

April 2024

## News

We have two new country members, plus more potential members from the beginner lessons. New members are constantly needed. Please remember they are the life blood of this club, so if you see a new face please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

**Afternoon Tea** is nearly here! – **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** £15 per person - running order:

Bridge begins at 12:00

Stop for tea at 13:30

Bridge recommences at 14:15

Please add your name to the list at the club, or let [Sue](#) know you wish to play.

## Upcoming events

The final session of the **Three Spires** is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April – hopefully there will be no extra time at the FA Cup Semi Finals so you can still enjoy your home-cooked meal – provided by Debbie – before we start play at 19:00. If you want to watch the match, why not come and watch it at the club beforehand?

**Café Bridge** has been finalised for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Commencing 10:30 at the Belgrade Theatre. We have kept the cost down to £35 per person (includes Coffee/Tea on arrival with pastries – Lunch at the venue you are playing in at 13:00 – Complimentary drink whilst the results are announced with prizes for the winners.

The Venues are: -

The Belgrade – Telegraph Hotel Restaurant – Bella Italia – Pizza Express

N.B. We are limited to 20 pairs – Please email [Sue O’Gorman](#) — entries will be taken on a first come basis.

Gentle Reminder to get your names down on list outside the bridge room for Graham's **Intermediate Lessons**: -

15<sup>th</sup> April - Red Suit Transfers

20<sup>th</sup> May - Lebensohl – competing after opponents overcall partner's 1NT

17<sup>th</sup> June - Playing Suit Contracts

Charge £7 per lesson. No need to attend all three, just pick and mix...

### **Other Bridge information**

#### **Coventry Bridge 'WhatsApp' Group**

Don't forget we have a WhatsApp group to enable you to look for a partner or receive important information about the club. To join just message John Mc Nicholas on 07968 498860.

#### **Maintaining tempo in Bridge**

There has been some concern recently about slow play and the impact on opponents and the running of sessions.

#### **What does the law book say?**

In essence the TD is responsible for the orderly progress in the game (Law 82B 81B) and has the authority to

1. Adjust a score
2. Postpone or cancel a board.

The purpose is to efficiently run a session with seven minutes per board.

#### **What if slow play is deemed as unauthorised information?**

If there is variation in normal tempo of bidding or play that is deemed as giving unauthorised information and induces your partner to bid when they normally would not, this may be considered as taking advantage of unauthorised information and could be subject to a procedural penalty.

Laws that apply are:

16 B1 16B3 73C. 74C. 81B. 82B. 90A. 90B2

Other than the above, following persistent slow play is annoying and can put pressure on other players to make up time on the next round. We do not want to lose members to other clubs because of the slow play in Coventry BC.