

Dear Member,

We are now back to normal - hopefully - after the summer closure of Greystones and the redecorating.

### **Bridge Lunch**

The arrangements for the lunch at South Lawns on Friday 20th October have now been finalised. Thank you to Pat for agreeing to carry on organising this. The sign up sheet and details of meal choice is now available. Menu at end of newsletter. We will be holding the cost at £30 a head. This will not include any added gratuity for the staff but we will have a 'tips box' should you wish to contribute on the day.

### **Christmas Parties**

Looking well ahead, the dates for the Christmas parties will be the 6th December and the 11th December. Details to follow nearer the time.

### **Noise during Play**

Please try to be considerate to other players by being quiet while there is still play in progress. The noise levels can creep up, not only at the end of rounds and during clearing up, but also recently between hands. If the noise levels start to rise, a gentle "Quiet please" may be required.

### **Teams**

Since my last newsletter there have been two teams sessions. The 'Swiss teams' evening caused difficulties as with 7 teams there were 3-way rounds, leading to delays and teams playing each other more than once. The latest was run on a different approach (thank you Arthur for investigating alternatives) and worked smoothly and really well.

Rather than waiting until next year, the committee have decided that there will be a different approach to teams:

- On arrival pairs will be allotted a team - as usual. They should then start off at their home table with their team and can chat with them before play starts.
- The play will then be as decided by the director with a movement that fits in with the number of teams present. There will usually be electronic scoring.
- At the end of the last round, equipment is not tidied up and teams are asked to return the tablets without looking at the results so far. (The scores can be very misleading when not complete.)
- Teams return to their home tables and can discuss the evening. The scorer or director will then announce the scores to everyone.
- Everyone can then tidy up tables and equipment together.

## Social Bridge on Fridays

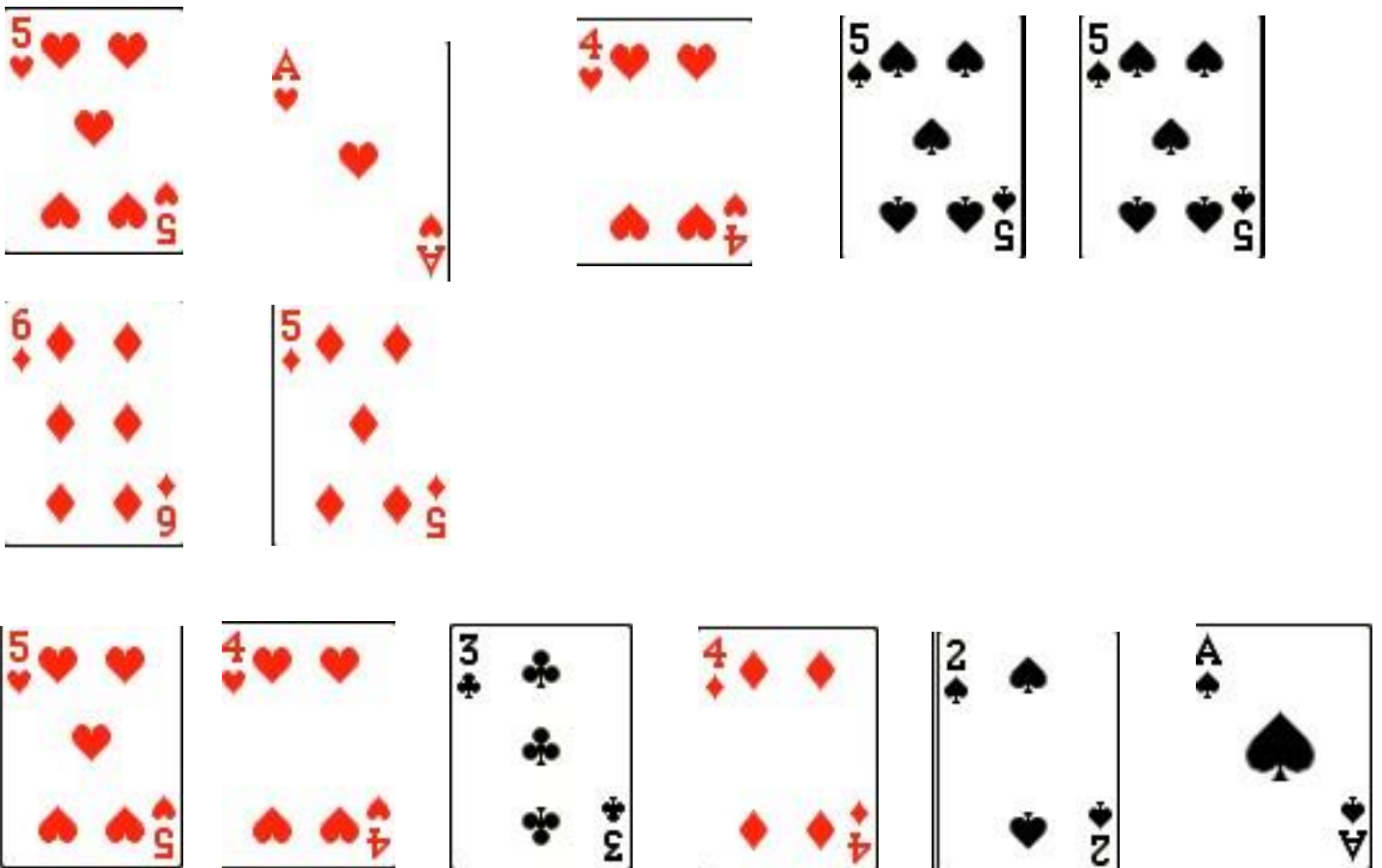
Numbers have been variable for the social bridge on Fridays. This is an opportunity to play an afternoon's bridge at a slower pace, possibly discussing hands, playing as teams, considering specific topics. What is covered is up to the people there. There is no need to have a partner as there is a host. Please come along and support the session.

## Last time's solution

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

The message was THREE NO TRUMPS.

(The fifth letter of hearts is T, the first letter is H, the fourth is R etc.)



This time's puzzle is a word search:

acol	Blackwood	contract
convention	dealer	diamonds
dummy	grandslam	Hearts
revoke	Spades	stayman
transfer	trumps	

V W O T X T F S L O C A D T N  
F L A Y Z R T I L D M B I C O  
Y A N Q E A H M D G C M A A I  
V M T O Y N V Z V R D G M R T  
O P M M B S S H N N O A O T N  
O P A U E F T X B Q N B N N E  
R N T D D E R L P B E R D O V  
Z E A G T R A T R U M P S C N  
V P V B G C E V W L U R M V O  
S S H O K S H M L H W I Q J C  
F S C W K D R E L A E D B E Z  
L Y O X C E G R A N D S L A M  
E O W G Y W U I Z B L V U H A  
D R Z U P E S N M T Q V M U S  
B K F W H H T U F C P H R S Y

Good luck!

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

Thelma Price (01425 501587)

Chairman September 2023



# BRIDGE/LUNCH

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

12 noon for 12.30

South Lawn Hotel,

Milford on Sea, Lymington Road, SO41 0RF

Cost: £30.00 to include 2 Course Lunch, plus tea/coffee & mints

## MENU CHOICE

- A. Paprika & Red Wine Braised Beef Steak, Chive & Horseradish Mash
- B. Roast Breast of Chicken, Fondant Potato, Chorizo Tarragon & Sun Blushed Tomato Sauce.
- C. Lemon & Herb Crusted Salmon Fillet, Crushed Potato, Capers & Crayfish Butter Sauce
- D. Chestnut Mushroom and Broccoli Lasagne, Roasted Celeriac, Blue Cheese Sauce, Toasted Pine Nuts

All served with a Selection of Seasonal Vegetables.

- E. Toffee Apple Crumble Tart, White Chocolate Ice Cream
- F. Vanilla Creme Brulee, Pear & Blackberry Compote, Shortbread.
- G. Local Cheese & Biscuits, Apple Chutney.

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