

Dear Members.

January has been a busy month at the bridge club. Well done to Nicola Wayman and Justine Davies for winning the women's pairs and a special commendation to Gillian Trotter and Joan Couttie for coming joint runners up. The men's pairs winners were Robin Prestwich and Tim Emmott, well done to runners up Doug Smith and Larry Maclemore.

The much-anticipated Swiss pairs drew 26 pairs and went without a hitch despite being nearly a year since the last one. The cream rose to the top on this occasion 😊, well done to Rachel and Steve Smith and Justine Davies and Rebecca Pullan coming an excellent 4th and 5th respectively.

We just had enough time to fit a charity SIM pairs in before the month was out where £320 was raised for UNICEF. Well done to Julie Robinson and Gillian Oliver and Judy Cope and Steve Hall for their great scores.

For those of you who like a charity bridge day, MacMillan are running a full day event at Oakdale GC on Thursday 26th of February, hosted by Jack Stocken! There will be a 2 hour lesson of Jack's choosing, a two-course lunch and guests will enjoy a wonderful afternoon of supervised bridge play. See HBC website for more info and how to get tickets.

Speaking of cream rising..... 2 of the 5 pairs to represent Yorkshire at the Corwen trophy will be representatives from Harrogate BC this year. Well done Bob Marchbank and Kevin Higgins along with Robin Prestwich and Tim Emmott who qualified through the heats in January.

Good luck to everyone who is entering the EBU Harrogate spring Congress at the Cedar Court hotel this weekend, I hope you all enjoy yourselves..... And the food.

The mixed pairs will be held at the club on Friday the 20th of February at 1pm. Entry requirements seem pretty self-explanatory, all abilities welcome.

Doubles are very useful bids. They "ask" partner to bid if the bidding is below the 3S level, they always show the "other suits" even if you have already bid one of them.

Glad to see we are finishing the afternoon sessions in the light these days.

Rob