

CARGEN BRIDGE CLUB CONSTITUTION

1 OBJECT AND AIM

The object and aim of the Club shall be:

1. to provide facilities for the study and discussion of Bridge
2. to promote a higher standard of play in the game
3. to promote an interest in the game in a friendly social context

2 MEMBERSHIP

An applicant who satisfies the Sub-Committee (Sub-Committee comprising the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) that he/she has attained a reasonable standard of play shall be eligible for membership of the Club. A Member may be either a) an Honorary Member b) an Ordinary Member or c) a Junior Member.

An Honorary Member shall only be elected on the recommendation of the Committee and approved at a meeting of the Club. An Ordinary Member shall be 21 years of age or over. A Junior Member shall be under 21 years of age.

Honorary Members and Junior Members shall not be eligible for appointment as Office Bearers and shall have no vote.

Applications for Ordinary and Junior Membership shall be made to the Secretary who shall submit the name and address to the Sub-Committee for consideration. The maximum total number of Ordinary and Junior Members shall not exceed 60 and approved applications beyond this number shall be placed on a waiting list.

As a vacancy occurs, the Secretary shall notify the first person on the waiting list that he/she may now become a Member. The Subscription due will be pro-rata to the part of the year remaining, subject to a minimum for a part year being £1.

3 SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription for Ordinary and Junior Members shall be determined by the Committee. The annual subscription may be varied at any Annual General Meeting on due notice of intention to do so. The Annual subscription shall become due and payable at the first meeting after the Annual General Meeting with all subscriptions to be paid by the end of October. Any Member who allows payment of the subscription to be in arrears for more than one month may forfeit his/her Membership.

4 VISITORS

Visitors shall only be allowed up to five times per session and they shall be charged as determined by the Committee.

5 OFFICE BEARERS

The Office Bearers of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall constitute the Committee. The Office Bearers comprise:

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

1 Committee Member

Retiring Chairman

6 Tournament Directors

They shall each retire annually and, with the exception of the Chairman, shall be eligible for re-election. The Office of Chairman shall not be held continuously for more than one year. The retiring Chairman shall remain on the Committee for one year and may be eligible for re-election to any office other than Chairman. The retiring Chairman shall be eligible for re-election as Chairman three years after leaving office as Chairman.

The business of the Club shall be managed by the Office Bearers.

6 FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club and make all the necessary arrangements, including dealing with complaints about member conduct, and shall be empowered to impose sanctions such as suspension and revocation of membership. The Committee shall authorise and determine the conditions of admission of non-members to any meetings of the Club. The Committee shall make any rules which shall be ratified at any meeting of the Club by a majority of those present and voting. The Committee shall meet as necessary and at any time on request of an Office Bearer. At all such Committee meetings, five shall be the quorum.

7 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the last Monday in September.

8 THE BRIDGE SESSION

The session shall be deemed to be from the first Monday in September through

until the end of April the following year.

9 DISSOLUTION OF THE CARGEN BRIDGE CLUB

Upon dissolution of the Club, any monies in the Club's account shall be disbursed to charitable organisations. The Committee, taking into account Members' wishes, shall be responsible for the selection of the charitable organisations.

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