

Stratford-upon-Avon Bridge Club

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Issued following the last Management Team & Board Meeting



Apologies for the delay in getting this newsletter issued. The Editor was on holiday [& other things].

Treasurer Report –Alison Rigg: ☞ **VAT.** Alison reports that final confirmation has been received that P2P income does not count towards our VAT threshold.

☞ **VAT.** Alison has also been busy preparing the end of year accounts. The SBC year is September to September and accounts have to be done in advance for checking and putting into the AGM members' packs.

Bridge Report -Peter Randall: ☞ Peter wishes to remind members please not to bend the cards [you know who you are]. It costs over £500 to replace them and they will last longer if treated kindly. Even slightly bent or damaged cards will not go through the card-dealing machine.

☞ We hope that the proposed Friday morning duplicate bridge session will proceed, if we find more TDs. We are currently still short of the preferred TD numbers, as recently a few have stepped down for varying reasons.

Membership Report –Judith Horton:

☞ Judith has also been busy compiling the agenda for this September's AGM. Yes the Board have to start the process this far ahead, as there are documents and procedures to follow.



Training Report -Peter Styles: ☞ Peter reported that in April there were 157 attendees to Monday's sessions [70 in 2015], and 91 attendees to Wednesday's sessions [157 in 2015].

Congratulations to Diana Meere & Roger Baty on winning the Warwickshire Fledgling Pairs. This is the 3rd year in a row that Stratford has won this event, following on from Jackie & Mark Nixon, and Sue & Paul Debling.

Social Activities –Our recent social event "Comedy of Errors" organised by Gay Fox and ably supported by Gordon Fox and a team of helpers, was a great success. There was a £135 surplus due to prudent purchasing and Gay Fox has suggested that it is donated to a Breast Cancer charity, which was supported by the SBC Team.

Property Report -John Caulkin: ☞ There have been various electrical and fire equipment works and testing carried out recently. Also a new vacuum cleaner and a new hand drier have been purchased.

Chairman's Report –Roger Harris:

	☞ Proposed Building Project: The voting returns have been counted. FOR - 80 AGAINST - 14 ABSTAIN - 1 So it is confirmed that the works will proceed
	☞ Proposed Building Project: The building tenders are still coming in, but of those received the costs are 4% under our budgets. A full cost analysis will be presented to the next Board meeting for approval. The work can be done without too much disturbance as access can be from Cherry Street and the rear of the building.

☞ The Board discussed next year's charities at the meeting. Some are chosen by EBU, ECats and Warwickshire CBA such as *Shakespeare Hospice, *Kidney Research, *Warwickshire Air Ambulance, *Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research and *Children in Need. A full list has yet to be approved by the Board.

And finally...

Dummy apologizing for getting the partnership too high says: "I was hoping you had a second suit."

Partner says: "I didn't even have a first suit".

Second Opinion

John: "My doctor says I shouldn't play Bridge."

Partner: "Oh? So he has partnered you too, has he?"

Some transcripts from Court proceedings:

[1] 'What is your date of birth?'

July 15th

What year?

Every year.

[2] 'What gear were you in at the moment of the crash?'

"Tracksuit bottoms and trainers."

[3] 'what is your marital status?' "Fair."

[4] 'What was the first thing your husband said when he woke up?'

He said: 'Where am I Cathy?'

And why did that upset you?

My name is Susan.

[5] 'Are you sexually active?'

"No, I just lie there."

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