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Hi All

First Friday Teams 2nd September (19.00)

External Events:

On the weekend of **3rd and 4th of September** the Derbyshire Green Point Weekend takes place at Spondon. See www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire.

The NCBA 2016-2017 calendar is available on the web site. It's a good list of NCBA events, EBU events and events run by neighbouring counties. We particularly recommend county events as they tend to be good value for money and enjoyable.

Teaching

Bridge 2 is running on Tuesday Evenings, is welcome to take lessons on a one-off basis, especially if they missed them before, or just want a refresher. After Bridge 2 finishes in October, Tuesday Evening Practice will continue until the end of the year.

The normal teaching term will start on 19th September.

We will be offering **Bridge 3 on Monday mornings**, hoping the group that took Bridge 1 and Bridge 2 on Monday mornings will continue.

Tuesday mornings will see a **new Bridge 1 Beginners**, please encourage anyone who might enjoy our game to give it a try. As usual, anyone can try the first session free without obligation.

Thursday mornings will see the return of **Advanced Bridge**, this time it will be themed on **Card Play** - both defence and declarer.

Pairs Ladder

Round 12 will be open for business at the beginning of September. This is a pleasant, calmly paced competition involving six sessions of 16 boards against other pairs in your division. You are welcome to join for a round and try it, dropping out if it doesn't suit you.

Regular Bridge:

SEPTEMBER 2016						
Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3	Sunday 4
BANK HOLIDAY	Tuesday Afternoon Bridge 2 #3 Declarer Play in No Trumps	Wednesday Morning Practice	NCBA Inter Club Home Match	First Friday Teams	Spondon GP Weekend	
5	9	10	11	12	13	14
Monday Afternoon	Tuesday Afternoon	Wednesday				
Monday Evening	Bridge 2 #4 Scoring & Doubling	Morning Practice	Thursday Evening Pairs			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Monday Afternoon	Tuesday	Wednesday				
Monday Evening (Founders)	Afternoon Bridge 2 #5 Fourth Suit Forcing	Morning Practice	Thursday Evening Pairs			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Bridge 3 #1 Counting Losers	Bridge 1 Beginners #1 Intro & Card Play	Wednesday	Advanced Bridge Card Play #1 - To clear Or not to clear			
Monday Afternoon	Tuesday	Morning Practice				
Monday Evening	Afternoon Bridge 2 #6 Take Out Doubles		  Thursday Evening Pairs			
26	27	28	29	30		
Bridge 3 #2 Bidding on Losing Trick Count	Bridge 2 #2 High Card Points and Shape	Wednesday	Advanced Bridge Card Play #2 - Tempo (NT Declarer Play)			
Monday Afternoon	Tuesday	Morning Practice				
Monday Evening (Founders)	Afternoon Bridge 2 7 Weak Unbalanced Hands					

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Our Christmas Swiss Pairs will be on December 10th this year.

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I really hope you enjoy this newsletter, but if you don't want to receive it any more, please just "reply" with "Unsubscribe" in the title.

[Enjoy the bridge](#)

Nicky

Play the Game

EBU Membership

The English Bridge Union ensures that England is represented in international competitions. It runs national competitions in various pairs, teams of four, and teams of eight formats allowing individuals, clubs and counties to compete against each other. It contributes to world laws of bridge, issues very substantial regulations for play in England, runs a shop, and contributes to a charity, EBED, responsible for bridge development.

RVBC is affiliated to the English Bridge Union. All RVBC members are enrolled into the EBU. There is no additional cost for members because the club pays its EBU subscription and the levy of 36p on each player in each session. This levy also applies to visitors to the club, whether or not they are members of the EBU.

Players who do not wish to be known to the EBU are enrolled as "anonymous". This ensures that they will not be contacted by EBU.

The main unique benefits for players who are known EBU members are:

- The Master Point scheme, acknowledging success in play over a lifetime of playing
- The National Grade system, awarding a grade for performance over the most recent 2000 boards, based on a comparison across national data
- Access to EBU and county competitions
- If playing sufficiently frequently, the printed version of English Bridge magazine. (I plan to write about bridge magazines in a future newsletter).

Anonymous players do not have access to the Master Point or National Grade schemes, but their EBU member partners do. The partners of non EBU visitors cannot be awarded master points, or have input to the National Grade Scheme for those sessions.

The EBU web site contains a lot of material open to all. It also contains two member areas (an old version has been in the process of migration to a new version for some time). EBU members can access detailed information on their playing sessions, their master point rank and their national grade.

Sessions	Master Points	Book Events	My Details	My Club Membership
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Total	Local	Blue	Green	Net	Gold
22,933	16,932	461	5,390	150	0.00

Rank: Premier Regional Master

2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009
2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002

2016 Events	Local	Blue	Green	Gold	Online
July 2016 Lutterworth Bridge Club	12				
July 2016 Yorkshire County	72				
July 2016 Warwickshire County	205				
July 2016 Rugby Village Bridge Club	90				
P2P League Credit	162				
June 2016 Oxfordshire County			50		
June 2016 Kingsley Bridge Club	15				
June 2016 Yorkshire County			65		
June 2016 Rugby Village Bridge Club	91				
June 2016 Lutterworth Bridge Club	10				
May 2016 Rugby Village Bridge Club	96				
May 2016 Lutterworth Bridge Club	10				

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National Grading Scheme Information

Boards Grade
2005 **52.00**
Mature

Partnerships

Partner	Boards	Maturity	First	Latest	Grade	Band
DK Anon	99	-	2013-09-20	2014-06-13		
Maivell Kynoch	114	-	2014-05-12	2016-02-29		
Jim Bainbridge	2014	M	2015-09-12	2016-08-27	53.31	10
Smita Basu	767	E	2014-03-10	2016-08-08	46.85	6
Brian Mauby	41	-	2014-09-30	2015-04-28		
Jean Child	14	-	2015-05-11	2015-06-01		
Audrey Upton	80	-	2014-10-07	2016-04-05		
Daphne Rourke	413	E	2013-09-19	2016-08-09	50.17	8
Derek Wright	112	-	2013-08-13	2013-10-22		
Felicity White	120	-	2014-04-10	2016-08-25		

To access the EBU members' area you will need your EBU number. This is given on your RVBC membership document, but we can look it up for you. You also need your email address to be known to the EBU. The club enters the email address for new members these days, but opts out of EBU and third party emails, leaving it up to you what you want to receive. If you joined the club more than a year ago, and were not an EBU member at the time, it is possible that your email address has not been entered in your EBU account details. Please let me know if you would like me to check.

[More "Play the Game"](#)

Many of the articles that have appeared under "Play the Game" in these newsletters are available to Rugby Village Bridge Club Members in the Members' Area of the RBVC web site on a page titled "Playing the Game".

New Quiz Question

You are West and the auction is the following.

N	E	S	W
	1♥	P	?

West (You)

♠ A K 3 2
♥ 10 8 7 6
♦ Q J 8 7
♣ A

What is your response?

Congratulations!!!!

Master Point Promotions

*** Master:**

District Master:

Club Master:

Local Master:

Graham Clarke;

Janet Stuchbury; Roy Blackmore;

Avis Raynor; Jenny Ferguson;

Charles Aitchison



Answer to previous quiz question

You are East and the auction is the following.

N	E	S	W
1NT	P	3NT	P
P	P		

Partner (East) leads the 2♥.

Dummy (South)

♠ Q J 10
♥ K Q J
♦ J 9 6 5
♣ K Q

West (You)

♠ A K
♥ 10 8 7
♦ Q 10 8 7
♣ 5 4 3 2

How many Hearts does North have?

How many HCPs does partner (East) have?

Which card(s) are they?

Answer

The lead of 2♥ suggests fourth highest. There are no cards lower than the two, so partner has four hearts. You have three. Dummy has three. Declarer, North, has three.

You hold the 10♥ and K, Q and J are in dummy. Partner's lead suggests an honour, so it must be the A♥. Looks like partner has A and 2 and two out of 9, 6, 5, 4 and 3.

Dummy, South, has 15HCP, you, West have 9, North has 12, 13, or 14. If partner has the A♥, that's 4. $4+15+9=28$. This only leaves 12HCP for North, so partner has no more.

Dummy wins trick one. With A♠ and K♠, you are likely to get the lead twice. Each time you lead hearts. Your partner ducks the second trick in Hearts in order to take the A♥ and the fourth heart in his hand. That'll be four tricks. Defeating the contract probably comes down to winning a diamond trick. Don't lead them. When they come to you, cover whatever is played in dummy and you may well pick up a diamond trick towards the end of the hand.

Club Competitions

Summer Handicap (Tuesday Afternoons)

Position	Name	Handicap Average	02/8	09/8	16/8	23/8	30/8	Played	Qualify	Actual Average	Current Handicap
1	Daphne Rourke & Janet Stuchbury	52.64						11	10	50.04	2.60
2=	Frank Grace & Isobel Ross	52.00	47.62	48.21	57.14	61.46	53.00	14	10	53.67	-1.67
2=	Glenys Barton & Jan Maxon	52.00				50.00		12	10	52.06	-0.05
4	Robyn Crighton & Roy Blackmore	51.28	54.76	42.86			40.68	11	10	46.76	4.52
5	Caelia Chandler & Pat Exelby	50.73						9	9	56.89	-6.16
6	David North & Marilyn North	50.54	54.76	68.45			61.59	11	10	57.18	-6.63
7	John Crompton & Paula Pugh	49.98	46.73	52.38	47.32			14	10	52.97	-2.99
8	Charles Aitchison & Margaret Aitchison	49.86	65.48	43.75	46.73		51.82	15	10	54.86	-5.00

Founders Championship Pairs After 16 Events

Position	Name	Average	08/08	22/08	Played	Qualify
1	Brian Mawby & David Reed	5.5	5		10	8
2	Malcolm Melrose & Maxwell Kynoch	5	6	3	10	8
3	Geoff Bennett & Helen Foster	4.75			8	8
4=	Dennis Angove & Rosemary Jordan	4.12	0	4	9	8
4=	Edward White & Ishar White	4.12			8	8
6	Christine Greenaway & Jane Reed	3.62	0	7	12	8
7	Peter Iredale & Vera Iredale	3.57		8	7	7
8	Jim Bainbridge & Michael Ward	3.5	0		6	6

Thursday Pairs and Champagne Handicap

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>11/08</i>	<i>18/08</i>	<i>25/08</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Qualify</i>	<i>Current Handicap</i>
1	<i>Rosemary Jordan</i>	55.39	47.08	62.50	62.08	8	8	+0.00
2	<i>Margaret Aitchison</i>	55.34	63.08	65.19	56.17	9	8	+0.00
3	<i>Daphne Rourke</i>	55.21	49.67			7	7	+6.00
4	<i>Dennis Angove</i>	54.75	47.08	62.50	62.08	9	9	+0.00
5	<i>Chris Cooper</i>	54.24		65.19	56.17	7	7	+4.00
6	<i>Don Prowse</i>	52.88	49.67		51.58	7	7	+0.00
7	<i>Zena Hutchinson</i>	51.77	50.90		53.33	6	6	+6.00
8	<i>Christine Greenaway</i>	49.62	54.00	47.06	51.58	8	8	+4.00
9	<i>Jane Reed</i>	48.07	54.00	47.06		8	8	+4.00

