

Dear Members,

The reupholstered chairs are back along with their new revived wax coating, they brighten up the playing room. The last batch of the chairs for upstairs will return this week.

We have one prototype table downstairs with solid legs and are deciding whether to replace all the downstairs tables if it's deemed an upgrade on the tables we already have. You will have to work it out for yourselves which one it is!

The Christmas party is almost at capacity so if you haven't put your name down you will have to get in quickly.

The Christmas Party will kick off Christmas week. From the 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be having wine and mince pies at all of the sessions including Kath's famous mulled wine on the evenings of 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, make sure you are there for those sessions. Our events are much better than the Harrogate Christmas market of course (and much cheaper).

The EBU introduced some new rule changes in August. Further down the homepage of the website you can find the relevant links regarding the new alerting and announcing rules, a copy is also on the noticeboard in the bar. Don't forget your bidding system isn't meant to be a secret (OK sometimes your partner doesn't understand it but the opposition must be allowed to).

We have had the police on the phone this week in regard to the parking outside the club. He just wanted me to remind us all to park responsibly, even if you are a blue badge holder you can't block the highway to larger vehicles such as ambulances etc. The Inspector and I had a nice chat and he was aware of the rather threatening stickers that have appeared on some cars and has had a word with the culprit. He also reiterated that the car park at the end of Robert St is owned by the same people who own Hornbeam Pk, a large company who aren't interested in ticketing individuals who park there so it's safe to park there without getting a ticket, this isn't a cast iron guarantee of course.

Just a reminder that this Thursday evening 30<sup>th</sup> Nov is an evening league teams event. We will try to find you a spare pair if required.

I'm sure you are all dreading missing bridge sessions over the festive period (OH yes you are! 😊) so we have attached a poll for you to let us know which sessions will be the most suitable around the 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> December. Please fill in the poll by clicking the link below. We will also be doing a show of hands for these potential sessions. Normal sessions will run up to 21<sup>st</sup> of December and will restart on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Rob

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