

# ALTRINCHAM BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

June 2015

First of all welcome to our new members; we hope you enjoy your bridge at ABC. A continuing thank you to all the volunteers who help to keep the club running efficiently.

1. The host system has now been running for over 12 months on a Wednesday and for slightly less time on a Tuesday. A big THANK YOU to Shirley Horwich and Michelle Boven for all the effort they have put in to making the host system work. The system has resulted in new members being introduced to the club and impromptu partnerships being formed.

PLEASE put your name down on the notice board if you are willing to be a host as the host system is for the benefit of all of us and the club generally.

2. Congratulations to Avril Samuels and Hilary Thomas who won the Commemorative Plate and were presented with the newly engraved trophy on 20<sup>th</sup> May. Pamela Reynolds and Mary Bridge and Jeanette Owen and Jennifer Birchall were close behind in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in this handicap competition.

3. The club entered two teams in the Gazette Cup and although results were not what we had hoped it was very pleasing for the club to be involved again. Particular thanks to John Fitzgerald for all the hard work involved in organising the teams.

4. The Wednesday afternoon coaching sessions continue to be very successful. Thanks to our coaching 'guru' Ian Kane, to Joan Lewis for her organisational skills and hard work and to Ian's support team of David Olliver, Ken Hassell, Sid Travers, Ken Hughes and Lindsey Barnes.

5. Thanks also to Barbara Eastabrook, Karen Jones and Adrian Jones for all their efforts on improving the club's website.

6. There are still vacancies on the committee; please would anyone wishing to put their names forward contact me or Joan. The basic commitment is to attend and contribute to four meetings a year.

7. Dates for your diary Sim Pairs Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July , Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, AGM Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

8. Ken Hughes has provided the attached summary of activity by our members in the Manchester Bridge League and beyond. Thanks to Ken for all the hard work in putting this together. We have a number of teams who play their matches at the bridge club. If you are interested, please contact Joan Lewis.

Other successes include; David Olliver and his partner winning the Malta National Pairs in January. Roy Saleh and Scott Middleton won the Manchester County Intermediate Pairs tournament this June. On a lighter note Barbara Eastabrook, Karen Jones, Adam Wiseberg and John Fitzgerald beat the Hacketts over 5 boards in a charity event and won the non- expert prize at the Martin Braid event.

My apologies to anyone who has been missed out. Generally, a wider range of members have played in tournaments. Please let us know of any successes and let us have any photographs which we can post on the website.

My thanks once again to all involved in helping run the club, enjoy your summer and continue to enjoy your bridge.

Stephen Halstead  
Chairman