

November 2023

News

The bridge section AGM was held on Tuesday 7th November, alongside a celebration of 70 years of Coventry Bridge Club. It was great to see many of our members attend the meeting and stay for a game of bridge afterwards.

Your Committee now has a new Chair – Ann Ridgway; a new Treasurer – Jac Kendall; and a new secretary in Gail Wickes. Maggs Pyner rejoined Committee as Chief Tournament Director. Ian Henson and Patsy Watson have also joined. The remaining committee members are Graham Cope (Vice-chair), Andy Williams (Webmaster), Phil Pink (Trophies) and Susan O’Gorman (Social secretary and Membership). Pam Whitehead has agreed to remain on Committee as long as necessary to support the handover of the Treasurer role.

Christmas Bridge Club opening

Open for bridge as normal on: -

Thurs 21st December for CPL,

Saturday 23rd December and Saturday 30th for hosted Duplicate session.

Tuesday 2nd January – Evening Duplicate Bridge

Closed 24th 25th 26th December and 1st January

Upcoming events

Coventry Pairs League

The December CPL will be played on Thursday 21st December. Please note this is a week earlier than usual. Don’t forget if you have signed up for this competition it is your responsibility to find subs if you cannot make one of the sessions.

Three Spires – next session Sunday 17th December

The November session of this competition saw 5 teams entered and was won by a team consisting of Melody Lau and Pak-Hin Lee, Gail Wickes and Thierre Jones. After three sessions the leaderboard is very close.

More teams are welcome to join this friendly competition which starts with a home-cooked meal at the club. Bridge and dinner for £10 is pretty good value. Food is served at 6pm, with bridge starting at 7pm. We will have a festive theme to the meal on 17th December. Please contact [Ann](#) for further details.

Monday 18th December – Festive lunch

As this is the last Monday session before Christmas it has been suggested that players join us in a festive buffet lunch before play starts. Michael Sallis is directing and will co-ordinate food. Everyone is invited to attend, the more the merrier.

Lunch will be taken from 12 noon, play to start as normal at 1pm.

Thursday 28th December *NEW EVENT – POT LUCK SESSION*

Following a suggestion made at the AGM, we are trialling a new event where novices are paired up at random with slightly more experienced players (names to be pulled out of a hat). The idea is that newcomers to the game are encouraged to make the transition from learner to club player. We hope this will become a regular monthly event. Play starts at 6pm, and 18 boards will be played.

New Year Party – 14th January 2024

This will be held on the evening of Sunday 14th January. The meal in the function room will be followed by a fun bridge session with games and prizes. There will be a short presentation of trophies before bridge starts. Maggs is directing and kindly donating the prizes in memory of John.

Tickets will be priced at £22.50 this year because food costs have risen. Non-playing partners are welcome to attend the meal at a charge of £19. Please sign up on the list on the noticeboard, or contact the [secretary](#) to put your name down.

Results

Mentored Pivot - 16th October

This event was well supported – by Stratford bridge club members! There were 10 tables in play: 4 tables of Coventry members and 6 tables of visitors. The winners were Christian Muthiah and Larry Lau from Coventry and Maureen Justice from Stratford, but everyone gained much from the experience, and it proved to be another really enjoyable evening. Many thanks are due to Graham Cope for organising the event and to all the Mentors who came along to offer their advice and help.

Other Bridge information

EBU Events

The club will be hosting the EBU Teltscher Trophy Trials over the weekend of December 16th – 17th. This does mean that the Saturday duplicate session on 16th will take place in the small room. We realise this is inconvenient for our members, but it does bring in income to the club, and raises our profile in the bridge world.

Promoting the Club

We are looking for IT artists amongst our members to offer their services to produce a flyer to promote bridge. Can you help? Please contact a member of Committee.