

COVENTRY BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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News

Congratulations - Masterpoint promotions in March are as follows: -

John Baxter	6 Star Premier Regional Master
George Cuthbertson	1 Star Grand Master
Keith Beswick	Advanced Master

National Competition:

After two byes in the first two rounds of this year's NICKO (National Inter Club Knock out) competition, our team went on to beat Kettering in Round 3 and East Midlands BC in Round 4. The next Round will be played against Deva BC. Well done so far and good luck the next match.

The Warwickshire Mentored Novice Pivot Teams event took place on 26th April in Solihull. Coventry entered one team this year and despite best efforts we did not win – but it was good experience of playing in a large field, with 17 teams entered from clubs around the County. Next year Coventry will be hosting the event on Sunday 18th April 2027 – so please put this date in your diary as we will require help hosting as well as mentors and players and we hope to enter more teams.

The final session of our 3 Spires competition for 2025/2026 resulted in Larry Lau and Mei Tso winning the Trophy for a third year, but it was down to the wire in the last round. Congratulations to Larry and Mei who will be presented with the trophy later in the year.

So you can get your diary/calendar updated, the dates for the next series are: -

27 th September	25 th October	22 nd November	13 th December
24 th January	28 th February	21 st March	25 th April

The sessions are on a Sunday – if you are eating it is a 17:00 start – the bridge starts at 18:00. This is a teams competition, but you need to register as a pair and teammates will be drawn each session.

We enjoyed another brilliant afternoon tea on Friday 24th April – making £400 profit which is going towards purchasing new Bridgemates, which we hope to order soon. Thank you once again to Sue O'Gorman for organising the tea with the help of all the contributors/Cake makers/savoury contributors/ setting up the room helpers. Special thanks to Sue Cannaby, who not only kept us supplied with tea, but also cleared the tables whilst we were playing bridge and did the washing up!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **Pro-am** will be played on Thursday 14th May. We have 21 Am's already entered (remember an Am is someone who has been playing for less than 4 years). We require more Pro's – yes that is YOU who have been playing more than 4 years. As time is running out, please let your TD know you want to be a Pro at the next bridge session you attend.

Last session of this series of the Coventry Pairs League is Thursday 28th May 19:00. Dates for the autumn series are still being agreed.

CAFÉ BRIDGE – The date has been confirmed for Tuesday 23rd June – Graham Cope has kindly agreed to do the scoring again and Sue O'Gorman has managed to book the venues and negotiate the cost and I am delighted to report that despite rising prices we are keeping the cost to the same as last year - £35 per person. This includes the day's bridge, a pastry and coffee on arrival, and lunch at the venue you are in at 13:00. There will also be lots of prizes.

We can accommodate a finite number of pairs, so please get your names down quickly – remember you have to sign up as a pair.

SWISS PAIRS – Following the success of last year's event we will be running this again on Sunday 2nd August. The cost to enter is £15 per person, to include Afternoon Tea and bridge. Maggs Pyner is organizing this event which will include a raffle to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. If you enjoyed the afternoon tea and bridge on 24th April then you will enjoy this too, so please sign up. Swiss Pairs means that after a random draw for the first round you will play against pairs of a similar standard to yourselves, so it is suitable for all levels of player.

My clarion call fell on deaf ears in the last newsletter as we only got a couple of dates booked on the Host Rota. It is the same members that put their names down multiple times. Surely there is a Saturday when your partner can't make it because they are going to an event or are on holiday – this is your opportunity to come down and be a host.

Teaching & Recruitment

We are NOT having an Open Day this year so it is imperative for all our members to promote this club by recruiting new members to sign up to learn bridge. We will be having flyers printed for you to give out but we all know that it is word of mouth to our circle of friends/neighbours/colleagues that produces the best results. The information you need to remember is: -

BOOK ONE LESSONS START ON 14TH SEPTEMBER AT 19:00 WITH THE FIRST LESSON FREE