

Newsletter

Summer 2022



Summer is here – or soon will be! Holiday time, and if you are off on your hols soon I do hope you have a good time and that the current travel disruptions do not affect you. I know there are better things to do than play bridge on holiday but it can be quite fun going into a foreign bridge club. You will usually find a real mix of nationalities:- British; Spanish; German; French; Italian, American, Austrian etc but of course the game is a common factor and whilst one has to get used to competing against different systems (and alerting rules) you will find everyone pretty understanding. Bridge is bridge and the rules are set by the World Bridge Federation so across the world there is a great deal of similarity – remember, as here in little old Pershore, if you don't understand a bid ask what it means at your turn to play or at the end of the auction. So, if you go somewhere abroad why not try at least one evening at the local club. Its great fun. As of course is playing on line and you can do that anywhere in the world!

NEW MEMBERS:

We have had a few new members recently – which is great for the Club – some are very new to duplicate bridge and others are experienced players. We have always welcomed any players at Pershore from novices to Grand Masters – but we do insist that whatever level of player you are, you understand the others' needs. Some will take it more seriously, and that's fine, but the onus is on the experienced players to make the novices really feel at home and try to help and explain things when asked. Pershore is a happy club for all levels of player and the Committee is determined to keep it that way!

COMMITTEE:

Some of you may not be aware of the current Committee

Chair	Alan Boyes
Deputy Chair	Jonathan Morton
Treasurer	Roger Wady
Events Secretary	Liz Boyes
	Jan Garratt
	Howard Parsons
	Chris Davies
	Teresa Ford
	Judy Knights

Please contact any Committee member if you have a suggestion or wish to raise an issue.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

CROOME COFFEE MORNING: Thursday 14th July at 10.30am. Dogs welcome. Our last two social gatherings have been really enjoyable so all members welcome!! I look forward to seeing some familiar faces and particularly members who do not play on RealBridge.

14 SEPTEMBER: Championship Pairs concludes.

30 SEPTEMBER: Summer Handicap concludes.

You may also like to keep an eye on how you are faring in the Ascendancy 2022 – are you or your opponents playing better or worse this year than last !

Thank you for your support

REALBRIDGE

I am pleased that we are still managing to hold two RB sessions per week. Table numbers are down because of the Summer but we would also like to see – even occasionally – past players or some new faces! I have to say that feedback on RB is really positive; members enjoy it and find that being able to talk at the table is a lot more sociable than at F2F where the only real opportunity for a chat is at a formal refreshment break.

There are now very few problems with players using RB. Occasionally, someone may have a log in issue but virtually all “problems” are not RB at all but a players computer or (more likely) i-pad. RealBridge themselves however are really impressive at providing IMMEDIATE support to anyone who has a problem so if you cannot resolve any technical issue then please phone RB support – their phone number is: **0794 232 2209** and you will find them very helpful. When playing, everyone should have a working camera and microphone – if you don’t have that then ask RB!!

The Summer provides an excellent opportunity to play with someone you have never played with before and I note the FIND A PARTNER feature on our own web site is being used more and bringing players together for a one off game. Many partnerships at this time of year will often be in need of a stand in so there is usually someone available.

Can I point out to RB players to fill up the seats from lowest table number first ie fill up table 1 then table 2 etc etc so that any sit out pair is always on the highest number table. This is important for the smooth operation of RB movements.

Lastly, if you do need to call the director please remember he / she is a volunteer! They will do their best but you will make life a lot easier for them if you call them IMMEDIATELY a problem occurs – not at the end of the hand or at the end of the round! If you are unhappy at the director’s ruling ask for it to be reviewed by other directors at end of play – that is always an option open to you.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

	PDBC Dealer South	All Vul
<p>N</p> <p>♠ 7</p> <p>♥ AK986432</p> <p>♦ J642</p> <p>♣</p> <p>♠ T42</p> <p>♥ T</p> <p>♦ AKQ8</p> <p>♣ AJ965</p> <p>♠ AKQJ98653</p> <p>♥</p> <p>♦ 73</p> <p>♣ K4</p>	<p>This caused some fun! 11 tricks only for each side. Some Souths opened 4S; some 2C Game Force; some a strong 2S (or similar in Benji), promising 8 tricks.</p> <p>Over a 4S opening West has a straightforward bid of 4N (take out) and EW can find the making 5C though S may well push on – and so may EW leading to impossible slams or sacrifices being bid by both sides!</p> <p>Over a 2C (or other game force) bid West knows S has bid on distribution not points and can wait for NS bidding to unwind before doubling for take out or bidding 4N over 4S; some West’s made an immediate double over 2C which is possibly ambiguous but West will get another chance to take some action. Over a strong 2S opener West will at least double for take out. Whatever North or East bids South will bid a number of spades. Again, West should support clubs if bid by E or make a take out call if South rebids 4S. 4N by W cannot be natural, so that should do!</p> <p>I think most will open 4S by South but what would you do? And what system do you have for take out over a 4S opening bid?</p> <p>ps If S opens 2C and NS play step responses N will respond 2S!</p>	

Enjoy the Summer and hopefully see you at Croome!

Thank you for your support – if you have a new or changed email address please let me know