

Dear Member.

The end of March signals the end of the club competition year and the start of the 26/27 year. At the time of going to press the club has done rather poorly in club team competitions especially when compared to our neighbours at Wetherby, Olicana, Ripon etc. These clubs have made a concerted effort over the last few years to encourage more teams play and education.

Wednesday the 1st of April will be a one-off teams event to give the Wednesday players a chance to play teams without having to come to a Monday/Thursday evening session when the evening league is played which is currently our only regular teams event at the club. Every effort will be made to make sure this runs smoothly including a stand by pair just in case a pair don't turn up. However, please organize another pair to be your team mates when you all play tonight. Your NGS is calculated on your pairs x-imp score so if you are let down by your team mates on the night your NGS won't suffer! Teams of 4 is said to be the purest form of bridge, I don't know who initially said it, don't quote me.

Some of the club competitions are handicapped and to determine that handicap the club needs to be able to "see" your NGS grade for you to be eligible to compete so if you are someone who hides your NGS grade whether inadvertently or not and you want to be eligible to compete in all the club competitions (isn't that the reason for playing) then please make sure your NGS is visible over the end of March/ beginning of April period.

In other news: the Easter Congress is taking place over the Easter weekend in Harrogate at the Crown Plaza, a volunteer pair is needed for the Swiss teams on the Sunday, email me or Janet Latham if you want to be considered. Good luck to all HBC members who are playing in that.

Lastly, please stop leading a small card if you don't have an honour in that suit, it confuses me and much more importantly your partner.

Rob  
Wed 25 March 2026