COVENTRY BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



June 2023

Upcoming events

John Pyner Memorial Charity Event – Sunday 25th June, 1pm – 5pm

If you have not already entered then please consider playing in this event in aid of the British Heart Foundation. It promises to be a great afternoon with bridge, cake and a chance to raise funds for this worthy cause. 30 pairs have already entered, but there is room for more.

Open to all bridge players, members and visitors, it will cater for the more experienced and the novice player with two separate sections.

Entry fee only £5 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 for further details. Entries by 18th June please.

Griffins Trophy – Alternate Thursday evenings

This competition got off to a good start on 1st June, with 6 teams taking part. The winners of the first session were a team consisting of Ken and Mavis Powell, Andy and Val Waugh. Congratulations to them all.

The next session will take place on Thursday 15th June. If you are taking part in this competition please check that your original teammates are available as we don't want to send any pairs home.

New teams are welcome to enter as only your best 5 scores over the season count towards the final result.

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The last session in the current series will be played on Thursday 22nd June.

Results

Afternoon Tea and bridge

This hugely successful event took place on 11th May, with 9 tables in play. The winning pairs were Ian Henson and Sue McCord playing North/South and Val and Andy Waugh sitting East/West. Several of our novices played in this most enjoyable event, holding their own against much more experienced players. Many thanks are due to the organisers and many volunteers who provided us with such a delicious tea. The event raised £337 for club funds.

We hope to enjoy similar events in the near future.

Fundraiser for Warwickshire Juniors

This event was held by WCBA in Coventry BC on 14th May. Seven teams took part, and the winning team comprised Lin and Ron Birch, Val Cooper and Bob Foster. Congratulations to them all. Thanks to contributions from players and generous donations from West Midlands Bridge Club and the Bridge Circle a total of £1000 was raised, and Jan's lovely cakes went down very well.

Other Bridge information

Request from your Directors

Please remember that our Directors and Hosts are Volunteers – as such, they should be treated with respect and not taken for granted.

The Director is in charge and one of their responsibilities is to keep slow players moving so that other players do not miss out on boards, or are kept waiting unduly. The Director is authorised to remove boards from slow players and award an average minus score to the culprits. Players are expecting to play 24 boards in a three hour session, so please help the Director to achieve this for the benefit of all players.

Arguing and unnecessarily challenging the TD is totally unacceptable.

Please help the Director by arriving on time (10 minutes <u>before</u> the session is due to start). It takes a few minutes to set up the movement once the number of tables is known, so late arrivals only delay the start time for everyone.

If you arrive without a partner please let the Director know so that they can pair you up.

Monday Sessions

It has been suggested that the start time of the Monday session be changed in order to avoid rush-hour traffic on the homeward journey.

The Committee would like your views on this. Would you like to start earlier, say 12 noon, or even play in a morning session starting at 10am, or would you prefer to leave the start as is at 1pm. We cannot please everyone, but will go along with the majority view. Please send your views to Ann.

Annual Subscriptions

The Treasurer will be shortly asking members to pay their annual subscriptions, which are due for renewal on 1st July.

New Member

A warm welcome to Jakub Kozak, who joined this month, we hope he will enjoy playing with us in Coventry.

Teaching

Beginner lessons

Beginner lessons will start again in September, on Sunday afternoons. Do you know anyone who would like to learn the game? If so then please ask them to contact <u>Ann</u> for more details. We need more players and the best way to recruit is by word of mouth.

C&NW Sports Club

The AGM of the main club will take place in the main bridge room on Monday 26th June, starting at 7pm. Notice will be sent out soon. The Trustees are working hard to keep the club afloat in these difficult times, and they would appreciate your support at this meeting.