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NEWS
This newsletter launched in August 2020 during the pandemic and has been read by over 1,000 Bridge Clubs. Bridge Clubs editors on the side.

CLUB DATA
Bridge Club data is updated monthly a picture of life, and history, in club life. Analysis Tipper below. Full analysis on the website.

CLUBS - LEARNERS
A teaching scheme is available, entirely free of charge.

EMPOWERING
For almost four years we have recently (from meetings in May onwards) attended to Clubs. Reaching Out Bridge.

WEB SITE (Hosted by **Bridgeforpleasure**)
Bridgeforpleasure.co.uk

Please forward the letter to anyone in the bridge world who might be interested. Anyone can subscribe to this newsletter.

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Changing Rules

After fifteen years of running fast to find duplicates in a village hall, and I decided we were now in a position to go the constant movement of furniture, equipment, boards and dealing with venue issues.

We need to establish limits. I am a pensioner and have had bad health. We learnt a lot from that! I may write up some of the lessons learnt in a future edition.

We stopped in June last year. It turns out that something you took for granted when it is held every week or twice a week is not so easy when it stops.

Many of your players have moved to local clubs.

We are still teaching and running a weekly gentle bridge session.

Thinking it would have been more time, I responded to advertising by EBICS and have become an EBICS Enabler. This is not the EBU Enabler, but it is with the distinction and bridge development in mind, or at least.

I will continue to collect data and publish information about multiple bridge clubs. This is updated every two weeks on the Bridge For Pleasure website.

I plan to resume publishing this newsletter roughly every two months. I hope you find it interesting, and that you will respond with comments and suggestions.

Low Tech Teaching

Bridge teaching can be high tech with laptops, projectors, touch screens, and other amazing equipment. But it, for me, was the only approach.

If you teach in more than one venue it may be easier, or you may prefer, or your class may be, a mobile approach.

It's low tech, so you don't need internet, Wi-Fi or even power. You can set up in any part of any room. It's easy to pack up and transport, so you can see, I usually put the boards in piles of chairs. I find one is best. There are usually chairs in one venue.

Directional training field?

Click for a full article on Bridge For Pleasure

Online Laws

You may remember this online laws app. This app is provided by Steve Dalkey.

The app is only available on Amazon devices and can be downloaded from Amazon. It is not in the Google Play store for Google Android and Apple devices as it was unnecessary to compile data of their updates and security policies.

There is a web app which has the same functionality and you can use it on any device.

Thanks to **Artificial Intelligence** I have been able to recreate BridgeTD for use in a web browser. If you follow the link below you will have a fully functional application.

https://www.bridgeforpleasure.co.uk/bridgetd/index.html?
source=pwa&utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=March_2026

You do of course need Internet access to load the application. However BridgeTD uses no external resources so if you don't close the browser tab you can still use the program without an Internet connection.

Thanks Steve

Club Data Latest

There's more information here, typically updated once a fortnight.

BRF Club Statistics Page

Tipping

Do you tipple?

A dentist sinking cash to remind the driver of the current contract is outsourcing and helpful to learners and novices.

Lion MEAD states that: "Unless the Regulating Authority provides otherwise a player is not entitled to any side to be penalized, unless the opponents have suffered from the infraction committed."

However, Law 72B1 - After it is too late to have prevented calls realized (see B), declarer or other defender, at his own turn to play, may point out that a card played by an opponent is not in his hand and, but not others, it was revoked or misplaced."

These days, playing online, the contract is displayed throughout the card play.

Years ago I asked a national TD if it was meant that tipping was allowed in competitive play.

I allow players to tipple during lessons, practice and gentle bridge. I remind them occasionally that they will not be able to do this when playing in competitive bridge games.

Teachers and clubs should be clear on this. In my view this separates teachers and clubs who are welcoming to learners and novices from those that put the strictest interpretation of the laws and regulations first.

BRF Club Newsletter Item (Items)

CLUBS - POTENTIAL LEARNERS MAY VISIT YOUR WEBSITE

Please put information about your teaching or a link or contact details for lessons attendees.

Over 90% of club website home pages make NO reference to lessons or teaching.

Your club may not teach, or have any intention to teach, but you could put a referral to a local teacher on your home page. If there is no local option you could put a link to your nearest bridge, that EBU teacher directory, or to the information on learning on the Bridge For Pleasure website.

There are about 1,600 duplicate club websites, please consider adding a link to lessons on your home page. Bridge. If we all did that there would be 500 new sites on the net with information for potential learners. All no cost.

Add a new section

NO FEAR BRIDGE - Free Hire-bridge Site

The amazing No Fear Bridge service includes a free area where clubs can follow lessons, quizzes and practice to learn bidding.

Do you get queries from beginners just after the course has finished?

Do you prefer learners to know basic card play and hand evaluation and contract selection before they join your clubs?

Do you want to check the commitment of students before they join your clubs?

And there's this site, offer to help with problems, ask them to self certificate.

https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/minibridge/

EBU goal 1 - MEMBERSHIP The board has announced its aim goal of increasing membership by 5%. This is 5,000 more on an unclear base.

This goal has proved problematic. Lower figures are discussed in various documents. It was not agreed in previous years, and in the September AGM.

Our membership is down 10% since the start of the pandemic. If other participants in EBL affiliated sessions requires fees, fees or charges, requiring some of the following.

EBU goal 2 - PUBLIC AWARENESS The public awareness of bridge needs to be raised for bridge to survive.

ON-LINE!! Have invested in campaigns on Facebook, and Google. Results are difficult to measure. Facebook ads have been generated. Google ads have been generated. The number of times your content is displayed on a page's screen. Impressions. Impressions are not clicks. Impressions are not visits. Impressions are not sales.

The accounts from the past and of unprecedented budget for the future were presented by the Finance Committee. Bridge Matters, the EBU's monthly magazine, is now in its 90th year. The measure included an increase in the number of articles and a redesign of the layout. The cost of the EBU's magazine, which is also sent to members, is rising.

For many years the increase has been held to 1p. Clubs also pay a money for an increase of 1p.

Out of an estimated total income of £13.01 of affiliated clubs to the EBU, only £0.50 is from the 1p increase.

Bridge Matters is sent to affiliated clubs, and to members who are not passions with countries and nations, recognised the Bridge Federation, and the World Bridge Federation. The EBU's 10 Year Vision, and its 10 Year Vision, and its 10 Year Vision, and its