



BAGWORTH WHISTLESTOP

BRIDGE GROUP

When we mention an Annual General Meeting to people the initial reaction is often one of malaise and followed by the comment “all they want to do is play bridge”!

We know that some people do just want this but your participation in our events shows us that you want a bit more!

Well we will try to do better on Thursday June 20th and start with some light refreshments followed by the presentation of the Annual Report and the player awards. So we hope that you will join us in celebrating our club.

This year will be our fifth AGM and the first for our new chairman, George although he is an experienced bridge club chairman. We have some committee changes this year so we need your attendance and vote.



Firstly our Treasurer John Morris is retiring this year. John has done a fantastic job over the last five years ably assisted by his right hand woman, Marilyn. Derek Lambourne joined the committee last year as a member and as a trainee treasurer and hopefully

will be elected to this position at the AGM. Mary Danaher will also be retiring from the committee and she took on responsibility for refreshments. Shelagh’s role is changing to the more traditional role of secretary. Others are taking on areas of her work and have been working behind the scenes during the last few months. Neil Stokes is taking on the web master role, Mary Weeks the membership secretary and Mandy Bearne the publicity role. They are not on the committee as such but obviously could be as also could you. Let us know if you are interested.

Swiss Teams of Four : Sat June 1st*

Yes, we are on a roll with Simon on set up, George on boards, Carol in the directors box and Shelagh and Mary on the circuit!

We have 12 tables this year, more than last year and we are raising

money for cancer research joining in with the EBU Festival of bridge.



Bridge it’s a Big Deal

All profits will go to cancer research and there will be a collection box on the day but not a raffle. Special thanks to those of you who are bring food for the day and helping.

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Thursday 20th June 2024



Our Finances

We are doing well. At our last statement date our funds were at a healthy £2,600. We do not have a deposit account as we do not plan on developing a savings approach but using your funds to cover the necessities of the club to cover our operating costs and replacement costs with some contingency. With this in mind, our treasurer considers that our membership fee and weekly table fee should remain as they are for the forthcoming year 2024-5 and will ask you to vote on this at the AGM.

Our recent purchases have been two new tablets bringing our total to 14. We need 12 for the Swiss teams and we need spares for any critical incident. Interestingly the cost of the

tablets hasn't risen since our initial purchase five years ago!

We have also purchased some pens with a screen dibber and with our logo. We shall be using them for prizes and special events.



We may see some changes in our finances as our new treasurer takes up the reins. He has considered a card machine e.g. izettle and joining the bridge webs invoicing system but has chosen to keep things as they are at the moment as they work very well.



Members Update

We are pleased to welcome Stuart Tyers to the club. Stuart always comes with his wife Jill who watches our sessions. Stuart has plays at a golf club but hasn't had the benefit of following a course and so he is joining us on a Monday Morning at the supervised play.

The bridge holidayers and cruisers continue and we have had people on Bernard Magee weekends an-



cruises recently along with others on First for Bridge weekends and Bridge Overseas Holidays. It's a great way for bridge players to holiday so do talk to us. The chances are someone has already been!!

There's a bit of an update on Shelagh who has recently been elected to the committee of the Leicestershire Contract Bridge Association. She tries to put Bagworth on the map. Congratulations Shelagh

Competitions and challenge!

It's been quite a year for competitions, essentially thanks to George who brings so much previous experience of running them. We have had the simultaneous pairs where Phillip Price and Robert Missenden came fourth overall nationally. Carol and Averil have won the knock-out trophy and Neil Stokes and Mary Danaher the scratch/ random

pairs. Congratulations all!

And now, there's only one more winner to go which is the most improved player, yet to be announced. This is awarded based on the players success at the Thursday duplicate over the year.



A grand day out : the details



Well we did have a grand day out to Stamford Bridge club with 27 players from Bagworth, Ashby and Market Bosworth. And the winners were **Belinda Chantler and Isabel Stanley**.

Roberts coaches did us proud and kept to our schedule brilliantly. There were those who walked the town for the day and those who

tried to eat their way through it and the sensible ones who played bridge!.

Graham lost his super expensive sausages. Let us know if you find them!!!

A good time was had by all including those at the Stamford Bridge Club with its 600+ members. And they have indeed invited us back again next year. However, we have promised no more than 7 tables so watch this space, it will become an annual event!

If you have any thoughts or ideas for new bridge experiences, let us know. We are always up for fun and adventures.



A new opportunity : SMRB

A What??? A Self Managed Resource Base!

Yes, we think that our members always want to improve their standard of bridge and learn and experience something new and are generous spirited.

Many bridge clubs have a library which often starts when a person

dies and the remaining partner especially if a non bridge player gifts it to their club. You will be pleased to know that you are safe. We have nowhere to put it! However, the work begins now as we believe that our members have all sorts of bridge books, DVDs and videos which are not in use all the time.

So, might you lend them to some-

one else for a while? If so we will maintain a list if things you are able to lend to others in the members area of the website. Borrowers can then contact you to arrange a loan and return it to you. No fines, no deposits, no librarians just warm hearted honest you! We could use the help of a **volunteer** to start this task. It's a 'one-off' task to prepare the list which will be held in the 'Members Only' are of the web site.

Training Update

We have now completed our Tuesday afternoon beginners programme and the beginners have moved into the supervised play sessions on a Monday morning. We are sure that they will become good club members as the world of bridge opens up to them. EBU teachers can now register their students with the EBU and so get an EBU number and

membership for a year and all have done this.

We would like to offer another beginners course but will need to recruit. Here we need your help. Can you let us know if your village is having an events where we could distribute our lovely new leaflets.

Open gardens, horticultural shows, fetes etc would all be good.





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Never Knowingly Underplayed!

Our Mission is to share and spread the game of bridge to local people for their enjoyment, health and well being in a friendly, safe and comfortable environment



We are on the web

www.bridgewebs.com/bagworthwhistlestopbridge

**Bridge is a sociable
game and a learning
Game!**

**Our members work
and play hard and
want to learn!!!**

**We also raise some
money for charity.**

**This year our Swiss Teams
competition will be supporting
the English Bridge Union in
their Festival of Bridge to raise
£60,00 for cancer research.**

**There is a face book group for
you to join to see events and a
You Tube video. Visit the EBU
website**



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A Festival of Bridge