

Dear Member,

I thought that I would continue Pat's tradition of sending out newsletters.

Thank You

Firstly, I would like to again thank Pat for all her hard work over the last three and a half years and for keeping us going through the pandemic.

I would also like to thank Liz for all her hard work and amazing organisation and wish her well over the coming weeks.

AGM

It was great to see so many of you at the AGM on Wednesday.

I would like to reiterate Pat's plea on that evening. We do need extra helpers if we are to run sessions smoothly on two evenings and an afternoon each week.

The committee do a marvellous job and it is good to welcome Su as the new minutes secretary.

However, there were no nominations for the role of secretary and we really need people to step up to the plate and volunteer to help. You don't need to be on the committee but there are many things that happen behind the scenes that you could help with: opening up, setting up, scoring, becoming a director, helping with catering for social events. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you think that you could help in any way.

Teams

There was discussion at the AGM about teams and it was left for me to follow up on this.

The dichotomy appears to be that Swiss teams does not give a significant result with small numbers while other movements do not give the teams the opportunity to discuss the scores at interval through the evening and see their progress.

The use of electronic scoring (or not) is not the issue as I believe that it could be used or not used with either system.

While we wrestle with this problem, I am going to ask if those of you who play in the June teams would stay until all the teams have finished so that the results can be announced with everyone there.

Electronic scoring and results on the website

The scoring system allows everyone to view the boards after a club night and even to replay the hands. You can compare the different contracts and see which contracts should be able to be made. This is really important to anyone hoping to learn and improve their bridge.

To help those who are unsure about using the website, Mike Price is going to give a short presentation on **Wednesday 10th May** at about **6.15pm**, before play starts.

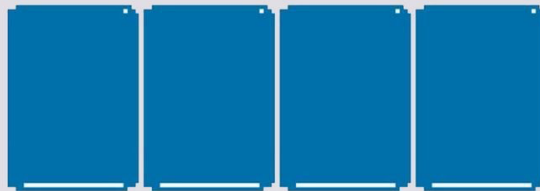
Not a ditty

Pat always finished her newsletters with a topical ditty. Definitely not something that I can do! So, I am aiming to finish with a puzzle, riddle or joke instead.

To start, here is a straightforward logic puzzle involving cards:

Four playing cards, one of each suit, lie face down on a table. They are a three, a four, a five, and a six.

Can you determine the cards' suits and their order?



The cards on either side of the four are black.

The club is to the right of the three but not next to it.

The spade is to the left of the heart.

The middle two cards add up to an even number.

Neither of them is a club.

I will give you the answer next time - just in case you don't solve it!

I hope to see you at a Monday, Wednesday or Friday session.

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Chairman

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