

May 2023

## Upcoming events

### Afternoon Tea and bridge – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Lots of you will be looking forward to the Afternoon Tea and bridge which is being held this Thursday. This is to remind you that play starts at 1pm, so please arrive on time. If you have any enquiries or special dietary requirements please contact [Sue O’Gorman](#).

### Fundraiser for EBU Juniors – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May

There is still time to enter a team for the Swiss Teams event at our club next Sunday. This event is being run to raise sponsorship for EBU Junior teams to enable them to take part in international competitions. Play will start at 1pm, finishing around 6.30 pm with a break half way for refreshments and cake. 30-36 boards will be played during the afternoon, and the entry fee is £48 per team. Our own junior Megan Jones will be directing play. Please send entries to [Myra Scott](#).

### Griffins Trophy – More pairs urgently needed. Sessions start 1<sup>st</sup> June

The Griffins is a Summer Pairs competition that is fun and fair for all. It is a gentle introduction to teams scoring.

A handicap is applied to teams based on the players’ ngs at the start of the competition, with the intention of levelling the field.

Although this is a Pairs competition, you must enter as a team of 4 as the movement does not allow for half tables. Pairs are drawn teammates at random at the start of each session, and you should not play with the same teammates twice.

The sessions start on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7pm, and run on alternate Thursdays to 24<sup>th</sup> August. Normal table money applies.

You do not need to play in all the sessions, as the best 5 scores count towards the final result.

There is an entry list on the noticeboard at the club, where you can register an interest in finding teammates. A minimum of 7 teams are required to ensure viability, so please sign up to ensure the competition goes ahead. The deadline for registering an interest is 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Please send any enquiries to [Maggs Pyner](#).

### John Pyner Memorial Charity Event – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June

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 gentle section is open to all, but is aimed at novices and those who enjoy a slower pace.

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](#).

## Teaching

Graham will be running a 'prepared hands' taster session on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1.30 to 4pm. This is open to all, and will involve playing set hands with discussion about how the bidding and play should go.

He is also running some Revision Lessons on Mondays 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7pm. These lessons are aimed at players with 3+ years playing experience who wish to improve their game. Please see details and sign up on the noticeboard at the club, or contact [Graham](#) directly.

## Results

### Café Bridge

This was a most enjoyable day out, when members sampled the hospitality at various cafes in the City Centre and some bridge was played. The sun shone, making passage between the venues more pleasant. A profit of £180 was made on the day, which has gone to club funds. Congratulations are due to the winning pairs Carolyn Fisher and Pat Watson; Zena Hutchinson and Sue Harris. Runners up were Pete Phillipson and Mick Smith; Val and Andy Waugh.

### Anglo Polish

The final event in the series was played on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. The result was a tie for first place between Mike Adams and John Baxter, Martin Lythell and Ann Ridgway; both pairs finished with 40 points. Robert Zara and Mary Taylor claimed third place.

### 3 Spires Trophy

The final 3 Spires was played on 16<sup>th</sup> April. The overall winners were Alf Cowdrey and Ann Ridgway. Mei Tso and Melody Lau came second, with Debbie Page and Diana Satturley third. The new series begins in September, on the third Sunday of each month.

## Other Bridge information

### Increase in subs

In order to bring our annual subscriptions in line with other social members of the Sports Club, it has become necessary to raise the annual subscription for full members to £40. The Country membership subscription will go up to £25, with Student membership remaining unchanged. This will not come into effect until renewal is due on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### WhatsApp Group

Are you a member of the Coventry bridge club WhatsApp Group? This can be used to request partners/team mates for a bridge session, or 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](mailto:john.mcnicholas@coventry.gov.uk) or a text or WhatsApp to 07968498860 asking to join the group.