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Dear Member

Cargen Bridge Club

The first meeting of the new season takes place in Georgetown Community Centre on **Monday 3rd September at 7.00pm**. It would be helpful if members could arrive by 6.50pm to allow for a prompt start.

Boards Played

On 11 out of the 32 occasions last year, we played 20 or less boards because of limitations in the basic Mitchell Share / Relay table movement that we use. Tournament Directors are considering a minor modification to this, to allow us to play around 24 boards more often.

New Club Members

Our membership currently stands at 57 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. The majority of the work is carried out by the Treasurer and Secretary. Grace and I are happy to continue unless there are members who would be willing to fulfil these roles.

However, Cargen Bridge Club also requires a Vice Chairperson and additional Committee Members. The tasks associated with these roles are neither arduous nor time-consuming but greatly help in ensuring that the club runs efficiently for the benefit of all its members. In particular, Committee Members assist with preparations for our annual party, occasional collection of table money and setting up / tidying away equipment each evening.

There is one Committee Meeting per year that lasts less than one hour.

If you would be willing to help please contact me before the Annual General Meeting.

Privacy Policy - General Data Protection Regulation

We are legally required to gain your consent for how we store and use your personal details. This information allows us to run the club efficiently and we do not share this with anyone outside the club.

We will be distributing paperwork and consent forms in early September.

Annual Party

Our annual party was at the beginning of February 2018 in the Woodlands Hotel. Feedback from attendees was very positive so we anticipate using the same venue and format next year. The party is likely to be held on **Monday 4th February 2019**.

Housekeeping

- ❖ The door will be open from 6.30pm, so please arrive no later than 6.50pm.
- ❖ While the tables are set up and put away for us, there is still some tidying up required. It would be helpful if those who are not involved in calculating final scores could return boards, bidding boxes and table numbers to the boxes at the front.
- ❖ 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 **1st October 2018 and Monday 29th October 2018**. Envelopes will be provided for you to complete and deposit your subscription.
- ❖ The AGM will be held on **24th September 2018 at 6.50pm**, with play following thereafter.
- ❖ If you do not intend to play at Cargen during 2018-2019, please let me know as soon as possible. This will allow us to enrol new members.

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. Please remember to be courteous to your partner and opponents.

Website and Email

Cargen Bridge Club has its own website at <http://bridgewebs.com/cargen/>. Latest results, handicaps, notifications and events calendar etc are all available here. I can be contacted by email using cargen.bridge@gmail.com or by telephoning 01387 279130.

Looking forward to meeting you all again.



Robert Dempster (Secretary)