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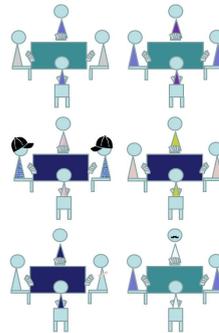
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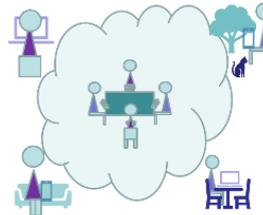
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Welcome RVBC For Members,  
Learners, Visitors and Guests

Number 56 December 2022

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Rugby Village Bridge Club

Christmas Swiss Pairs  
Saturday  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
10.45 – 17.00

Five rounds of five boards

Three rounds (15 boards)  
Lunch  
Bring your own food  
Mulled Wine and Mince Pies provided  
Two rounds (10 boards)

EBU Blue Points Awarded



Dunchurch Sports Field and  
Village Hall  
Rugby Rd, Dunchurch,  
Rugby CV22 6PN

£13 per player

Please pay in advance  
by bank transfer:

Bank account  
Mrs Nicola Bainbridge t/a Rugby Village Bridge Club  
HBSC Bank Account Number 0219 8665  
Bank Sort Code 40-39-11  
It is a business account.

Reference

PLEASE put your EBU number as bank reference with at  
least one space either side: " 123456 ".  
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Members, Guests, Visitors All Welcome

First fifteen tables already reserved!

[Click here to reserve your ticket](#)

This year's charity

We have alternated between two charities for many years.

Last year we supported the Myton Hospice, so this year it's the turn of the Air Ambulance.



We need help running the raffle, especially on the day. Setting up the prize table, selling tickets, running the draw.  
Please let us know if you would be prepared to assist.



We raise money with a raffle. It's a simple affair, but last year we raised £345 for Myton Hospice.  
Please bring donations to the club before the day, or bring them on the day. Tickets will be available for sale at £1 each in the club from 1st December. The raffle will be drawn on the day. We generally avoid more than two prizes going to the same person.

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## Jacqui Lawson Christmas Card

The club sends these lovely e-Christmas Cards, so if you get an email referring to a card from me or the club, it's genuine.

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## Christmas Plans

Our last session at Dunchurch will be Thursday 22nd December.

Our first session at Dunchurch in 2023 will on Monday 9th January.  
There will be no sessions between those dates apart from....

Twixmas Afternoon Session on Tuesday 2nd January at 14.00  
Provided enough pairs book.  
Booking opens 6th December.

Cost will be £2.50 per head.

It will be duplicate pairs unless we have enough tables for Swiss Pairs.

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## Get back into bridge with gentle play with a little learning

On Tuesday Afternoons (13.45-15.15):

We have a look at a topic and then play some themed boards to try it in action.

You don't need to book.  
You don't need to bring a partner.  
It's only ninety minutes.

Great way to improve.  
Great way to return to playing if it's been a while!

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## Master Point News

October 2022 Master point promotions

None recorded - keep playing!

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Whatsapp

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Possible  
Partners?



New to the club and looking to play?  
Regular partner away?

The club Whatsapp group is restricted to  
RVBC members.

Most weeks someone advertises and finds a  
partner for a specific session.

Don't sit at home, join the group.

Click on our email address.

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## Did you know?

Our Christmas party bridge takes the form of Swiss Pairs. Swiss Pairs and Teams are very popular at the bridge congresses organised by counties and the EBU.

So, what is a "Swiss" competition?

A Swiss competition starts with a random draw assigning each pair or team to a table by table number and direction (North/South or East/West). The first of a series of head to head matches is played.

At our Christmas Party each round/match consists of five boards. The whole field, often twenty tables for our party, play the same five boards, so there are many copies of these five boards being shared by two tables, or passed from table to table in a circle.

When all tables have played all five boards, the computer calculates a score for each table distributed between the two pairs at the table. The score awards each pair a share of 20 victory points (VPs). North/South may have won the match 20/0, or drawn it 10.10, or lost it 7/13. The computer makes a list of the pairs in order of the number of VPs they have scored. It then assigns the pairs at tables 1-20 in that order, so that the pair that has done best plays the pair that has done second best at Table 1 and so on.

Players move to their assigned table and direction for the next round, and the field plays another five boards. Again, the computer calculates a result for each table, adds the VPs from the match to the pair's running total, re-sorts the list, and assigns the pairs for the next round. The computer adjusts the assignments to avoid re-matches.

Each time a pair sits down to a new match, they will be playing a pair doing as well as they are. The pairs doing best are on the tables from 1 downwards and the pairs not doing so well have a party at the highest numbered tables.

It's a popular format because you play against pairs with a more similar success rate to you as time goes on and you don't face many pairs much stronger than you or indeed much weaker. It gives every pair a good chance of some good results.

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## Putting out furniture & Dressing the tables

It takes 45 minutes of hard work by three or four people to set up the two rooms we use for our bridge.

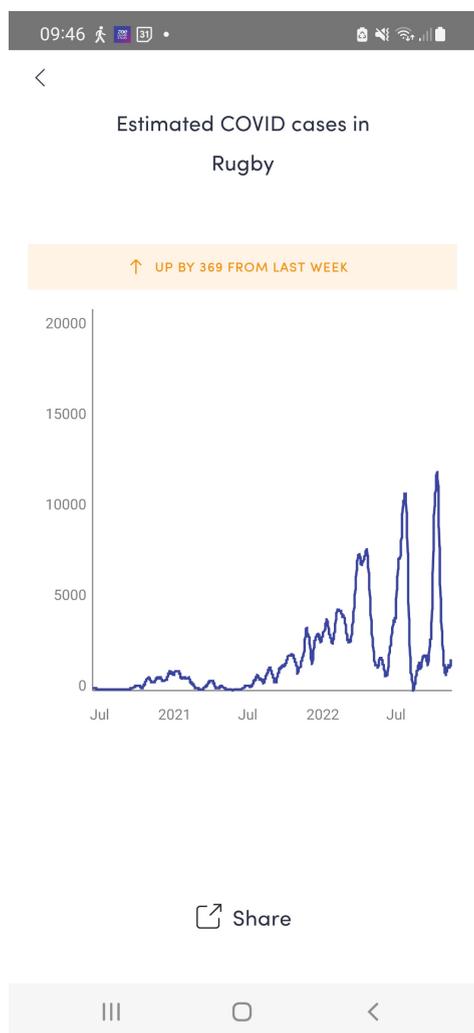
We have Jim and Nicky, (bad back, bad shoulder), some hired help, and those precious volunteers.

The volunteers are a regular bunch of the same few people who are keeping us going. We haven't tried to organise anything as formal as a rota.

However, we do want to recognise those unsung heroes and heroines and encourage others.

From now on, anyone who turns up by 1pm to help, including just lighter tasks, will get their bridge for **free**.

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## Stay healthy and look after each other

Since vaccination, Covid is far less likely to be life threatening, but it can be a nasty experience and weaken those already vulnerable.

Precautions are a nuisance. We are all fed up with them. But they are still needed.

We support anyone who wants to wear visors or masks.

We use ventilation and filtration.

Please use individual sanitisers and keep your bidding box exclusive to you.

**Watch Out - Flu About!**

YOU have been great at staying away when you are, or might be, unwell.

**THANK YOU!** Please keep it up.

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## What's on offer

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### Duplicate Sessions

On Monday and Thursday Afternoons we play duplicate pairs at the Dunchurch Sports Field and Village Hall.

[Click to see how to book into a Dunchurch Session](#)

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## Beginners/Novice group in Revision

The planned topics in December:

Rebidding Stronger Balanced Hands;  
Playing Suit Contracts;  
Simple Overcalls;  
Vulnerability, Doubling, Scoring

Tuesday Afternoons at 13.45, 1.15pm. No need to book.

Anyone is welcome. No need to bring a partner. £4.50 (or one RVBC Ticket).

**FUN and FRIENDLY!**

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**ONLINE!**

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## Twelve boards for Improvers 19.30 Tuesdays

Online session on RealBridge on Tuesday Evenings aimed at Improvers.

These will be random boards.

Play the boards and score them as for competition, we intend to load the results for EBU master points etc.

Feel free to have a short discussion immediately afterwards. A little coaching will be available.

Free for all.

RealBridge link will be in the club web site calendar.

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## Seminar Topics Summer 2022

There's a seminar on ZOOM every Tuesday morning at 10.30. It's free for members and current learners.

Tuesday 29th November

**Transfers for Weak Take Out**

Tuesday 6th December

**Transfers for Game Tries**

Tuesday 13th December

**Cue Bids**

Tuesday 20th December

**Splinter Bids**

## Tuesday Morning Seminars

### Get on the list!

These sessions are included in your membership. There's no extra cost. These are relaxed chatty sessions, and a chance to see and speak to other members. Come to some sessions or few, just as it suits you. You don't need a partner.

Click the button below to receive the weekly email containing the links for Tuesday mornings.

The invitations will arrive every week unless you tell me you don't want it any more.

Please send the links for Tuesday weekly topics

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### RVBC Tickets Expiry

We will continue to accept RVBC tickets for afternoon duplicates until 31st March 2023. We accept them from members, their guests, or visitors, no matter what date they bear. After that date they will not be valid (we haven't sold any since 2019).

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### Club Timetable

#### Mondays

13.45 Pairs at Dunchurch (Members Only - Booked in Advance)

#### Tuesdays

10.30 Tuesday Seminar (Facebook, Zoom & demo on BBO)

13.45 Beginners/Novices at Dunchurch

19.30 Twelve Boards for Improvers on RealBridge

#### Thursdays

13.45 Pairs at Dunchurch (Members Only - Booked in Advance)

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### Other news

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Milk Bottle Caps

Theresa is collecting plastic bottle caps again.  
If you bring them to the club, we will get them to her.

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Bernard Magee's YouTube Channel

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I would love to hear your news and pass it on here.

Or good experiences with any local business. They need our support.

How are you coping? Doing anything bridge?

[Click to send your news](#)

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Nicky

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