

Altrincham Bridge Club

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2017

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year and hope you enjoy your bridge at ABC in 2017.

I am pleased to confirm the winners of our 2016 club competitions;

-Ladies Pairs 1st Sally Bray and Judith Dunkerley
2nd Marion Lawson – Turner and Carol Maman

-Mens Pairs 1st Ian Kane and Sid Travers
2nd Roger Hopton and David Fussell

-Mixed Pairs 1st David Olliver and Marsh Gee
2nd Ian Kane and Barbara Eastabrook

Congratulations to all the above. Prizes will be presented this month. All club members will be entered for the 2017 competition but please remember that pairs must play together at least 12 times to qualify.

Other successes are well documented on our very informative website but I would particularly like to mention Margaret Ward and Peggy Haslam who won the June Caron Trophy.

Club Dinner

The club dinner was a great success. Thank you for all the kind comments following the event. Thank you to all involved in the organisation but particularly to Ken Hassell, Barbara Eastabrook and Joan Lewis and of course, our special thanks to Sheila Wild for the very generous prizes.

We intend to make the dinner an annual event and will confirm the 2017 date later in the year.

Coaching

The Wednesday afternoon coaching sessions have been very successful and will recommence on Wednesday 18th January at 1.30 pm.

Hosts

Another plaintive plea for volunteers to host.

Subscriptions

May I remind you that any unpaid annual subscriptions of £20 are seriously overdue .Please either pay at the club or by post to Roger Richardson , 26 Ash Lane ,Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire WA15 8PF. If paying by cheque please write your club number on the back.

Our best wishes to Roger for a full recovery from his illness.

Questionnaire

We have had ideas from members as to how we can develop the club and increase our revenues. I attach below a questionnaire and shall be pleased to receive members' views. The committee will then consider and act on those responses.

Please reply to altrinchambc@gmail.com or print off and return to me or Joan.

Although it seems a long time ago I would like to thank all those members who attended the club AGM in October. I would also like to thank all involved in organising the club Xmas parties and, of course, all those involved in running the club. I am very grateful to those members who have supported the host system.

Once again a Happy New Year to you all.

Stephen Halstead
Chairman

ALTRINCHAM BRIDGE CLUB

Questionnaire January 2017

What are your views on the following?

Unless we disturbed our existing bridge pairs nights the first three events would have to be held on a Friday evening. If you are interested, please indicate in your comments whether you would be likely to attend these events in addition to, or instead of, one of your normal evenings at the club.

Please indicate YES or NO or make any comments you feel appropriate.

Social events

To build on the success of the club dinner, should we hold social events (bi monthly / quarterly?) . Cheese and wine to be provided and competitive bridge played.

We would be looking for volunteers to assist in organising.

YOUR COMMENTS:-

Teams events

Should we hold team's events, say twice a year for club members to enjoy the different challenges of teams bridge?

YOUR COMMENTS:-

Big Prize Night

It has been suggested that we invite / encourage county and international players to come to the club. Increased table money would be charged but there would be a considerably higher expert prize and a higher 'non expert' prize. What do you think?

Would you like to test your abilities against some of our finest local players?

COMMENTS :-

Afternoon bridge

Is there any enthusiasm for an afternoon bridge session? We would have to be careful which afternoon we chose and would not want a material effect on our evening bridge numbers, so again, please indicate whether you would still play as often as currently in the evenings.

COMMENTS :-

Any Other Comments?

We would welcome your input.

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