



Wherever you are and whatever you are doing this Christmas, I wish you a very enjoyable time with peace, good health and happiness in 2023.

Virtually all the 2022 Competitions have now finished and the winners presented with their Trophies. The Slammer of the Year has yet to conclude but it looks as though Mark and Chris will be worthy winners. You can see all competition winners in the ROLL OF HONOUR on our PDBC home web page.

Please note the Club will be open for the playing of RealBridge on the 23rd, 28th and 30th December.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 30th November.

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. Alan outlined that he is shortly to have a meeting with the Hall to discuss possible options regarding Face to Face next year. Following on from that meeting club members will receive a short survey form. Please do complete and return when you receive it, as your answers will greatly assist the Committee in finalising F2F arrangements for 2023.

YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES ON 31 DECEMBER. At the AGM it was agreed to keep the annual subscription at £5-00 and so please renew your membership asap.

If it is not your intention to renew we shall of course be sorry to see you go (and hope it is not too long before you return) but please drop me a line to prevent you receiving renewal reminders.

If paying your renewal by cheque then send to Roger Wady, 22 Fairwater Close, Evesham, WR11 1GF; else BACS

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The Club currently loses money running RealBridge events, and given that next year will see increases in costs it was unanimously agreed at the AGM to increase the RB event fee.

From January 1st 2023 RB event fees will be £1-25 for members and £2-50 for visitors.

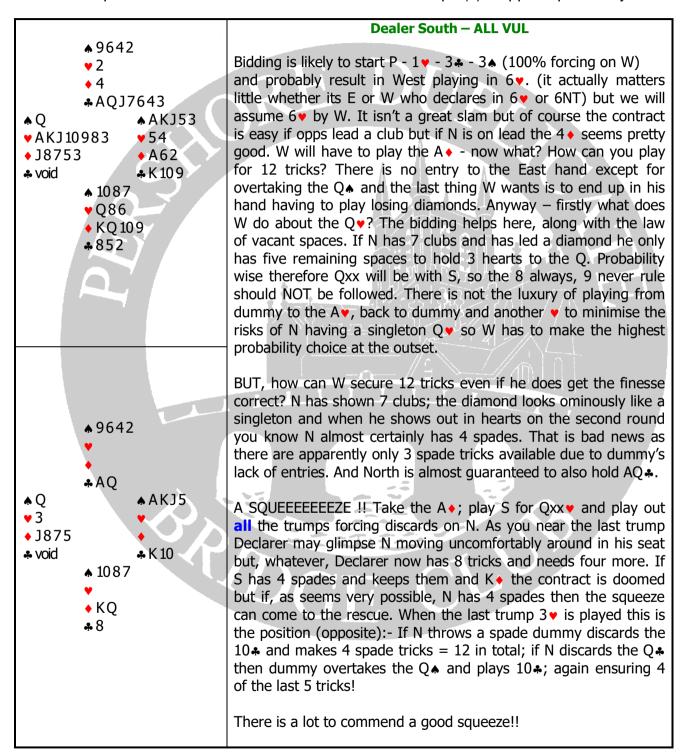
No change is currently planned for F2F charges but F2F fees will have to be reassessed in the light of how well supported it is and, of course, the cost of providing it. Hopefully I will know a little more when I speak with the hall.

I think all members will agree that your Committee strives to keep membership and other fees to an absolute minimum but we can only do this with your continued, REGULAR, support so please do make the effort!

WHAT IS A SQUEEZE PLAY? NO — it is not something you got up to in your youth; it is a play of the cards where declarer (usually) can force the opponents to discard potential winners thereby securing his (or her) own winners.

FINESSE: DO YOU PLAY "EIGHT ALWAYS – 9 NEVER" when deciding whether to finesse or go for the drop? What about the theory (some say Law) of **VACANT SPACES**?

Both these points were well illustrated when a classic example(s) cropped up recently.



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