

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from someone who never heard of or even conceptualized of a term like "social distancing". Someone who after two long weeks is needing to do a little of that "social distancing" in his own house. But considering that literally 100% of our bridge family is in that high risk category this was absolutely the right thing to do in my opinion. Hopefully, within a couple of months we will be getting back to normal and all of us will have weathered this pandemic with nothing more than a lot of social isolation.

The Board has been in regular contact and has canceled all of our unit games through April and will not be conducting any more unit games unit it is absolutely safe to do so. The Bridge Club of North County is closed until further notice and all the senior centers in North County are closed along with their respective bridge games.

If you are like me you started getting the DTs (delirium tremens) after about 4 days of no duplicate bridge. Personally I enjoy the social contact, the face to face bridge games and getting out of the house and out of yard work. And that just isn't happening with this social distancing thing. I needed a bridge fix to deal with those DTs and fortunately there was a fix out there. It is called Bridge Base On-line or BBO. They are an on-line platform where you can play duplicate bridge for fun or points including ACBL black points. You can play as an individual or with your favorite partner. And you can play 24/7 if you're so inclined.

I would suggest you check it out (bridgebase.com) if you are in need of a fix or just trying to break a little boredom. You won't be alone. Yesterday when I logged on to register for the Support Your Club game there were over 32,000 people playing bridge on Bridge Base. Once they overcome this incredible surge of new players they will be looking for innovative ways for clubs to start up their own on-line game.

Please stay safe and distant.