



HDBC Newsletter Number 56

Dear Member,

Just a short newsletter to update those of you who could not make the AGM. We had a good turn out at the AGM with 10 tables staying to play after the meeting.

We welcomed David Bradshaw to the committee as our new treasurer and thanked Alan for all his hard work over the last three years. There were two items for discussion during the AGM.

1. Bridge Lunch

Firstly, after discussion, it was decided to rebook South Lawn for another lunch. The next lunch will be on :

Friday 24th October

This is not the last Friday of the month but we decided to avoid half term and Halloween.

2. Teams Evenings

The second item involved far more discussion and was about teams. Last year we discussed the arrangements for teams but could not come to any conclusions.

It has now been agreed that we will have a trial period of 'Swiss teams' on the first Monday of the month. This will not start until July. The aim is to have teams run as it used to be with teams returning after each round to their 'home table'. The next round will then be sorted out. It will probably be arranged by 'paper and pencil' and boards will need to be shuffled by hand. Thank you to Mike Thacker, (and any helpers he recruits), who is going to look at how we could arrange this. It was also thought that we should encourage people without regular partners so anyone should feel happy to sign up and we will endeavour to sort out teams accordingly.

Teams is a relaxed evening so we hope that we can encourage any intermediates to join us.

There is even talk of a small prize for the winning team!

Andrew Robson Course

Marian and Mike C recently attended an Andrew Robson course and have passed on the following photograph of them with him:



HCA Quiz

As you probably know, the HCA run a regular 'Quiz and Chips' evening which many of us support - and some set and run.

Well done to Mike and Cheryl Caruana, David and Shirley Charlton and Marian Clarke for winning the latest quiz.

Hosts

The new host list is now out. Please look at the board or website and make a note of when you are hosting. It is so important that players can come along without a partner.

Beginners

The beginners' sessions have now finished for the summer but I hope to restart at the end of September. If you know anyone who is a complete beginner or has played a little and would like to join the group, please ask them to get in touch with me.

Greystones closure in August

Greystones will be closed from Monday 4th August to Friday 15th August. There will be no bridge sessions at Greystones between these dates

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