

Stratford-upon-Avon Bridge Club

Newsletter 4 ~ Friday 20th November 2015

 Issued following Tuesday's Management Team & Board Meeting:



NEWS: Your committee has issued a new 'comms' policy. Basically it says how the MT communicate with the membership. It's too long to print here so please refer to the full document on our website in the members' area.



Secretary's Report -Phillip Bell: ☉ The club insurances are being reassessed and renewed this month.



Bridge Report -Peter Randall: A TD meeting was held on 31/10/15 to discuss the lack of TD numbers [we have about 10, 20 is the preferred number] and how to resolve it. There were 10 attendees. Peter will issue a report in due course, but we are seeking to split the workload to encourage more TDs to come forward.



Training Report -Peter Styles: ☞ Although we can't say that we helped a great deal, just a bit, but Megan Jones has been selected to play for England in the Channel Trophy in Utrecht, Holland, 18-20 December 2015. She is a member, and sometimes plays at the club with her mother Sarah Jones.

☞ The Abbey Smith seminar, on Friday 30th October was a great success. The MT wish to **thank Peter Styles for organising it, also Sandy & Tony Hudson, and Brian Lawless for all their help on the day.**

Abbey also kindly sent us an e-mail congratulating the club on our facilities and the work being done in teaching.



Social Report -Mary Lee: Our next event, the **Christmas Do** on December 4th 2015 has **81** names! Please remember payment is required to guarantee your place, and advise Mary ASAP if you have to withdraw.



Help is needed to put up Xmas decorations - **10am Monday 30th November.** Contact Mary Lee.



Property Report -John Caulkin: ☞ The chairlift batteries have been replaced [again] due to someone switching it off. We have put more signs next to the switches. ☞ We now have recycling bins so please use them. ☞ A full electrical systems check has been booked for 18th December.



Deputy Chairman-Peter Hayes: The mentoring programme continues: 2 new pairs will start this month.



Membership Report -Judith Horton: The current numbers are slightly down at around 360. Judith has enlisted some scorers to help TDs and is now seeking housekeeping volunteers for some sessions.



Chairman's Report -Roger Harris:

☞ Proposed Building Project: It was decided at the MT meeting to go ahead with the Office & Store Works, and defer the Reception Area works [this part may be re-visited at a future date]. Members will be asked to approve the Board's decision, as noted at the AGM, by way of email [or if preferred at the club]. Details will be displayed at the Club.



One response for bridge-players collective nouns from Gay Fox: "*a masochism of bridge players.*"



And finally...

It was in the news recently that Marks & Spencer had risked the wrath of their male clients by shortening the zip of their chinos by an inch. Embarrassed customers reported "logistical" difficulties going to the WC after buying the £30 trousers at several stores. M&S admitted that a small batch were affected and promised to look into it.

It reminds me of when I am declarer and have logistical difficulties [playing, not the other thing]. It's not that I get into the wrong hand. More that I have the wrong hand.



This is our 4th edition and any feedback would be appreciated. We have now put the link back onto the home page, and old issues as well.

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