

Dear members

As I head off on my well-earned break there is likely to be a 2 month break in my informative communications. However, I may find time to send you some beach and beer photos. 😎

The YCBA is providing a TD training course on 3 consecutive Saturdays, 17th, 24th, 31st of August at York bridge club. The details are in the link at the bottom of this paragraph. Being a TD is an important job and sometimes a session may not have a qualified TD; the rule book is available in the cabinet by the computer in the TD drawer if a ruling is required. We are always looking for new TDs, members with an understanding of the game and a propensity for learning and making others understand the rules whilst the inevitable confusion reigns after an infraction has occurred. The club is happy to pay any course fee to send members who are willing to step up to TD sessions at the club however the course running in York in August is free of charge. Further information and details of how to book a place is on the website home page or alternatively, contact our head TD, Janet Latham.

The ground floor area is going to be redecorated and updated! It has been 13 years since it was last done and we want to make the main room a pleasant place to be for you the members. We have already updated the heating system (the remaining radiators will be changed to the modern ones to match) then the tables and chairs were updated and this project is seen as the final thing needed to complete the renovation. A very diverse sub-committee have been working hard to understand what we all want. The old carpet has been great and will be replaced with an equally good quality one, it does mean I will have to retire my green jumper and find a new one to match the new carpet. The work will start on Monday 17th June and the likelihood is that it will take 4 weeks. We will make the 1st floor into a playing room before the work starts and we will be looking for volunteers to help with this, nearer the time. The ground floor will be closed for approximately 4 weeks. We will make the kitchen upstairs available for soft drinks only as its summer and we don't want to ruin the upstairs carpet with tea/ coffee stains on the couple of stairs between the kitchen and the playing room. The lesser-known top floor (its very nice) will be used for Tuesday afternoon improver group and team matches. Parking won't be available at the rear of the building during the daytime sessions. More details will be sent in due course.

The YCBA are running a mixed pairs competition on Sunday 16th June at Wakefield BC for anyone interested, the cost is £48 per pair which includes a "substantial tea". More details

Some of you will have noticed that I got 73% on Tuesday afternoon playing with my mother, there was lots of luck involved and I feel I should apologise to Stephanie and Mandy for our outrageous top when my mother underlead her A♣ against their 4♥ contract. This is neither big or clever and I'm pleased to see nobody else underlead their Ace in a suit contract!! Well done Easts.

Thank you for reading my blogs and I hope you enjoy your break from them.

Rob