

# Doncaster Bridge Club

## Newsletter 6

July 2010

### VIEW FROM THE CHAIR.

The improvements programme (including decoration, honours boards, table covers, new computer, ScoreBridge, Bridge pads, social area) has been possible only through the commitment and efforts not only of Committee members but also others who have responded to the opportunity to contribute to the enhancement of our facilities for the enjoyment of all.

Every member can help, not least by playing regularly – the more we play, the more we can do – for the benefit of everyone.

Brian Hardey



### Playing Issues

#### BridgePads

There have been great changes in the way events are scored, through the use of BridgePads and new scoring software. Once a few remaining teething problems are resolved, training will be available to directors at any sessions wishing to use the bridgepads and thereby obtain a result within minutes of the end of play.

### Windermere Weekend

24 members enjoyed a weekend at the Belsfield Hotel at Bowness. Some went on two six mile walks along Windermere and Elterwater, enjoying the wonderful panorama of colour and the majesty of the fells; hearing a variety of bird calls; and watching an idiot attempting and failing to drive his four-track up through impossible scree.

Other members went sightseeing to Carmel Priory ( where they watched a brood of ducklings leave their nest by jumping from a tree ), Ruskins House, Brantwood, shopping at Lakeland plastics and playing golf.

In the evenings, after a fine dinner, six tables were occupied and Mitchell competitions ensued.

A substantial number of members received prizes. Thanks were expressed to Shaune Chapman who had organised the whole programme.

There has been considerable interest in repeating the event next year and members need to contact Shaune if they are attracted to the experience.

Brian Stones

### Pay To Play

The EBU's universal membership scheme, Pay to Play (P2P), came into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Paper certificates issued before then remain valid for 3 years from the date of issue. From early July members will be able to access records of master points issued electronically up to the end of May, with monthly updates thereafter. Instructions for accessing your personal area of the EBU website were sent with the June issue of *English Bridge*.

Assistance is available to any members interested in qualifying as directors or as teachers under the EBU training schemes.

With the decline from peak activity of around 5 years ago committee is reducing the number of club trophy competitions. Members' views on the slimmed down calendar of events, to be published soon, would be welcomed.

### **Master Points**

Because sessions which attract fewer than 6 pairs do not qualify for the award of master points yet still incur P2P charges using match point scoring, aggregate scoring accumulated over the competition year will be used when this happens. Table money will be £1.50 and aggregate scores will be accumulated over the year for a trophy.

### **Teaching**

Committee is looking at introducing occasional short lessons on topics of interest, followed by set hands to illustrate the point. Occasional 'buddy' sessions may also be started where 'beginners' will be partnered by sympathetic experienced players, subject to demand by beginners and supply of buddies.

### **Intercity League matches**

The club has 5 teams entered for the very friendly and enjoyable YCBA intercity league matches which run on 7 occasions on Sunday afternoons from late October to mid-March. Any pairs or single players who might be interested should contact Peter Foster either personally or via [pjfoster1@btinternet.com](mailto:pjfoster1@btinternet.com) for details of this or of any of the other matters.

### **Limerick Competition**

The only entry to the competition came from Vic Jones, who wins the prize of a box of Turkish Delight.

*There was a young man from West Ham  
Whose bidding was always a sham.  
He would sometimes attempt  
To bid a pre-empt  
But ended up making a slam.*

### **Social Committee**

The new committee has appointed a group to try to enhance the social aspect of the club. Among their ideas were the sweepstakes on the Grand National, and the World Cup.

Another suggestion is the Italian Lunch Party, which promises to be an enjoyable afternoon.

On Sunday July 18th a group will have lunch (booked in advance) in the little café up the road and then return to the Club for Bridge. Numbers are limited but it may not be too late to book.

See Shaune Chapman for details.

### **Stop Press**

July Committee agreed the following:-

- Fewer Club Trophy competitions, especially Pro-Ams & Teams.
- From September, on a trial basis, one club session on Tuesday evenings.
- Subject to support, one Thursday afternoon & one evening session per month, possibly "buddy" type.

*Sheila and David wish to thank all members of the club for their cards and messages and the gift of a seat for the garden, which is very much appreciated.*