



Newsletter Summer 2018 Issue 11

It's all change at the NCBA committee!

There are new committee members following the AGM on 18 May. The new committee has already held its first committee meeting and identified a range of goals we wish to achieve, in line with our Strategy Objectives. These include amongst other things, working closer with clubs, building membership and capacity across Nottinghamshire and identifying ways to make our county and Club competitions more attractive to participants. We will place more details on the County website if you are interested.

We are aware that some Club Secretaries do not email out this Newsletter to members, which is a shame as we do not hold all bridge players details to do this ourselves and this Newsletter is going to be our main way to communicate with clubs. We have listened to feedback and are going to reduce the size but increase the frequency of the Newsletter to monthly and hope that this will more timeously advertise the calendar of events cycle so people will be more aware of what events are on the horizon.

See below for our new format with key headings to make it easier to navigate the newsletter. If you have any ideas or requests please fee free to contact us- our motto is Promoting Bridge for All in Nottinghamshire- and we want to do just that.

Best Wishes♥

Editor

Have fun with Bridge in 2018/9

♣ FORTHCOMING COMPETITIONS & EVENTS

Contact Events Manager Graham for any information

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GP Events: THE PRESTIGIOUS GREEN POINT EVENTS ARE IMMINENT. The events take place over the weekend of 21st-22nd of July. There is a Swiss pairs on the Saturday starting at 1.00 and a Swiss teams on Sunday starting at 12.

Friday Cup: on 30th September NCBA have decided that holding this in the Autumn fits better in the events calendar. Please advertise and support this event. **Check** the Rules on the NCBA website which makes this open to a wider tranche of players.

COUNTY NEWS

The new Committee has already had 2 great meetings with the premier Nottingham Bridge Club to focus on some co-ordinated changes to help revitalize Bridge in Nottingham. These are jointly agreed changes:

- a. The **County Winter Pairs** will move to the third Wednesday in the month starting 19th September.
- b. The **NBC City Cup** will move to the first Wednesday in the month starting 5 September.

(Wednesday will therefore be re-badging as the premier night of the week although everybody is welcome- it's not too rarified for any club player who wishes to hone their skills!)

- c. On the fourth Monday of the month we supporting be a new exciting new **Teams of Four** event commencing 27 August.

(This start date is planned so people can practice Teams play in readiness for the County Leagues and To8 season. Do come to support this event and practice your team strategy!!)

- d. On the second Thursday of the month we plan a more social Lunchtime **Duplicate** event from 1-4pm. We are initially planning to include a buffet style lunch from noon but this depends upon interest; this initiative is in response to feedback for such events and the first is schedule for 9 August so we need to know numbers beforehand in order to book the catering. Look at the fliers and website for more details or contact Clare Batten.

To8: Note that the Winter 2018/9 Teams of Eight Leagues will be kicking off September. It's sooner than you think! So contact your Club Committee to ensure they are entering team(s) in time to enable everyone a game. Also note that the T08 Rules have been amended following feedback, by To8 Convener Jane Hall. You will need to look on the NCBA website to get the new procedures for this season. Good luck all!!

KEY MESSAGE FROM NCBA

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING FOR THE COUNTY IN THE FORTHCOMING COUNTY LEAGUE MATCHES YOU NEED TO CONTACT **SHIRLEY ASHTARI OR CLARE BATTEN** AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

INTERESTED PLAYERS WILL BE INCLUDED ON A LIST FOR WHEN THE COUNTY MATCHES ARE BEING PLANNED. **SO DON'T MISS OUT.**

LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING.

THE ORGANISATION OF THE COUNTY TEAMS IS CHANGING THIS YEAR SO DON'T RELY ON THINKING IT WILL SIMPLY ROLL ON FROM LAST YEAR. AND IF YOU ARE NEW AND FANCY THROWING YOUR HAT IN THE RING, DO SO.
THERE ARE 3 LEAGUES.

♣ CLUB NEWS

The Nottingham Bridge Club has got caught in a vicious circle re their Monday night drives. The numbers have fallen, so people don't like attending with only a few tables, which only make the problem worse. NCB have 3 ideas- we can either use an email system to collate who is intending to play, then people will know if it is worth turning up as enough people have committed; there is also a web based way to do this through the members area of the website if you can navigate there, and lastly a Whats App group idea has been suggested. If you are interested in playing on Monday nights and are happy to use one of these methods can you contact **Clare** to get your preferred method set up as soon as possible. We know people what to play on the Monday but won't commit unless there are enough players.

♠ TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

NCBA has organized a club Tournament Directors (TD) course to commence this Autumn/winter. The dates are 10th November 2018, 24th November 2018, 1st December 2018 and 15th December 2018. If you are interested tell your club – some clubs do sponsor attendees- and enter via the EBED website. There is also a County TD preparation day on 1 September for those already qualified TD's wishing to further their directing career. NCBA need a few more County directors and are able to provide some sponsorship. This is bookable through EBED also.

Look at the Mansfield and Snotty websites- both these enterprising clubs have beginners/improvers activities. Well done them!! Who else is undertaking such work- we want to hear from you!!

Don't forget the Improvers session on a Thursday evening at NBC run by Graham Brindley. NBC associate members are included.

NCBA are putting on some EBU Score training on 26 July. This is a morning event starting at 10.30. EBU score is free to affiliated clubs and is the scoring software supported by the EBU. There is limited space so contact Clare Batten asap if you are interested. *Note you will need to bring a laptop with you.*

♣ NCBA: YOUR COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Our two Constitutional Objectives are 'Promoting Bridge in Nottinghamshire' and organizing County events and Leagues'. To achieve this we have 5 headings:

1. Advertising, and Publicity,
2. Effective Communications,
3. Training and Development,
4. NCBA organisation,
5. Events and County competition

2018/9 NCBA Committee members and Officers (and their home club)

SOME CLUBS ARE NOT REPRESENTED- PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!!

President Ankush Khandelwal (Nottingham)
Chair Toni Smith (Woodborough East Bridgford, Nottingham)
Secretary Clare Batten (Nottingham)
Treasurer Ian Dovey (West Bridgford)
County TD Keith Spencer (Woodborough Nottingham)
To4 convenor Keith Spencer (Woodborough Nottongham)
To8 convenor Jane Hall (Woodborough)
County Captain Mark Goddard* (Nottingham)
Club Communications Hilary Kirkland (Woodborough & Mansfield)
Website Keith Spencer (Woodborough)
Events Manager Graham Brindley (Nottingham)
Trophies Sue Wright (Mansfield)
Youth Officer Paul Sweet (Nottingham & Woodborough)
County Teams Organiser Shirley Ashtari (West Bridgford)
Clubs liaison Hilary Kirkland (Woodborough)

Any comments on this newsletter or related issues are welcome. Please contact Editor or Secretary Clare (cpbatten@yahoo.com) or any NCBA Committee member.

Any articles or bridge information for inclusion in future Issues happily received.

