

Worcestershire Bridge News

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A second newsletter in a couple of months – mainly because there's so much going on just now in the world of Worcestershire bridge!

The Malvern Congress

In our previous newsletter we wrote about the congress and it's very pleasing to report that, at the time of writing, entries are very significantly up on last year. Once again, and this is a very important point, because both the teams and pairs events are run on the Swiss format, you will, after the first round, find yourselves playing against pairs and teams on similar scores – and so of similar abilities. Consequently, **everyone** enjoys the event.

So, all you Worcestershire players, come and join in the fun! Details can be found here
https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwor/bw.cgi?club=worcestershire&pid=display_page115

Café Bridge in Aid of the Stroke Association

The Barnt Green Café Bridge event has now been played and was, as usual, a great success, raising over £1,400 for the Stroke Association. The Pershore one on Tuesday, 21st October is, sadly, already fully booked. However, for those keen to join in the fun, the Worcester one, on Wednesday 12th November, still has a few places left. Contact Yvette Waide (yvettewaide@hotmail.com)

Introduction to Cards in Heightington

As per our previous newsletter, Bewdley Bridge Club are running a very interesting, and free, "Introduction to Cards" event on Wednesday 29th October at Heightington Village Hall. Both the 10 am to 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm have attracted a significant number of registrations which, interestingly, have mainly been from people outside the existing bridge community. So, please tell your friends not to miss out! Bring your children or grandchildren and come along yourself! Further details are available from Eileen Oakley (eileen@oakleydevelopment.co.uk).

Current Events

As well as the Congress (see above), another important competition is the Healey Cup, the County Teams-of-Four competition for clubs. It will be held in Ombersley on Sunday, November 9th. The County Championship Teams Knockout will also be starting soon. See the County Website for more details and entry forms.

Pershore Duplicate Bridge Club

Very much one of the County's success stories, the Pershore club celebrated its 25th Anniversary on 11th October. The club has achieved a number of very significant milestones which have contributed to its success. It was: -

- The first Worcestershire club to have its own website
- The first Worcestershire club to do electronic scoring and electronic submission of masterpoints
- The first Worcestershire club to have its own duplimating machine
- the first Worcestershire club to gain charitable status from HMRC in respect of Gift Aid
- The first bridge club or county to receive lottery funding. Doing so opened the gates to all others to obtain it and received much publicity and praise from EBU.

We have much to be grateful to Pershore DBC for and the Chair of the club for the majority of the last twenty-five years has been Alan Boyes, ably supported by his wife, Liz, herself a very capable bridge teacher.

Pershore DBC has members in Yorkshire, London and the South-East of England – and even in France - and plays online twice a week. The anniversary was celebrated with, among other things, a lunch at Elmley Castle and some coffee mornings at Croome Court.

Make sure you say a big "Congratulations and Thank You" to Alan & Liz next time you see either of them!

Finally! It's important that our clubs share plans, so that we can bring others into this wonderful game of ours. Please let us know what you're doing – one excellent example is that Bewdley BC are trialling F2F bridge again on Tuesday afternoons in November and December. Details from Eileen Oakley (eileen@oakleydevelopment.co.uk).



Alan & Liz Boyes



Lunch at Elmley Castle