

Hello and welcome to all members for 2020.

General News:

The new sessions for the year are well underway, and best of luck and good bridging to all in the competitions to come. The main thing is to enjoy the cards and company.... And to try and do a bit better next time when we'll all be in the right contract and finesse the correct way....

Over the Christmas break the carpets and chairs were steam cleaned so are all fresh and clean. The replacement LED lights in the main room and foyer have received good comments and the building warrant of fitness for 2020 has been issued. Many thanks to Christine Boyle who takes responsibility for property management for her organisation of this.

A message from Ron Cooper, who recently spent some time with Bill:

BILL SMALL

In 2010 and 2011, we were fortunate in having Bill Small as our president. Our club is well-known for its friendliness and it was Bill who did a great deal to develop this characteristic. A few years afterwards he suffered a debilitating stroke and was unable to continue playing the game he enjoyed so much. He now lives at the Rosedale Village and would love to have members visit him for a chat and, who knows, if three make a visit, perhaps a game of bridge (Bill is currently unable to get a four for bridge at the village).

The website for the club has a lot of information on it—results, minutes from meetings, newsletter. If you are unsure how to access the website to check your scores on line Cherrie and Sandra would be happy to show you at any time, and if you don't have internet connection at home you are welcome to use the club connection.

Tournament:

Saturday 8 February the club ran its first tournament of the year, and it was a very pleasant day... the morning and afternoon tea were of their usual very high standard of course! And more importantly a thankyou to the very efficient organising and running of the day that went without a hitch. Congratulations to Caroline Goodall and David Phillips 4th overall and Peter Green and his partner from ECB Edward Yang 5th overall. Judy Tremain and Carol Harpur, Sandra and Ron Cooper and Roger Smith and his partner Simon Findley all won a session prize.

BridgeTalk:

Use of Bidding boxes.

When bidding has been completed, bidding cards must be left untouched and clearly visible on the table in order for the person on lead to consider the bidding and own hand before making the killer lead! (leading the card face down of

course!) The contract is recorded on the pad and then the bidding cards can be tidied away.

It has been suggested that as courtesy at club sessions those playing a 5 card major and 3 card club opener and who therefore may sometimes bid a diamond as an opening bid which only promises a 3 card suit might announce it as a preferred minor. This is not a compulsory requirement as announcing a club hold is, but to be helpful to some players who have been unaware that a diamond opener may not contain a 4 card suit.

Finally, a thought for the month:

When it comes to age
We're all in the same boat.
Only some of us have been
Aboard a little longer.

Leo Probst.