

ALTRINCHAM BRIDGE CLUB

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I hope that you are all well.

Just a few comments on events over the last six months and upcoming events.

We now have over 150 members and will continue to play on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Cecil Road.

We have taken a break from our supervised play sessions and will recommence on 20th September. Over 70 players have attended these sessions and a limited number have played at club duplicates. We hope to 'convert' more in the future. I would like to thank our supervisors, Sally, Barbara, Karen, Anne, Judith, Andy, Howard, David and Ken, for giving their time on a Wednesday afternoons but most of all to Joan for preparing the boards and organising us all. A presentation was made to Joan at our last session to show our appreciation.

Congratulations to the following:

Our teams who performed so well in the Gazette Cup finishing 3rd and 5th.

Barbara Eastabrook and Karen Jones, the MCBA non expert players of the year.

Barbara, Karen, Adam and Stuart whose team was second at the Chester Congress

Faye Georgiou and Sanjeet Kamath who won the Commemorative plate, the club's handicap competition.

Joan Lewis who was awarded the Brenda Williams Spring trophy for valuable contributions to the success of Altrincham Bridge Club.

Members who played in teams that were promoted in the Manchester Bridge League;

Lastminute.bid: Sally, Judith, Liz and Stephen

Hale Hearts: Stephen and Terry

Enigmas: Sylvia and Jan

Biddable Overtricks: Faye and Sanjeet

Suzanne Beckett and Melanie Foster have attended EBU courses and qualified as tournament directors and have joined our roster of directors. Well done to both of you.

As agreed we provided equipment to Larkhill bridge club for their charity events, a number of our members played in these events. On 13th June we were serenaded by the Loose Change Buskers as part of the WI's birthday celebrations and our members gave very generously to the cancer charity on the night.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 24th October, more details to follow.

We intend to hold our Annual Dinner at Ringway Golf Club, date to be agreed. Watch this space!

We still have vacancies on the committee and for scorers and directors. Please let me or Joan know if you would like to help.

Our numbers of attendees is holding up well and I remain confident of the future of bridge at ABC, thank you for all the support.

If you haven't yet 'dipped your toe into the water' with F2F following Covid, do come down to Cecil Road, you will be more than welcome and you will see the improvements that are being carried out to the Church Hall.

Stay safe and healthy.

Stephen Halstead
Chairman