

Rules of Brabyns Bridge Club February 2016

Meeting place: St Martin's Church Hall, Marple Bridge
Time: Fridays, 1.30pm - 4pm

All players (who are members of the club), if physically capable, are expected to help with the setting up and clearing of the tables, chairs and equipment. Players should be seated 10 minutes before the start of the session to allow time for the Director to set the movement.

There is no break for tea, but players can bring their own snack and drink.

Duplicate Bridge is normally played, except for the two annual parties. The director of the session will decide the movement. With an even number of tables the director may use the table skipping movement or the share and relay system.

Sessions are scored by computer. Results are given on the website <http://www.bridgewebs.com/brabyns/> and also announced at the next meeting. Anyone who has been awarded a prize will take it as a remission or reduction in their next lot of bridge fees. The winners are given £2.00, second place, £1.50 and third place, £1.00.

1. The director of the session is in charge of the timing of the movement of boards, and you may be asked to forgo playing a hand, if you fall too far behind. You will get an average score for that hand. It will be endeavoured to play the full set of hands, but on some occasions, the last hand may not be played due to the time element.
2. Courtesy should always be shown to your partner and your opponents.
3. The noise level should be kept at a minimum in fairness to all players.
4. You should come with a partner. If you need a partner you should contact the Partner co-ordinator before the session to see if anyone is available. Please give as much notice as you can.
5. If there are any queries regarding the cards or scoring, the director will be called, and her decision will be final.
6. If the cards are not in the correct hands, the director will be called and will decide what to do. If needed, a board might be considered unplayable and will not count in the final result.
7. The Director of the session will take appropriate action in the event of the number of players exceeding 12 tables plus a sit out. This may require a change to the format or one or more pairs may be asked to leave; in this case priority will be given to long standing members of the Club.
8. The Club year runs from 1 July to 30 June. Members are expected to attend at least 10 sessions during the year. If not their membership will be deemed to have lapsed. In the current situation where the Club is at full capacity, if members do not attend for ten sessions in a row, it will be deemed that they no longer wish to be members. This allows us to in fill from the waiting list. Exceptions for both these cases will be made in the case of illness or at the discretion of the Committee.
9. There is an annual prize which is a travelling trophy, awarded to the pair whose duplicate percentage results are highest over ten sessions during the Club year. You can only put your name down with one partner.
10. At the two annual parties, Chicago bridge will be played and non-cash prizes given. In order to qualify for the subsidy on the annual meal and free bridge, members are expected to have attended at least 10 sessions. If not, they can still attend, but must pay the full price for the meal and £3 for the bridge.
11. The annual meal and bridge party is usually held in early to mid October. The Christmas party is held on the last Friday before the holiday. For the Christmas party, members should have attended at least 10 sessions. If not they will be charged a £3 fee for the event – while the regular players will have a free session.