

November 2017

Newsletter



Wherever you are and whatever you are doing this Christmas, I wish you a very enjoyable time with peace, good health and happiness in 2018.

A.G.M 29th November 2017 6.45pm

Please do try and make every effort to attend the AGM (note start time to allow for a full session of bridge!) as it is when we congratulate our 2017 prize winners – see below. I will also be announcing two important, and exciting, pieces of news re the Club! It is also an opportunity for members to thank the Committee, past and present – the Club would not run without them! Going forward our committee will be:-

Alan – Chair
Sally – Vice Chair & Social Events
Roger – Treasurer & Opening Up roster
Jackie – Secretary & Inventory
Jan – Host roster
Liz – Bridge Events
Gill Mitchell
Howard Parsons

Can I also thank all those who help put out equipment or put it away!

We congratulate our final prize winners for 2017:

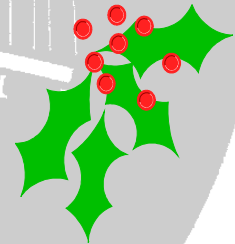
Pairs Challenge: Roger & John

Individual Challenge: Lyndsey +

Slammer of Year: Jim

Championship Pair: Janet & Jim

+ under the rules the Individual Challenge cannot be won in the same year by any winner of the Pairs Challenge and as Howard & Lyndsey tie for the Individual then a cut of cards decided!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS – mark your diary now!!

29 November 6.45pm - AGM
1 December – Social evening & evening meal
13 December 6.45pm - Christmas Party (details to follow shortly)
14 February – Michael Farey Handicap
7 March – Swiss Pairs

The Club will be CLOSED on 27th December 2017

CONTACT LIST

The contact list of members is on the web site 'member only' area. If you are still uncertain how to access this please email me. The list is only as good as the data I have! If you change your EMAIL address or PHONE NUMBER then please tell me!!

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♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ Thank you for your support ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

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INTERESTING HAND

	♠ 6						
Dlr: West	♥ 10 4 3						
Vul: E/W	♦ K Q 6 3 2						
	♣ A Q J 4						
♠ A 9 7 3	W	North	E	a	s	t	♠ K 10 8 5 4
♥ J 8 7 5 2	e	20	s	t	t	t	♥ A K Q 9
♦ J 9 8	s		t	t	t	t	♦ A 10 5
♣ 3	t	South	t	t	t	t	♣ 8
12	♠ Q J 2						♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ N
6	♥ 6						N 4 1 - -
16	♦ 7 4						S 4 1 - -
6	♣ K 10 9 7 6 5 2						E - - 4 4 -

After N opens 1♦ what should E do? 1NT by E might be a bit risky given the club position though here it's safe as without intervention W will either transfer or bid stayman and EW will find majors. E might X for takeout or simply overcall 1♠ both of which are poor options. Probably best is to bid a system bid such as Michaels or one of the many Ghestem variations that show both majors. E is not 5/5 but its an excellent 4 card heart suit and life is rarely perfect. Whatever - South now should enter the auction with his 7 carder and from here on in the bidding will get hotter and NS can frustrate EW's game with an eventual sacrificial 5♣. The hand was taken from a Wednesday evening at PDBC where we are spoilt for choice of interesting deals!!

Three NS pairs were in 5♣X-1 ; 1 NS pair were in 4♣X = ; 1 EW pair in 5♠X-1; 1 EW pair in 4♠= ; 1 EW pair in 3♠+1 ; 1 EW pair in 5♥-1.

2018 CALENDAR

This is on the web site. It contains a lot of information and you can see in advance when you are required to HOST; OPEN UP; DIRECT etc. If you need to make a change then please arrange a swop with someone and – only then – tell Jan or Roger to update web site (for host and opening up changes, respectively) or me (any other changes)

EQUIPMENT / PENCILS / STATIONERY – end of evening . . .

At the end of the evening can all members please put their equipment and stationery away in the correct places – PLEASE! Every week some members leave pencils; unused or discarded score cards ; even sometimes bidding boxes (!!) on the computer table and either I or Liz has to put them away. **This is simply unfair.** Pencils go in the pencil box; rubbish in the kitchen waste pedal bin; unused score cards in the cupboard and the boards in the metal case – they do not have to be in order.

Thank you.

2018 SUBSCRIPTION – early notice

This is **due BY 31 DECEMBER**. Please hand your cheque or cash to ROGER with the slip below or you can pay electronically – **please quote your surname as reference:**

BANK: SANTANDER
 ACCOUNT: PERSHORE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
 A/C NUMBER: 11652089
 SORT CODE: 09 - 01 – 55
 REFERENCE: your surname

Please do so in good time – there is nothing we dislike more than chasing "stragglers".

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I enclose my / our annual subscription for 2018. (£10-00 per member)

NAME: _____

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