



Dear Members

Yes it is that time of the year again and we still live with the uncertainty of what lies ahead. BUT I am proud of the fact that since September we have been able to play face-to-face twice a week in a building that allows us to abide by the rules. My thanks go to those of you that turn up, to my Committee for their support and to our directors, scorers and Hugh for making the bridge happen with the timely results up on the website before some of us have even 'climbed out of bed'!!!

Christmas Parties – Wednesday 8th and Monday 13th December

Please come and join us at 6 p.m. for the traditional festive mulled wine and mince pies followed by some fun bridge. We call it fun but you will still be playing the boards with your partner keeping an eye on the prize winning tricks.

Closure over Christmas

The last night we will be playing bridge will be Wednesday 22nd December and we will return on Wednesday 5th January.

Host System

As promised we have drawn up a Host System starting on Wednesday 5th January until Wednesday 29th June. Our much reduced membership does mean that the committee (and me) will be included in the rota so no 'let off' for us. Don't forget there is no host on bank holidays and the first Monday of each month when we will be playing teams. The list together with host duties is available on the website and a printed copy is displayed on the notice board that we stand on the table in the bridge room. Check out your dates now so that you are prepared when the time comes.

Ladder Pairs

It was a long time ago but you may recall David Charlton organised a survey about any changes members wanted when we re-started Ladder Pairs. The outcome of the survey is that we will commence Ladder Pairs in January on the following basis:-

- To be included in the competition each pair will pay £2 each player into a prize pool
- To encourage more pairs to enter the competition pairs will be 'handicapped' based on 2019 full year club results but there will also be a 'non-handicapped' section. No pair can win both categories.
- Those wishing to enter must sign up with their partner before the 4th week in February.
- The competition will be run on the 4th Monday and Wednesday of each month commencing in January and finishing in November
- The qualifying plays will be reduced to five and the prize winners will be announced at the Christmas events.

Teams Night

These will start again on the first Monday of the month commencing Monday 7th February. Kate Pocknell will be collecting your names in January in preparation for our first Teams event.

So having brought you all up to date, on behalf of the Committee and myself we would like to :-

**Wish you a very happy Christmas
And look forward to seeing you in the
New Year**



Pat Carruthers (Chairman)

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