

Bourne Bridge Club, Farnham Spring Newsletter 2024.

Your committee has been very pleased to see a very good attendance at our Thursday sessions, despite bouts of inclement weather. We have been very pleased to welcome a number of New Members to the Club over the past 6 months.

Winter League.

Teams have now completed all their matches - however as there was some delay in all matches being completed, there has not been sufficient time to arrange semi-finals and finals. In view of this, the standing at the end of the Round Robin will reflect the final result. Your committee discussed this and noted that the decision to have a separate final was always at the discretion of the 'organiser'. In future we will only arrange a final if there is a 'tie' between 2 teams. The final result can now be seen on the Website.

Other Teams Competitions.

In view of the past success of the Pot Luck Teams this event will be repeated on Thursday 31st. October.

We are also looking at the option of arranging a separate Teams Competition, with the heat to be held on a normal Club evening (*?30th. January 2025*) with the top two teams playing a final at a separate time. For this event the same four players would need to play in the heat and final (unless there are exceptional reasons that prevent this).

AGM.

The AGM will be held on Thursday 13th. June at 6.45 pm. We hope that business will be conducted at a good pace so that we can fit in a nearly full Bridge Session after the event. (The number of Boards would depend on the length of the Business Meeting). Please put this date in your diary. Before the AGM we would welcome an expression of interest from any individual who would like to join the committee.

Finanacial Position.

The club remains in a satisfactory financial position, with club evenings 'breaking even'. Full details will be provided at the AGM.

Festival of Bridge.

The EBU are organising a Festival of Bridge in early September (see <https://www.ebu.co.uk/festival>). We will alert you of any events that are arranged locally, but did not feel able to arrange our own event.

Response to pre-emptive Bids.

We are sure that you will all have noticed the increasing use of pre-emptive bids in the 'Modern, Competitive, Bridge Game. (These include standard pre-empts at the 3 / 4 level with 7 / 8 card suits, weak two openings with (diamonds) hearts and spades, 3 level opening with a 6 card suit, Multi-2 Diamond openings and Lucas 2 openings). The last two can be particularly challenging in view of their mixed meaning). These are all 'permitted systems' at Level IV EBU clubs, of which we are one.

It is worth noting that people who use these systems will not infrequently get themselves into trouble without your help, but it may help to have a means by which you can drop them further into the mire.

To this end, just in case you missed it, we are pleased to attach (courtesy of Jonathan) an article from a recent EBU magazine. This gives a good basic guide on how to handle such bids.

