

Dear Member,

After the recent success of the inaugural Wednesday evening teams session and the club wide need to get more people playing in our teams we have acquired the services of a top teacher to come and give us some top tips. What could be better!? Well some cream teas in a stunning location would be nice as it's summer, I hear you cry..... Oh go on then! Nick Woolven will be giving a seminar on teams tactics at Oakdale GC on Wednesday the 3rd of June starting at 2pm for roughly 3 hours including play. Yes, with cream teas during the interval, all for the tiny cost of £10. The sign up and payment information is in the link below:

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Nick will also be doing another seminar on Wednesday the 24th June on defence play, another very important part of bridge. Same time, still at Oakdale, same cream tea, same low price. Sign-up sheet for this one is here:

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Carrying on the team's momentum; Wednesday's teams will continue this year, bi-monthly. First Wednesday of June, August, October, December and February. There is no competition as yet.

The troublesome ladies' toilet light has been switched (pun intended) to a permanent switch on the wall as you enter the ladies toilet. Can the last out please remember to turn it off, it's connected to the light under the noticeboard so is easy to spot. This has replaced the sensor lights which seemed to have a mind of their own and would come on when nobody was in the building.

When a mistake happens at the bridge table, let's say someone revokes, we are taught the best thing to do is call the director straight away. Sorting problems out gets harder the longer it's left. It's a lot easier in the case of a revoke if it's caught before it becomes an established revoke! A revoke becomes established when the revoker or his partner plays or leads to the next trick.

Getting members to act as directors for sessions has always been a hard ask so making it as easy a task as possible is key, standing in front of 4 of your peers (some whom may be more experienced than you) can be an ordeal, even if you are the one holding the rule book. The more members who are willing to act as directors the less daunting it will feel if we all share the workload. All you really need to do is be able to find the governing rule in the rule book. Scoring seems to be less daunting as you don't have to face humans who have made a mistake, some prefer to deal with computer programs. If you are willing and want to become either a scorer or a director, please come and speak to either myself or one of the other directors.

Other things happening soon include the Nelson Rose Bowl, a ladies only teams of 4 event on the 7th May and the Yorkshire festival of bridge over the weekend of the 13th and 14th of June.

Wetherby BC have secured the services of a bridge teacher trainer on Monday the 29th of June and have offered us 2 places. If you would like to be considered, contact me. Sometimes you have to travel a long way for this kind of offer so don't miss the opportunity when it's on your doorstep! We need more people to teach our brilliant game.

Congratulations to those who got a master point promotion, especially Andrea Tilstone and Nick Feasey who have got their first promotion.

Rob