

October Blog

Dear members,

We are continually trying to improve the club for all of the members. We recently replaced around half of the cards in the bidding boxes on the ground floor with the new "top of the range" plastic variety. You can tell these ones as they fly all over the table, I'm sure they will calm down when I get my sticky chocolate biscuit fingers all over them (that's not a request for help to make them sticky). The other half are the "second most expensive" bidding cards and so far, seem to be less lively.

As part of improving the club we are cleaning the carpets on Friday 29th September, please don't go into the club on Friday or Saturday to allow for them to dry properly.

We are arranging a Swiss pairs event to be held at the club (date yet to be announced). A Swiss movement allows everybody of different abilities to play in the same event as after the first round of 4 or 5 boards instead of moving onto the next pair at the next table you play against a pair that had the same result in the previous round (don't worry the computer works it out). The aim is to get to the head of the room (table 1). It should be a fun event as nobody will feel outclassed. There will be a sign-up sheet in the bar when we have decided a suitable time as we need to know how many are attending.

The EBU have updated the Blue Book of understandings that we take as natural when bidding at bridge, these are mainly on when and what bids to Alert or announce (i.e. the ones that could be construed differently). The new list is on the noticeboard in the bar area. The changes are also on the EBU website under laws and ethics, (it's not on my recommended reading list). It won't affect the way we play for the vast majority of us.

In the summer we installed wireless heating controls so if you find the heating isn't satisfactory for whatever reason at a session now that the colder weather is approaching, maybe an HDBL match, please contact myself, Stan Robertson or Ted Crebbin who can put the heating on remotely.

Finally, there have been calls for more seminars on more advanced topics that don't tend to get mentioned in lessons so Tim Emmott is doing a few on the next 2 Wednesdays and hopefully there will be more in the future. Well done to the members who signed up for these, I believe both weeks are now full!

Hope to see you all in the club soon.

Rob