

Plymouth Bridge Club

End of Year Newsletter

I hope you are well and enjoying your on-line bridge during these strange times. With the arrival of the vaccine we hope we will be able to meet in the clubhouse next year, although this will almost certainly be well after Easter. Our online bridge sessions remain popular and successful and these will continue – maybe even after the clubhouse reopens. We will let you know our plans as they develop.

In recent weeks your Tournament Directors have been aware of some occasions where players have made misleading bids – for example opening the bidding on very few points or bids radically different from agreed systems.

People who do this mislead their partner and their opposition. This produces distorted results that are sometimes unfair to opponents and more often result in a poor score for the pair who mislead.

We wish to remind you that:

1. You should declare your system to your opponents at the beginning of each round. Ideally you have lodged a convention card on BBO although this is not compulsory.
2. Any artificial bid should be alerted – on BBO by the bidder – on Real Bridge by your partner.
3. If you feel you have been misled and disadvantaged by your opponents you should call the director who will adjudicate. The Director may adjust the score depending on the circumstances. (If you are uncertain how to call the director, on-line message or telephone one of us and we will tell you how).

We are currently running a supervised practice session on Real Bridge for two hours on Monday mornings and we will also start lessons in the New Year starting on Thursday 7th January. These are for all members who wish to improve their skills in playing bridge – and as you know this a game where it is always possible to learn and improve.

On a more positive note, congratulations to Sue Gregory, and Margaret and Digby Hole who won our Autumn cups. Good luck for the winter cup competitions that will begin after Christmas. Details of these can be found on the website.

Finally I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes

Steve Lacey
Chair
Plymouth Bridge Club