



# BRIDGE NEWS

## Wimborne Online Bridge Club Newsletter

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## Happy Birthday Us

WOBC started running informal social tournaments on BBO in April 2020. So this month we are 3-years old (no longer a toddler and able to walk and talk).

Happy birthday to us.

Our free social event on 20 April will be a low key birthday celebration...please do come along.

In August 2020 we got BBO permission to run official tournaments. So that will be our second 3rd birthday.

We are thinking of having a bigger summer 'birthday' celebration. If you have any thoughts about what that celebration should look like or when it should be then please let us know.

### Chatter, Chatter, Chatter

We have been asked if chatting (using the chat box) during bidding and play allowed?

If we were playing F2F then the answer would be a simple no.

Playing online is less clear cut.

We can only play forward so as in F2F play the focus should be on the next hand not the last hand. A single comment is probably acceptable but it should not be a spark for a conversation as this is distracting (and disrespectful) for your opponents let alone your partner. So please keep it short, keep it simple and keep it one-sided.

What may be a better way to chat with your partner is by a "private message". This has the advantages of not distracting your opponents and only being possible when you have finished playing the last board in any round and before the next round starts.

To use the "private message" all you need to do is click on your partners name on the table layout or the 'People box'. You can then use the chat box to send a message. Your partner can then respond via the same route.

## Free Stuff

### Free Monthly Tournament

Tuesday, 11 April at  
7.00 p.m.

### Feedback!

Honestly, we love  
your questions and  
comments.

### Coffee Morning

◇ Wednesday, 5 April, 11.00  
a.m. - 12 noon at the Barn  
Café, Bere Farm, Lytchett  
Matravers BH16 6ER

### Double Prize Tournament

Our double prize tournament this month will be on Wednesday, 19 April at 7.00 p.m. There will two prizes to share:

- Prize No.1-\$18 for the pair who were overall top
- Prize No.2-\$18 for the highest pair in the tournament who

### Easter Tournament Changes

- Good Friday, 7 April - Tournament will run
- Easter Monday, 10 April - No tournament

### Spring (Free) Social/Birthday Event

Our next social event will be at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 20 April 2023. It will be at the Royal British Legion Club in Wimborne (West Borough, Wimborne BH21 1LT). We will have tea (and coffee), scones and jam (both homemade) and cream. And all for free.

Please let us know you will be coming by email to [jimshanahan1@hotmail.com](mailto:jimshanahan1@hotmail.com) by Monday, 17 April. You are also welcome to bring a partner or a significant other (free as well). Mandy is bringing her Mum who was 102 on 28 March (so Happy Birthday to her as well as us).

### Video Tournaments

A member noticed that we ran a video tournament on Monday, 20 March and asked what are plans were. Some of you will have played in this further trial of video tournaments. Our conclusion was that the software, although improved, is still not at a level where we would wish to regularly use it.

### Tournament Schedule

- Monday at 7.30 p.m. (14-16 boards)
- Tuesday at 7.00 p.m.
- Wednesday at 7.00 p.m.
- Friday at 2.15 p.m.

### March Prize Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our prize tournament on 13 February who were:

- Prize No.1-\$18 for the pair who were overall top: Linda (lindapal) & Robert (Rcow1999)
- Prize No.2-\$18 for the highest pair in the tournament who have masterpoints ranking 3 or less: Alec (Alec c) & Peter (peterw101)