

Contra Costa Bridge Center is making some changes!

**Beginning August 15, CCBC will be hosting games on Mondays and Thursdays at the Orinda Masonic Hall (located at 9 Altarinda Road - with easy access to I-24).** This is an excellent facility, which provides amenities that we have enjoyed at our Concord location (including ample parking, storage, and a nice kitchen). There is a spacious and bright playing room. The facility is very clean and well-maintained. It is conveniently located for most of our Unit 499 players. And, it is affordable.

We will also continue to host a number of games each week on BBO.

CCBC has given notice to First Christian Church that we will not be extending our lease beyond August 31. We will plan to host games at our Concord club through August 13.

More details on a new schedule for August 15 and beyond will be provided soon.

### **Background**

As most of you know, CCBC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The doors for our club opened in Concord in June 2016. The club operated very successfully for almost 4 years. Then the pandemic hit us. For more than 2 years, CCBC has been mostly online - with 2 fairly short-lived re-openings for in-person bridge in 2021 and a 3rd reopening in March of this year.

Unfortunately, the turnout for in-person games (March 21 to present) has been disappointing. Through 2021, CCBC was essentially a break-even operation. This year, results have turned negative, particularly in the last 3 months.

We believe that the current (hybrid) model of some in-person games and some online games every week can work. But, paying monthly rent to utilize the current facility only 3 days per week (for small games) is a losing proposition.

Our primary objectives are to a) meet the evolving expectations of our players, b) attract new players, and c) ensure that CCBC remains a viable organization for the foreseeable future.

So, over the last several weeks, we have been looking at a number of facilities that we can “rent” by the hour. We believe that we have found a winner!

**Welcome to the Next Phase of CCBC**

We are very enthused about this next phase in the life of our organization. We believe that you will be, too. Stay tuned for more details.

Please share this message with your friends who might not be on our e-mail distribution list.

We look forward to seeing you: at our Concord club for the next few weeks, then in Orinda starting August 15 - and always online!

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