

# ALTRINCHAM BRIDGE CLUB

## NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016

Welcome to my summer newsletter.

Our excellent website is very up to date in documenting successes by club members, but I would like to mention Brenda Williams and Stephen Hunter who won the Club's Commemorative Plate competition in March. Also to congratulate the 2 club teams who played so successfully in the MCBA Gazette Cup. Thanks to John Fitzgerald for all his hard work in organising these teams.

We are proposing to hold a dinner at Ringway Golf Club on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. A 3 course meal would be followed by bridge. The cost would be circa. £20/ head. We hope that this will be of interest to our members and I shall be grateful if you will confirm your interest to me or Joan before the end of the month so that we can confirm our booking at the golf club and take a £5 deposit in July.

### Coaching

Our final coaching session was held in May, these continue to be very successful and there is further comment and photographic evidence on the website. Coaching will resume in September.

### Hosts

The host system continues, sometimes with some last minute cajoling. Thanks to all who have supported the host system. We have decided to award gifts to members who have volunteered most times to be host and the winners for the first quarter of the year are Brenda Williams and Mike Asher. Thanks to both of them.

### Survey

It has been brought to my attention that we have a number of 90 year olds playing bridge at the club. Congratulations to all of them and we hope that you are continuing to enjoy your bridge. This leads me to research that is being carried out by the EBU and Stirling University in to the health and wellbeing benefits of playing bridge. There is an online survey which I would encourage you to complete at:

<https://stirling.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/social-participation-and-wellbeing-ebu>

### Representing Manchester

At this present moment the club can boast that a significant number of its members represent Manchester at all levels, including the very top, and in many different competitions. However the Manchester Association selectors are always on the look out to enlarge and improve their stock of players so if you want to represent your county, don't be afraid, contact me, Joan or Ken Hassell. You will not be turned down.

Dates for your diary Sim Pairs Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July and Club AGM Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

My grateful thanks as usual to all involved in running the club and to Graham Campbell for providing us with a reconditioned computer.

I hope that you continue to enjoy your bridge and please remember to confirm whether you are interested in attending the dinner in November.

Stephen Halstead  
Chairman