

Stratford-upon-Avon Bridge Club

Newsletter 11 ~ Friday 22nd July 2016

Issued following the last Management Team & Board Meeting



AGM papers to be issued shortly. Tuesday 6th September at 7pm.

☞ Nominations to join the committee: Please consider applying. A healthy club should have more nominations than places available. Also fresh faces will bring new ideas and stop the club becoming stagnated.

☞ AOB: although we are open to any questions at the meeting, if you notify us of your question in advance you are likely to get a more considered, accurate and full answer.

Treasurer Report –Alison Rigg: ☞ The Club accountants have approved and signed off the financial documents ready to be issued with the AGM papers.

Bridge Report –Peter Randall: ☞ Following on from requests for TDs to direct our new Friday morning sessions, we have had a good response so will be starting them in October. Look out for more details soon.

☞ 4 TDs went on EBU director refresher training at the West Midlands Bridge Club in Solihull recently. This covered more complicated rulings and, although quite intense, was very interesting and informative.

☞ Our annual Shakespeare Swiss Teams Event was held on Sunday 17th July and was won by a team from Rugby. Stratford Swifts (Peter Randall, Diana Thorne, Peter Burton & Trish Cooley) came 4th, and Stratford Shufflers (Gordon & Gay Fox, Roger Harris & Alan Patel) came 6th (Full details are on our website). 20 teams of 4 competed from clubs including Rugby, Sutton Coldfield, Evesham, Pershore, Kenilworth, Coventry, Oxford, Solihull and Cheltenham.. Also it is self-financing thanks to considerable hard work put in by a dedicated Stratford team of helpers.

Membership Report –Judith Horton: ☞ No new applications were received this month.

Training Report –Peter Styles: ☞ A new beginners/1st year course is starting on Tuesday 4th October, and the intermediate/2nd year course starts on Monday 3rd October. So if you know of anyone who wants to learn to play or improve their bridge let them know. There is also intermediate plus tutorials starting Thursday 15th September. See the website for the details.

☞ We also have an Andrew Robson Seminar coming up. More details available in due course.

Social Activities –We have booked in our favourite caterer Bev Webb for Friday 2nd December. We plan this to be similar to last year's Christmas event.

☞ The Bournemouth 30th October to 1st November bridge trip is filling up, so if you're interested check out the details on the club notice board.

Property Report –John Caulkin: ☞ After some cost value engineering (sounds better than 'knocking him down a bit') the emergency lighting upgrades have been ordered. The toilet fans are also being serviced.

Chairman's Report –Roger Harris: ☞ The Building Project: We have accepted a quotation and are currently drawing up a formal contract with the builder Stout Construction. The start is anticipated to be at the beginning of September and will last approximately 8 weeks, plus fit-out and sundry internal works.

And finally...

*Did you know: Until your partner makes a call, your last call can be changed without penalty ONLY if it is inadvertent, ie a mechanical error, not a change of mind. As soon as you realise your mistake you can change the call. If the next player has bid, they can change that bid. [Law 25]. If your partner does not have a bid, you can still change it until the opening lead is faced [Law 25A3. The end of the auction period Law 22b].

*Did you know: The stop card should be used for any jump bid, and left on the table for about 10 seconds. The next player should not bid before it is removed, and should pause even if no stop card was played. This gives them time to reflect. A stop card does not constitute a bid, so if it is put down in error, it can be put back, and you are not obliged to do a jump bid. The TD should be called however to advise that there may be 'Unauthorised Information'.

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"Before I begin, I'd just like to make it known that I didn't volunteer to do this presentation."



"PERHAPS WE SHOULD CONSIDER THE CHOICE OF BISCUITS AS AN OPERATIONAL MATTER AND MOVE ON"



"GENTLEMEN - LADIES - I PROPOSE WE TAKE A SHORT BREAK, DURING WHICH WE'LL HOLD OUR MEETING"

WHY NOT JOIN OUR TEAM We don't talk about the price of biscuits any more. And we do have a laugh sometimes.
(any reference to audit committees is in no way meant to disparage their diligence and hard work)

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