

Dear Member

I've made it back from my holidays unscathed, not even any sunburn. Coming up soon we have the AGM on Monday at 7:15pm, there will be bridge afterwards. This year a lot of work has been put into modernising the rules so they are easier to navigate and understand. This included reading the full 200 page companies law book, so you can imagine how nobody is keen to go through that again! Thank you to the subcommittee for all their hard work. Thank you also to the continuing work that the committee have put into keeping the bridge sessions and the club running. Also, a special mention to the helpers that aren't on the committee itself. The people who keep us in tea and biscuits, milk and juice. Someone has to order the hand towels and soap and keep them topped up. Someone has to arrange the players for club matches and keep the club website up to date. Then there are the scorers and TDs that make the sessions run smoothly (the more experience the TD has the smoother but possibly more complicated the session). The club constantly needs to train TDs so they can get experience. There is quite a sizable team needed to deal the boards. These jobs provide a sense of achievement and community and members are always needed to take on these jobs. I've written this report to save time at the AGM as we are starting at 7:15 and most people would rather play bridge than listen to me.

In other news, the next Swiss pairs is on Friday the 24th July at 1pm, there are some spaces available, please sign up. The next round of the Wednesday multiple teams is on the 5th of August. Don't forget to put your name down for that also. It's rare that anyone gets to play such a large multiple teams field.

The midweek Congress returns to the Cairn from the 25th -27th August.

<https://www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/northern-midweek-congress>

We are firmly in the middle of "when you open a window please remember to close it" season.

Finally, I've underlead 2 kings against a trump contract this week, even after my partner has agreed my overcall and neither have gone well, not recommended.