

Dear Member

This weekend I, along with many other HBC members have been playing at the Great Northern Swiss pairs, an enjoyable weekend of high quality bridge, (my partner didn't always agree). I think the difference from a normal session was a lot of the opponents asked about lead styles? It suggests that declarer is trying to gather information about the hand that has lead and by default the other hand that they cannot see. So, if you are the partner of the opening leader then you need to be using this information also to work out what you partners' hand consists of (and therefore declarer's)! This is something I will be concentrating on in the next set of lessons. (details to follow soon). Well done to Nicola Cockerill-Smith for coming 3rd, Bob Marchbank and Kevin Higgins came 15th and new member Jenny Guest playing in her first weekend Congress came a reputable 40th and gained 1.13 green points!

Coming up this Wednesday is the next multiple teams event, make sure you are signed up. The Andrew Robson Day is at Oakdale GC on Friday, 10am tea and coffee for a 1030 start. Thursday multiple teams is on 29th October if you are loving teams. The winter Yorkshire League teams of 8 starts on Sunday the 25th October if you fancy more teams bridge against other local clubs. More details on the website. It's only 5 weeks until Children In Need sim pairs week, we are running our usual Monday afternoon and Wednesday evening session on the 9th and 11th of November. As it get colder, obviously people will start asking me if we are having a Christmas party this year. Of course we are! It will be back at Oakdale GC on Friday the 18th of December from 12pm, similar to last year, save the date.

Now we have got into "windows closed" season and as we aren't getting as much fresh air into the club it's worth mentioning again about how important it is to turn on the air purifiers in the club, their filters take out airborne diseases like COVID. There is also a fan on the front wall to aid air circulation without is opening windows and getting cold. Over the extremely hot summer we have had 2 comments about installing air conditioning. The top temperature in the ground floor playing room this year was 27° on August 4th which is much cooler than some of the outside temperatures we've had. After a fairly lengthy debate about the pros and cons of air conditioning it was decided not to install a/c units at this time.

We have arranged a St John's ambulance CPR course at the club on Friday the 30th of October. Details are on the website

Olicana bridge club in Ilkley is running a new initiative to get children playing bridge and a wider variety of card games. I'm sure we are all aware that starting young is the easiest way to learn but bridge has a reputation of being an older person's game. Olicana's plan is not to push bridge straight away. If you think your children/ grandchildren would like this idea and spend time playing cards with children their own age, see the link for more details.

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/oliana/Cards%20Battle%20Club.pdf>

We have replaced all the bidding cards on the ground floor so they are all shiny new. Please don't mix these up with the bidding cards from other floors or from the boxes that will be used for the external events, Xmas party, Andrew Robson says etc where there may be more chance of contamination 😊

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