

Newsletter – April 2023

Upcoming events

Three Spires – Sunday 16th April

The final 3 Spires session for this season will take place on Sunday 16th April. This is a sociable evening, starting with an optional two course home-cooked meal at 6pm and then teams bridge with teammates drawn at random each session. Play starts at 7pm. The charge is £10 for food and bridge, or normal table money if you prefer not to have the meal. All players are welcome, so if you have not played in the event before then why not give it a go? As with all teams competitions you will need a team of four to enter, but if you do not have teammates please get in touch as there may be a spare pair available.

Please contact Ann for further details or to enter this month's game.

Café Bridge – Tuesday 18th April

Ideally we need 20 pairs to run this event, and currently only 17 pairs have registered. This was a most popular event on our calendar last year, and it should once more prove to be a most enjoyable day out. The entry fee is £32 per person to include a hot drink and pastry at the start, lunch at one of the venues, prizes and a celebratory drink at the finish.

All members and visitors are welcome. **Please send your entries as soon as possible to Val Waugh.** [Email Val Waugh](mailto:Val.Waugh@ebubridge.org)

Fundraiser for EBU Juniors – Sunday 14th May

Warwickshire CBA will be running a Swiss Teams event at our club to raise sponsorship for EBU Junior teams taking part in international competitions. Play will start at 1pm, finishing around 6.30 pm. 30-36 boards will be played, and the entry fee is £48 per team to include a break with refreshments. Our own junior Meg Jones will be directing play. Enquiries and pre-entry by 7th May to Myra Scott.

Griffins Trophy – 1st June

The Griffins is a handicapped teams of four competition, starting on Thursday 1st June and alternate Thursdays to 24th August. Although you must enter as a team, there is a draw for teammates each session, with never the same teammates twice. The competition is suitable for players of all standards, and because of the handicapping anyone can win. Normal table money applies. There is an entry list on the noticeboard where you can register an interest in finding teammates. A minimum of 7 teams are required to ensure viability. Entries by 15th May please to Maggs Pyner.

John Pyner Memorial Charity Event – Sunday 25th June - Change of Date

In memory of John who sadly passed away last year, Maggs is organising a charity bridge event at the club in aid of the British Heart Foundation. There will be two sections to appeal to all; gentle bridge (playing 24 boards); competitive section (playing 32 boards). Both sections will start play at 1pm, and will break half way for refreshments, including home-made cake.

The charge is £5 minimum per player, with additional donations welcome. All profits will go to the British Heart Foundation. Donations of cake or raffle prizes gratefully received. Please contact Maggs.

Easter Opening

Bridge sessions will go ahead as normal over Easter, including Easter Monday afternoon.

New Assisted Play Session

As of Wednesday 12th April there we will be introducing a new session at the club for relative beginners to practise their skills under the watchful eye of a more experienced player. This will be a gentle session, to which all newcomers are invited. The start time is 6.30 pm. Table money £3 members, £4 non-members.

Afternoon Tea and bridge – 11th May

Plans are afoot to hold a gentle bridge session, with afternoon tea, in the club on Thursday 11th May. The cost will be £12 including the delicious fare. If you are interested in playing please contact Sue O’Gorman.

Other Bridge information

New Members

We are pleased to welcome back Pearl Souter who has re-joined the club after a break. Please also give a warm welcome to new members Ian and Tracey Fenwick, Sharon Milner, Emily Miles and Faye Castling-Morey who have all recently completed the Beginners course.

RealBridge Charge

With effect from 3rd May our table money charges for RealBridge will increase to £2.50 for members and £3 non-members.

WhatsApp Group

If you have a smartphone, why not join the Coventry bridge club WhatsApp Group? This will enable users to request partners or team mates for a bridge session. It can also be used to contact members with urgent information (like closure due to snow). John McNicholas is in charge of the group, and he will monitor use, and remove any inappropriate messages.

Members will need to personally 'Opt In' by sending John either an email to john.mcnicholas@coventry.gov.uk or a text or WhatsApp to 07968498860 asking to join the group.

CIO

Jodie has recently been appointed as Operations Manager for the Sports Club. We wish her every success in her new role.

500 Club

Congratulations to Bob Foster who recently won £250 in the 500 Club draw. Members are also invited to a complimentary meal at the club on Easter Monday. If you are interested in joining please contact Ann in the first instance.