

## Bourne Bridge Club, Farnham Summer Newsletter 2024.

Your committee is happy to report that, from their perspective, the club continues to deliver well on its remit, but we would welcome any feedback, positive or negative, if you think that we could make things even better.

There are a few items on which we wish to update you.

### Winter League.

Sue Higgins has been working very hard to identify Teams for this year's event. This is a very enjoyable competition that is usually played from home on dark winter evenings when there is nothing to watch on TV (the normal state of affairs!!). Do please consider giving Sue a positive response if she approaches you.

### Other Teams Competitions.

Just to remind you that there will be a Pot Luck Teams event on Thursday 31st. October. (For this you do not need to come as a team - you will be randomly allocated to another pair - but don't worry about any effect on your NGS rating (if that is of concern to you) as the system only reflects your own results not the team result).

We will also hold a normal Teams Competition on Thursday 30th. January. For this you will need to make up a Team of 4 - but with this much notice we hope that most of you will be able to arrange this.

### EBU Matters.

The EBU have advised us that they plan to introduce, in the near future, a system by which you will be e-mailed with your result on the day following a session, together with information on the effect of this on your NGS Rating and other statistics such as how many times you have played and how your performance compares to other members of the club. Your committee anticipates that many of you will not be interested in this information, but in

order to keep it available to anyone who is interested we have not taken the option to switch this off at Club level. It is however possible for you to switch this off as individuals. This can be done by going to your Personal Setting on the EBU website (MyEBU/Account/Details) and under the item 'Receive Session Summary E-Mails' switch Yes to No. If you have any queries please e-mail Jonathan for advice.

The EBU has also advised us of the NICKO Competition.

This is a National Inter-Club Teams Knock-Out Competition based on 24 Boards in the early rounds, 32 Boards in the Quarter and Semifinals and 48 Boards in the final. Early Rounds can be Face-to-Face or On-Line (Platform not specified) - later rounds would be Face to Face. If you are interested in putting together a Team of Four for this please let Shuna know and she will advise on Entry arrangements.

We would like to remind you that the EBU has designated 9-15 September as the Festival of Bridge Week. As our contribution to this we have agreed that all Table Money, plus any additional Voluntary Donations on that night will be passed on to Cancer Research UK (the EBU's designated charity for this event).

### Cafe Bridge.

For those not acquainted with these events they can be Great Fun. They involve moving between 5 restaurants or cafes (in close proximity to each other) - playing 4 Boards in each - with different opponents at each new venue. Lunch is included at the Restaurant/Cafe that you end up in at Lunchtime. Forthcoming events are in Farnham on 11th. September and Guildford on 3rd. October. These events raise money for local Charities (for Farnham this is Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice).

Further information can be found on our Website or at:-

<https://www.brianbridge.net/cafe/>