

Dear member.

Happy New year all. This is the time of year when we try to do better than last. I've already broken my "eat less chocolate biscuits" resolution. However, some time ago I said I would produce a video on an important bridge topic. There are many useful informative bridge videos on you-tube varying from amateurish to very professional. I made one some time ago and while helpful and informative was very much in the amateurish bracket so I didn't send it out; now I'm thinking even if it's not perfect it's not helping anyone sat in my phone! I decided that I should try to convince improvers the importance of using transfers rather than sticking with the weakness take out method we learn early in our early bridge lessons, it's not an actual lesson on how to do transfers mind, there are plenty of those on the internet. There wasn't any rush to send it out but I see Wetherby are doing a seminar on transfers soon so I hope this will help anyone going to it. I will send the link out on a separate message.

80 members enjoyed another successful Christmas party at Oakdale GC. Hopefully the microphone will be available next year. Please let us know if there is any way we can practically do to make it even better next year or any ideas that will help members improve the bridge-playing experience at the club in the new year.

The draw for the pictures that were in the downstairs playing room has taken place. Congratulations to all the winners! There are only a few people who I don't see regularly who won so Martin Thornton you can collect the Black and white tree and Jack Stocken the Blossom on the Stray from the 2nd floor room when you are next in the club.

The Men's and Ladies pairs trophies are coming up on Wednesday the 22nd of January. No sign up is required. You are still free to play if you aren't playing with a member of the same sex. (but you won't be able to win). We have decided to run it on Wednesday this year to give more people a chance to play!

After the success of the Andrew Robson seminars and the popularity and convenience of the arrow cards he uses, we decided to buy a set to use with students. I will be looking for volunteers to try them out on, only 4 at a time as we only have 1 set at the moment.

I hope to see you all soon.

Rob