



Ashford & District Bridge Club



Members' Newsletter - March 2012

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 22nd May. Please make every effort to attend this important date in our calendar. It is a time when we can say thanks to all the members who have helped over the year and present the winners with their trophies. The actual meeting should take about 30 minutes (providing there are not too many questions under AOB!) Afterwards there will be a FREE session of bridge.

Committee Members

Some of the members of the Committee wish to stand down this year. We shall therefore be requiring new members. Please let Marjorie or Eddie know if you would be interested in becoming a Committee member. It only involves 2 meetings a year and of course a say in how the Club is run.

Finance

While the treasurer will update us on the general state of the finances it is worth bringing to your attention the EBU and Surrey pay-as-you-play costs for next year. While Surrey has again not charged for the coming year the EBU has raised their fees by 10% to 33p each person per night. Surrey should be complimented on their 0p charge, as a number of counties are charging up to 12p each person per night. It will be interesting to hear from members what they think of the value of the EBU fees.

League matches

The league results are on the website. Team members have enjoyed their year so far. Nearly 20 club members now participate in a team. It is a very informal occasion; the teams play in each other's houses with a refreshment break at half time. For those interested in starting a new team for next year please chat to Eddie or Jan. Would the captains please make sure they let Marjorie have the results of matches, together with the date and the actual score.

Surrey County Bridge

Surrey would like to send out their newsletter by e-mail in future. If you would like to receive this, your e-mail needs to be added (if necessary) to your record on the EBU website. Use the Masterpoints link on the Contacts page of our website, log in with your EBU number and your password and edit your personal details.

Cup and Shields

Would you please return all cups and shields during the last two weeks of March. This gives time for the engraver to add the new winners.

Website

As you know, Marjorie will be resigning from the Secretaryship at the AGM. One of her tasks has been to design and keep the website updated. She is now wondering if anyone in the Club would be willing to take this over. The basic design does not need to be changed, unless you would wish to do so, but several files need to be updated regularly. The Standby Rota and the Diary for the current month, on the Diary page, need to be updated monthly. These are very simple html files which are edited in Wordpad or Notepad. Other files such as Competition Winners, League Results, and the Honours Board, are edited in Word and then saved as pdf files. To send the files to the website we use a very simple to use program, downloadable for free from the net. Please let Marjorie know if you would be interested in helping with this.

Christmas Party

At the next Committee meeting we shall be discussing whether to hold the next party at the golf club or at one of our normal meetings at the Fordbridge Centre (and closer to Christmas). This would mean that we would not be able to play on the 2nd Tuesday of December, as the hall is used then for a party. Please would you let Marjorie or Eddie know what your preference would be.