

Dear Member,

### **Directors**

Thank you to all our directors. We couldn't run the sessions without you. We now have 2 more directors, Anne Ponting and Mike Caruana - thank you for joining the team. I am hoping that we will be able to train others in the future. Please let me know if you would be interested in being a director so that we can book places if they come up.

### **Website**

Thank you to Mike Price for updating the website. Hopefully, details are now up to date and all the times should agree. We will be aiming to shut the door at 6.15pm for a 6.20 pm start.

### **Rules**

It has been brought to the committee's attention that some of the rules are not being followed. For example, 'dummy' should not be involved in the play at all and should only play a card indicated. While we like to be friendly, being too relaxed can mean that other pairs are disadvantaged. It is often possible to sort mistakes out among yourselves but otherwise please call the director to sort out what should happen.

### **Covid and other illnesses**

Although less in the news, Covid has not gone away completely so please, for everyone's safety, do not come to a bridge session if you have covid or similar symptoms.

### **Razzle Dazzle**

We were treated to a very enjoyable evening of entertainment the other Saturday. Thank you to Anne who I think was the organiser and to Anne, Alan for the singing and 'playlet'. Also to Keith who performed in Andreas Angels or was it 'Angela's Angels'? A marvellous total of over £500 was raised for Greystones.

### **Summer Opening**

We are hoping to keep the club running over the summer but room 1 and reception at Greystones will be shut for redecoration during the week starting 14th August so there will be no bridge sessions that week. We have not been told yet whether there will be any other problems but I will let you know as soon as possible if this changes. The Friday social bridge will not run during August.

## **Teams**

Since the AGM we have run a couple of teams sessions of teams using the American Whist method and then with Swiss Teams. There seems to be greater enthusiasm for Swiss Teams so the committee have decided that we will aim to run it this way as long as there is a director happy to do so. We will review this again next year. We will run a teams session on 7th August so please sign up if you would like to play.

## **Bridge Lunch**

A date for your diary. The next lunch will be at South Lawns on Friday 20th October. Please note that this is not the last Friday in the month as South Lawns was not available then. Details will follow later.

## **HCA President**

Congratulations to Christine Graham who is the new President of the HCA.

## **How can we help?**

Your committee have been discussing ways in which we can help players. It was suggested that we might be able to run an intermediates' course or have short workshops on different topics. The idea of having 'mentors' was also mentioned. Would you be prepared to play with a new member for a few weeks while they gained confidence and developed their game? How else might we improve play or just make it more enjoyable for players.

If you have any thoughts, please let any of the Committee know.

## **Last time's solution**



**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.**

Answer:

From left to right: Three of diamonds, six of spades, four of hearts, five of clubs.

Well done if you solved it.

### The new puzzle

This time's puzzle is a code. Look at the playing cards below. Can you work out the message being sent?

Again, answers next time or you can send me your solutions and I will tell you whether they are correct. Good luck!

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

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