



Wimbledon Bridge Club Newsletter Winter 06/07

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BRIDGEMATES HAVE ARRIVED AT WBC.

Special points of interest:

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In line with other local leading clubs, we have recently invested in Bridgemates.

As you are probably aware this is a highly successful method of scoring duplicate sessions, with the results available seconds after the final board is played. The scrolling results on the screen attracts quite a lot of attention throughout the session, as people look to see where they are standing after each board.

It seems to add an air of excitement to the room, and more friendly chit chat between the members.

As the club gets more used to the system, there will be no need for scorers, and there will be a lot less work for everyone involved.

There have been a few teething problems, none I would hasten to add, due to the Bridgemates themselves, but thankfully all we have been able to solve.

It would be much appreciated if any computer literate members, could volunteer to be trained in how to set up the Bridgemates. There is nothing difficult about this procedure once you have been trained. Edmund is now

running training sessions, limited to one or two people per session. Please contact the club to arrange a time convenient to yourselves.

It is hoped that we can begin to use the Bridgemates at every session, as soon as we have enough people trained to help the directors.

We would much appreciate your help in this matter. Please let us know if you could offer us any help.

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By Tom Kearns.

CHRISTMAS PARTY WEDNESDAY 13TH DEC 7.30PM

Come along and join in the fun. Enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles whilst the annual prize giving takes place.

Join us in a festive sandwich, with wine, savoury snacks and delicious warm mince pies.

There will be Chicago style bridge for those who would like to play, with a spectacular prize for the 1st pair to bid and make a

GRAND SLAM, as well as a hidden prize for those who are not such lucky card holders.

Please support your club, and come along and enjoy a fun evening.

It would be appreciated if you could put your names on the sign up list as soon as possible, to help us with the catering. If you are vegetarian or have any other special

dietary requirements could you please state so on the sign up list.

No need to have a partner just come along.

By Pat Gowers.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE, THE STAFF AND ALL THEIR HELPERS, I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY 2007.

CHARITY PAIRS 2006

This year our annual fund raiser was held on Sunday 12th November.

34 pairs competed for first prize, which was actually one by our Chairman, Tom Kearns and Mark Kinloch.

The event was highly successful again this year, and we raised £3940.00 , £180.00 up on last year's record total. This will be divided between St Raphael's Hospice and The Wimbledon Guild.

I would like to thank, on behalf of all the members, all those local businesses that generously donated so many wonderful raffle prizes and items for us to auction.

- Andrew Robson for a course of 6 bridge lessons.
- M A Photography for their family photo session.
- San Lorenzo Restaurant for their dinner for 2
- Bayee Village for their dinner for 2.
- Delichez Restaurant / Café for their dinner for 2.
- Lydons for their lunch for 2
- Cannizaro House for their Afternoon Tea for 2.
- Elys of Wimbledon for their £50.00 voucher
- Tudor Williams of New Malden for their £20.00 voucher.
- Waitrose New Malden for their £10.00 voucher, bottle of champagne and box

of chocolates.

- Holmes Place, Kingston for their two 7 day passes.
- The Entertainer, Kingston , for the Thomas the Tank Engine train set.
- Dulwich and Sydenham Hill Golf Club, for their round of golf for 2.
- Fianders, New Malden, for their contribution to the cakes.
- Sainsburys Wimbledon and Asda Norbiton for their wine, sweets and biscuits.
- Eleni and Claire's Florists, and The Fountain Flowers New Malden for their beautiful tied bunches.
- Suttles New Malden for their Writing Set.
- Tony, the fruit and veg stall holder in Kingston Market for his lovely fruit baskets.
- Garlicks Carpets , New Malden for their 2 Winnie the Pooh rugs.
- L A Hairdressing, The Ridgeway, and Headmasters Hair Salons for their vouchers.
- Mint Sauce Gifts, Wimbledon
- Zucchini Boutique, Kingston, for their two novelty lamps.
- Fake It, New Malden for their manicure voucher.

Thanks to everyone who helped me to get these donations. It is not an easy task, involving a lot of time and effort. However, it was definitely all worthwhile, when you consider how much we raised.

My thanks go to Miranda, Silvana and Tom who helped so much in the organization, to Naomi for getting us so many items for the auction, as well as to Pat, Diana, Joy, Ruby, Peggy and Will, who helped us on the day . To Detta and Peter for directing and to Maurice, my husband, for setting up the Bridge-mates. Thanks also to Ellen for giving up her Sunday to work in the kitchen, and to my daughter Claire who gave up her days off for weeks before hand and on the day to help me out.

Also my thanks to everyone who made sandwiches and brought in cakes, donated gifts to our stalls and brought in prizes for the raffle and put up with me nagging you to buy raffle tickets at every session.. It was worth it though, because the raffle alone brought in £1200.00.

Don't forget to check your tickets against the numbers on the board, and claim your raffle prizes.

Finally an apology to anyone I haven't thanked personally, and a big thank you to all of you who played on the day and made the afternoon so successful and enjoyable.

ANDREW ROBSON SEMINAR

Firstly a big thank you to Miranda Fellows for organizing this hugely successful event, and for writing us such a great account of the day.

Miranda writes:

At approximately 1.30pm on Friday 27th October a certain, tall bridge player visited our club. He'd pedaled on his bike from Fulham, with his small knapsack on his back.

Our members had gathered in anticipation. 72 strong!

His reputation had preceded him.

Andrew Robson had arrived to give a seminar on Duplicate Tactics in Play and Defence.

He immediately captivated us with his wisdom and delightful personality. He strode up and down the room, stopping to talk and help people and charming the ladies with his good looks, meanwhile dispensing his infinite knowledge.

He brought with him his 'magic' pack of cards. One for each table, with arrows on the back, that when dealt accordingly, produced 10 fascinating hands.

This was no easy seminar, we had to think hard and stretch our minds.

What is it that makes us mere mortals so different from one of the 'greats' of Bridge?

We thank you Andrew for your brilliant seminar. Please pedal back soon.

East West bid to 4♥, East having opened the bidding with 1♥. You sacrifice in 4♠ which is doubled. W leads the K♥ and you win with your Ace. You cash the A♠ and all follow small. You now lead a small spade towards dummy and West follows small. Now do you finesse the J or play for the drop?

A hand from Andrew Robson's seminar on duplicate tactics.

	♠ KJxxx	
	♥ xxx	
	♦ xxx	
	♣ xxx	
	♠ A8xxx	
	♥ Axx	
	♦ Axx	
Lead	♣ xx	
K♥		

ANSWER.

You can see straight away that if E has 2 spades then E / W cannot make 4♥. You have made a phantom sacrifice and that means no MPs for you. So you have to assume that they can make 4♥ to retrieve the situation, so you put East with a singleton spade and finesse your Jack. If it is wrong you are no worse off, still no match points won but if you are right you gain most of the match points.

By Miranda Fellows.

FUTURE SEMINARS

Ian Fogg has agreed to do a seminar for us in the New Year. A date and subject will be announced nearer the time. We are hoping that Andrew Robson will return to do another seminar later next year.

IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE

We are hoping to arrange some inter club team events in the New Year.

Watch this space for more information.

If you already have a team, why not come and practice on the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the regular Wednesday evening teams session.

If you want to form a team, put your names on the list on the notice board and we will see what we can do.

If you have any ideas yourself for new events or new ideas for anything to do with the club please let the committee know.

If you would like the club to enter any specific competitions ie 'The Lederer' then please could you write to the committee as soon after the AGM as possible, so that the new Bridge and Ethics committee can try to fit it into the calendar

Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome.

TEACHING AT WBC

We are very lucky to have two very experienced teachers, teaching bridge to a variety of levels.

Gwyneth Sather is an excellent EBU qualified teacher, with a wealth of experience.

Giorgio Provenza is an equally experienced teacher from Italy.

Classes for Beginners run:

Wednesday 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Friday 10am — Noon

Classes for Year 2 / Improvers run:

Thursdays 7.30pm—9.30pm
Saturday 10.am - Noon

Classes restart mid - January.

However Gwyneth and Giorgio are running crash courses for people who have never played before, over the holiday period, to enable them to join in classes in January

If you would like further information please call 02089470147 or email wimbledonbridge@btconnect.com

SUPERVISED PLAY

PRACTISE YOUR BIDDING AT THE MONDAY MORNING RUBBER BRIDGE SESSION.

Pat Gowers runs an extremely successful rubber bridge session on a Monday morning. With the help of Naomi De Smitt and sometimes our resident teacher Gwyneth Sather, she is there to help with any bidding problems and to give advice on how to play. There are sometimes handouts with useful tips about a

particular aspect of the game.

A fun, informative, very relaxed morning. [Please come along](#)

THURSDAY MORNING DUPLICATE SESSION

You can practice your duplicate play on Thursday mornings from 10am with Detta Bentley and her helpers Ida Brindley and Biddy Leslie. This is a session for those who can play bridge,

however simply, and would like to introduce themselves to duplicate bridge. Any Monday morning rubber bridge players are more than welcome. It is a fun, relaxed morning.

Detta, Ida and Biddy are experienced players and great people to learn from.

MEMBERSHIP

SUBS FOR 2007

All membership subscriptions, for both full and day members will be £18.00 This will simplify our administration and allow anyone to play at anytime. [Student and overseas members remain at the discounted rates] Our table money remains the same. £3.00 per person. Or £3.50 at the Ploughman's session.

NEW MEMBERS

There have been 51 new members since our last newsletter. It is always great to see new members coming into the club. Due to illness our membership secretary has been absent for the last few months. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. There are too many new members to mention by name, but a huge WBC

welcome to you all.

Two of our new members, Anthony Dollard and Steven Bird won the Summer Evening Pairs Competition. It is great to see some new faces winning the competitions. Well done to you both.