

CAMBERLEY BRIDGE CLUB

FEB 18 NEWSLETTER (005)

CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

Hi all and welcome to the Camberley Bridge Club Newsletter to keep you informed and to be done on an ad-hoc basis rather than regularly.

We had a committee meeting recently and some points are included here. We have a membership of 168 but a source of concern is table numbers, particularly evenings. Only Friday afternoon is increasing (and indeed we had a top record of twelve tables last Friday!) You will see Linda's report on the hosting system. Your committee needs your help with this to make this work.

Our newest committee member, Moira Nairn, has taken on the task of raising awareness of Camberley Bridge Club with a view of encouraging those who play bridge but not in a club environment to come along and try club duplicate. Moira has pulled together a report where she suggests we advertise - in places free of charge in the first place. If anyone can help suggest places where, say, a flyer could be sent for display (other local clubs, churches, community notice boards, supermarkets, etc) please let Moira or me know.

Now, on with the Motley! Val Foster

MEMBERS' NEWS – VAL FOSTER

Rodger Hughes and his wife Liz, taken in FP Café



I went to see Rodger in FP recently for the first time since his major stroke in mid November. With intense physio and therapy in the last few weeks, he has come on in leaps and bounds - his speech has improved, and his right arm and leg is beginning to show signs of some movement. Amazingly, the Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma is now inactive and Rodger has not needed a transfusion since the stroke - mystifying the Haematologists. Liz & Rodger have now got clearance to take him home in the next few weeks and, with help, care for him there where all feel he will improve further. Visitors will be welcome (Rodger & Liz's phone number is now included on the website). Finally I am pleased to report that I found his character and sense of humour intact, thankfully.

HOSTING – LINDA HOLT

The Hosting system has now been running for over six months. It has been both a success and a struggle. While we achieved a "host" rate of about 80% for the first four months, it has dropped to 65% for October, November and December. Of course, these last three months are where typically people take their holidays and also up to and including Christmas, where family takes precedence over bridge! Now we need to look at the Hosting situation again and see if there are members out there who haven't yet volunteered to host but could be persuaded to do so.

Remember, one of the reasons that Hosting was set up was so members coming to the club without a partner could look at the website, see that there was a host and know that they would get a game. This would ensure that the club numbers are kept up. We need to make sure that the club keeps up the membership and it helps if members are sure that they will get a game even if they don't have a permanent partner or if their partner is not available for any reason.

So go to the Camberley Bridge Website, click on the date when you would like to Host and then click on "Host wanted". Put in your EBU number and that is all you need to do. If you do not have access to a computer give me (Linda Holt) a ring on 01276 26109 and I will do it for you.

We all enjoy coming to Camberley Bridge Club, so let's make sure that it continues to flourish.

MATCH REPORT – IAN LEWIS

For the first time in many years, CBC are to host qualifiers for B&B Teams and Pairs events – these are in the calendar on the [website](#) (Teams on 12th Feb, Pairs on 22nd March)

CBC have teams in [Surrey's Lady Rose](#):

- Trevor's team won their Preliminary match but lost in Round 2
- A team with Alan C, Colin and David P won their Preliminary match but also lost in Round 2
- Ian's team won their Round 2 match (Bye in the Preliminary) and have the toughest team in Round 2
- Jane's team had a bye in the Preliminary and won their match in Round 2

Bracknell League:

- [Division 2](#) team captained by Margaret W – 1st at half time winning 6/8 and on 13.13 (just ahead of 2nd who are on 12.71)

Surrey League:

- [Division 1](#) team captained by Jane Green – 3rd, one match played and won 13.7
- [Division 2](#) team captained by Ian Lewis - 1st, 19.5
- [Division 2](#) team containing Alan, David & Colin – 2nd, 15.5
- [Division 2](#) team captained by Trevor Hobson – 4th, 8.0
- [Division 3](#) team captained by Geoff Williams – 5th, 3.0
- [Division 4](#) team captained by Penny Moody – 1st, 11.67

HOUSE KEEPING – VAL FOSTER

- It is not intended to produce the Membership Booklet again - due to cost and the time involved in its production. Members' telephone numbers and the yearly programme are now available on our Website along with other information included in the Booklet, under the password protected (ie, only members can access this) "[Members Only](#)" section on the drop down menu. The obvious advantage is that any phone number changes can be instantly up-dated (Hazel Roberts' new telephone number is now shown there and I know she will be pleased to hear from friends). Instructions of how to get into this are included in the Newsletter sent in December 2016 - click on "[Camberley News](#)" to access this. Members who prefer a printed copy will be able to print a list of names & phone numbers. Please ask if you need help with this.
- We provide disposable cups (which must be binned after use) but any member who wishes to use china mugs must make themselves responsible for washing, drying and putting them away where they found them afterwards. Some members aren't complying with this and if this continues, we may sadly have to ban the use of china mugs. Sylvia, who does such a splendid job providing our refreshments, says she is not the washing-up fairy!!
- Please do not park in any marked spaces ie, the staff parking area, disabled space (unless you have a blue badge) or the ambulance space. We are fortunate in having ample parking otherwise at the club.

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

The Cricket Club are holding this event on 17th Feb 2018 at 7.00 pm promptly. Tickets including a three course meal are £25pp. To book tickets contact: Lesley on 07873 703000 or Hannah on 07864 853454.

Suggestions for who should be murdered will not be taken seriously!!

Val and the CBC Committee