

Wherever you are and whatever you are doing this Christmas, I wish you a very enjoyable time with peace, good health and happiness in 2022.

I am writing this Christmas Edition a little earlier this year as there has been quite a lot happening and to look forward to in 2022. I also know that quite a few of our members and on line friends will soon be going on extended holidays now that travel restrictions have eased; hope they all have good flights and safe journeys – and enjoy Christmas, of course!!

The Committee is keen to try and reopen the Club at the end of March 2022 for F2F and I will be writing about that to members nearer the time. A lot will depend on the Covid situation (as it will throughout the year) but although we will have to take care when we re-open and insist on certain precautions being observed eg vaccinations and boosters are up to date and use of hand sanitiser between rounds etc we really would like the wearing of face masks to be voluntary. If possible we would also like a refreshment break with Betty "behind the bar"! These are just thoughts at the moment and nearer the time I will be writing to all members to seek your views on the various aspects we should consider in the light of conditions prevailing then.

A.G.M 24th November 2021 / MEMBERSHIP 2022

This took place over Zoom and was well attended. Everyone had received advance notice of the Accounts and Reports and I am pleased all were accepted unanimously. Also unanimous was the proposal to re-introduce an annual membership fee for 2022. Club membership will run from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 and cost £5-00. This will cover all on line and F2F matches. RealBridge table money will be £1-00 for members (unless RB significantly increase their fees to us) and F2F table money for members will be £2-50. Visitors table money will be £2-00 for RB and £3-50 for F2F. From 1/1/2022 there will be no requirement on "new" players on RB to pay a minimum of £5-00, but we would ask members to remain in credit!

I have already received several requests for club membership but please rest assured that during the next week or two I will be writing to <u>everyone</u> (members; past members; 'newcomers' and on line friends) regarding possible membership and enclosing an application form for those that might need it - so there is no need to contact me unless you have not heard from me by 15th December

2021 COMPETITIONS and WINNERS:

Some competitions have yet to conclude – please see Competition Results on Home Page of web site but two trophies have been awarded.

Championship Pair: Ross Garratt & Alan Boyes
Michael Farey Trophy: Yvonne McKeon & Gill Mitchell





Alan & Ross receiving the Championship Pairs Cup at Croome





Yvonne & Gill

Michael Farey Trophy

CROOME MEETING

This was a great success and suggesting it and to all those meet up with other club

my sincere thanks to Jan for who came along. It was great to members and friends, and especially

good to meet those who don't play on line bridge. Please do stay in contact with the club!

There are several photos of the Croome meet up on our web site – see Current Photo Gallery.

REAL BRIDGE & CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

We intend to hold a normal RealBridge event on 29th December and 5th January. RealBridge is proving very popular with 9 tables lately. Obviously the more that play the better as it gives more opportunity to play against different people, but for a small rural club we receive excellent support. My thanks to all of you who do play with us – and to those who are still nervous about it then take the plunge! It is VERY friendly and no one has anything to fear. I hope that soon we will be seeing more "new" players to RB - encourage your friends to join us!! If RB attendances maintain a reasonable level we may try and play a teams match or even a Swiss Pairs one evening; just for variety - both of which are great fun!

My thanks to you all and I hope you all stay safe and well this winter.

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