

Churchdown BC Dealing Machine

Current Situation

- Boards are dealt by a member of Gloucester BC, so boards have to travel via 2 cars each month to the person doing the dealing (ie 4 journeys/board).
- Churchdown BC pay Gloucester BC and the dealer. The current charge is £30 for each set of 4 boards, and Churchdown play one set of boards per week (so pay £390/yr for the dealing service).
- Churchdown BC is a club with 45 members, playing one session/week and averaging 7 tables/session with capacity for perhaps up to 10 tables/session. Its long-term viability is secure, with several trained TDs and several trained scorers. Two members have been trained as Club Teachers. The club and its players have close links with Churchdown and Gloucester U3As and with Gloucester BC. The club has its own laptop and 11 Bridgemates. Members currently pay £10 annual membership and £3/session as table money (which is lower than some other local clubs), although costs of room hire/storage are likely to increase from September.

Proposal

- Buy a Dealing Machine (Dealer4/Cost £3,984) to support club self-sufficiency and support planned teaching sessions in conjunction with Churchdown U3A
- £500 Up-front cash from Churchdown BC (balances are currently around £1,000)
- Funding support from GCBA (to be discussed/agreed with GCBA):
 - £500 grant from GCBA
 - £3,000 loan from GCBA, repaid in instalments (quarterly?)
 - Loan, paid back in just under 3 years at £1,200/yr by any/all of:
 - increasing table money by £0.50 ($£0.50 * 28 * 52weeks = £728$),
 - increasing attendance, at club session
 - Provision of teaching sessions and/or beginners/improvers sessions to/with U3A & Club
 - and £390/yr not spent on dealing service.
 - The dealing machine would be included on Churchdown BC insurance and Churchdown would be responsible for security, maintenance/repair.
 - Machine remains property of GCBA until loan repaid or in the situation where Churchdown BC stops using the machine or the club folds.
- There is no personal liability on club committee members for any financial support from GCBA

Machine Options

Make/Model	Supplier	Cost inc VAT	Barcoded cards?	Openable Boards?	Interface
Bridgesorter Mk IV	Bridge Warehouse	£3,580	No	Should be	Smartphone / Tablet / Laptop
Duplimate VI	Bridge Warehouse	£3,230	Yes	Should be	Smartphone / Tablet / Laptop
Playbridge Dealer4	AL Fleming	£3,984	No	Yes, or on to platform	Laptop
Playbridge Dealer4+	AL Fleming	£4,254	No	Yes, or on to platform	None

Notes:

- All machines come with 5 year warranty
- Costs include any discount for EBU Clubs
- Insurance will need to be increased to next band (increase of ~£60/yr)
- Gloucester BC and Cheltenham BC use a Dealer4 machine, and Cheltenham reported reliability issues with a previous Duplimate machine.

For Committee Agreement

- Seek GCBA support, If support is forthcoming, then purchase a Dealer4 machine