

Dear Members,

As many of you will be aware, we have been having significant issues recently with our "Square Machines" which we use to collect table money, and for purchases at the bar. These problems appear to have their root in the fact that our Internet Signal is not consistent, and on many occasions we are unable to use the machines in a timely manner to collect the various fees. These issues have recently led to delays to commencement of our nightly bridge game, and we have had instances of queues out to the front door. Your Council acknowledges that this is not acceptable, and that the problems will get worse when we have hopefully larger attendances in the weeks ahead, after our season opening Gala Pairs tomorrow night. Clearly, we also must avert the possibility of queues out the front door when the cold winter nights come in. As a result, we have decided that from our Gala Pairs Tournament tomorrow night, the option to pay cash both as table money and at the bar will be reintroduced. We would also ask members to be prepared for the possibility, on the odd occasion that the Square Machines fail to operate again, that cash may be the only option available.

On a related matter, the issue of the redemption of Prize Vouchers has been a constant problem since the introduction of the Square Machines. As a council, we have decided that as and from next Monday morning September 5th we will revert to the traditional means of redeeming Prize Vouchers across the bar. prize vouchers will be available across the bar. This facility will be available forthwith on every night / morning that the club is open for bridge.

Best Wishes to all for the new Bridge Season,

Your Council.