

Chairmans February blog

The spotlight this month seems to be on the ladies' toilets. Many thanks to our house manager Stan for fixing the toilet seats and doing some exploratory work to find the source of what seems to be a "damp" smell. A blockage has been found in a pipe on the outside of the building by the lady's toilet; it's been unblocked so the damp should now dry up over time with the help of aeration techniques. The rendering on the rear wall to the outside of the ladies' toilet will need to be redone but shouldn't cause any inconvenience. Again, well done to Stan.

The ladies' pairs competition (the Monica Campbell trophy) took place at the same time as the gents' pairs (the Mackenzie trophy) on Monday 29th of January. Congratulations to Anne Rowan and Judy Cope who won the ladies pairs and to Tim Emmott and Robin Prestwich who won the gents pairs. More congratulations go to Tim Emmott who along with Rob Cave came 3rd in the Yorkshire pairs and therefore qualify to represent Yorkshire in the Corwen Trophy; sadly, we will both be on holiday.

The Swiss pairs event we had was a resounding success and we will be looking to do a similar event open to a larger number soon! Don't forget to get your names down early to secure your place. Tim Emmott continued his winning streak at this event.

The Friday afternoons will continue with sessions on the 2nd and 16th of February and Thursday the 29th of Feb will be the last multiple teams of 4 event for this evening league season.

A sub-committee has been set a task to update and redecorate the club to make it more welcoming and attractive. At the moment ideas are being put together and a budget is being formulated. The extent and timings will depend on how much money we have keeping in mind we like to have a sizeable amount of rainy-day funds.

Thank-you for reading and don't forget you only make extra tricks trumping in the short hand!

Rob