



BRIDGE NEWS

Wimborne Online Bridge Club Newsletter

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Questions..... and answers

We asked for questions and we have had lots that we have answered in this and our earlier newsletters. Please keep your questions coming... and your feedback... so we can keep the newsletter relevant.

Free Stuff

Free Tournament

Our free monthly tournament will be on Monday 13 June at 7.30 p.m.

Coffee Mornings

We are going to try one of our coffee mornings in June at another venue to reflect our geographical spread.

Thank you to Sara Karin who suggested the Olive Branch in Wimborne. So our upcoming coffee mornings will be:-

- Tuesday, 7 June 11.00 a.m.-12 noon at the Barn Café, Bere Farm, Lyckett Matravers BH16 6ER
- Wednesday, 21 June, 11.00 a.m.-12 noon at the Olive Branch, East Borough, Wimborne BH21 1PF (car park at the pub and bus stop nearby)
- Tuesday, 5 July 11.00 a.m.-12 noon at the Barn Café, Bere Farm, Lyckett Matravers BH16 6ER

Other Events

Sturminster Marshall F2F 'Chicago' Bridge

Bob Grant (Windlecot on BBO) runs a very friendly and social 'Chicago' event every Tuesday, 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. at Sturminster Marshall Village Hall (BH21 4BQ).

Cost is £2 per head (including coffee/biscuits). Please bring a partner.

Merley F2F 'Chicago' Bridge

This will run in July/August.....full details next month.

Play: Timings, movements etc

We like to keep things simple and consistent across all our tournaments. What does that mean?

Our informal soundings of members showed that most of you want to play 18-21 boards. We also know that everyone would prefer playing with robots rather than having a sit out...so we do.

Everyone wants a time limit for each board/round so we have adopted a 'goldilocks' time of 8 minutes per board or better. Many tournaments run at faster than this...driven by the speed of play of the players that day, not the system.

We also believe that everyone is happier playing each other pair rather than pairs sitting either N/S or E/W. So we always use a Howell movement and this element is pre-programmed into all our tournaments along with board timings.

So after everyone has registered 15 minutes before each tournament starts, the director makes the final adjustments to the tournament. The director sets how many rounds and boards per round based on how many pairs/tables within the 18-21 board range. So, for example, if we have 8 pairs that means 7 rounds so every pair plays all the other pairs, hence 3 boards per round and a total of 21 boards.

Who are you?

We may never have met. We may never have spoken. So all we know is your name...or do we? Many of us have anonymous accounts.

Many of us use a BBO name that incorporates part of our proper name. So 'Jamesref' (me) is probably someone called James. Some of us use BBO names such as 'TudorLady'. In reality it is another James (James Dunn) our most recent director.

If you wish to remain anonymous then that is fine. We suspect that many have just not yet got around to completing their details. If you click on the 'Account' tab on the right hand side in BBO then you can add your name which then appears if anyone clicks on your BBO name.

Tournament Schedule

- Monday at 7.30 p.m.
- Tuesday at 7.15 p.m.
- Wednesday at 7.00 p.m.
- Friday at 2.15 p.m.

Please register 15 minutes before start time.

Our Thursday afternoon tournament is suspended and will return in July.

Do you want to help direct?

We are still looking for more directors so that our team is more resilient. Full 1:1 training is provided so please let us know if you would like to join the team running our events.

Ukraine

The war on Ukraine by Russia is unfair, unjust and illegal. We have all been appalled by the events unfolding in Ukraine. Most of us feel impotent about doing anything constructive. Although it is just a little we have donated £200 from Club funds to DEC Ukraine Appeal - Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.