

Dear member

The AGM is just round the corner and having completed their stint on the committee there are a few spaces available so if you have good ideas about how to make the club even better now is the time to make yourselves known. The nomination sheet is on the notice board by the back door.

I would personally like to thank the following for their hard work over the years as more people seem to read this blog than come to the AGM.

Andrea Johnson has been the secretary for a couple of years and is having a year off to concentrate on golf, she will remain as an ordinary committee member, I hope she will return to the post after a year.

Roxanna Clifton is leaving the committee but will continue to send out any cards or flowers if anyone thinks a member is in need of them.

Pat Boyle will continue to look after the bar but is leaving the committee.

Last but not least Julie Godbold has put a lot of time and energy into the club for many years. There is no way I can count the number of jobs she does at the club, from running sessions to ordering hand cleaner.

Thank-you to you all.

There is still space available for the national pairs event on the 8th September, come along and help raise money for Cancer Research and have some food as well as a bridge comp of course.

Ollie Cowan is running the midweek Congress in Harrogate from the 27th to 29th August. If any Harrogate bridge club member wants to play in Tuesday's Jack High competition, he is offering a discounted price of £25 and a money back guarantee if you don't enjoy yourself!

My lessons are due to restart from the end of September and it would appear that the way we learn is changing! No longer do students just listen to me and do as I say by bidding and playing as they are told (I've never met anyone who ever did that). Nowadays you have to do some sort of media offering so I'm going to use the bridge play videos (it's really a good old power point presentation) alongside my wisdom on our new big telly screen. I'm also going to record some YouTube videos of my own. After much thought and looking at what other YouTube videos are out there for bridge students, I decided to do my first video on why we should use transfers, many students struggle with the concept of bidding one suit and meaning another, it's probably only their second conventional bid after the much less used 2C opening bid and usually taught alongside the (rather less complicated) Stayman 2C bid. I will have to get on and do it now I've told everyone

One of the worst things to do as defender is to play a suit that neither the declared or dummy have if both have a trump, therefore declarer can decide which hand to trump with and the other hand can throw away a loser, known as a ruff and discard.

Hope you all have a good August.

Rob