###### December 2013

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*Wherever you are and whatever you are doing this Christmas, I wish you a very enjoyable time with peace, good health and happiness in 2014.*

A.G.M 27th November 2013

At the AGM your existing committee of Alan, Doug, Martin, Tim, Howard, Jim and Richard was re-elected to serve for another year. It was agreed that table money is to increase from 1st January 2014 to £2-50 for members and £3-50 for visitors – still excellent value! It was also decided not to hold the Individual Competition in 2014 and beyond.

**The Club will be closed from the 20th December until we resume on the 8th January 2014 which will be an EBU Simultaneous Pairs evening. For Sim Pair events the Club will still only charge £2-00 table money for members (£3-50 for visitors) thereby maintaining overall £5-00 table cost of a Sims evening for members.**

**We congratulate our final prize winners for 2013**:

Most Improved Pair: Clive & Marianne

Most Improved Player: Daevid

Slammer of Year: Alan

Most Masterpoints: Martin

Individual Champion: Alan

Championship Pair: Peter & Alan

**CONTACT LIST**

The contact list of members is now on the web site members area. If you are still uncertain how to access this please email me. The list is only as good as the data I have! If you change your EMAIL address or PHONE NUMBER then please tell me!!

**2014 CALENDAR**

Again, this is on the web site. It contains a lot more information than previously and you can see in advance when you are required to HOST; OPEN UP; DIRECT etc. If you need to make a change then please try to arrange a swop with someone and – only then – tell me to alter the site.

**QUICK QUIZ! (answers below)**

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

(a) S A-8-4 H K-9-2 D J-10-2 C 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

**LIKELY CARD DISTRIBUTION between your two opponents**

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| Number of cards missing | Distribution | percentage |
| 2 | 1-1  2-0 | 52  48 |
| 3 | 2-1  3-0 | 78  22 |
| 4 | 3-1  2-2  4-0 | 50  40  10 |
| 5 | 3-2  4-1  5-0 | 68  28  4 |
| 6 | 4-2  3-3  5-1  6-0 | 48  36  15  1 |

**2014 SUBSCRIPTION**

This is **NOW DUE**. Please hand your cheque or cash to MARTIN or send a cheque with the slip below. Or you can play electronically – please quote your name as reference:

BANK:    SANTANDER

ACCOUNT:   PERSHORE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

A/C NUMBER: 11652089

SORT CODE:  09 - 01 – 55

Please do so straightaway – there is nothing we dislike more than chasing “stragglers”.

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*Cheques payable Pershore Duplicate Bridge Club and send to Martin Rees, 10 The Stables, Croome Court, Worcs, WR8 9DW. Please do not send cash through the post.*

**QUIZ ANSWERS**

(a) as it is one specific hand. “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

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

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

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