COVENTRY BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

Coventry & North Warwickshire Bridge Club

March 2026

News

We can proudly report that Coventry A team won the Warwickshire heat of the Garden Cities Teams of 8 competition. The team comprised:

Andy Cope & Adam Hickman; Stephen Green & Martin Jones
Nick Stevens & Colin Dean; Roger Bryant & Gareth Roberts

Runners up were Coventry B and Stratford in joint second place. A great result from both our teams.

Masterpoint Promotion February - Congratulations to the following club members

Giles Ip	2 Star Grand Master
Larry Lau	Master

Massive Congratulations to those willing volunteers *Ann, Gail, Stuart and Robert Cannon* who have gone through the gruelling TD training and passed with flying colours (Gail gained a distinction) to become TDs. Well done to you all.

Upcoming Events

Our fabulous **afternoon tea** organised by Sue O'Gorman and helped by our marvellous bakers takes place on Friday 24th April – Maggs Pyner will be the TD. Bridge kicks off at 12 noon – 13:30 break for food recommencing bridge at 14:30 and finishing at around 16:00. This has proved to be really popular and numbers are limited, so there are only 2 or 3 places left.

The **Pro/Am** Cup – Date agreed is Thursday 14th May at 7pm. To qualify as am's you need to have studied Bk 1 or Bk 2 in last 4 years. There is a notice on the board for you to add your name.

Café Bridge - The date cannot be finalized until we have booked the venues but we are working towards 23rd June – we will keep you posted.

Swiss Pairs– this was so successful last year that we are running it again on Sunday 2nd August – again more information will follow nearer the date.

Wednesday Evening On-Line Bridge –We really would like to see more members taking part in this session. I need to sort out my laptop but hope to join in the near future. Don't worry if you haven't got a partner – a message on the WhatsApp group is usually successful and remember if you have access to the internet you can play whatever part of the world you are in whilst on holiday.

Hosting Policy

We now have a host on Saturday mornings and Monday afternoons - please do come along to those sessions even if you have not got a partner at the moment. Most members find their partners by attending sessions and meeting other players.

The normal table money of £3.70 will be payable for members and £5 for visitors. If you put your name down to host and you are not required you are entitled to a free session in lieu, and if you play you get the session free. However you do need to contact our Treasurer Jac to let her know you have been the host so that she can give you the credit on your account.

We now require hosts for May and June on Saturday mornings – This year to the end of April these members have kindly hosted our sessions: -

Debbie Page; Ian Henson; Mike Baker x 2; Steve Jewell x 2; Mary Wood; Janet Whitfield; Jac Kendall x 3; Val Waugh; Faye Castling-Morey; Mary Taylor; Derek Slater; Stuart Moore; Patsy Watson

Clarian call to the rest of our members – please put your name down for at least one Saturday this year.

Membership

We now have an online membership form, so, if you know anyone who wants to join our Club, they can go to the club webpage, fill in the form electronically and press a button which sends it direct to the Membership Secretary.
If people do not wish to do it online, we can print off a copy of the form for them to fill in manually.

Teaching & Recruitment

Lessons are now finished for this series, but beginner lessons are planned for Monday evenings starting in September. If you know anyone who may be interested in learning to play please let Ann know or give them Ann's contact details.

All our Book 1 students enjoyed lunch in the members' lounge following the last lesson of the course, when they were joined by several of the committee. It was a lovely opportunity to get to know them a little better and welcome them to the club. We hope they will continue to enjoy their bridge through the summer months before moving on to Book 2 in the Autumn.

Note from the TDs

We want to take this opportunity to remind people of the etiquette that the EBU expect from all affiliated Clubs....look out for cards around the tables as a reminder.

Do not hesitate to call the TD if there has been an infringement of the rules.

When the TD is called to the table this is the normal procedure:

1. TD asks who called and asks said player "how can I help?"
2. TD then asks if everyone agrees, and if not makes a judgement as to what really happened.
3. TD then tells the players the law that applies and gives the ruling for this case, or takes it away if it needs further consideration.
4. If necessary TD tells the players what can happen next (e.g. it is a judgement ruling, you can request further opinions like polling, or appeal, or whatever)

If players allow the TD to do that then the process can complete quickly and efficiently and everyone can get back to the play. If players start arguing then it is wasting everyone's time. The TD makes the ruling; it is not for the players to discuss the point of law.

This is particularly important when playing online – if more than one person speaks at the same time then nobody can be heard.