



30TH WORCESTERSHIRE KNOCK-OUT CHARITY RUBBER BRIDGE TOURNAMENT



This tournament is sponsored by the Worcestershire Contract Bridge Association (WCBA) to encourage all standards of bridge players to enjoy a friendly rubber bridge competition in their own homes and to meet fellow like-minded people for a sociable bridge fixture. It's open to anyone living in Worcestershire and nearby surrounding areas within reasonable distance and all proceeds go to the chosen charity.

With so many bridge players now falling into the retired bracket, the tournament has morphed over the years from an evening match fixture to predominately relaxed afternoon matches rounded off with friendly banter over tea and cake. For those just starting out at bridge, or those with a few seasons under their belts, it's a perfect way to compare bridge experiences and perhaps even discuss the way forward as I did 15 years ago when, whilst playing this very tournament, I first discovered local bridge clubs actually existed.

This year we would like to support a very worthy charity namely The Cinnamon Trust which is focused on pet care for the elderly should they a) struggle to care for their pets through ill health, or b) ensure pets are cared for after their owner's death. This support seeks to relieve the anxieties, problems, and sometimes injustices faced by elderly and terminally ill people and their pets, thereby saving a great deal of human sadness and animal suffering.

As before, we would ask for a suggested minimum donation of **£15 per pair of players** and as usual 100% of donations are forwarded straight to our chosen charity.

Each match will consist of 24 hands of rubber bridge played at the 'home' team's venue. The first round will be played as a 'round robin' format so that each pair will play at least two matches. After that the winners of each group section will enter a knock-out phase.

The tournament will start in October 2019 and the final will be played in May 2020. There will be a month between fixtures and it is hoped both parties will be flexible on arrangements should any difficulties arise.

And finally, after 9 years (I think- well at least two laptops for sure!) I'm passing the mantle of organising the competition to the capable hands of my bridge partner Paul Slater especially since, after over 25 years of trying, I finally won the competition this year! All the best, Martin.

Application Form 2019/20

LEAD PLAYER CONTACT DETAILS

Player 1 Name:	
Address:	
E-mail address	Phone:
Player 2 Name:	

DETAILS OF DONATION

I enclose a donation of:	£ (Please make cheques payable to: "The Cinnamon Trust")
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Please complete and return form and address any questions to:

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Closing date : Sunday 15th September 2019