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 2016.
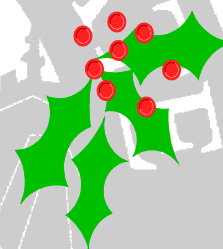
A.G.M 25th November 2015

At the AGM your existing committee of Alan, Doug, Martin, Howard, Jim and Richard was re-elected to serve for another year. After many years serving the Club, Tim decided not to seek re-election to the Committee and Roger Wady was elected unopposed. It was agreed that table money remain at £2-50 for members and £3-50 for visitors – still excellent value!

The Club will be OPEN on 23rd December and 30th December.

We congratulate our final prize winners for 2015:

Pairs Challenge:	*Roger & John*
Individual Challenge:	*Chris*
Slammer of Year:	*Janet*
Championship Pair:	*Louie & Martin*

CONTACT LIST

The contact list of members is now on the web site members 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!!

2016 CALENDAR

Again, 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 Roger to update web site (for host changes) or me (for other changes)

QUICK QUIZ! (answers overleaf)

Which of these bridge hands is *least* likely to be dealt?
(a) ♠ A-8-4 ♥ K-9-2 ♦ J-10-2 ♣ Q-8-7-4 ; (b) 13 cards in the same suit ; (c) 13 black cards.

What is the probability that a random bridge deal will contain a singleton or void in at least one hand? (a) 37% (b) 49% (c) 58%, (d) 79%.

On a certain deal North has as many HCP as South and East together; West has as many HCP as North and East together. East has more HCP than South and no two players have the same number of HCP. How many HCP does each player have?

Rank the following hand distributions in order of their probability ie most common to least common?
a) 5-3-3-2 b) 4-3-3-3 c) 4-4-3-2 d) 5-4-2-2

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

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Board 16 — Dlr: West, Vul: E/W

	♠	♥	♦	♣
North	A Q 9 6	A Q 10 9 8 7 6 3	2	--
West	J	--	A K Q J 10 7	A K Q J 8 2
East	K 10 8 3	J 5 4 2	5 4	10 9 7
South	7 5 4 2	K	9 8 6 3	6 5 4 3

Makeable contracts:

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	2	2	-
S	-	-	2	2	-
E	6	5	-	-	3
W	6	6	-	-	3

Christmas Party Hand. West is dealer and from my vantage of walking around the room I saw a wide variety of opening bids and overcalls. Perhaps the most pragmatic bid I witnessed was an opening 6♦ but that will rule out ever finding the possible grand slam and just might tempt East to bid 7♦ if holding the A♥. A useful convention is to use an opening 4NT to ask for specific aces. 5♣=0; 5♦=A♦; 5♥=A♥; 5♠=A♠; 5NT=any 2 aces; 6♣=A♣

Anyone that opened 2♣ on this hand risks an immediate non vulnerable 4♥ from N. Even doubled that is only 300 to EW – cheap at the price – though West will then surely pull the X and bid 6♦ - wont they? Will N (or even S) then bid 6♥ - several on the night did so and rightly got a good score even when doubled!!

OLD CARDS and BIDDING BOX INSERTS

As you know we are replacing the bidding box inserts – this will continue early in 2016. If you would like a set of 4 of the old inserts free of charge please let Doug know.

If you wish used playing cards (for yourself or local charity etc) please let me know how many of each colour you would like. Again free!

2016 SUBSCRIPTION

This is **NOW DUE**. Please hand your cheque or cash to MARTIN or send a cheque with the slip below. Or you can play electronically – please quote your name as reference:

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

Please do so straightaway – there is nothing we dislike more than chasing "stragglers".

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I enclose my / our annual subscription for 2016. (£10-00 per member)

NAME: _____

Cheques payable Pershore Duplicate Bridge Club and send to Martin Rees, 10 The Stables, Croome Court, Worcs, WR8 9DW. Please do not send cash through the post.

QUIZ ANSWERS

C = 21.55% ; A = 15.52% ; D = 10.58% B = 10.54%

South has 4 HCP, East has 7, North 11 and West 18.

(d). Almost four deals out of five have a singleton or void somewhere.

(a) as it is one specific hand. "13 cards in the same suit" comprises *four* specific hands, hence it is four times more likely, and "13 black cards" comprises millions of hands

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