**To All Members of Newbury Bridge Club**

The Club is pleased to announce that following the Beginners Training Course that finished last week we have recruited 19 new club members, but now we need your help to ensure they continue to play at the club.

In order to encourage them to continue to play, the weekly Improver Session will switch from Monday to Friday evening from the beginning of July. The first Friday Improver Session will be on July 8th. Both the current Improvers and all of this year’s Students have indicated that this is a session they welcome. No partner is needed.

At these sessions we will continue their training not only to improve their play and knowledge of bidding options, but also covering Bridge etiquette, all of which will lead them to speed up their play so that they are able to deal with 24 or 27 boards when they start to play at the Club’s evening sessions.

**How You Can Help**

The sessions will work best if we have a mix of friendly experienced players to help and encourage the novices, as partners and as opponents. If you are available and willing to do this, we’d be grateful for your participation, helping to keep up our membership numbers.

If playing with a novice which you may be asked to do, you’ll be expected to use their (simple) system card.

Each session starts with a 20/30 minute learning topic, followed by play of 15-18 boards. If there is time, we’ll discuss one or two boards from the play at the end of the session.

As usual, table money is £2 for members, £4 for guests.

Everyone is welcome, the essential requirement is to make the newcomers feel welcome.

We also need some volunteers to help prepare and run sessions. Experience shows that sessions run best led by a team of two: One looks after setting up the play session while the other leads the teaching element.

Please let John Harland know specifically if you are willing to help occasionally in these teaching/directing/scoring roles. Don’t worry if you haven’t scored before – we can soon give you the basics.

The future of our Club depends on recruiting New Members so if you can, please support the Club by offering to help and play at these sessions.

Many thanks

The Club Committee