

Scorers Email

Dear Name

You will be aware that Seaford Bridge Club has been considering investing in BridgeMate to assist with the control and scoring of Club Duplicate sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays. To this end a straw poll of the membership was taken earlier this year to establish whether table money should be increased to provide funds for this investment should the Club decide to move forward. A majority of esponders supported the table money increase.

If the Club eventually decides to invest in BridgeMate the way our duplicate sessions are managed would have to change. Our current model requires a Director to:

- prepare the venue (with the assistance of others)
- determine the playing movement (e.g skip Mitchell with E/W sit out)
- make any 'parish announcements'
- start the session
- resolve any playing issues during the course of the session
- ensure board movements (inc relays etc.) and skips operate according to the movement chosen
- terminate play at the appropriate time
- ensure the Scorer collects the travelers etc.
- ensure the venue is left as it should be

Under BridgeMate all of these duties will remain unchanged. BridgeMate will provide 'assistance' to the Director by directing players to the next table (including allowing for skips and more complex movements such as Howells where N/S and E/W may be required to interchange during the course of the session).

Your role as a Scorer will change to the extent that it will no longer exist in its current form. It will be replaced by a 'Technician' role. Responsibilities will include

- ensuring the BridgeMate equipment is available and operating at the start of each session
- ensuring a BridgeMate handset is available on each table
- inputting to BridgeMate the movement decided upon by the Director
- resolving any player entry errors that occur during the course of a session. Most of these can actually be resolved by 'North' however some will require action by the Technician
- terminating the BridgeMate session
- ensuring that the BridgeMate equipment is stored securely

BridgeMate will automatically transmit the results, via ScoreBridge, to the Seaford Bridge Club website. The results will be available immediately the playing session has been terminated.

It would assist the Club in planning for the possible introduction of BridgeMate if you, as a current Scorer, would be prepared to be re-trained in the new role of Technician (as outlined above the the role of Scorer would no longer exist). This is a significant change of responsibility but the Club would ensure that you would be supported in this new role. Please let me know if you would be prepared to be a Technician or if would like further clarification regarding the role before making your decision.

Thank you for your assistance.

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on behalf of Seaford Bridge Club Committee