

Dear All

A long standing member of our bridge club Shelagh Flett has reached the landmark achievement of becoming a 2* Grand Master, very few people get to become a Grand Master at all (albeit we have a few at HBC) so this is quite a feat.

Just a reminder that we have our next Swiss pairs event on Friday 12th April. Don't forget to sign up as we need to arrange full tables for this event. The event starts at 1pm sharp so please be seated for 12:45. As last time because of the movement the event will go on until 4:45 ish. Unfortunately, I can't attend so we will have new winners; but as the saying goes it's not the winning that counts, it's how far up the leader board you finish.

The 1st of April is when our full year competitions are reset. For 2024/25 we are starting a new competition for the best improver. Everybody who has their NGS grade "public" will have a note made of it as of today and the person whose NGS grade goes up the most in the year will win, the top 20 best will be updated periodically. There will also be an open competition throughout the year for Wednesday evenings as the current trophy is only eligible for NGS grade 9 and under. Also, the Ladies, Mens and mixed pairs will have a separate prize to the trophy for the winners after their pairs' handicap adjustment.

I leave for my trip on the 8th May, Thank-you all for asking.

Top tip. Don't underlead suits headed by unsupported Aces or Kings against trump contracts on first lead. This is a general rule, please don't send in an example when doing such was imperative to defeat the opponents contract.

Rob