

Competitions Secretary's Report - AGM 2019

- Thanks for their support to the Committee and the Clubs which hosted Suffolk events, in particularly the key contacts including Dave Walker at Woodbridge, Anne Edwards at I&K, Richard Evans at Stansfield & Sarah Farr at Clare.
- Good attendance at most events – particularly the larger, more serious, events such as Mid Anglia Pairs, Club Teams of Eight and Championship Teams.
- However we had to cancel a couple of events – the Men's & Ladies' Pairs and the Jyl Marsh Individual, due to lack of entries. We've addressed the Pairs problem by amalgamating the Men's & Ladies' Pairs with the Mixed & Married Pairs, so that any pairing will be able to play, creating the Suffolk Autumn Pairs to be played this September at Lavenham.
- In response to numerous requests, we've also changed the timing of some events so that they start at 11 or 12 o'clock – and end at a more convenient early evening time.
- We have maintained the successful formula of holding some of our events at central locations and some in Suffolk clubs:
 - Last year events were hosted by Woodbridge, I&K and Clare. In the next year they will be joined by Abbeygate when we trial running the Seniors' Pairs as a multi-venue event.
 - Other events have been held at Nayland, Lavenham, Colchester and Elmswell – ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to play in some events without having to travel too far.
- We've also continued to run competitions for less experienced players, now described as Relaxed Pairs or Teams, for players with fewer than 2500 Masterpoints. Entry numbers for these events may be small but we believe it is vital to provide opportunities for these players to experience competitive Bridge before they graduate to higher levels.
- Would like to ask you to encourage more players to participate – because we only put these events on for the enjoyment of our members.
- Flyers and entry forms for the next few events together with an updated 2019 calendar are available here and, of course, you can now enter on-line via our smart new website.