

Doncaster Bridge Club

Newsletter 4

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Communication with the Club

It would be helpful if the club had e-mail addresses for members who have e-mail. Much work and expense would be saved if reminders about annual subscriptions could be sent by this method. Additionally, those who wished could receive a copy of the club calendar of events, notices of general meetings and social events and future editions of the Newsletter.

If you would like to be included please contact Peter Foster on pjfoster1@btinternet.com

Doncaster Bridge Club AGM Wednesday 25th March 2009

The club's annual general meeting was held on Wednesday 25th March 2009 starting at 6.00pm and lasting just over an hour before play commenced for the evening. Attended by 26 members, the Chairman and Treasurer gave their reports and members discussed several issues related to the future growth of the club. Mooted points included:

- The possible effects of the EBU Pay-to-Play scheme with a likely implementation in April 2010.
- The fact that the club's main source of income was from table money receipts and in order for the club to undertake certain repairs and refurbishments, its income needed to improve. This could be easily achieved if each member played an extra session every month.
- The automatic crediting of Master Points.

The new Management Committee was elected and holds its first full meeting on Tuesday 7th April at 6.00pm. Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month except in August. If you would like to bring a matter for consideration to the attention of the Management Committee you can ask any member to put it on the agenda, or write directly to the Hon.Secretary in advance of the meeting....

Bridge Holiday Belsfield Hotel Friday 24th – 27th April

There are still a few rooms available and anyone interested should contact Shaune Chapman on 01302 859319 for more details

The Belsfield is one of the hotels used by Graham Jepson and has a wonderful location overlooking Lake Windermere. It has an **indoor swimming pool, sauna, and a games room with table tennis and pool.**

The gardens of the Belsfield take you down to the lake and the starting point for boat trips around the lake to Ambleside and other picturesque places. It is only a short walk to the main shopping centre and Lakeland Plastics is a little further away. In the other direction is a lovely municipal 18 hole pitch and putt golf course.

The cost of the holiday is £206.00 per person (plus single supplement) for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast – **fantastic value for 3 nights.** We are hoping to provide pre-dinner drinks on April 24th.

Dinner will be at 6.15 in the evenings, with Bridge to follow. Tea and coffee will be served in the Bridge room.

If anyone is able to offer transport to other members of the party on a cost sharing basis could you please give Shaune a ring.

Come and join us and enjoy a great weekend.



The Belsfield Hotel has a fantastic position on the shore of Lake Windermere and is close to all amenities.

Doncaster Teams in the Yorkshire League 08-09

The detail of the results can be seen on the Teams notice board

Team A and B held their places in Divisions 2 and 3 resp. Team C won promotion back to Division 5. Team D will return to Division 9. Team E which is mostly last years Team F did really well to maintain their position in Division 9 to which they were promoted because they became E.

Congratulations and thank -you to everyone who played and especially, to the captains who organise the teams , David Butler who does the analysis of the results and Shaune Chapman who has provided the teas for many of the matches.

I hope you enjoyed playing and will sign-up for the next season. We would very much welcome new team players – if you are interested please read the notice on the Teams Board **NOW** as YCBA need to know how many teams by May.

At the beginning of last season having come down to 5 teams we were able to put at least 5 pairs in each team and so I confidently looked forward to a very quiet season for me as match secretary. It was not to be..... holidays, illness and other commitments took their toll and at every match weekend there was some request for available players. Thank you to all who responded to those calls. On the penultimate weekend of the season the time was 1pm on match day and there had been no telephone callbut I celebrated too soon. The call came – the car carrying 4 members of the B team to Bradford had broken down on the A1 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

There are 2 changes to the format of the matches for next season.

- The start time will be 1pm instead of 2pm
- The refreshments will be less and simpler - think afternoon tea rather than high tea

These changes will allow for shorter matches and getting home earlier in the evening especially when playing away.

Unless there is someone in our club who is willing to take over the provision of the refreshments then team members will be asked to contribute.

PLEASE DO NOT PANIC - details of the contribution and appropriate recompense all have to be discussed in the playing committee and in consultation with captains and team members.

I look forward to another enjoyable and challenging season in 2009-10!

Gail Foster Match Secretary 1st April 09

Beginners

The third term of lessons starts after Easter in the week beginning April 20th.

Some of the beginners have started to play in club sessions and some have earned points.

Please remember that they ARE beginners and need your encouragement. It is important that you do not destroy their confidence.

We have already received a number of new enquiries and hope to start a new course of lessons when the present one ends.

A Grumble from a Scorer.

There are eleven sessions at the club every week which have to be scored and the scorer is not always playing, so PLEASE :-

- make sure that the name sheet is filled in properly (and altered clearly if there is a late change).
- Score against the correct N/S number.
- If you think someone else has made a mistake, sort it out with the director— **DO NOT JUST PUT A QUESTION MARK.**
- Put the board number on the back and the front of each traveller.
- Write clearly and avoid felt tips which show through the paper.
- When you hand in the travellers at the end of the session, please open them out and put them in order.
- Directors please make a note of the movement on the name sheet and avoid using Howell movements which have to be stopped early.

Thank you very much.

Sheila Dunsby

New Management Committee for 2009/2010

Chairperson	David Dunsby
Vice chairperson	John Hale
Treasurer	Brian Hardey
Secretary	Margaret Woodford
Membership Sec.	Peter Foster
Match Sec.	Gail Foster
Master points Sec.	Gail Foster
Competitions Sec.	Vic Jones
Congress Sec.	Brian Stones

Sarah Brown, Bob Brown, David Butler, Shaune Chapman, Sheila Dunsby, John Molloy, Julia Staniforth, Peter Swindells, Paul Woodford

Please let us have any suggestion/ feedback, poems, jokes, cartoons, photos, etc. for the next newsletter.

