

## **Bourne Bridge Club, Farnham**

### **Club Etiquette**

Bourne Bridge Club, Farnham wishes to preserve the reputation of the former Bourne Bridge Section of providing for **Competitive but Friendly Bridge**.

In order to achieve this we would follow the EBU guidance on Etiquette - This covers 5 pages, but there are a number of key points that we would ask you to follow:-

1. Misunderstandings between partners are to be resolved outside the bridge room after play ceases. Arguments and criticism at the table exhibit bad manners, and are not acceptable behaviour. The same applies to negative comments about your opponent's play.
2. At duplicate bridge, players are not to argue at the table with decisions made by the Director. The Laws of Bridge, which include a procedure for Appeals, permit players to question decisions in an orderly and civilised manner at the end of the session and, if appropriate, to be compensated then.
3. Do not touch your Bidding Box until you are ready to bid. Do not move between the Pass and Bid Sections of the Bidding Box.
4. Do not take too long thinking about Bids and Play - as the EBU states 'best practice is always to try to play in tempo'. Slow play may be giving unauthorised information and may be disruptive, as well as disrespectful, to your opponents.
5. Be aware that the time allowed per Board is 7 minutes - be aware that the Director may move tables, even if you have not completed all the Boards - potentially affecting your concentration. If you have not commenced a Board by 3 minutes before the end of the allowed time you will be asked to take an average.
6. Do not rack your cards until the score has been agreed, once the score has been entered into the Bridgemate or on to the Traveller - that will be the agreed score and can only be altered in exceptional circumstances.