

October 2025

News

Our annual Pro/Am competition was held on 2nd October. Congratulations to the winners Kieran Teeling assisted by Sue O’Gorman. This competition is aimed at relatively new players and gives them the opportunity to play in a competitive situation. It’s a marvellous feeling to have your name on a trophy. I would encourage all eligible players to enter next year.

The Saturday Master Points Summer Trophy was won by Walter Green. It will be presented at the New Year Party on 25th January 2026. I hope you all have enjoyed taking part in this competition. The Winter Master Point competition has now started. Good Luck to all our Saturday regulars.

Open Day last month. Although the turn-out was not as good as last year it has had the desired effect with 14 new recruits to the beginner lessons which take place on Friday mornings between 10:30 – 12:30. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave up their time on the day and/or made refreshments. It takes a lot of hard work to put on events and your efforts are appreciated. With this in mind we are considering in future holding it every other year.

Due to reduced uptake it has been decided to cancel Pot Luck Thursdays till the New Year and then to consider holding it quarterly.

Newcomers Pairs – Stratford Bridge Club is running on behalf of Warwickshire a new annual competition for players with <4 years’ experience. This will be held on 2nd November in the afternoon – cost is £6pp including tea/coffee. If you qualify please consider entering this competition, it will be a great experience to play in a different club and meet newcomers to the game from other clubs. This is an opportunity to be embraced. Please let Ann or Gail know if you wish to enter.

AGM – Tuesday 11th November Starts promptly at 18:00 followed by bridge. There will be a welcome drink of a free glass of wine and/or free coffee/tea and the bridge will also be free so please come along. This is your opportunity to support your committee and raise any matters that concern you.

Garden Cities – EBU Teams of 8 competition. Coventry has hosted the Warwickshire heat for the last 2 years – West Midlands is hosting it next year on 7th March. Andy Cope will be our non-playing Captain for the final time for both our teams. Thank you Andy for all the hard work and time you have given to our Bridge Club and we wish you every success in your future career

Upcoming Events

CPL – Thursday 23rd October, 27th November and 18th December.

Three Spires – Sunday 26th October and 23rd November – if you wish to play please make sure your name is on the list on the notice board – please state if you wish to eat.

Christmas Buffet Lunch & Bridge – Monday 22nd December from 12 noon – this was a great success last year – we ask you to bring a small contribution to the food (nearer the date we will post a list) so we have a wide selection. All welcome

Christmas Opening – please note there will be no bridge on the 24th and 31st December.

The New Year Party will be on Sunday 25th January (therefore no Three Spires that day) with a 2-course meal followed by bridge for all. Trophies will be presented at this event. More information nearer the date – for now just make sure it is in your calendar.

Teaching

As previously, mentioned Ann has 14 new recruits in Year 1 Lessons which take place on Friday mornings between 10:30-12:30.

Year 2 Lessons on Monday evenings between 19:00-21:00 have 12 members continuing with us after completing Year 1 last year.

This is very heartening and positive for the continuing growth of our Club.

Intermediate Lessons - We would like to thank Graham for his excellent lessons aimed at improving the standard of bridge in our club. We would like him to continue with these lessons in the New Year but he requires larger numbers to take part – We would encourage more of you take up these lessons.

Miscellaneous Matters

CLARION CALL to everyone - The 2026 SATURDAY HOST ROTA is on the Notice Board – it would be appreciated if you could put your name down to host one Saturday in the year. Don't wait until you're sure you are available as we can change the date if you suddenly have an appointment or going on a holiday. The most important thing is for members to volunteer for at least one Saturday.

The easiest way is to email me – patsywatson@hotmail.co.uk or text me on 07941358032 with the Saturday Date you can do and I will add it to the list for you. Alternatively, you can add your name to the list when you are next in the club. Heads up warning I will keep mentioning this every time I play until the list is complete – Phil Pink will be assisting me

Slow Play – The recommended time for playing a board is 7 minutes. In the interests of all players, TDs are encouraged to take a board off any table where slow play is occurring, as long as that table has not started bidding the hand. It is in the discretion of the TD to award 60/40 on the board if one pair is responsible for the slow play.

Finally – The club manager James has been doing a great job – he is currently getting quotes to replace our carpet. The Club are hosting a Christmas Day Lunch and arranging a New Year Party with DJ.

The Club is looking to building a permanent Padel Court plus the Netball Team would like another Court. There is a land-grab going on, but at least no one has suggested building a Padel court in the bridge room – yet!