

Doncaster Bridge Club

Newsletter 2

August 2008

McLean Trophy.

As most of you know, Celia & Doug McLean, sponsors of this trophy moved to America two years ago.

Because they were going to be over here on holiday in July the committee thought it would be nice if they could play in their own event so the dates were altered accordingly.

The response was staggering with a total of 44 people turning out for the occasion, the most I can remember for a domestic competition.

The event was won by Noreen Chaplin and Jack Senior.

Although he had not played for two years Doug came a creditable third, with Celia not far behind and I am sure that they both enjoyed playing again.

The buffet beforehand was appreciated by all who attended and our thanks go to everyone who contributed.

Altogether a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Vic Jones (Competition Secretary)

Attendance

After the appeal in the last newsletter there seems to have been an improvement in table numbers, especially in the afternoons. Keep it up!

Unfortunately this doesn't apply to Thursday afternoon.

Graham Smith would welcome ideas to bring in new players.



An average bridge player was lucky enough to find a magic lamp to rub, and a genie appeared.

"What is your wish, O master?" he asked.

The player showed him a map of the Middle East.

"I should like you to make all these countries live at peace with each other," he said.

"O, master, have mercy, it will take more than my powers to do that, I am

only a genie."

The bridge player thought for a moment and then said, "Turn me into an "A" team player then."

..... "Let me have another look at that map," said the genie.

Forthcoming Events

Monday August 11th 7pm Carl Lampon Trophy (seeded draw) *Sign up in advance!*

Tuesday Sept. 16th 7pm EBU Autumn Sim. Pairs.

Thursday Sept. 18th 7pm YCBA Kath Grimoldby Sim. Pairs

Wednesday October 8th **12.45pm** Men's & Women's Open Teams. *Sign up in advance!*

Saturday October 11th 7pm Morehouse Individual (*sign up in advance!*)

Friday October 24th **12.45pm** Wilks Trophy Individual *Sign up in advance!*

Wednesday November 5th 7pm Hopper Trophy semi-final

Wednesday November 12th 7pm Hopper Trophy Final

Wednesday November 26th **12.45pm** Peter Foster Trophy (draw of seeded pairs for teams) *Sign up in advance!*

You can find the complete Club Calendar of Events on club notice boards and on the Website.

Summer Party

Forty six people attended the Summer Party on 20th July.

It began with drinks and nibbles in the downstairs' room. An excellent buffet lunch of fresh salmon, smoked salmon with prawns, quiches, ham and beef, with a variety of salads, followed by mouth watering sweets, was enjoyed by all. This was superbly organised by Shaune Chapman, ably assisted by Mick, their son Mark and Maureen Jones. This was followed by bridge, directed by Geoff Atkinson. After 3 "warm-up" rounds (!!!) the competition began.

The event raised £406 for club funds, when contributions from book and plant sales and the raffle were included.

It was good to see so many people making the effort to support the club, including some who haven't been able to come for a while.

Linda and George Burdett

Shaune Chapman would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the Summer Party, food, plants, books and raffle prizes.

Please help the director by taking cups and glasses to the dishwasher at the end of the evening.

Changes to the Laws 2

The revoke Law:

The ruling following an established revoke no longer involves asking whether the revoker won a later trick with a card which could have been played to the revoke trick. Instead, one trick is transferred if the revoking **player** won the revoke trick, a second trick is transferred if the revoking **side** won any subsequent trick. If the director judges that the application of the foregoing has not 'restored equity', meaning the non-offending side remains at a disadvantage, additional tricks may be transferred. It is still possible that the transfer of the prescribed number of tricks may over-compensate the non-revoking side and the director has no discretion over this.

The item on rule changes in the last newsletter was of great interest to many members. One of them asked us to emphasise that players should not ask for explanations of bids until the end of the auction, unless there was a need to know (if he might wish to bid, for example).

Running the Club

The club could not function without the help of many volunteers. If asked we would all probably think of looking after the finances, counting and banking all the table money (and counting all the small change in the upstairs box,) as well as paying all the bills on time.

The bar has to be stocked but someone also has to buy all the household items, tea, coffee, milk, soap, toilet rolls and rubbish bags etc .

An up-to-date list of names and addresses is maintained by the membership secretary and the Master points checked and payment sent to the EBU by the Master Points secretary. Travellers, playing cards and other stationery all have to be bought.

Twelve playing sessions per week require directors to open up, organise the movement, close the club afterwards. Each session has to be scored and results printed and sent to the website which is updated (usually on a daily basis).

In September the club is taking part in two Simultaneous Pairs events. For these someone has to send away in advance for the hands, suit all the boards and set the hands, a really tedious and time-consuming job. After the event someone has to send away all the documentation—name sheets, travellers, details of the movement and fees within 24 hours.

How many people have noticed that the front door was recently painted and the number replaced?

If you come in at the back, you must have noticed that the back garden has been tidied.

We should all be grateful to all the members who do so much to keep the club running smoothly for us..

EBU Pay to Play Proposals

The following appears in the current edition of the YCBA bulletin:

Pay-to-Play Scheme Gets Green Light

The shareholders of the EBU voted in favour of the proposed Pay to Play (P2P) scheme at an Extraordinary General Meeting in London on 4th June. The voting was 52 in favour, 31 against with two abstentions. The implementation date is 1st April, 2010.

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The YCBA Management Committee will do all it can to aid clubs with any initial difficulties or concerns they might have.

Doncaster Bridge Club had supported the proposals which, broadly speaking, seek to involve a wider spread of the bridge playing community with the EBU and consequently to improve the EBU's support for grass root players.

Held up in traffic?



If you are running late on your way to the club, it is a help to the director if you telephone in advance so he can plan the movement.

The club telephone number is
01302 556422

The telephones are upstairs near the kitchen and downstairs near the computer.

Reminder

New classes will be starting in October. Let us know if any of your friends are interested.

Website

David Butler would be very pleased to receive articles for the website, interesting hands etc.

The ladders for July have just been published.

Contributions

Letters, articles, comments etc. would be welcomed for the next newsletter which will hopefully be published before Christmas.