

Best Behaviour at Bridge

The EBU is running a campaign to promote good behaviour at the bridge table. We are keen to uphold our reputation as a friendly club and thoroughly endorse this campaign. We would urge all players to take note of the advice given below.

Courteous behaviour is an exceptionally important part of the enjoyment of bridge.

- Greet others in a friendly manner prior to start of play on each round.
- Be a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table.
- Make your convention card readily available to your opponents and fill it out completely.
- Make bridge enjoyable for yourself, partner and opponents.
- Give credit when opponents make a good bid or play.
- Take care of your personal grooming.
- Ensure that your mobile phone is turned off.
- Enjoy the company as well as the game.

Remember that it is rude to criticise your partner or opponents in public, to be less than polite at the table, to gloat over good results or object to a call for the tournament director or to dispute or argue about a director's ruling.

As in all games that are governed by rules and regulations, bad behaviour will be penalised. Annoying behaviour, embarrassing remarks or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by Law 74A. Law 91A gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties. This can include immediate disciplinary board penalties.

If you are offended or upset by bad behaviour at the bridge table please call the director

In addition to the above, the committee would like to draw your attention to our policy on psyching. This matter is covered in detail in section 6 of the Orange Book but while it is not illegal to psyche, we feel that psyching on normal club evenings can be very upsetting to opponents and destroy the enjoyment of those taking part. The Chairman therefore reserves the right to take action retrospectively which will include down to and including zero for players who ignore this advice and use psyches in inappropriate situations and against players less experienced than themselves.

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU.

It's impossible for our dealing lady to spot dirty cards when she deals over 12 sets a week at great speed. If you find dirty cards please note the board number and ask the director to throw them away. Alternatively, throw them away yourself at the end of the session



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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Many of you will be aware by now that Leisureland Bridge Club, run so successfully for many years by June Booty, is being incorporated into Richmond Bridge Club. June has decided that it is time to hand over the running of the club to others and since the two sessions run at Leisureland neatly dovetail into Richmond's timetable there will be no problems for existing members in the handover.

To ease the transition, the Leisureland sessions on Wednesday evening at 7.25 pm and Thursday afternoon at 1.25 pm will move to the Richmond site on December 6th but will continue to be run by June until 21st December. Richmond will run the sessions from January onwards. All Leisureland members will become Richmond members until renewal time in April. Please note that Wednesday evening like Monday evening will be a Simple Systems night as we want to encourage the friendly relaxed atmosphere

Present Richmond Bridge Club members can, of course, attend these new sessions and we hope you will make all our new members feel welcome and that existing Leisureland players will be encouraged to attend our many other sessions. Marietta will supply all June's members with a welcome pack when she receives their details.

Thank you, June, and we wish you well for the future. You will always be welcome at the club as a player or a director.

With this further expansion, there will be bridge sessions on every day of the week apart from Sunday. I am sure that you all appreciate that the success of the club and its rapid expansion is largely due to the hard work and dedication of our Business Manager, Marietta Andrée.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our members and their families.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME SESSION

The club have recently started a new lunchtime session on Wednesdays at 10.15am. The lunch costs £4.00 and includes delights such as shepherds pie, fish pie, roasted red pepper & onion tart, various salads and followed by a sweet e.g apple crumble, fruit salad. The lunch is superb value for money and is subsidised by the club. Everyone who attends the session raves about the quality of the cooking. The new session could do with some early life support. Come and support the club. We are sure you will enjoy it. You do not have to have the meal if you just want to come to the bridge session.

SATURDAY SESSION

We still play bridge on a Saturday night but this is the only day of the week which is in decline, Please keep Saturday alive. Everybody who attends says it's one of the friendliest sessions at the club. Sometimes when the telly is boring it may be an attractive alternative. Go on, give it a try.

Annual Reminders

1. Once again we must remind and cajole members about those irritating little things that irk directors and other members alike.
2. Please try to arrive for a session at least 10 minutes early. It helps the director if he/she knows how many tables are playing and can organise a sensible movement. Last minute arrivals can mean a whole rearrangement which then means a late start and a late finish. Be considerate.
3. Slow play is not fair to other members and the directors will penalise those who offend. Rudeness to directors will not be tolerated. If you object to a director's ruling, there is an appeal's procedure. Please treat the directors with respect.
4. Please use the plastic cups for water. They are much cheaper than the paper ones which are designed for use with hot drinks.

Club Members enjoying the EBU trip to Turkey. Richmond Club members were amongst the largest group on the trip and they enjoyed some success with Helen Beattie, Wellington Hung, Marietta Andree and Anila Bahal a very creditable third in the green pointed Swiss Teams.



CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Closed 23rd to 1st January except Friday 29th December (open afternoon and evening). Back to normal Tuesday, 2nd January.

Minced pies and mulled wine will be served at every session w/c 18th December.

DIRECTOR TRAINING

The club will be hosting director training session next year. Part 1 begins Saturday January 13th. Part 2 February etc. The club would be happy to pay for anybody who will attend the course provided they are willing to direct for us once a month. Please contact Marietta if you are interested.

Bridge Lessons and Supervised Sessions 2007



John Balson will be running an 8 week course in the New Year on Thursday afternoons (1.45 pm) on **Improving Defence**.

Part 1 of the course starts on 11th January (4 topics) and part 2 starts on 1st March (another 4 topics). The cost is £38.00 for each part, If you enrol for the entire course you get a small discount. John's course on Declarer Play was a great success and we are sure that this new course will be valuable for all those who need to improve their defensive skills (according to our Chairman that includes all of us).

Booking forms will be available at the Club or can be downloaded from our website.

The Supervised Session which has been running on Wednesday evenings will be switched to Thursdays from 4th January to fit in with new sessions coming in from Leisureland. This session will be taken by Simon Whiteside and will be of great value to all those who wish to make the transition from lessons to normal duplicate sessions. The session will run from 7.30pm to 9.45pm and the cost is £5 per session for members and £7 for non-members. There is no need to book in advance – just come along if you feel you still need some supervision.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 2nd, is the 1st round of the championship pairs. This competition will run on the first Tuesday of every month until the 2 session final which will be held on April 3rd & 10th. Please note that you must play with the same partner for this event.

January 8th, 9th & 10th - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – BGB Sims (Green Pointed)

Tuesday January 23rd - National Pairs Qualifier (**Not 23rd February**)

Sunday 11th February - Swiss Pairs

Sunday 18th March - EBU Portland Pairs

LADDER UPDATE

Early season success shows Simon Whiteside leading both Tuesday & Friday Ladders. The Monday ladder leaders are Sally Howland & Pat Scammel. The Afternoon Ladder leader is Bernard Themis and Saturday ladder is being led by Anthony & Melba Moon.

Our condolences to the families of members we have lost in the past year: Eddie Northcote, Lucy Aspinall & Alain Meath-Evans.