

July 2025

## News

**Café Bridge** on 10<sup>th</sup> June – another year another Resounding Success – Once again we need to thank Sue O’Gorman with the help of Phil Pink for organising this event and Graham Cope for directing. The five venues were pleased to have us back so we hope to use them again next year. The winners for the second year in a row were Allan Ward and Michael Sallis. We had 40 pairs taking part – in fact we had to turn away pairs who wanted to join in. So next year be sure to sign up early!

We are pleased to welcome 2 new members to the club: Mary Morton and Duncan Curry – Mary started beginner lessons last September, and Duncan will be starting book 1 in September.

Congratulations to the following club members who have gained Masterpoint promotion for the first time in June: -

Eileen Colsell and Avis Ruth Dolan-Abrahams both achieved Local Master.

## CPL (Coventry Pairs League)

Congratulations to the winners of the last Series:

Division 1	Steve Green & Martin Jones
Division 2	Marilyn Jones & Susan Dunnett
Division 3	Maria Smyth & Peter Baines
Division 4	Lin Birch & Derek Thomas

If you would like to take part in the next series please contact [Graham Cope](#). Spaces are limited and there is already interest from players outside the club. The dates of the matches are:

25/9/25 - 23/10/25 - 27/11/25 - 18/12/25 - 22/01/26

If you or your partner cannot make one of the dates you need to arrange substitutes, the organisers cannot do this for you.

## Upcoming Events

**Pot Luck** takes place on the First Thursday of the month and starts at 18:30. We only had 3 tables on 3<sup>rd</sup> July but hopefully this was due to our regulars being on holiday. We therefore hope to see more of you for the next session on **7<sup>th</sup> August**. This event is designed to give our newer players the experience of playing with regular club members in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. All welcome.

Our annual Pro-am event **The Pete Morris Trophy**, will replace Pot luck on **4<sup>th</sup> September**. To qualify as an amateur you must have started learning bridge post Covid. Please put your name on the list on the noticeboard if you would like to play. Maggs will be organising the Pro’s.

### Swiss Pairs Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Entries are now closed for this event. The charge is £15 per head. The Godiva Trophy will be awarded to the overall winners and the Jaguar Trophy will go to the highest ranking pair of 1-star Master and below. There will also be prizes for the winners of each match. We will be holding a Raffle in aid of the British Heart Foundation (Donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received).

Play starts at 13:00 with a tea break at around 15:30 (Sue is organising the Tea – so you know that will be delicious) and then the final session of bridge followed by prize giving.

### OPEN DAY

Last year was such a success that we are holding another this year on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September** but in order for it to succeed we need the help and support of all our members. (Yes that's YOU) Ann has organised flyers which are available for you to collect from the Bridge Room – If you would like us to email you a PDF version to enable you to distribute to your groups/friends via email or social media please contact [Ann](#). You can contribute in other ways – come to the club to take part in a demo game of bridge, or play mini bridge with visitors. You only have to attend for part of the day, any time you can spare. Just let us know when you are available. Or you can bake something for the refreshment table; home baked cakes are always popular! The donations for refreshments will be in aid of Macmillan Nurses – So

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**CBL (Coventry Bridge League)** this is played on RealBridge, once a month, on Monday evenings and is an opportunity to play against the club's stronger players, as well as stronger teams from further afield. Last season it ran with 6 teams and to run next season we need at least 8 teams to register interest by August 1st. We are hopeful of recruiting teams from further afield, but via this Newsletter I am appealing to our more experienced players to consider taking part. New players or pairs can be passed on to team captains who may be able to welcome new players.

If you are interested in playing please contact [Graham](#).

### Teaching

- Year 1 – lessons will start on 26<sup>th</sup> September to run on Friday mornings from 10:30 – 12:30 Ann already has several recruits but we hope to gain many more from our Open Day. If anyone would like to come along and help the beginners, please contact Ann.
- Year 2 – lessons will start on 22<sup>nd</sup> September to run on Monday evenings from 19:00 – 21:00
- Intermediate Lessons by Graham. Sign up at least one week beforehand.

Sessions start at 13:30: -

Overcalls over 1NT      Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Overcalls, UCB Etc.      Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

### Other Bridge information

Tuesday Evenings – Attendance has fallen off lately and we do not want this session to die as it is our only regular, competitive, evening event. If you are daunted by the thought of playing in a tougher field, there is no need; we all make mistakes, even the best of us, and we learn by our mistakes! To encourage more players to give it a try we are offering everyone a FREE session on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August**. Free tea

and coffee will be provided, and if you want a drink from the bar they are cheaper on Tuesday evenings. Please do come along and play, the more the merrier.

### **Sports Club information**

Padel is proving popular and is now making a profit for the club. Plans are being made to build at least one permanent court, as the one we have is only temporary and rented.

Quotes are being obtained to repair the driveway before the winter starts.

Walking cricket is being started at the club on Wednesday evenings (at present Men only).

Bridge members are to be added to MyClubhouse, the Sports Club website, so that they can receive communications from the club about events. You will receive an email shortly asking you to sign up. You will need to log on to activate your membership. There is no charge, but bridge members have been missing out on messages from the Sports Club because we have not been registered with MyClubhouse.