



## ACBL UNIT 452

VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLUB - VACB118489

LONGVIEW BRIDGE CLUB - VACB140947

### WELCOME

To the members and friends of ACBL Unit 452 - Vancouver, WA,

You are invited to play with us in the virtual club games on BBO. A schedule of events is shown on our web site - [https://acbl20.org/vbc/U452\\_home.html](https://acbl20.org/vbc/U452_home.html).

You will need -

- A BBO name to get online at BridgeBase.com
- To associate your ACBL number (all numeric) with your BBO name
- BBO Bridge Bucks (BB\$) - we are charging \$5 for each player per game (\$3 for Longview)
- To register for the game beginning two hours prior to starting time

If you are new to or unfamiliar with BBO, please read the details below, especially the text in red.

### FIND THE GAME

Log on to BBO using your ID and password. You **must not** be invisible. Club-sponsored games are found under Featured Areas/Virtual Clubs. Click on the Virtual Clubs line. Then,

1. If you are affiliated with our clubs\* (see note below), click on ACBL – North America. Our games will automatically appear there two hours prior to the scheduled start time.
2. If you are a Friend or Guest, scroll to the bottom of the Virtual Club page. Click on All clubs and find a tournament listed for **Vancouver WA** or **Longview WA**.

We have both open games and limited games. Click on the selected game to open the Registration page.

### REGISTRATION

Registration begins two hours prior to the start of the game. **To register, both partners must be logged on to BBO**. Either partner can invite the other, but both must be online with BBO at the same time. The usual cost is 5BB\$ (\$3 for Longview) but can be more for special events. Be sure to have dollars in your BBO account before registration to ensure being placed in the game.

Once BBO has confirmed your registration the tournament listing will turn yellow and you may log off BBO if you wish. Just make sure you are logged in to BBO at game time.

### PARTNERSHIP DESK

If you don't have a partner but would like to play, go to the Registration page and click on the Partnership Desk. There you can place your BBO name for others and the Director to find or you may see another player listed that you want to invite.

### PLAY THE GAME

**To play, both partners must be logged on to BBO at game time.** It's a good idea to log on about ten minutes prior – you don't want the game to start without you. The system will automatically take you to a seat across from your partner. We usually play 18 to 22 boards to make the game ACBL-legal and award black masterpoints. Games normally take about two to two-and-one-half hours max.

## ACBL NUMBER

To add or update your ACBL number in BBO, go to the ACBL WORLD tab and click on the blue button at the bottom, Update Your ACBL Number. You must have entered an ACBL number at least 24 hours prior to playing if you want to earn masterpoints, but this is not required for Open games.

**Important: you MUST have an ACBL number on file with BBO in order to play in a limited game.** It is necessary to ensure that you meet the MP eligibility requirement.

## EXPECTATIONS

We expect you to play ethically. Unethical behaviors are easily picked up by BBO algorithms (talking on the phone while playing, playing in the same room, playing as two different people as a partnership, unusual bidding, unusual results, etc.). But more importantly, it's just the right way to play our wonderful game.

## TUTORIALS

If you are new to BBO or would like help on any topic, there are helpful tutorials available on the ACBL website: <https://www.acbl.org/bbotutorials/>

## GAME SCHEDULE

The current schedule of weekly sessions is posted on the U452 website:

[https://web2.acbl20.org/vbc/U452\\_home.html](https://web2.acbl20.org/vbc/U452_home.html)

## HAVE FUN

Play bridge online and stay healthy!

... Rich Carle

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## \* NOTE:

Players are automatically eligible to play in the U452 Virtual Club Games if they played in one of our pooled clubs during 2019. The pooled clubs are in Unit 491 (Astoria-Warrenton DB, Peninsula DBC, Seaside Bridge Club), and in Unit 452 (Longview Bridge Club, Vancouver Bridge Club). These players are on the official Include List generated and controlled by the ACBL.

Friends and Guests are those players added by the virtual club game director by request. ACBL policy limits the number of such players to 15% of the weekly total. [Click here to view the guest policy.](#)

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