

Highcliffe Duplicate Bridge Club

Dear Members

Another three weeks is difficult to digest and we have to be realistic that a return to our bridge is likely to be so much longer. But better to be safe than sorry. I will be keeping you updated about our Exit Strategy as soon as we see the Government's response and how the H.C.A will be planning the re-opening of Greystones.

So how do we keep our brain active, our bodies supple and sustain a sense of well being at this most difficult time. They say variety is the **spice of life** so if we cannot go out on the Town we will just have to bring the town to us with a routine that keeps us fit and healthy. We are all doing puzzles and quizzes – how about this one provided by Liz Puxley. Can you name the films described below – the numbers in the right hand column identify the number of letters in each word of the film title –

	Description of Film		Answer
1.	Robbery work in Rome	3,7,3	
2.	Negative Quack	2,2	
3.	Battered Spuds	1,1,1,1	
4.	Two American Soldiers	4	
5.	Breeze among trees	4,2,3,7	
6.	Animal Sanctuary Toilet	4	
7.	Shiny Digit	10	
8.	Barbara makes you laugh	5,4	
9.	Reptile with Scotch Cake	9,6	
10.	Waltzing in mud	5,7	
11.	He's never seen	3,9,3	
12.	Keepin' Spirits up in wet weather	6',2,3,4	

I feel a prize coming on for the first right answers in my in box.

Changing the subject, the Double Dummy Bridge Problem I included in Newsletter No.3 was a real challenge and for those of you that are still trying to work it out. The solution is below:-

- 1. On the lead of 7 of diamonds put up the Ace from dummy and unblock the Ace and King of hearts**
- 2. Lead a trump from dummy and after winning the trick lead a heart discarding the queen of diamonds on West's queen of hearts.**
- 3. Ruff the club return from West and ruff a diamond in dummy**
- 4. Draw the remaining trumps and win the last tricks with the long hearts**

I managed to deliver the promised Easter Egg to Colin Christmas (not personally) this week so his Easter celebration was longer because of the delay.!!!

In last week's newsletter Lesley Lewis posed a bidding problem for you to consider. Here is the hand again and how she and her partner playing North/South bid -.

	North	
	QJ1052	
	Void	
	J984	
	8753	
West		East
K7		A983
10		KJ9873
KQ76532		10
964		J2
	South	
	64	
	AQ6542	
	A	
	AKQ10	

North	East	South	West
Pass	1H	D/B	1NT
2S	2H	Pass	Pass
	3H	D/B	Pass

Lesley explained that the 1NT by West responding to partners 1 heart was the only possible bid as the hand was not strong enough to bid 2 diamonds. The 2 spades bid by North assumed the double by South was indicating spades. Fortunately the 3 hearts doubled by south resulted in a top for North/South

In conclusion, my 'spice' of life looks something like this –

*How do we celebrate when life is tied down
When can we plan to go out on the town
It may well be some weeks, but do we care
Because my 'Spice of Life' at home is so rare.*

*My spice relies on spending my time
To include the slots when Bernard is on line
I am so enthralled by all that he has to say
That I have to review my own method of play*

*And then comes the time when I play on line
Every Tuesday and Friday after we dine
The challenge I find is to play and relay
My comments in short form to avoid a delay*

*But the spice of the night is the drink by my side
And the 24 boards that flow by just like the tide
My bidding gets braver with every response that I call
As my glass is topped up and I am having a ball!!!*

Cheers to all – keep safe and keep smiling

