

September 2023

## Upcoming events

### Pro-am Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September

There are 10 novices signed up to play in this event on Friday evening, but if you are relatively new to the game and would like to enter there is still time. Please don't leave it until the last minute though because we need to arrange an equal number of novices and professionals.

The Committee have decided to rebrand the event the Pete Morris trophy, as Pete was the last novice to win the trophy back in 2019. Unfortunately he passed away only a few months later, but was kind enough to leave a legacy to the bridge club in his will.

### Three Spires Trophy starts Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Entries are now open for teams to play in the Three Spires Trophy. This is held on a Sunday evening once a month through the winter. It is a friendly teams' competition which is preceded by a meal at the club. Debbie Page has kindly offered to organise the catering this year (with assistance from Anne Elvidge). Although the meal is considered to be part of the event, members who wish to play and not partake of the meal are also welcomed. Players should arrive for the meal by 5.50pm, and play will start at 7pm. The entry list will be on the noticeboard at the club, but if you will not be visiting the club please let [Ann](#) or [Debbie](#) know that you wish to play.

### Coventry Pairs League

The first session of the new series will be played on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September. As entries finalise we expect to have three full divisions with 8 pairs in each division. Payment of £25 pp is to be made via your club account before Friday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. However, late entries will be considered, but not encouraged.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning – 29<sup>th</sup> September

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September Susan O'Gorman is organising a coffee morning at the club in aid of Macmillan nurses. Coffee and cakes will be served from 10am, and there will be a friendly bridge session to follow, starting at 12.15. Please come along and support this worthy cause.

### Coventry Bridge League

League matches start later this month. We have 8 teams entered in the online league which will be played this season on RealBridge. The face to face league has 6 teams at present.

## **Mentored Pivot Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

This popular event will return on October 16<sup>th</sup>. A couple of new mentors have kindly agreed to join us this year, as have many of our regulars. Please sign-up in the club. **The regular club duplicate will not be held on this date.**

## **Results**

### **Griffins Trophy**

This summer teams' competition concluded on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August. The winners were Alf Cowdrey and Martin Lythell. Many congratulations to them both. Ken and Mavis Powell along with Val and Andy Waugh tied for second place. The full results can be found [here](#).

## **Other Bridge information**

### **Anglo-Polish cancelled**

Apologies to all those who enjoy this handicapped teams competition, but we will not be running it this year due to lack of a Director. Hopefully we can bring it back next year.

### **National Inter Club Knock-Out (NICKO)**

The club will be entering two teams in the NICKO this year. One team captained by Lin Birch, composing of Ron and Lin Birch, Graham Cope and Mike Meakin. The other team will be captained by Giles Ip, and includes Andy Cope, Roger Bryant, Gareth Roberts, Steve Green and Martin Jones. We wish them all the best of luck.

### **Directors needed**

Martin Lythell has now left the club, and as he directed every Tuesday evening since lockdown, his departure has left quite a gap in the directing team. Robert Zara, Gail Wickes and Ann Ridgway have offered to train as TDs to try and plug the gap. Maggs Pyner is doing some preliminary training for the new recruits.

### **Cleaning Detail**

Pete Philipson noticed that the bridge club chairs were looking grubby, so he organised a band of willing volunteers who spent last Thursday morning at the club carrying out various cleaning duties. Thanks to Pete and his helpers the chairs now look great, also the tables and windows have been cleaned. The carpet has seen better days, but we are going to try and get it cleaned in the near future if funds permit.

### **AGM**

The bridge section AGM is to be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 6.15pm, followed by the regular duplicate session. There will be several vacancies to fill as our Treasurer is stepping down and we also are looking for a new Chairman. If you would be interested in either of these roles, or if you have skills to offer in Marketing, IT or Communications then please get in touch, in the first instance with [Graham](#) or [Ann](#). Further details to follow.

## **New members**

Welcome back to Brian Cave who has rejoined the club after a few years absence. Welcome also to Johanna Dickie who has just joined the club after enjoying the casual Wednesday evening sessions.

## **Teaching**

### **Beginner lessons**

Beginner lessons will be taking place this year on Sunday afternoons, starting on 1<sup>st</sup> October. If you know anyone who would like to learn the game, then please ask them to contact [Ann](#) for more details. We need more players and the best way to recruit is by word of mouth. There are flyers on the table in the main room, please take one and put it up in your local library/shop/sports centre or give it to a friend.

If you belong to a local Facebook group we would appreciate your posting the flyer on your group page as this will help it to reach a much wider audience. Please contact [Ann](#) for a .jpg version of the flyer.

### **Book 2 Lessons**

If anyone who has completed the Beginning Bridge course would like to continue to Book 2, lessons will be starting on 1<sup>st</sup> October at 10.30. Please contact [Ann](#) to register for the course.

### **Improver Lessons**

Graham will be running a series of Improver lessons on various topics on Friday evenings commencing on 20<sup>th</sup> October. There is a list on the noticeboard, or you can register your interest directly with [Graham](#).

## **C&NW Sports Club**

Alf Cowdrey stepped down from his position as Director of the Trading Company at the end of August. We hope this means he will have more time to play bridge. Thanks to Alf for the many hours he has put into this role in support of the club. Joe Gaffney has stepped up to fill the vacancy on a temporary basis because the Company cannot operate without a director, but he does not have time to do devote to this and is desperate for some help. If anyone in bridge has management skills or a bit of free time to offer in support of the club then please get in touch with [Ann](#) (your bridge Trustee). Your club needs you!

## **And finally ....**

Frank Deakin is organising an International Bridge Tournament next March in Fuengirola, on the Costa Del Sol. It will take place from 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and promises to be a most enjoyable competition. Please contact [Frank](#) for more information.