicoke game
- The first time, register at least 45 min early, just in case there are any problems. Contact Steve 647.897.6179 if your registration is denied.
- If you need “emergency” last minute help, join Steve’s zoom at 1:20 at link...
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84009233602> for Wed
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83755376276> for Thur
- Once registered, you can logout of BBO, but be sure to log back in no later than 5 minutes before game time and keep BBO as your active window. If you are not on BBO when the game starts, enjoy your 2 hr walk !!
- See below for more detail on the Etobicoke 0-20 game

Other

- To play in any ACBL game, even 0-20, you must have an ACBL number. Easy solution, ACBL is offering free temporary 4-month memberships.
acb1.org/membership Scroll down to Guest Membership box
Pls put EBC as your referring club # 197947
- This will get you an ACBL number for life, even if you choose not to continue as a paying ACBL member after the 4 months is up. You must also insert this ACBL number on your BBO account (ACBL World, bottom of page)
- Other check list items
 - Must have money in your BBO account to cover the \$5 fee
 - Must have less than 20 or 199 ACBL Masterpoints
- After the game, join the zoom hand analysis using the Zoom links mentioned above. I go over about 5 hands, takes about 50 minutes.

GAMES FOR NEW PLAYERS WITH 0-100 MASTER POINTS:

- **Most games are 18 boards, 7 minutes per board**
- **Register via Virtual Games, then search for the club name, ie “Et” or “Mo”**
- **You will need to contact the club owner to be able to play. If they agree to put you on their list, you can play any time. Otherwise, they can allow you to play on a one-at-a-time basis, and you would have to contact them each time**

0-20 Games

Etobicoke Bridge Centre

Wednesdays 1:30 – 3:10

14 Boards, 7 minutes per board

Log on to Virtual Games; search for “eto” to register

Hand Analysis (1 hr) by Steve Overholt right after the game and a personalized “tip sheet” with specific advice and all bidding.

\$5.00 entry fee

Email Steve at etobicokebridge@gmail.com or phone 647.897.6179

Other Virtual opportunities for newer players

BBO

BridgeBaseOnline now has a **“daylong” game just for 0-20 players** - awesome. A daylong means you can play any time that day and you can stop at any point and return later to resume where you left off. 12 hands \$1.35 and free if you have less than 5 Masterpoints. So you can play say, 6 hands in the morning, stop, return at say 1:30 and play the remaining hands. You get a rough idea of your score when you finish with official results available the next day. Play with 3 advanced robots who never judge, argue, criticize, or compliment your play. What a great way to spend a cold snowy winter day !! Review your hands and how others played at your leisure, a feature available any time you play on BBO

Credit Valley BC 0-20, 0-50

Novice Players are Invited to Join Our Virtual Games:

- Mondays at 12:30 : 0 – 20 Teaching Game (Zoom & BBO)
- Thursdays at 6:30: 0 – 50 Game

Play 18 boards with your peers. Monday’s game includes three teaching breaks to review hands and ask questions.

Contact Denise Donovan, dcdonovan49@gmail.com, 416-575-6754 for information on how to access the games. Play 15 boards. Every 6 hands, bidding is reviewed

Lee's Bridge Club 0-20

Saturday 12:00

Wednesday 7:15

Contact Lee Daugharty at calendar@interlog.com

0-50 Games

Stephen Laufer Bridge

Tuesday 12:30; Thursday 12:30

Stephen Laufer lauferbridge@gmail.com 416-729-8600

0-100 Games

Mississauga Oakville BC

Tuesday 7:30 0-100

Friday 10:00 0-100

Search for "mo"

Contact Martin Hunter martinhunter@rogers.com (or Cathy Kinsella cathykinsella@msn.com) for permission to play, at least a day in advance; tell her you are students of mine.

199er Game

Etobicoke BC Thursdays 1:30

Resources:

- Grand River Bridge Club
 - Some good online how-to movies