



Newsletter

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What's happening in the Club ?

Robots

The committee spent some time discussing Robots. Some members love to play with them and some hate them.

We are going to get to know these Robots a bit better!

We have asked a knowledgeable member of our club to set up one or two Zoom sessions about playing with robots. We will let you all know about this shortly. Then we can all review the 'Robot question' again but with a bit more information."

In need of a partner (human)?

Please use the link on the front page of the website, 'How do I play online tournaments?' Click on 'Options for finding a partner. This gives you several ways to find a suitable partner.

Match against Annecy

Big thank you to all who played, we fielded 13 teams. They thrashed us! So, all members must practise really hard so that the result is overturned in the return match. If anyone would like to play in a friendly match against another club, please get in touch with Judy and let her know who your partner is. If you have team mates that would be good to hear.

Keep smiling,

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Answers to the tree quiz in the last newsletter

Caucasian Wing Nut, Dawn Redwood, Weeping Silver Lime

Hello, JOHN!

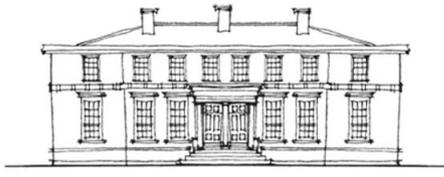


Guess who I met while walking on Leckhampton Hill?

John Botting, who is a previous chairman of the Club. John still does an amazing amount of work behind the scenes for CBC and we thank him for this.



Where and what is this?



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When you Play Online - Be Nice!

The first rule given to us when we join the BBO community is 'Be Nice'.

Cheltenham Bridge Club asks all of us to observe Best Behaviour at Bridge.

So how do we do this when we are playing online? What should we expect of our opponents?

They call it "bridge" because it makes you want to shove your partner off one.



- 1 Chat box.** This is really useful as we can chat individually to our partner and friends whilst waiting for a game, we can also talk to them after the session is finished. But during the play, we need to address all the table and it is polite to greet and say goodbye to our opponents. It is also polite to limit our observations on play and bidding. It is not polite to make derogatory remarks about any of the players at the table or to shout (using capitals – WHAT ARE YOU DOING!) or expletives (such as 'zzzzzzzzzz.....' or '???????????').





BEING NICE (CONTINUED)

2 Alerting. •

Playing on BBO is so different from playing face to face bridge. We can prepare a short explanation which we can cut and paste into the chat box to send at the start of every round – for example ‘12-14NT, 4 card Ms, 3 weak 2s. Normal count except 1st discard rev attitude’.

Note: The most important part of this is the signals and discards as the rest comes up in the announcements.o

We can then use the announcement box (beside the “alert” button), present before you make every bid, to describe any system or method – for example: ‘6-10HCP’ or ‘shows 5+C & 5+D’. As our partner can not see these comments, we explain what the bid means in our system. If we forget we can tap on the bid later and add an explanation at any time.

We can create convention cards but in our games this is really not necessary as long as we use the alerting procedure.



3 Speed of Play.

We generally have plenty of time to play our boards. It is polite to claim if you are certain about the number of tricks you can make. It is also polite to agree the claim as soon as you are able.

We have had some complaints about hesitations during the bidding or play. The advice is to ignore them – connections can be lost, the doorbell can ring, the dog may need letting out – we can never know what happens in other peoples’ homes.

We have also had some complaints about people slowing down at the end of the round, time running out and an adjusted score being offered. We do not assume this is done deliberately, and players will never gain by doing this, but it is polite to keep a careful eye on the clock and speed up wherever possible. We advise you to look at the adjusted score (available in history) and contact the director if you feel the adjustment is incorrect. The director will be pleased to help.



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- 4 Leaving the table.** If you are playing casually on a table and decide you have had enough bridge, please do remember to actually “leave” the table. If you just log off, the rest of the players will just wonder where you are and whether you intend to return.



Finally continuing the joke theme of the newsletter I received this from Roger Eaton. It made me smile.

The following questions were set in last year's HSC examination

These are genuine answers (from 16 years old students)

Q. Name the four seasons

A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q. How is dew formed

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on

A. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed

Q. In a democratic society, how important are elections

A. Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election

Q. What are steroids

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs

(Shoot yourself now, there is little hope)

Q. What happens to your body as you age

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinenta