

November 2025

Newsletter



Wherever you are and whatever you are doing this Christmas, I wish you a very enjoyable time with peace, good health and happiness in 2026

I am writing this Christmas Edition a little earlier this year as we have a lot of events coming up and I know that quite a few of our members will soon be going on extended holidays; hope they all have good flights and safe journeys – and enjoy Christmas, of course!!

A.G.M 19th November 2025

Most of the competitions will end in the weeks following shortly after the AGM – see COMPETITION RESULTS on our web site, so congratulations to all the winners! For those new to the club, we don't place a time limit on the AGM but we start at 6pm via Zoom see link below. You have all been sent the AGM documents but if you require a further copy then please contact me

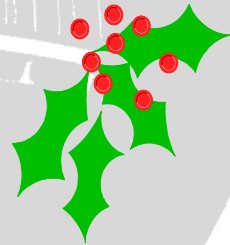
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We have not had an AGM that lasted longer than 30 minutes(!) and we normally finish in 20! We will hold a normal RealBridge event after the AGM

CHRISTMAS BRIDGE

The club will be closed on 24th and 26th December but will be open as usual on New Years Eve – a good excuse to kick the lingering relatives out!! After bridge you will have plenty of time to see in the New Year.



MEMBERSHIP 2026

As a gesture of thanks to members the Club is granting a FREE RENEWAL to all members for 2026. As a club we welcome players from all over the country but recognise that not all members can benefit from club subsidised social events that are held local to Pershore. We hope the free membership for all helps redress any imbalance.

CAFE BRIDGE

This was held on the 21st October and was a great success; thanks in no small part to Jonathan's excellent organisation. Seven tables battled it out playing in local hostels for charity and raised £425 and the club contribution was £72. Congratulations to the winners, Chris and Veronica, with an impressive 65% score. The club has not held its own charity event this year but will do so next year – maybe Children In Need or perhaps another Charity as I know CIN isn't popular with everyone.

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REAL BRIDGE – DID YOU KNOW?

I appreciate we are a very sociable club with all players being friendly to each other no matter what their level of ability. That is how it should be. Could we all, though, please not use our easy going camaraderie to “stretch” the Laws of the game! Please do NOT chat to partner during the bidding or impart your pleasure (or displeasure) at partner's bid. An example recently was sent to me where one of the opposition got so excited at his partner's bid his exclamation encouraged his partner to bid onto a very thin contract that no one else found. Please do not give unauthorised information to your partner and that way the director can avoid being called, though you should call him if you feel it justified.

The club rules allow UNDO's during the bidding only - but then only for an IMMEDIATE retraction due to a misclick. If you delay your request for an undo during the bidding the Director will not allow it as it MIGHT be because of a change of mind. Whether it was or not is immaterial, only an immediate statement and request for an undo is allowed. During play no undo's are allowed for ANY reason. To avoid misclicks ensure your RB settings are set to double click / tap

It is always regrettable if a player experiences connection problems during a game. The Directors will extend time so far as they can but if it is necessary to move on to the next round an adjusted score of 60% / 40% will be awarded on boards that cannot be played. Should the connection problems continue the director, in extremis, may have to remove the pair from the match. The system will then remove all scores of the offending pair from the results and do the best it can to complete the remaining rounds. A similar procedure would happen if a player was ill during a game.

Players should ensure that their computer / PC / lap top etc is always updated. You may find it preferable to prevent any system update occurring between the hours of 6pm and 10pm or indeed instruct the system to pause all updates for the duration of matches.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you double your opponent's 1NT opening it is expected to be for penalty, with you having 15 or more points. If your partnership understanding is that you MIGHT double on less than this or your double is for take-out it **must** be alerted. If you overcall opps 1 level bid with 1NT you are expected to hold 15+ hcp's - if your partnership understanding is that it might be less it should be alerted.

Bridge has thousands of conventions. Some are very useful and crop up pretty frequently like transfers, stayman, blackwood etc. Others, far less so. The trouble with gadgets is that you more you have the more you have to carry them around in your head for the once in ten years



you need them! I am indebted to Jonathan for sending me this hand he had recently and there is a gadget I use with some partners specifically for this type of hand! Open 4NT! (other bids are available)

This asks for specific Aces; so after 4NT partner replies:

- 5C = 0 Aces
- 5D = Ace of diamonds
- 5H = Ace of hearts
- 5S = Ace of spades
- 5NT = Any 2 Aces
- 6C = Ace of clubs

As it happened Jonathan's partner had two aces! [*well, he would wouldn't he? Ed*] Using the opening 4NT convention 7NT is a lay down.

See you soon!!

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