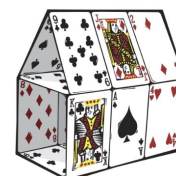




27TH WORCESTERSHIRE KNOCK-OUT RUBBER BRIDGE TOURNAMENT



This tournament is sponsored by the Worcestershire Contract Bridge Association (WCBA) to encourage all standards of bridge players to enjoy a friendly rubber bridge competition in their own homes and to meet fellow like-minded people for a sociable evening's bridge. It is open to anyone living in Worcestershire and nearby surrounding areas within reasonable distance.

The WCBA has been alert for some time to the substantial long term benefits of obtaining its own premises to promote and play bridge within the county. It has been proven that a dedicated centre improves both the profile of bridge within a county and encourages more people to learn and play. It allows all day availability, stability and continuity thus enabling the county to provide teaching and learning facilities whilst meeting the playing requirements for bridge players of all standards and age. By increasing the awareness of bridge within the County, we believe that we can further invigorate the bridge scene in the County. A focused centre can create a pathway of development from beginner to county standard with everyone being able to find their own niche.

After years of searching, the WCBA is cautiously optimistic that they have located a suitable site for this centre and discussions are ongoing. The whole project will need to be self-funded and hence my wish this year to support this initiative which should benefit all Worcestershire bridge players. However, the donations to this tournament will be ring fenced in the event this current project is delayed in which case the proceeds will be donated to another worthy cause.

As before we would ask for a suggested donation of **£15 per pair of players** but don't let that restrict you!

Each match will consist of 24 hands of rubber bridge played at the 'home' team's venue. The first round will be played as a 'round robin' format so that each pair will play at least two matches, possibly three, depending on entrant numbers (please express a preference for a 3 / 4 team 'round robin'). After that the winners of each group section will enter a knock-out phase. The round robin section will be zoned to minimise travelling.

The tournament will start in October 2016 and the final will be played in May 2017. There will be a month between fixtures and it is hoped both parties will be flexible on arrangements should any difficulties arise.

In line with the spirit of the competition, it is hoped that players will adopt systems appropriate to the ability and comfort of their opponents throughout the tournament.

Application Form 2016/17

LEAD PLAYER CONTACT DETAILS	
Player 1 Name:	
Address:	
E-mail address	Phone:
Player 2 Name:	

DETAILS OF DONATION	
I enclose a donation of:	£ (Please make cheques payable to: WCBA)

Please complete and return the form
and address any questions to:

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Closing date : Friday 23rd September 2016