

# THE NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB

## Newsletter - April 2022

# Let's Play Bridge!



We are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the club on Friday 3rd June. There will be two drives: at 2.30pm and at 7pm. We are grateful to Marian Donaldson for gathering together an impressive team, which will be providing the refreshments

between the drives. Why not make a day of it and play in both drives! It's a great opportunity to meet up with old friends.

Both the drives and the tea are free to members. But, to ensure we have the right amount of food, you do need to let us know by Friday 27 May if you are coming for the tea.

## Jordan Cup

The Jordan Cup is our competition where you play each board with a different partner. It's a great opportunity to play with a mix of people and perhaps discover a new long-term partner.

There's not time to have lengthy discussions about bidding systems, so everyone is expected to play the same basic Acol as taught by Andrew Scott: just decide whether or not you are playing transfers. Enjoy the bridge and wish your opposition good luck; after all you may be partnering one of them on the next board.

We will be playing on Sunday 3rd July at 2pm. Note the change of day from what was originally announced. We will play just 24 boards, with a break for something to eat half-way through. There will be the usual table fee, but no charge for the food.

## Bridge on BBO

Our online bridge on BBO continues.

Tuesday evenings are for members only, and have a nice atmosphere. The directors are particularly appreciative of the thanks they receive at the end of the tournament.

Our Saturday evenings are open to members of the county and friends. We have a small, but dedicated, set of players who enjoy the games. Why not join them?

## Teams

Our recent Swiss Teams of Four day went very well and there was positive feedback from the ten teams that took part. There was support from all the teams for holding a teams event about four times a year, so we will be looking to hold our next one in September. Look out for details closer to then. The Crantock Bowl - our annual teams competition - will be held in November, as usual.

At the County Association's next committee meeting, they will be deciding the format for the Teams of Eight competition which starts in the autumn. The key decision will be whether it will be face-to-face or online. Once this is known, we need to start assembling our teams. The pandemic has resulted in quite a shift in players' availability so we will be on the lookout for new team members at all levels of ability. The club had five teams in last year's competition and we would hope to have at least this number again this year. So, don't be shy about offering to play.

## More bridge?

Several people have asked whether we are going to start playing face-to-face again on Tuesday evenings. The answer - for this and other times that people might wish to play - is "yes, if there's enough demand".

If you can gather enough support so that we can be reasonably sure of a regular four tables or more, we will do our utmost to put on a drive. So, if you want to play more bridge, start canvassing.

## Directing?

Interested in supporting our drives but daunted by the idea of attending the full EBU course to become a qualified director?

During the lockdown, David Dunford ran a series of 20-minute Zoom sessions covering the main decisions a director is called upon to make during a drive. If you'd be interested in seeing what is involved, let us know and we can run this again - either on Zoom or face-to-face. There's no commitment to go on to direct if you decide it doesn't suit you.

(Dates of the forthcoming EBU directors' course being held at the club are on the club's web site.)