

December 2024

News

In last month's newsletter we reported the success of the Chinese meal. The Afternoon tea held last month was also a great success, enjoyed by all who attended. It also raised a total of £333.10 for the club. I would like to thank all those whose hard work behind the scenes made the event possible. Thank you also to all the members who attended these events. I'm sure you will agree it's these events that make the club feel welcoming and vibrant, not just a place to play bridge.

At the AGM on 19th November Stuart Beamish was elected to the Committee and the rest of the committee were re-elected. Welcome Stuart. If you were not able to attend the meeting, the draft minutes can be found [here](#).

The EBU is pleased to encourage and reward members who have been performing well with Masterpoints which, after acquiring a certain number, lead to a promotion in rank. Congratulations to all those who have attained a promotion in November:

Gail Wickes - Master Mei Tso - District Master Pak-Hin Lee - Regional Master

A big thank you to Mary Taylor for supplying the friezes and for Janet Whitfield and Ann for putting them up – The Ladies toilet is now looking a lot better.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Buffet lunch – 23rd December

There is a pre-Christmas buffet and bridge starting at 12:00 on Monday 23rd December – bridge starts at 13:00 – if you want to attend, please add your name to the list. If you want to bring a dish please do, BUT it is not obligatory, don't let that stop you from adding your name. REMEMBER it's YOU being there that will help make it a success. – Mike Sallis' daughter is going to sing for us. What a great start to Christmas!

Just to remind you all that there will be **NO BRIDGE** on: -

24th 25th & 31st December plus 1st January

3 Spires – This friendly teams competition (once a month on a Sunday) starts at 17:00 with a two-course home-cooked meal prepared by Debbie (Main) and Anne (pudding) – Bridge follows at 18:00. Players enter as a team of 4 but a draw for team-mates is held at the start of play. With enough teams taking part, you should not play with the same team-mates more than once. Scores are cumulative but only your 5 best scores count.

We have five dates left in the series so you could join now (List on Notice Board) and all your scores count. The dates are: -

15th December (This Sunday) 26th January 23rd March and the last on 27th April

WCBA Championship Pairs Qualifier

This will be played on RealBridge on Wednesday 18th December. Regular players will notice we are playing 24 boards that day – so be prepared for a longer session. Play will start as normal at 7pm, but please log on by 6.50 so that we can start promptly.

The charge will be as normal. Anyone who achieves a score of 50% or over will be invited to play in the County Championship Pairs competition in Solihull on Sunday 16th February.

CPL (Coventry Pairs League)

If you have entered the current series, the dates of remaining sessions are: -

19th December 23rd January

It has been agreed to reinstate prize money for the winners of the next Series which starts in February.

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You don't have to wait long to get a game of Bridge after the Christmas break –

POT LUCK PAIRS starts Thursday 2nd January at 18:30

We had 4 Tables last month – thank you to all for your support. Let's start the New Year with a bigger turnout. Plus, it's somewhere to bring your left-over goodies if you are starting the New Year with a health regime.

This monthly game on the first Thursday in the month is extremely important to our club. New members who have completed Lessons Book 1 and Book 2 need practice with our more experienced members to give them confidence to progress to Saturday mornings, Monday afternoons and our 3 Spires competition. Let's see if we can get at least 5 tables on 2nd January

CBL (Coventry Bridge League) - Currently there are 6 teams playing on-line. We would like more teams for September so we have 2 Divisions

Garden Cities – 16th March. Coventry is hosting the County qualifier. Coventry has entered two teams and we hope other clubs will be similarly represented. – We had 6 Teams last year – Maggie Pyner will be TD

Teaching & Recruitment

20+ Book 1 students completed their first term of lessons, with many signing up for the second term which starts on 6th January. These excellent numbers are due to our Open Day success – we are therefore considering repeating the Open Day every 2 years.

Book 2 Lessons started in October and will continue on Sunday afternoons after Christmas. If anyone is interested in joining the class please contact [Ann](#) for details of upcoming lessons.

For those of you on the Coventry Bridge WhatsApp Group you will have seen that Graham is planning to run Lessons on various topics. On the group he asked for suggestions on topics and the day to hold them. It looks like it will be on Friday afternoons every other week

commencing 17th January. Details will be published on the Notice Board and on the Coventry Group WhatsApp as well as the Website.

If you are not on the WhatsApp group and wish to sign up please contact John McNicholas on 07968498860.

Notes from the TD

When is a call made?

Definitions:

A **bid** is a suit denomination and level (eg. 1♠)

A **call** covers all bids and also pass, double and redouble.

A call is considered to have been made when it has been taken from the bidding box with apparent intent.

If an incorrect call is made by mechanical error (i.e. two cards sticking together), the call may be changed -if partner has not yet called.

If in doubt please call the TD.