

ALTRINCHAM BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER June 2017

Welcome to my summer newsletter.

Our excellent website is very up to date in documenting events and successes by club members.

I would particularly like to mention-

-the wine and cheese evening held last month. This was a thoroughly enjoyable evening with the numbers attending exceeding our expectations .My particular thanks to Sally Bray, Brenda Williams and Jean Ramsbottom and to all who helped on the night. We will hold similar events in the future.

-Coaching – there is a photograph on the website and I would like to thank Ian Kane, Joan Lewis and the team of supervisors for all their efforts. Coaching will resume in September.

-Well done to our three teams representing our club, who performed so well in the Gazette Cup.

-Congratulations to Adam Wiseberg in winning the MCBA Intermediate Player of The Year and to the club in general for filling the top eight places

-there is an excellent summary of ABC members' performances in the Manchester Bridge League capturing the highs and lows of a long season. Well done to The Four Dummies for winning the Higson Plate (Barbara Eastabrook, Richard Acaster (sub), Judy Yates, Sue McGeechan playing in the final, Karen Jones and Lilian Syme having played in earlier rounds).

-Congratulations to Hilary Thomas and Avril Samuels for winning the Commemorative plate for the second time.

Hosts

The host system just about continues with some last minute cajoling. Thanks to all who have supported the host system and to Margaret Hopkins who won the prize for volunteering most in the last quarter.

We have also put a sheet on the notice board for partners wanted on Mondays and Thursdays.

The club was placed **38th** in the country in the latest EBU rankings for annual attendance.

Dates for your diary: Sim Pairs Monday 24th July and Thursday 5th October, Teams event Saturday 16th September, AGM Thursday 19th October and Annual Dinner Thursday 23rd November.

Noise!!

I am afraid that I have to make a critical comment in that at times the noise level is unacceptable. This interferes when players are still playing hands and , if you are loudly discussing a board, passes unauthorised information to tables near you.

Please make a **big** effort to keep the noise levels **down**.

Just to let you know that **Margaret Harris** is taking a sabbatical from directing and scoring on Tuesday nights. She will continue to play on other nights and I am very pleased to say will continue as Treasurer and a Committee member. I am sure that you will all join with me in thanking Margaret for all her efforts in continuing to develop our popular Tuesday bridge nights.

We are looking for **volunteers** to be trained as scorers and to attend courses to be trained as directors. Please contact me or Joan if you would like to help the club in this way.

My grateful thanks as usual to everyone involved in running the club and I hope that you all continue to enjoy your bridge at **ABC**.

Stephen Halstead
Chairman