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Dear Member

Cargen Bridge Club

The first meeting of the new session takes place in Georgetown Community Centre on **Monday 4th September at 7.00pm.**

New Club Members

Our membership currently stands at 56 and we would welcome some new members. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please ask them to contact me.

Committee - New Members

We are actively seeking new Committee Members to help with the running of the Club. This is not a particularly arduous task but your help would be more than welcome. If you would be willing to assist please contact me before the Annual General Meeting.

Tournament Directors

Margaret Barber has moved and will no longer continue as a club member. We wish her all the best and would like to record our gratitude for her contributions to the club. Sandra Schneider has kindly agreed to takeover as a tournament director.

Housekeeping

- ❖ The door will be open from 6.30pm, so please arrive no later than 6.50pm.
- ❖ Your help to set up and put away tables (if you are able) is appreciated.
- ❖ Table money is £2 for members and £3 for visitors. It is very helpful if you have the correct money and larger denomination coins are preferred as this greatly reduces banking time.
- ❖ Subscriptions are due between **2nd October 2017 and Monday 30th October 2017.** Envelopes will be provided for you to complete and deposit your subscription.
- ❖ The AGM will be held on **25th September 2017 at 7pm**, with play following thereafter.
- ❖ If you do not intend to play at Cargen during 2017-2018, please let me know as soon as possible. This will allow us to enrol new members.

Annual Party

Our annual party was at the beginning of February 2017 in the Woodlands Hotel. Feedback from attendees was very positive so we anticipate using the same venue and format next year. The party will take place on **Monday 5th February 2018**. We would anticipate a similar level of subsidy for attendees.

Bridge Play

1. Members are welcome to play any recognised opening system eg *Basic Acol of 12 points, weak twos etc etc*
2. Partnerships should exchange information about their bidding system prior to play eg better minor, points for No Trump etc
3. Cards may be re-dealt if bidding is only at the one suit level (relates to the first round only and is optional)
4. You may ask the bidder's partner questions about his/her bidding at your turn to bid. If partner has asked for an explanation you should not ask any supplementary questions until it is your turn to bid or play
5. Bidding cards should remain on the table until the lead has been made.
6. All boards should stay in the centre of the table for bidding and remain on table during play
7. Please keep post-mortems to a minimum so that time can be available to welcome new opponents and explain your system.
8. Penalty Limitation - There is an on-going discussion with Tournament Directors and the Club Committee at the moment regarding the application of penalty limitations. We will provide details in due course.
9. Please remember to be courteous to your partner and opponents.

Website and Email

Cargen Bridge Club has its own website at www.cargenbridge.blogspot.co.uk/. Latest results, handicaps, notifications and events calendar etc are all available here. You do not need to visit the website regularly to have the latest information. Simply enter your email address into the website and you will receive automatic notifications when the website is updated.

It would also be helpful if you could provide me with your email address as this reduces administration time and costs. Why not send an email to cargen.bridge@gmail.com and I will add you to our mailing list. This will reduce our printing and postage costs. We will not share your email address with anyone outwith the bridge club.

Looking forward to meeting you all again.



Robert Dempster (Secretary)