

**WGC Bridge Club**  
**Bulletin Summer 2017 by Joanne Childs – Publicity Officer**

**NEWS FLASH - Change to Bridge Membership Fees**

Since GLL took over from Gosling (approximately a year ago), the bridge committee has been working with the new GLL management team to solidify our presence at the centre and safeguard the interests of our members. To this end, I am pleased to announce that The Committee have recently been able to agree with GLL that effective from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017, our members will no longer have to pay annual GLL subscriptions in order to be a member of the Bridge club. Instead, all members will be offered a one year (£10) or three year (£25) Bridge membership, full details of which can be found on the website & club notice board. Table money will remain frozen at current levels until at least September 2019 when the arrangement will be reviewed. Visitors table money remains at £5 per session.

**Refurbishment of the Bridge Room**

We have been getting quotes for a new carpet and window treatments in addition to agreeing with GLL for all the walls and ceiling to be redecorated. All refurbishment work is due to be completed by the end of the summer!

In addition, we have now finished installing a new TV (for results and notices) and electric window openers to ensure that we do not overheat in the hot weather.

Finally, a new dishwasher is being fitted behind the bar so daytime session organizers will no longer have to unpack bar glasses from our own dishwasher.

**New Committee Appointments**

As of April 2017, Srimath Agalawatte has been appointed as the new Club's Tournament Director and co-opted on to the committee.

**Best Behavior at Bridge**

A gentle reminder to all players to please listen to TD announcements at the start of a session. If any member becomes aware of any illness or difficulty of another member please can you inform anyone on the committee.

**New Pairs League – To commence Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

It is proposed that the club introduces a new Club Pairs league competition to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday evening of the month. This will take the place of the club pairs event currently held on these dates.

We intend that there will be three Divisions – Premiership, One and Two – with promotion and demotion between divisions of one pair taking place every three months.

The introduction of a new evening competition is seen as a way to increase the number of players playing regularly on a Wednesday evening and to provide an attractive opportunity for additional strong players to play more frequently at the club.

If you and a partner would like to be involved in the new Pairs League, please can you contact our Chairman Jeff Green at [jgqmf@live.co.uk](mailto:jgqmf@live.co.uk).

### **Tournament Directors (TD) Course for new TDs.**

The club is shortly to host a TD course for perspective TDs. Anyone wishing to attend would need to be available for most of the dates listed below for the duration indicated:

- 1st July 2017
- 29th July 2017
- 21st October 2017
- 4th November 2017

The start and end times for each date is 10.30-16.30.

However, if you have to miss a session, you can mix and match with other dates and venues. All candidates have to set an assessment before they can become a TD. This is the first local course to be held using the New Laws for 2017.

If you would like to be considered please can you contact our new Chief TD Srimath Agalawatte.

### **2017 Changes to Bridge Laws**

These will be announced shortly. All WGC TD's will attend a briefing session to be organized by Srimath.

### **Upcoming Bridge Events/Notices**

**Please remember to refer to the website for start times on bank holiday Mondays. May 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 sees morning play at 10.00am and evening play start at 5pm sharp.**

### **DIARY**

#### **JULY**

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|---------------|---------|---------------------------|
| • 1 Sat       | 10.30am | TD Training               |
| • 13 Thursday | 7.30pm  | Kidney Research Sim Pairs |
| • 24 Monday   | 7.30pm  | British Sims Pairs        |
| • 29 Saturday | 10.30   | TD Training               |

### **Committee Meeting Minutes ( 16<sup>th</sup> March/18<sup>th</sup> May 2017)**

There has been two Committee Meetings since the last bulletin and the Minutes are on the club website and noticeboard. Please have a read. The next

committee meeting is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 5pm.

### **Teaching – Autumn classes**

Our first term of annual classes will start late September and target three different levels of pupils. Beginners, Beginners Continuation and Improvers. All classes are available on either afternoon or evening two hour slots. Please spread the word as the vast majority of our students are referred by existing members or fellow students! If you would like more information about our autumn classes, please can you contact:

Sheila Gabriel: she70@btinternet.com or 01992 639411

Or visit our website at: [www.wgcbridge.org.uk](http://www.wgcbridge.org.uk)

I hope you all have a great summer.

Regards

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