

Dear Member

Oliver Cowan is running the very popular and fun Great Northern midweek Congress at the Cairn and is again looking for stand by pairs for the Jack high Swiss pairs on Tuesday the 25th in the afternoon and the open pairs in the evening. Also, for the Swiss pairs on Wednesday and Swiss teams on the Thursday. If the rumours are true, it may be the last chance to play bridge at this fantastic historical venue. You will need to be available for the whole event if needed and if you don't get to play you will get a small payment for your time. If you want to be considered please get in touch with me. Free blue and green points available!

Congratulations to Bob Marchbank who recently became a life master, no easy feat nowadays days.

The club still needs more volunteers to do scoring and TDing sessions (amongst other things) If we don't get volunteers I will have to start approaching suitable individuals. The more volunteers we have the more the load is spread.

When you are North can you please make sure you have the correct people and the correct boards at the start of the round. If you play the wrong boards on 1 round out means that both those pairs can't play the boards they mistakenly played when then come across them again causing less boards being played and a more distorted result at the end of the session.

Don't forget to use Stayman even with a weak hand if you have 5/4 in the majors as there is a chance you will find the magic 8 card (or even a 9 card) major fit with partner and if your partner bids 2d you can just bid your 5 card suit, always works out better to be in a long major after partner has opened/ overcalled 1nt.

See you all soon
Rob