

Dear Members.

Well done to everybody who played in the recent Northern Midweek Congress at the Crowne Plaza. This was well attended and very well run by Ollie Cowan who a lot of you know for running other such events. He put a lot of emphasis on enjoying playing bridge and stamping out any bad behaviour, this was an even higher priority than having a fully filled out convention card! The side table of sugary sweets were well appreciated by some (mainly me).

The club are starting up new sessions on Fridays commencing in September to compliment the growing number of afternoon attendees we are getting on Mondays and Tuesdays (I can't believe how you can cope with a 6 day gap!). The first and third Fridays (1st and 15th Sept) will be afternoon sessions with the second and fourth Fridays being evening sessions (8th and 22nd Sept), you get a rest when there is a fifth Friday. There is a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard in the bar to get an idea of numbers and for people looking to find a partner.

The Christmas party date has been set for the afternoon of Friday 15th December at the stunning Oakdale Golf Club, save the date. Hopefully Dave will have a new set of jokes by then.

As some of you may have seen, the dealing machine has been playing up and some of the sessions' analysis hasn't shown up on the club website. Hopefully, now it has come back for a 3rd time it will have been sorted out. It's been suggested it doesn't like the lovely new playing cards we have now got.

If you have any good ideas/ suggestions we have a suggestion book in the bar area, I like the idea of sugary sweets on every side table but I don't think it will get passed.

Thanks for reading.

Rob