

Dear Member

April is a busy month for bridge away from the club, I suppose the lighter days makes us want to travel more. Ollie Cowan is running a Swiss pairs event at Wakefield bridge club on Sunday the 6th April starting at 11:30am, the cost is £25 per pair including tea/coffee biscuits cake and probably a few Haribo sweets knowing Ollie; there is another Swiss pairs at Leeds bridge club on 18th May starting at 1:30pm, same refreshments. Both include prizes! The Northern Easter festival will again be held in Harrogate at the Crowne Plaza on the 19th and 20th of April. There is a mixture of Swiss pairs, including a nine high Swiss pairs on the 19th and Swiss teams on the 20th.

In other news, the Harrogate A team managed to stay in the 1st Division of the Yorkshire league for next season finishing a respectable 5th and will be joined by Thirsk and Ilkley, a couple of local(ish) derbies. Harrogate B were relegated back to Division 4 after a season in Division 3 and Harrogate C kept their place in Division 6.

The club is always looking for helpers, people with specific skills. Steve Hall is looking for help with the computer stuff he has to deal with, but more specifically running a program to find the highest rise in members' NGS grades throughout the year and thus finding the winner of our new "biggest improver" prize. We should find a better name for it really.

If you think you have the skills for this please get in touch with Steve Hall.

Could everybody please leave the boards on the table in situ, this gives less opportunity for the cards to be placed back into the wrong slots after the board has been played and less chance for the stack of boards (might only be 2) to be turned 180 degrees, i.e. with South facing the North player and less chance that they are passed on in the wrong chronological order so the next table may put the results into the BridgePal in the wrong order they have been played..... Thus avoiding 3 potential mistakes making the TDs life and everybody else's easier. Yes, I know some people don't like all the boards on the table together, please be vigilant if North is asked to have only 1 board on the table at a time.

Let's hope the good weather lasts.

Rob