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Welcome to Members,
Learners, Visitors and Guests!

I hope you find something that interests you.

Nicky

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Wednesday Afternoons 13.30:

Gentle Bridge in the marquee at The Chequers at Swinford.

Tuesday Evenings 19.30

One Hour of Gentle Bridge with discussion

Tuesday Mornings 10.30

Novice Group in Central Rugby

Improvers Lessons

Various sessions Swinford and Southam

DID YOU KNOW?

My News

I stood for Rugby Borough Council in May.

Amazingly I was elected as one of two (Liberal Democrat) councilors for Bilton ward.

I believe many of you live in Bilton and voted for me. I thank you so much for your support. I will do my best for you. I am on a steep learning curve at present!

I am carrying on, with Jim's help, with our bridge programme.

Teaching

After several years teaching at Kenilworth Bridge Club, Jim and I are delighted to hand over to Jane Sell and others.

We are starting beginners classes and gentle duplicate in Northampton Bridge club in September.

Medicine Blister Packs

To prevent these going into landfill, I am once more collecting them for recycling. Please bring them to any of my sessions, or if you would prefer to drop them off in Park Road, contact me for the house number.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Double Trouble

There are two important principles in the laws and regulations of duplicate bridge.

1. Partners may only exchange information, during the auction and play of a hand, using the calls and bids they make and the cards they play. They must not exchange information by facial expressions, body language or general remarks, however witty ☺.
2. Opponents are entitled to know about any agreements you have made with partner about the meanings of calls, bids and card play.

The EBU introduced Announcing and Alerting Regulations to support the second principle. They have been revised several times. Each time they got more complex. Few club players understand them completely. Try to follow the regulations; consider that your opponents may not completely understand them; and ask for the TD if anyone's not happy. Good clubs believe in and try to ensure fair play.

Doubles...

- No double is announced;
- The regulations assume that if you double any **suit** bid from 1♣ to 3♠, it's for takeout. Your partner doesn't need to alert. Some pairs may agree that they only double for take-out up to 2♠. In this case when one of you doubles e.g. 3♠ for penalties, **the other one must Alert.**
- The regulations assume that if you double any **NT** bid by your opponents, it's for penalties. Your partner doesn't need to alert. Some pairs may agree that a double of 1NT is for take out. **In**

that case, partner must Alert.

The regulations assume that if you double any suit artificial suit bid by your opponents, e.g. 2♣ Stayman, you are indicating that you hold that suit, in this case clubs, and would like a lead from that suit. Your partner doesn't need to alert. **Some pairs agree that the double refers to the next highest-ranking suit, in this case showing and asking for diamonds. Your partner must Alert.**

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