

Spring 2017

# Newsletter



*This Spring edition is slightly earlier than usual as I didn't have time to do a winter Newsletter – lets hope that the remainder of winter does not have a sting in the tail and we continue to enjoy reasonable weather for the time of year. There are several events coming up shortly so mark your diaries now with these dates as "not to be missed".*

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: see below for details**

MICHAEL FAREY - 15<sup>th</sup> February  
SWISS PAIRS - 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Championship Pairs Ladder starts - 5<sup>th</sup> April  
EBU SPRING SIM PAIRS - 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Club Charity Event - 17<sup>th</sup> May  
WEIR TROPHY (teams) - 5<sup>th</sup> July

## **WCBA**

Our County Association strives hard to offer a wide variety of matches & meetings to appeal to players of all standards. Why not go along one Monday at 7pm and join them?

See the WCBA web site, via our own web site Links page.

The **Michael Farey** is a handicap event designed to even out the field so that players of lesser ability can have a good chance of taking the Trophy

Our **Swiss Pairs** evenings are always popular – only possible because the Club has its own dealing machine – so please do support this event as the more tables we have the better is the Swiss Movement and the more fun!

This year we are introducing a **Club Charity** evening where the table money will be £5-00 (or more if you wish!!) with all proceeds going to a local Charity – the committee will welcome members feedback as to which of the following charities should receive our donation this year:-

- Air Ambulance
- Guide Dogs for the Blind
- St Richards Hospice

The **Weir Trophy** is our principal Team of 4 Event – nearer the time you will need to select your team!

So – lots to look forward to in addition to our normal pairs evenings!

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Sadly we have lost a few members this year due to their health or that of their life partners. We will really miss them and thank them for their past support. Jean Hill and John Rosier were both founders of the Club when a few of us set it up in 2000 and so their leaving is particularly poignant for me as without their support at the outset the club wouldn't exist! Although Michael Hill cannot attend the Club these days he is a Life Member in recognition of the service he gave us for many of years and I know that both he and Jean still take a keen interest in how the club is doing.

However, we do now need MORE MEMBERS – so please, do make every effort to come along yourselves and to recommend us to others. We are a small club and we need more members to survive!! Sadly a lot of bridge clubs can be rather stuffy and serious, often unwelcoming – but this is not the case at PDBC and we always endeavour to make the evening enjoyable for everyone, so please do your best to advertise us at every opportunity. And, if you are an infrequent member, please do come along more often if you possibly can!

## CHRISTMAS PARTY & SOCIAL EVENING

Many thanks to Sally who organised both these events and to all of you who came along – the Party was a great success and a thoroughly enjoyable evening as was the dinner at Whistlers. The Committee will soon be having its “wash up” session re both events and to start its outline planning for the 2017 Party etc – if you have any ideas please let us know before 8<sup>th</sup> February.

## HOSTING

Please check REGULARLY the web site host roster and note when you are expected to host. If you can't make a particular date then please re-arrange with another on the roster and THEN tell Roger. Everyone benefits from the host system and it has proven to be a major factor in attracting visitors but we now do have the Bridgewebs facility of “partner wanted” so use that as well!

## GIFT AID

Just a brief reminder that if your tax status changes such that it becomes possible for the Club to claim Gift Aid on your subscription please let me or Roger know; similarly if you become no longer eligible for us to claim Gift Aid.

## VILLAGE HALL HEATING / CAR PARKING

Can I take the opportunity of reminding you that car parking in the road should be restricted to those of limited mobility and persons unloading equipment for the Club -The storage room requires great care in getting out, and (particularly) putting away, the tables and chairs. Please ensure that only one person at a time enters the storage room. If you do have cause to comment about any aspect of the Hall, or notice any defect, please contact a member of the Committee. At the end of the evening please check that all radiators are turned off and the **hand set** control (next to kitchen hatch) for main heaters is reset to 19° C. Do NOT off main heaters by pressing the central button on hand control.

## COMMITTEE

Alan - Chair  
Doug – Vice Chair  
Roger – Treasurer  
Jim  
Sally  
Howard  
Jan  
Gill

## DIRECTORS

Alan  
Liz  
Doug  
Gill  
Ted

## DO YOU KNOW?

### Opening Lead Out Of Turn

Again – this crops up too often and principally because the person making the lead does not place the card face down and ask “Any Questions?” If players did this **and waited a second or so** before turning over the lead card possibly one of the other three players MIGHT just notice – and as a friendly club I sincerely hope that opponents would say something as well as your partner! May I remind you all that you should NOT put away the bidding cards until the opening lead has been turned over (faced).

(reg charity ref: EW41010)

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