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Welcome to Members,  
Learners, Visitors and Guests!  
Number 75 July 2024

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I am starting to plan my Autumn teaching.

Do you know anyone who would like to learn our wonderful game?

Please put them in touch with me.

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## **Wednesday AM Zoom/Facebook Competitive Bidding**

Topics in July will all be around competitive auctions.

Sacrifices  
Michaels Cue Bid  
Multi Landy  
Defence to 1NTx

Please put me on the list for the weekly  
ONLINE/TUITION news

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## **New Extended Tuesday PM Themed Practice**

Members, Guests. Visitors all welcome. No need to book.  
No requirement to bring a partner.

**NEW - Session extended by 30 mins - now two hours.  
AND now we are offering tea, coffee and biscuits.**

Themes from Late May to End July from  
Bridge 2 Building Your Skills

Play and learn.

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## **Gentle Duplicate at Dunchurch on Tuesday Mornings**

Playing about 12-16 boards between 10.00 and 12.00.  
**Focus on enjoyment.**

Everyone who has played a little duplicate is welcome.

PLEASE BOOK  
Use "Partner Needed" if single

**Visitors can reply to this newsletter to reserve a place.**

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## How to book into club sessions

I have made a new video showing you how to book into club sessions.

<https://youtu.be/2EztmZoK7rc>

You can use any one of three user ids:

Your name: e.g. Queen of Sheba

OR

Your email address: e.g. [sevennotrumps@dreammail.com](mailto:sevennotrumps@dreammail.com)

OR

Your EBU number: e.g. 654321

All our members have a password to access or change bookings.  
If you are not sure what yours is please click here:

[Reset and Send Password Request](#)

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## Master Point/National Grade News

June 2024 Master point promotions

**No Promotions this month - Keep Playing!**

June 2024 National Grade News

Since we have no promotions again this month I thought I would put a bit about National Grades.

Your National Grade reflects your performance in the last 2,000 sessions you have played. You first get a National Grade when you have played rather fewer. The Grade is given as a playing card from 2 to Ace.

We have four Queens in the club. Out of our 125 members about thirty don't have a NG as they stick to lessons and practice. I am so pleased that six players have an emerging grade of 2 from playing in our Tuesday morning Gentle Duplicate.

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## Stay healthy and look after each other

Many of you use the sanitiser. I know 'cos I refill the bottles.

You are heroes protecting all of us from those nasty touch transmitted germs.

All of you have been great at staying away when you are, or might be, unwell.

**THANK YOU! Please keep it up.**

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## The Future

How about a permanent bridge venue in Rugby? Where we could leave bridge furniture set out all the time. Several bridge clubs would use it, and other competitions. Maybe chess clubs also. Already there is the Mind Sports Centre in Chelsea, Spondon and the South Bucks centre. If you know of anywhere in or around Rugby with at least 50 sq m of interior space and at least 50 car parking spaces that might suit, let me know.

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## Keep the date - Christmas Swiss Pairs

Saturday December 7th - Christmas Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs



## 2024 Founders Competition/Trophy

There's a slight change to the competition. The minimum number of events to play is raised from 20 to 25. There are about a hundred opportunities to play. Secondly the award for a win was 7 last year, with second getting 6 and so on. This has changed to 8 for a win, 7 for a second and so on.

	Name	Average	30 May	3 Jun	6 Jun	10 Jun	13 Jun	17 Jun	20 Jun	24 Jun	27 Jun	1 Jul	Play ed	Quali fy
1	Brian Mawby & Yolanda Wilcock	6.44	0						8		8	8	29	25
2	Peter Iredale & Vera Iredale	6.12	7	4.5	4	0	4.5	8	2	7	0	6.5	45	25
3	David North & Marilyn North	6.06			8						7		16	16
4	Chris Longthorn & Margaret Aitchison	5.80	4		3				7		4		22	22
5	Alan Page & Eric Hope	5.32		5.5		8						5	19	19
6	Bren Corr & Eva Thompson	4.02	0		2		3	6	6	6	4.5		32	25
7	Judith Longthorn & Zena Hutchinson	4.00	0.5		3								17	17
8	Don Prowse & Pauline Smith	3.94											31	25
9	Brian Phillips & Rob Close	3.83						7		0		0	20	20

10	Malcolm Fawcett & Paul = Jackson	3.67	0.5	5		3.5		15	15
10	Sue Harris & Zena = Hutchinson	3.67	0		5	0	6	18	18
12	Jean Wilson & John Cockburn	3.58	2.5	0	0	3.5		20	20
13	Carole Broadhurst & Maxine Ross	3.52	4	3.5	4		2	21	21
14	Jean Wilson & Robyn Crighton	3.31	2.5	6		5	8	13	13
15	Jane Walker & Margaret Aitchison	2.75						12	12
16	Brian Jacks & John Chard	2.62						12	12
16	Carol Davies & Geoff = Davies	2.62			1.5	7	4.5	13	13
18	Pauline Ferris & Theresa Hillier	2.57						14	14
19	Gill Bryan & Ken Bryan	2.50		0		3	0	4	13

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## Did you know?

### Entering the lead is important

You are prompted to enter the lead into the BridgeTab.

This information is useful for everyone who checks their results. Often the lead is an important factor in the result. We record to add to the value of checking the detail of the result.

The lead can also help us when a result is recorded incorrectly. If the declarer choice seems wrong, the lead can help to work out what really happened.

We need you to enter the opening lead, and enter it correctly.

These days our scoring system checks the given opening lead against the hand record and TELLS YOU if it doesn't make sense. (It also tells the TD with a message on the laptop.)

**Please don't ignore this message.**

Please go back, check the contract and declarer and correct the entry until the BridgeTab is happy with the lead. Do call us if you need help.

This saves us getting messages after the session and sometimes having to correct the record and reissue the result.

## Recycling pill blister packs

I am recycling empty pill blister packs. They have no financial value. They can be recycled, for a fee.

This keeps them out of landfill and least partially recycled.

We filled our **THIRD** bag

We dropped it off

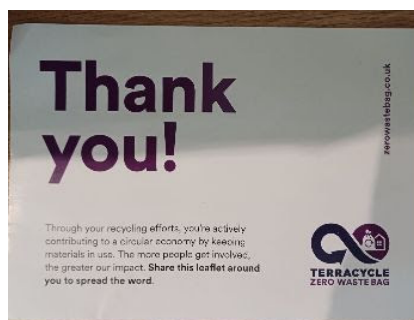
It was collected for recycling

Our **FOURTH** bag is already nearly full.

**Do bring yours to Dunchurch.**

# (Make sure all pills have gone!)

Theresa is still collecting milk bottle tops.



## Club Timetable

### Mondays

13.45 Pairs at Dunchurch (Visitors by prior agreement - Booked in Advance)

### Tuesdays

10.00 Gentle Duplicate (All welcome, please book or otherwise let us know you are coming, no need to bring partner)

13.45 Beginners/Novices at Dunchurch (All welcome, no need to book, no need to bring partner)

19.30 Novice Themed Practice on RealBridge

### Wednesdays

10.30 Wednesday Seminar (Facebook, Zoom & demo on BBO)

### Thursdays

13.45 Pairs at Dunchurch (Visitors by prior agreement - Booked in Advance)

### Topics

Topics and joining instructions are on the web site and published in our weekly "Online" newsletter.

Click to see how to book into a Dunchurch Pairs  
Session

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Bookings, results and players accounts are all now on the new  
web site. Some news, information and historical pages are still to  
be transferred.

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