

Dear Members.

With the success of the Friday afternoon sessions, it has been decided to play EVERY Friday afternoon from now on so you just have to turn up with your partner rather than checking if it's the 1st or 3rd Friday! This means we need more people to help run the sessions, if you are willing and able to organise the movement or use the computer to score, please let me or Julie Godbold know. Don't forget we have the popular Thursday afternoon gentle duplicate for those who don't like the pressure of the regular duplicates.

We have set Friday the 12th April in the afternoon for our next Swiss pairs event at the club. Booking will be required, keep your eyes open for a sign-up sheet nearer the time.

I have had some emails in response to the recent Pianola message about making an informal complaint. The message was sent to all members and wasn't directed at any individual.

The YCBA is running the Northern Easter Festival at the Crown Plaza on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st of March; as well as the usual Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams there is a 9 high (NGS) pairs comp on the Saturday afternoon.

I am getting ever more busy with bridge club business and most of you know I go travelling from the second week of May for 2 months so I have decided to appoint a vice-Chairman to cover my duties during my absence which this year will include the AGM in early July and to help me the rest of the time. Dave Trueman has agreed to step into this role, he has been a valuable member of the committee for some time now and has many more diplomatic and organisational tendencies than I do. I'm sure you will make him as welcome as you have done to me.

Finally, don't forget you only make extra tricks trumping in the short hand.

Rob