

To all Farnham Bridge club members (October 12, 2020)

Last Wednesday evening had to be abandoned part-way through, as at least one table did not complete the 4th round, not realising that it was a 3 board not 2 board round. Gabriel, I and others have been in discussion about how to avoid this occurring again. As part of this discussion, two other problems have been highlighted. Some players wish to be reminded about how to access the room and get started; even more important, slow play has been highlighted as a continuing problem that may result in some members no longer playing on our Wednesday evenings if not fixed.

This note seeks to remedy these issues, so that we can continue to have enjoyable Wednesday club evenings with increasing participation.

1. HOW TO ACCESS OUR WEDNESDAY BCL F2F Club session.

You need to be a paid up full member of BCL and have your "club" set to Farnham bridge club. (To do this, from the BCL home page, click "members" tab, then "clubs", then set your club to Farnham bridge club). To play on Wednesday evenings, from the "Clubs" page simply click on "Enter Your club page" then "Enter your F2F Club Rooms". **The room opens at 7:15pm, click on [Enter the Tournament](#), tell your partner to join you, agree your SSD and then just wait for play to start automatically at 7:30pm.** After that, never try to move yourself, the **movement is automated and the system will do this for you. From time to time you** may be waiting for your next partners, at a table or in the lobby, whilst your next partners are finishing a previous board.

The attachment, produced by Tony, provides an excellent summary of how to get seated and play (Steps.pptx).

(Note: BCL, being an international system, has all times as **GMT**. Ignore this - our start time is 7:15pm for 7:30pm.

2. AFTER YOU FINISH ANY BOARD.

Unless the system has automatically moved you to the lobby or another table in preparation for the next round, always click "Ready" as soon as you have finished a board. This will avoid you having to think whether it is a 2 board or 3 board round. Remind your opponents to click "Ready" (via the "Chat" button), if they do not do so rapidly.

3. SLOW PLAY

This is putting members off playing, so we **MUST** fix it. From this Wednesday onwards, we will be timing each round and logging pairs & tables who take more than 13 minutes for 2 board rounds, 20 minutes for 3 board rounds. All of us have the odd difficult board or decision that requires special thought, so rest assured that no action will be taken against a pair who happen to be slow on a particular round. However, if the same pair are slow on multiple rounds, they will be spoken to, with "help" offered on how to speed up.

If a table falls a full board behind, the host / director may instruct the table to all pass out the unplayed board, to get things back on track. with the director / host awarding an adjusted score at the end of the evening. It is hoped that we never have to resort to this!

I am "Host" for this Wednesday evening. Let me know if you would like to play but are looking for a partner, or if you have any other queries. You can contact me on 01252-719480, or via email Mike@lizandmike.co.uk

Regards,

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