

Newsletter

June 2023



I hope all members are enjoying the recent warm weather and looking forward to the rest of the Summer. I do of course appreciate that the long, sunny days provide plenty of alternatives to bridge but I do hope that more members will try and join us at our RealBridge sessions on Wednesdays and / or Fridays. Several members have contacted me in recent months telling me of their intention to play regularly at the club and we would be delighted to see you! Our games are still very friendly and being able to chat with each other more than is possible in F2F is a real bonus. So, if you have not played with us for a while or if you will be new to RB please do come along – **we do need more numbers**. Also, there is a great reluctance by some players in pairing up with someone new when their normal partner is on holiday, or unable to play for whatever reason. Of course we all prefer our regular partner, but please use the Find A Partner feature – and USE IT if a member is seeking a partner. Playing with someone new is nearly always good fun and often very successful!

COMPETITION DATES: MARK YOUR DIARIES NOW!

LADIES AND MENS PAIRS

This event will take place on the **19th July**; the highest ranked Ladies Pair winning the Michael Hill Trophy and the highest ranked Mens Pair the Lawrie Hunt Trophy. Pair up now!! Mixed pairs are still eligible to play in the event but obviously cannot win a trophy!

MICHAEL FAREY TROPHY

This event will be held Wednesday **20th September**. This is a handicapped competition, so the field – at least in theory – is level so any pair can win! The normal result will still be valid for masterpoints but the winners of the handicapped result receive the engraved trophy!

WEIR TROPHY TEAMS

Our teams of 4 event for the Weir Trophy will take place on the **4th October**. We need to know in advance how many teams and so nearer the time please contact LIZ giving your team details and captain. I will send a reminder but please start thinking about your team now.

CHARITY EVENT

For many years the club has supported the Children in Need Sim Pairs but last year several members expressed misgivings about continuing to support it and suggested we hold an evening specially to aid a local charity. So this year, around November (the time of the Children In Need) we will designate an evening and a local charity.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The date of our AGM will probably be **29th November** followed by bridge. We will be holding our AGM via Zoom. Please make every effort to attend the AGM. It doesn't normally last longer than 20 minutes but that doesn't lessen its importance for members to have their say. Further details will be sent to members in due course.

PAYMENTS

Most players are very good at ensuring they are always in credit regarding RB fees and top up frequently. Our Treasurer, Roger, has asked that everyone please check regularly whether they are in credit or not and if not then please send a remittance to the club. On line banking is best:-

Payee: Pershore Duplicate Bridge Club Sort Code: 09-01-55 Account: 11652089

Reference: RealBridge. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU QUOTE REFERENCE "RealBridge". If you do not have an on line banking account please contact Roger - details on web site members only area.

PTO

Thank you for your support

DID YOU KNOW I have re-introduced this feature as a few reminders may be helpful

1. You and your partner may have a convention card but if you have an understanding or knowledge of your partner's actions in certain circumstances, then you should alert. Example: You know that your partner MIGHT, on occasions, open 1NT or 2NT with a singleton. That may not be on your card as it happens rarely, (nonetheless it should be) or it may even be something that you personally would not do, but it must still be alerted and the explanation should include the singleton rank (eg Ace) if the singleton is limited to such.
2. A similar situation can occur when your partner doubles the opposition 1NT opening. Firstly, the opposition are entitled to expect that the double is for penalty and shows at least 15+ hcp's (or corresponding strength) so if you sometimes X opps 1NT opening for take out, or play that the X can be for penalty or take out then the X must be alerted and your system explained.
3. A player should explain only the partnership understanding for a call, not how they intend to interpret it. They should say if there is no agreed meaning, but if they know from experience what it might be then that should be explained.
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Number of cards missing (ie with opps)	Distribution	probability percentage
2	1-1	52
	2-0	48
3	2-1	78
	3-0	22
4	3-1	50
	2-2	40
	4-0	10
5	3-2	68
	4-1	28
	5-0	4

QUICK QUIZ! (cover up answers below first!!)

Which of these bridge hands is *least* likely to be dealt?

- (a) ♠ A-8-4 ♥ K-9-2 ♦ J-10-2 ♣ Q-8-7-4 ; (b) 13 cards in the same suit ; (c) 13 black cards.

What is the probability that a random bridge deal will contain a singleton or void in at least one hand? (a) 37% (b) 49% (c) 58%, (d) 79%.

On a certain deal North has as many HCP as South and East together; West has as many HCP as North and East together. East has more HCP than South and no two players have the same number of HCP. How many HCP does each player have?

Rank the following hand distributions in order of their probability ie most common to least common?

- A) 5-3-3-2 B) 4-3-3-3 C) 4-4-3-2 D) 5-4-2-2

C = 21.55% ; A = 15.52% ; D = 10.58% ; B = 10.54%

South has 4 HCP, East has 7, North 11 and West 18.

(d). Almost four deals out of five have a singleton or void somewhere.

(a) as it is one specific hand it has a probability of 1 in 635,013,559,600. "13 cards in the same suit" comprises four specific hands, hence it is four times more likely, and "13 black cards" comprises millions of hands