

September 2024

News

We would like to thank all members who signed up for Gift Aid. This has brought in £343.75 for the club. If you have not done so already, please sign up with Sue O'Gorman.

We welcome one new member this month – Viv Shelly. We hope you enjoy playing with us Viv.

Our **Open Day 6th September** – It's a week away but that still gives you time (if you have not already done so) to put your name on the board to volunteer for a couple of hours during the day to play bridge – play mini bridge – or simply welcome visitors with a cup of coffee/tea and a piece of home-made cake. If you can't come you can always donate a cake.

Please spread the word - encourage your friends/ neighbours/ family to come to our Open Day. We will be at the club all day from 11am to 7pm.

A new series of beginner lessons will be starting on the evening of Monday 16th September. If you know anyone who may be interested in learning please contact [Ann](#), or better still bring them along to the Open Day.

Remember it is **YOUR** club and if you want it to survive, we need to bring in new members.

With that in mind, please support **POT LUCK PAIRS** once a month on the first Thursday starting at 18:30 – 21:30. The September session is on 5th September. The purpose of this session is to encourage our new members moving from assisted play to joining us on Saturdays and Mondays.

Upcoming Events

***PLEASE OPEN YOUR CALENDARS AND PUT IN FOR FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER
CHINESE BANQUET AND BRIDGE***

Gabriel Ip, one of our members, has offered to cook an authentic Chinese meal – the cost for this evening is £18 – those of you who tasted Gabriel's food at the Pot Luck lunch we held in May will know what a treat is in store for us. The meal will start at 18:00 with bridge following at about 19:30 – Partners are welcome to join you for the meal.

If you have time to spare in the afternoon – how would you like to be one of Gabriel's kitchen assistants!

Three Spires Trophy

This friendly teams competition runs on the 4th Sunday of the month from September to April. The dates for this series are:- 22nd September; 27th October; 24th November; 15th December; 26th January; 23rd February; 23rd March and 27th April.

The evening starts with a two course, home-cooked meal, prepared by one or more of our members.

Players enter as a team, but a draw for team-mates is held at the start of play. With enough teams taking part you should not play with the same team-mates more than once in the series. Scores are cumulative over the series, but only your 5 best scores count in the final result.

The entry list will be displayed on the noticeboard, please make sure your name is down.

A reminder we will be hosting the EBU **Crockfords Cup Final** on 21st/22nd September – there will be attendees from all over the country, including our very own Coventry pair Andy Cope and Giles Ip who have qualified for the final with team-mates from Milton Keynes. Our normal Saturday session will be played in the small bridge room.

CPL (Coventry Pairs League)

The dates for the next series are: -

26th September 24th October 28th November 19th December 23rd January

The last date for entries is **Friday 6th September**. You can enter via our [website](#).

If you have not played in this event before why not give it a go? Contact [Graham Cope](#) for further information.

Pete Morris Trophy

Our **Pro-Am Competition** will take place on Thursday 3rd October with a 7pm start (therefore no Pot Luck Pairs in October).

Afternoon Tea Friday 8th November

If you forgot to put it in your diaries please add it now. As she did such a brilliant job last time, Sue O’Gorman couldn’t turn down the opportunity of doing it once again!

Notes from the TD

We would like to encourage members to come forward to train as a TD – if this is something you would like more information on, please contact any of our current TD’s

On a serious note, I would like to remind members that our TD’s do a difficult job and we should give them the respect they deserve when attending the bridge table to apply the rules to a question asked.

TD Comment: Disclosure of system

The EBU Handbook (Blue Book) states that all partnership understandings and systems must be fully disclosed to the opponents. It is a recommendation (not a requirement) to have a system card at the table at club level. Players however, that have systems and conventions that are not standard at their club should take extra care that the opposition fully understand their bids. If a player does not understand their partner’s bid they can always leave the table whilst their partner explains their methods, without conveying unauthorised information (UI) to their partner.

A player should never, if they are not sure of their opponent's bid, say how they are interpreting the bid in question. This has the potential of conveying UI to their partner.

Those players who play 5 card major systems and short minor (alertable) or better minor (non-alertable) should ensure that the opposition are aware of this at the start of the round. Bidding a strong no trump is obviously self-explanatory as the strength is announced by partner of the bidder.

Please note that opponents should only ask for explanations of the bidding during the **clarification period** (after the auction and before the opening lead is faced), unless they intend to enter the auction.

There were a few small changes to the announcing and alerting rules as of August 2024. A copy of the Announcement and Alert Summary is displayed on the notice board for player's perusal. Players can always look on the EBU web site for the latest information.