Promotion, Education and Social Team Report for Committee meeting June 2023

You will have seen that the challenge to players to participate in duplicates, both face to face and online, has gone out to members early this month. It is too soon to know if it has engendered any extra activity. We can all encourage players at the clubs we play at to make the effort to play at other clubs from time to time.

Jonathan Davis and Charlie Bucknell have produced a schedule of proposals as to how to run social events at clubs. A letter to club chairs to invite their clubs to work with us on this project has been drafted and will be going out shortly. One of the issues we are exploring is whether clubs could be encouraged to run some social bridge alongside their duplicates in order to make their expensive premises viable.

A group of us (Barbara Jordan, Elena Jeffrey, Joan Bennett and myself) are working on setting up a cafe bridge event in Henley on September 20. We have a volunteer for TD (Martin Illingworth). We will need assistance from Stephen with setting up an entry form on the OBA website. We would welcome assistance from anyone with good presentational skills to draft our marketing documentation and from others who would be willing to help on the day.

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