



HDBC Newsletter Number 51

Dear Member,

As we move into May, evenings are getting lighter and the parking should be getting easier.

May is also the time for renewing your HCA membership and our AGM. More on this below.

AGM 15th May

Our AGM is on Wednesday 15th May.

There will be refreshments from 5.30pm and you will be able to renew your membership. The meeting starts at 6pm.

Afterwards there will be a social bridge session. We hope that those of you who usually play in the intermediate group or on a Friday will join us.

Bridge Lunch at South Lawns

Those who came on 22nd March had a lovely meal and enjoyable afternoon's bridge. The new venue was ideal for us. We have booked for next time: Friday 25th October

Charity Bridge evenings

Thank you to everyone who supported the charity evenings. We raised £138 for MacMillan Local.

Bank Holiday Monday and Teams

We will be playing on Monday 6th May but there will not be a host.

Because of the bank holiday the next teams will now be on **13th May**.

Rules

Our club prides itself on being accessible and friendly but we do need to stick to the basic rules. We are playing a difficult game with complex rules and if people don't abide by even the simplest rules then they are unfairly disadvantaging their opponents

Here are two areas that have come up recently:

Convention cards.

Unless a pair are playing very basic system a convention card should be completed so that the opposition can inform themselves of the meaning of bids and also to help the director if necessary.

Hesitation or 'playing with bidding box' : bidding should be smooth as possible, accepting that some hands require a greater degree of thought. However, the bidding box should not be touched until a bid is ready to be made. During the auction a long pause for thought, followed by a pass is not automatically penalised, but if partner takes advantage of the unauthorised information provided by the hesitation then the director may be called and the offending pair penalised

Membership renewals

Your HCA renewal is due at the start of May. You can pay by cash/cheque at Greystones. They have also said that it would be helpful if those members who can/would like to pay by BACS do so at least a week before the AGM so that the payments can be processed in time.

Bank Name: Nat West

Account Name: Highcliffe Community Association

Account Number: 25878166

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For those who need to, you could still pay by cash/cheque on the AGM night (cheques made out to "Highcliffe Community Association").

We will be collecting Bridge Club renewals on the evening of the AGM. Please have your new HCA card with you so that it can be signed off.

Committee or not committee

We would very much like one or two more of you to join the committee. It isn't onerous - about 6 meetings a year.

If you don't 'do' committees, please think about how else you might help the club. We are always in need of extra help: directors, scorers even 'washer-upers' for social events. Please volunteer so that we know who is available to help.

Wordsearch

Can you find the following words in the grid below:

bid	Diamonds	Hearts
Card	revoke	slam
Spades	stayman	No-trumps

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U C R D W X M O
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W E S X O S S E
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