

Doncaster Bridge Club

Newsletter 3

November 2008

Inter-City Teams October 26th Results

Malton B .8.....Doncaster A 12
Doncaster B 0.....Sheffield C 20
Hull B 9Doncaster C 11
Doncaster D 17 ...Garforth B 3
Doncaster E 6 ... Huddersfield E 14

Next matches Sunday November 23rd

Bridge Holiday

There has been good support for the planned Bridge Holiday to Lake Windermere from April 24th—26th. Please book your place now with a deposit of £20.



Cheques should be made payable to Doncaster Bridge Club and handed to

directors to be put into the safe.

There are still some places available and non-playing partners would also be welcome.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party this year will be held on Sunday December 14th. Tickets are £13.00 per person, as they were last year and numbers are limited so please see Shaune or Sheila to book your place.

Doncaster A team represent Yorkshire.

On September 27th the Doncaster A team represented South Yorkshire in the Northern Bridge league.

Barbara Boaler, Julia Staniforth, Chris Quigley, Richard Draycott, David Beresford, David Ward, Trevor Gough & Tom Monk, played against teams from Manchester, Lancashire, The North East, Westmoreland, Cheshire and Merseyside, Cumbria and Yorkshire North and West.

The Doncaster team did very well, finishing 2nd overall behind Manchester. They were unlucky because they won all six matches but Manchester's V.P. count was higher.

In the pairs ranking David Beresford and David Ward came joint 3rd and Trevor Gough and Tom Monk 6th out of 32 pairs.

Recent Winners

Carl Lampon Richard Buckle & Alan Platt
Open Teams Ladies Dagmar Aykroyd, Shaune Chapman, Barbara Boaler & Sheila Dunsby.
Men Colin Kingston, Peter Dawson, David Brooksbank & Tom Leech.
Morehouse Individual Shirley Heath
Wilks Trophy Individual Dorothy Fox
Hopper Trophy Keith Baines & Alan Fell

The Hopper Trophy on Wednesday November 5th did not attract sufficient players for two nights so it was played as a final on the first week.

Forthcoming Events

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

Wed. December 3rd **Grimoldby Swiss Teams** Rd. 1
Wed. December 10th **Grimoldby Swiss Teams** Rd 2

Tuesday December 9th **Sheila Dunsby Trophy** Pro-Am (Seeded draw for partners) sign up in advance.

Student to Teacher, "What do these no trumps look like? I've been coming for three weeks and I haven't seen one yet!"

Beginners Classes

These started in October and there has been a very good response. So many people turned up on the first day that we decided to run the course on two days, Mondays as well as Tuesdays. This also had the advantage that students could swap days to suit themselves or even come both days if they wished. More people have since joined the class so that we now have 28 learners.

We hope to encourage as many of them as possible to play in the club when they are ready, and **here is where existing members can help by being friendly and welcoming.**

In the past some beginners have felt intimidated when playing upstairs and some have even left the club. **Please think back to when you were a beginner and be tolerant, helpful and friendly.**

Many thanks to all those who have helped in any way to bring in these new members.

Grimoldby Swiss Teams, Wednesday evenings 3rd and 10th December

A Swiss teams event consists of typically 6 short matches, normally of 6 or 7 boards against different opponents. Scoring is essentially by IMPs which are then converted to Victory Points (VPs) on a scale of 0 – 20. Thus a team may win a match by say 13 – 7, or lose 6 -14 or draw 10 – 10.

There is a random draw for opponents on round 1, but thereafter teams play against those with a similar running total VP score to their own. In other words winners play winners, losers play losers. Ideally, teams do not play opponents more than once. Master points are awarded for each match won in addition to ranking points for those finishing in the top third of the field.

If you would like to play please sign up as usual as a team. If you can only play on one of the two weeks of the event, or if you wish to enter as a team of 6 that's OK, but please indicate this on the sign-up sheet.

To play 6 matches where no team meets opponents more than once needs an absolute minimum of 12 teams. If this number is not achieved the event will still run over the 2 weeks but as a multi-teams (all play all) competition.

Lottery Funding bid for Duplimate Machine and Bridgemates

Following approval at the EGM on 23rd September 2008 on revisions to the Bridge Club constitution, the working party is pressing ahead with the bid for funding.

In order to provide evidence of support for the equipment a questionnaire is being devised for completion by those who played when the Bridgemate demonstration took place.

John Pain, the EBU Education and Bridge For All Manager has agreed to act as referee.

It is hoped that the bid will be submitted by the end of the year and that notification of the outcome will be available for the Annual General Meeting.

Julia Staniforth

Inter City League matches

Around 2 years ago the club management committee initiated a move to simplify the catering for the league matches. It suggested that the splendid, costly and labour intensive high- tea be replaced by tea and biscuits or tea and cake..

Obviously any change would need to be agreed by a majority of clubs which play in the leagues and would need to be implemented by all clubs.

YCBA has now sent a questionnaire seeking clubs' views on this issue and on a possible change in match start time to 1pm.

If team members have any views on either point please let the committee know before it responds to the questionnaire.

The Tate Family

Do you know how many members of the Tate family belong to the Bridge Club?

There is old man Dic Tate who wants to run everything while Ro Tate tries to change everything. Mrs Agi Tate stirs up plenty of trouble, with help from her husband Irri Tate.

Whenever new projects are suggested, Hesi Tate and his wife Vege Tate want to wait until next year. Miss Imi Tate wants us to copy other clubs. Devas Tate provides the voice of doom, while Poten Tate wants to be a big shot.

Not all members of the family are bad. Facili Tate is always helpful and Miss Felici Tate is always bright and cheerful. Cogi Tate and Medi Tate always think things over and are steady and reliable but of course the black sheep of the family is Ampu Tate who is completely cut off from the club.

With thanks to Stuart Watson