

Dear Member

We are back!

Thanks to all of you that have made the decision to return to face2face bridge. It was lovely to see you. Rest assured we are monitoring the playing conditions and doing everything we can to make it safe within the Government guidelines as well as having thoughts for your comfort. Please make sure you bring extra layers with you as the guidelines say ***we must let fresh air in if we are meeting indoors.***

On-Line Bridge

Well - we have now trained further tournament directors to keep the club going but where have all our players gone? I know Thursday night is not convenient for many of you so fully understand there will be a reduction of members players. However, the word on the street is that there are a number of our members looking for a partner and this is where we can help you. If you want to play on-line please respond to this e:mail and we will do our best to set you up with a partner (see below). We are trying to establish a host system for the on-line club as we are very keen to keep the on-line club going.

The Greystones Host System

We are also working to re-introduce the host system for the start of 2022. It will be available for you to check it out in December so hopefully as we move into the New Year members without a partner can turn up knowing they will be able to play.

Finding a partner by email

If you are looking for a partner, we can circulate your request by email. Send an email to HDBridgeclub@gmail.com, with PARTNER WANTED (date) in the subject. Include your name and telephone number (optional) in the text of the email. This will be forwarded, usually the same day, to all members for which we have email addresses, unless they have asked us not to. Recipients will be able to see your email address and may reply by email.

For example

To: HDBridgeclub@gmail.com

Subject: PARTNER WANTED 30/9/21

John Lee 01425 279257

If you do not want to receive these emails, please email HDBridgeclub@gmail.com with your instructions.

Bridge Lunch at South Lawns on 29th October

I am pleased to say the list for the above is now closed. We have 36 playing. It will be a teams event with Cliff Starkey directing. If you have not already paid you must let us have your money (£27) as soon as possible and not later than 20th October. You can

- 1) Pay by Bank Transfer to Highcliffe Duplicate Bridge Club (if your Bank asks, this is classified as a Business Account, not a Personal Account) Sort Code: 40-17-22 (HSBC Bank Christchurch) A/C No. 41584928 Please include your name in the reference field. After completing the transfer, please email dcharlton@btinternet.com so he knows you've paid.
- 2) Or, pay by Cheque, payable to Highcliffe Duplicate Bridge Club. Please do not abbreviate this as the banks have tightened requirements on cheques, e.g. It is not acceptable to say pay to "HDBC".
- 3) Or, cash directly to David Charlton. Please give him the correct amount in a sealed envelope with your name on it.

Subscriptions

So far we have received 63 subscriptions, so our previous 100+ membership is in need of a boost. If you have not renewed your subscription, please pay your bridge club subscription (£6) in cash to David Charlton or John Lee. You also need to renew your H.C.A subscription. The H.C.A membership form is available from David or John, and can be left with your payment (£10) at Greystones in the red postbox at reception. Or you can renew your H.C.A membership on their website. **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!!!**

Finally – I am off to get my double jabs so will be telling you all about my experience next Monday and Wednesday when I see you at the club..

Have a good weekend

Pat Carruthers (Chairman)

1st October 2021

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