



Stratford-upon-Avon Bridge Club

Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2015

 Issued following Tuesday's Management Team & Board Meeting:

Treasurer's Report - Alison Rigg:

££\$ Alison does a monthly report and Directors have to approve expenditure over £500.

Secretary's Report -Phillip Bell: Phillip has taken over from the excellent work that Tony Wild has done and his first full meeting in the role went well.

Bridge Report -Peter Randall:



☉ Diana Thorne (playing with Rosa Richardson of Great Yarmouth) won the Guernsey Ladies Pairs Championship at the Guernsey Congress.

☉ Brian Lawless and Dominic Connolly won the inter-Midland-county Edgar Foster cup: they were the winning pair, representing Warwickshire. Warwickshire came second in the combined teams ranking.

Training Report -Peter Styles:

☉ The start of the new teaching year is nearly upon us. This year we have three classes starting the week of the 12th October, one beginner's class on the evening of the 12th and two intermediates classes, 13th and 15th during the morning.

☉ As you will have seen from the web site, Abbey Smith will be joining us for the day on Friday 30th October, for what promises to be a great day. Sign up on the form near the kitchen, cost £14 to include lunch, coffees.

☉ Following on from Brian Lawless's seminar, the October session is full and the January one is nearly full too. Please contact Brian if you are interested in attending this.

☉ We still intend to start mini-bridge sessions at a local school, but so far have not been able to agree a date with Stratford school.

Social Report -Mary Lee: Now that winter is coming [what happened to summer!] a reminder that it would be appreciated if you could keep any coughs and colds at home. Thank you.

?? Please support our Quiz Night on Saturday 10th October. All invited. Sign the list at the Club.

Property Report -John Caulkin: ⚙ The chairlift fault has been reported. We are waiting for the Engineer to give us a date when they can attend. They have to prioritise urgent cases first.

Deputy Chairman -Peter Hayes: The first 'mentoring' pairs occurred on Friday evening. This was done to encourage improvers to other sessions. We look forward to the feedback.

Membership Report -Judith Horton:

☞ Following the sad news about Barry Packwood his funeral is on 9th October at noon, Oakley Wood Crematorium, followed by a gathering at the Stratford Golf Club.

☞ As a result of request for members to learn how to score the first training session was held on Friday. There is always a place for anyone else who would like to volunteer so please get in touch.

☞ We will soon be asking for help at sessions with the beverages etc. Further details will follow.

☞ If you know of anyone who is ill, had an accident or operation, and would like to be contacted by the bridge club, please let me know.

Chairman's Report -Roger Harris:

- Proposed Building Improvement Project: It was decided that costings would be prepared by a professional buildings cost surveyor for all the individual sections. This would allow for the possibility of approving parts of the scheme.

Note that no actual works will be decided upon without consultation with the membership.

- A reminder that if any member wishes to raise any matter please contact any Team Leader or email the bridge club. Also they can write their comments in the book in reception [this takes longer to respond to]. If they are not content with the response they get they are welcome to contact the Roger Harris on 07860639391 or chairman@stratforduponavonbridgeclub.org.uk

- **EBU News:** This week the High Court is reviewing Sport England's decision that bridge is not a sport. The EBU have been fighting this to raise the profile of bridge to gain more funding, recognition, respect and access to school curriculums. Maybe Stratford Bridge Club could help the cause by installing rowing, running and bicycle machines, and even weights. A session before your game will improve your concentration greatly, and will also unbalance your opponents as you sit there a sweating heap of steam.

And finally...

Thought for the Day: *"why do they call them ex-fiancées but not near-mrs?"*

Bad Joke of the Day: *"A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of maths disruption."*