



Nottinghamshire Contract Bridge Association



Newsletter February 2019 Issue 1

## Welcome to the February 2019 Newsletter

Since the Winter Newsletter we have seen a fifty per cent increase in editorial staff with the recruitment of Sue Wright who has IT and newsletter production experience, sadly lacking in yours truly. We are sure you will notice the difference over the next few issues.

This issue will be fairly short because time is of the essence. You will see that there are a number of events scheduled to take place by the end of February, which have been advertised previously but some of which you may not be aware of, and the Clubs Conference on 15 March which is an important event for all members. This is where your club should be represented to tell us what you think. Check who your representatives are.

We hope you will find this issue informative and look forward to receiving your feedback and contributions for the next issue due at Easter.

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**Our motto is '*Promoting Bridge for All in Nottinghamshire*'**

**tell us how we can help achieve this.**

Best Wishes



*The Editorial team.*

Have fun with Bridge in 2019/20

## ♠ **N.C.B.A.: YOUR COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

Our two Constitutional Objectives are ‘

1. Promoting Bridge in Nottinghamshire’
2. Organising County events and Leagues’.

To achieve this, we have 5 workstreams

1. Advertising and Publicity
2. Effective Communications
3. Training and Development
4. N.C.B.A. Organisation
5. Events and competitions

## ***Dates for your Diary...***

### **Just a quick reminder of dates in February and March for you**

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**Wednesday 27 February - 7 pm**

#### **Masterclass Workshop – Defence against Multi 2 Diamond**

Graham Brindley is running this Masterclass at Nottingham Bridge club, the topic being 'Defending against Multi Two Diamond contracts.' This masterclass is suitable for players of all standards. As many of you will know from the Improver Classes that Graham has run for several years, he is an excellent teacher, amazingly patient with a nice sense of humour ..... much needed when he's teaching the likes of me. To quote from a certain European politician who shall remain nameless, 'there is a special place in Hell' reserved for players who use the Multi Two Diamond convention, the only consolation being that frequently they confuse themselves more than their opponents. What is needed is a strategy to deal ruthlessly with this smokescreen which I am sure

Graham will provide . Your NGS grading will rocket after attending this Masterclass. See you there. Contact Clare ([cpbatten@yahoo.com](mailto:cpbatten@yahoo.com)) to book a place.

#### **Leicestershire C.B.A. – 2 March**

Green point Swiss Pairs will be held at The Old School, Chapel Street, Spondon DE21 7JR starting at 12 noon. Entry Fee £22.50 per player (£45 per pair) [Green Pointed Swiss Pairs](#)

**County's Clubs' Conference - 15 March** This will take place at Ramsdale Golf Club on 15<sup>th</sup> March starting at 10.00a.m. Clubs will have been notified of this event already. The county is providing funding for two places for each affiliated club, one of which should be the club teacher. However the EBU have agreed additional funding for extra delegates from affiliated clubs. This is a unique opportunity to raise issues that concern you for discussion on a county wide basis. Tim Anderson is coming from EBU to explain the EBU Membership Development Campaign.

Non-affiliated clubs and club teachers are welcome but need to contact Clare ([CPBatten@yahoo.com](mailto:CPBatten@yahoo.com))

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**(NCBA Open Pairs Championship)**

**Sunday 17th March 2019**

*at*

**1.00 pm**

*at*

**The Nottingham Bridge Club**

Entry £16 per pair, including buffet tea.

Note that there is no prize money, but the entry fee has been reduced.

Entries must be received by Wednesday 13th March 2019

NCBA members or associate members only.

The top pair qualify for the **Corwen Trophy** and their entry fee will be paid by NCBA.

**Coming shortly**

[Retford Swiss Teams](#)

Licensed by the EBU

**On SUNDAY APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

at the Barnby Memorial Hall, Blyth  
Worksop, Notts S81 8EW

Commencing **2.00 pm**

**Director** Mr Rob Turner

**Entry Fee** £60 Per Team including Interval Refreshments

**Prizes -** 1<sup>st</sup> - £80, 2<sup>nd</sup> - £40, 3<sup>rd</sup> - £20.

All enquiries, entries and fees to:

Dr Sandy Fulton, 15, Glebe Close, Worksop, Notts, S80 3QX 01909479748.

email [sandy24125@aol.com](mailto:sandy24125@aol.com)

Please make cheques payable to **RETFORD BRIDGE CLUB**, or pay by **Bank Transfer**.

**Bank code 60-17-28: Account number 06803946.**

Make sure you put the captain's name on the transfer and email or scan the entry form.

The Barnby Memorial Hall is situated opposite the village green on the High Street (B6045) in Blyth, 6 miles north of Worksop and is easily accessible from the adjacent A1(M).

## Regular events

**Wednesday afternoon** Aimed at the developing bridge player, a **Wednesday afternoon Supervised Play** is hosted by Graham Brindley at Nottingham Bridge Club. You do not need to be an EBU or Club member, nor come as a pair. *Support* to help you make the transition from beginners' lessons to joining a club. You will be given one to one tuition on bidding and play. Just turn up! Starts at 2pm.

**Daytime Duplicate at Nottingham Bridge Club to include a buffet lunch.** Nottingham Bridge Club together with N.C.B.A. run a daytime bridge session on the second Thursday of the month. Lunch is available from 12 noon. The bridge will start at 12.45pm and finishes around 4.00pm. The cost is £6.00 to include a buffet lunch. (£7 for non-members) Please give it your support. Details on the website or contact Clare (CPBatten@yahoo.com) **Next session will be 14 March at 12 noon.**

## ♠COUNTY NEWS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING FOR NOTTINGHAM IN THE FORTHCOMING COUNTY LEAGUE MATCHES PLEASE CONTACT

**SHIRLEY ASHTARI, [shirleyashtari@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyashtari@gmail.com) THE COUNTY TEAMS ORGANISER**  
**ASAP**

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The **County Winter Pairs** moves to the **second Wednesday** in the month. Please attend this key event.

**Well done to Jane Hall and Richard Lightfoot** on winning the recent Daytime County Blue pointed Swiss pairs held at Nottingham Bridge club. Kiat Huang and Graham Marshall were second and Pravin Tailor and Shirley Ashtari third. This competition provides an excellent introduction to Swiss events and it is hoped to run more of these events in the future.

### **TeamsofFour(To4)**

This will be commencing in April so start to think about your teams now!! We will be issuing more details closer the time but we are welcoming both affiliated and unaffiliated players if we manage to get enough teams for two divisions. Let us know as soon as you have got your team set up.

- **County Youth**

Minibridge – Schools in Nottingham - If you're interested in developing minibridge in local schools, contact Phoenix Bridge Club or contact Notts C.B.A. for further details. In our last issue the feature of Minibridge omitted to mention that Mo Logan is one of Frances Linehans's trusty band of helpers, so apologies Mo, we hope all is forgiven. Phoenix Bridge Club deserve great credit as the only club in the county organising such a scheme (as far as we know!)

## News from Clubs

- **Mansfield**



***Congratulations to Fay Buckley who celebrated her 90th birthday at the end of January. Mansfield Mechanics and South Mansfield & Blidworth clubs helped to celebrate with Fay on club nights.***

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- **Retford**



Congratulations to Sue McIntosh & Philip Cooper who were top in the Swiss Pairs at the Bridge Overseas Athens Congress finishing with 140 VPs.

- **University Bridge**

This club continues to thrive. The A team are through to the quarter finals of the Portland Bowl. They also recently took part in an Inter university Bridge festival and came fourth out of thirteen teams taking part.

## **Training and Development Officer**

*NCBA have a vacancy for a T&D officer for Bridge in Nottinghamshire. This doesn't mean that you need to teach yourself although that might be useful. The main thing is that you can plan, project and support training and development through the use of teachers and trainers. By devoting resources to T&D we aim to support Bridge across the County and improve peoples enjoyment through workshops and training. In brief role will entail the following:*

- Liaising with Clubs to map and support the promotion of beginners, improvers and other training events
- Budgeting for and organising developmental activities within Nottinghamshire to build capacity across all levels of Bridge
- Working with the County TD on organising workshops to build quality Directing
- Liaison with EBED and other Counties/organisations on developmental activities
- Researching other Websites and material to provide a resource library both hard and soft material.
- Contributing articles to the County Newsletter on tips and interesting hands/conventions.
- Being the committee member with an eye on how we can support clubs and promote bridge better

**Please contact Clare (CPBatten @yahoo.com) or Toni if you are interested.**

## **Finally**

Well done to Ankush Khandelwal and Ben Green as members of the team that finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division One of the Premier League.

## **Charity Events**

### **22<sup>nd</sup> March Bridge Day and Lunch**

At Oxtun Village Hall an application form is on the county website. Tickets are £19.00 for non WI members and £17.50 for WI members.

### **Café Bridge Nottingham- 24 April 2019.**

The next Café Bridge event will be in Lace Market area of Nottingham on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019. If you are on the cafe bridge emailing list, you will receive an invitation in plenty of time. If you would like to be added to their contact list, please email [nottinghamcafebridge@gm.ail.com](mailto:nottinghamcafebridge@gm.ail.com) - they hope to see you there.

Further details are available on the Website [Cafe Bridge Nottingham](#)

Café Bridge Nottingham has been a regular event in Nottingham and Newark since 2012

- **2018/9 N.C.B.A. Committee Members and Officers**

**(and their home club)**

SOME CLUBS ARE NOT REPRESENTED-  
PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!! YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

**President - Ankush Khandelwal (Nottingham)**  
**Chair Toni Smith (Woodborough, East Bridgford, Nottingham)**  
**Secretary - Clare Batten (Nottingham)**  
**Treasurer - Ian Dovey (West Bridgford)**  
**County TD - Keith Spencer (Woodborough, Nottingham)**  
**To4 convener - Keith Spencer (Woodborough, Nottingham)**  
**To8 convener - Jane Hall (Woodborough)**  
**County Captain - Mark Goddard (Nottingham)**  
**Communications and Promotions - Paul Sweet (Nottingham, Woodborough)**  
**Website - Keith Spencer (Woodborough)**  
**Events Manager - Graham Brindley (Nottingham)**  
**Trophies - Sue Wright (Mansfield, Nottingham)**  
**Youth Officer - Paul Sweet (Nottingham, Woodborough)**  
**County Teams Organiser - Shirley Ashtari (West Bridgford)**

**Maciej Lejman (Woodborough, Nottingham)**  
**Chris Frost (Phoenix, Nottingham)**  
**Sue McIntosh (Retford)**

Any comments on this newsletter or related issues are welcome. Please contact the Editor, Paul or Secretary Clare ([cpbatten@yahoo.com](mailto:cpbatten@yahoo.com)) or any N.C.B.A. Committee member.  
Any articles or bridge information for inclusion in future issues will be gratefully received.