

December 2018

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 2019.

LAWRIE HUNT

Lawrie's sudden heart attack was a great shock to us all and we extend our deepest sympathies to his family and particularly to Jo and Suzie. He was a true gentleman and in his relatively short time at the club had become a popular member; a generous opponent and forgiving partner.

The club has received an anonymous donation and we shall be holding an annual event in Lawrie's memory – **The Lawrie Hunt Cup**. Details are on the web site but it will be an individual, one off event and it will be held for the first time on the 20th March – please mark you diaries now.

A.G.M 28th November 2018

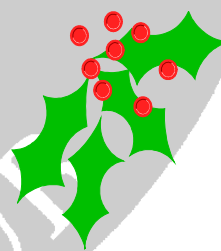
As usual we congratulated our Prize Winners – see below and following Gill and Jackie's resignation we welcomed two new members to the Committee which is now as follows. -

Alan – Chair ; Sally – Vice Chair & Social Events ; Roger – Treasurer ; Liz – Bridge Events
Jan Garratt ; Howard Parsons ; Ken Southwell ; Chris Davies

After discussion it was unanimously agreed at the AGM that the host rota will be discontinued and that in 2019 members should use the Find A Partner feature on the web site. Any member that cannot access the Members Only area of the web site should contact Alan. Brian has kindly agreed to open the gate and hall. He will bring the padlock of the gate into the club and a late leaving car user will be required to lock the gate please. This is very kind of Brian as it overcomes the problem of having to administer a rota for opening up.

We congratulate our final prize winners for 2018:

<i>Doug Stainton Cup:</i>	<i>Janet & Jonathan</i>
<i>Michael Hill Cup:</i>	<i>Lawrie</i>
<i>Slammer of Year:</i>	<i>Alan</i>
<i>Championship Pair:</i>	<i>Martin & Louie</i>



FORTHCOMING EVENTS – mark your diary now!!

13 February – Michael Farey Trophy
27 February – Swiss Pairs
2 / 3 March – Stage1 Beginners Course Weekend
20 March – Lawrie Hunt Cup

The Club will be CLOSED on 26th December 2018 and 2nd January 2019

TEACHING – STAGE 1 BEGINNERS COURSE 2nd and 3rd March

Completed entries and deposits are being received and a further six are "in the pipeline". Please continue to spread the word; meanwhile I am grateful to you all for publicising this course. We shall be holding further Stage 1 and Stage 2 courses and I will advise you of dates when they are known. I will also be contacting you all again regarding help in terms of supervised play etc for the weekend and also for the Wednesday evening follow up sessions. Thank you in advance – it is hoped that at least some of those attending will convert to playing at the club!

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

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DIRECTING PROBLEMS – DID YOU KNOW?

We ARE without doubt a friendly club but we do play to the Laws of the Game and the directors are there to help you all have a fair and even chance. But there is a lot you can do to help smooth the game and not cause potential difficulty and I have noticed that just lately some "slackness" shall I say regarding adherence to the basics. Let's start with **DUMMY**: Dummy should remain silent and he should most definitely NOT tap the cards in front of him (or her) or otherwise try to indicate to declarer what card declarer should play. **DUMMY** – Please keep your hands below the table so there is never any ambiguity of your actions!

HESITATION: Over the years I have mentioned this many times. In a contested auction if your partner thinks for a long time and then passes, you cannot bid unless your hand on its own merits completely justifies it. It is not sufficient to say that you would always bid on with the hand you have – the director does not have to decide whether you are an aggressive bidder nor whether you were influenced by your partner's hesitation only that you might have been. In short – if your partner hesitates make absolutely certain your bid is justified as you have an uphill struggle to convince the director who can impose some sort of penalty or wind the contract back to something else. As a general rule the director will follow the guidance from the EBU Law & Ethics Committee that:

- (a) A hesitation followed by a pass would normally be willing to hear partner bid on
- (b) A hesitation followed by a minimum bid after RHO's pass would normally have something in hand
- (c) A hesitation followed by a penalty double is normally willing to see it removed

SYSTEM AGREEMENTS:

The Director's will always be very tolerant of those new to the game or to those who are in a new partnership when someone forgets the system or gives out the wrong information to an alert etc. However, experienced partnerships are required to have a convention card and if a problem arises and you do not have a card the director may insist you play basic acol only for the remainder of the evening. Experienced players **MUST** alert all system bids. If you have forgotten the system **DO NOT GUESS** as to do so may give unauthorised information to your partner, simply say you do not know. If your opponents really need to know what your bid meant they should call the director. He may call the bidder away from the table and having ascertained what the bid meant will then impart it to your opponents. Experienced partnerships should however learn their systems and carry a fully completed convention card for opponents to read!! If you are declarer or dummy and know that one of your side's bids should have been alerted or that one of your side imparted incorrect information you are obliged to inform your opponents **PRIOR** to them leading a card. They should call the director if they feel they may have been damaged. As a Defender, you must correct any of your sides non-alert or misinformation **AFTER** play of the hand has finished.

2019 SUBSCRIPTION – NOW DUE

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 2019. (£10-00 per member)

NAME: _____

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