

Stratford-upon-Avon Bridge Club

Newsletter 7 ~ Friday 25th March 2016

Issued following Monday's Management Team & Board Meeting



ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS: Last month we announced that the Management Team was seeking about 10 new helpers to assist with various bridge club tasks. Due to a certain icy silence on the matter we will now be pleading by various means and will issue a list of all the tasks required to run a successful bridge club. Remember this is **your** club.

Treasurer Report –Alison Rigg: Alison submitted her financial report and all expenditure items over £500 was checked and approved by the Board.

Secretary Report –Phillip Bell: Phillip could not make the meeting but in his report he said that he would be standing down from the post in June.

Bridge Report –Peter Randall: The Monday evening play and discuss sessions are continuing. Dominic has offered to do another 4 part 'Masterclass'. Look out for further announcements and please support these informative and enjoyable sessions.

Following members' feedback a Friday morning session seems the most popular. We will need extra TDs to run additional sessions. We plan to start a Friday AM session [10-1pm] in July or earlier if TDs can be arranged.

Training Report –Peter Styles: We are now back up to 14 students for the Monday evening sessions.

Anne Bryant has decided to retire from teaching. She started teaching at Stratford along with Sue Ryles 10 years ago because the club was losing members. Sue says that for the first course they needed a class of 10 and only had 9, so one of the student's husband offered to make the 10th, as long as he didn't have to come along to the lessons! So commencing what turned out to be a very successful venture, bringing in many new members.

Robbie Kingston is also retiring but has offered to help with the supervised play sessions.

Social Activities –Gay Fox has kindly agreed to organise a Queen's Birthday/Shakespeare Celebration lunch & bridge Event on 22nd April called "Comedy of Errors". The notice has gone up and Gay will need support setting up and clearing away. Without this support we cannot carry out these events so [especially newer members] please contact Gay if you can help [more hands make light work.]

Property Report –John Caulkin: Certain necessary electrical works will require a full day's work. When JC has agreed a suitable day [probably Friday 8th April] you will be notified.



Chairman's Report –Roger Harris:

Proposed Building Project: The MT have decided to go for a full membership vote on the proposed building works, due to the possible large expenditure of £30- £40,000. The proposal has already been scaled back following member consultations. Further details of the vote to follow soon. [The picture is Bauhaus by the way, but our new store is more likely to be 'Local Authority Modern Movement' style. That's a square box to you and me.]

And finally... the mathematician Professor Sir Christopher Zeeman died on Feb 13th. He raised the profile of the 'catastrophe theory'. He established a mathematics institute at the Warwick University at its inception in 1965. He explained his 'knot theory' as: 'any knot unwinds itself as soon as it is transferred into a sufficiently high dimension'. This shed light on the behaviour of strands of DNA. What has this got to do with bridge I hear you ask? I don't know, I haven't reached a high enough dimension to unravel that yet.



"I can remember the sixties,
But I'm not sure I was really there."

Have you ever wondered what the solution was?
According to science, beer is a solution. Mine's a pint. Cheers.



Ollie: Do you want to play Lavinthal, McKinney, Odd-Even or natural discards?
Stan: Can't we play them all? **Ollie:** Doh!

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