



## October Newsletter

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### Coming Events

Teams every Thursday @7:15

Diamond Pairs (over 60s) Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> @ Prestwick 1pm

SBU Bronze Pairs, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> @ GBC 1:30pm

SBU Sims Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15, GBC

National League, @ Buchanan 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

### Player Promotions

**Regional Master** : David McCrossan

**Four Star Master** : David Young

**District Master** : Dave Farrell, Edna Paterson

**Local Master** : Jean Adams, Erik Garvie, Carolyn Ruthven

**Club Master** : Helen Young

### Half Tables

During October N/S will sit out if there is a half table.

### Thursday Teams

This has been a great success so far. It is difficult to find another pair and for all four to be available every week, but well worth it if you can manage. This is the purest form of bridge. You are not competing with the whole room, just the pair at the opposite table on each hand.

### Website

I have been having a few difficulties recently, Twitter changed their coding and it took me some time to get the feed working again. Some logos were appearing and disappearing. Eventually I have sorted it out but I'm afraid I don't keep up with Web coding anymore so it will join a lot of activities I find more difficult nowadays like putting on socks standing up.

### Accumulators

The September to December accumulators will be handicapped on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and we'll play Imps (Butler) no matter the movement. On Mondays I have divided players into an A group and a B group based on past performances. There are no handicaps.

## Fourth suit forcing

I wrote the commentary booklet for the recent West District Bronze Challenge and for hand 3 (South dealer) I wrote

North		West		East		South	
♠	76	♠	52	♠	AKJ3	♠	QT984
♥	KJ9	♥	T73	♥	42	♥	AQ865
♦	AKQ94	♦	J653	♦	T87	♦	2
♣	AQ2	♣	9763	♣	T854	♣	KJ

*After 1S – 2D – 2H, North should bid 4th suit 3C for more information. South bids 3H making 6H a better bet than 6NT\*. I'm a great believer in just bidding 6H now. If you use RKCB in hearts and find there is a keycard missing, do you not think you'll just bid it anyway?*

*West is unlikely to find a spade lead, so bold bidding is rewarded with 12 tricks (just ruff a diamond to make 4 diamonds, 5 hearts and three clubs).*

I used these hands with our Tuesday afternoon tournament and seven out of eight tables bid 6NT (one bid 3NT), as it was by North two quick spades are cashed (only two doubled?).

It is easy to be lazy in the bidding and not use 4th suit but when there is room you should use it before making a final decision about contract.

If you think the bidding should start 1S – 3D then think again. Never take away bidding space unnecessarily. Only jump shift if you are setting the suit, e.g. partner opens 1D and you have 16 points with AKQJxx of hearts then jump to 2H : that says *partner I have a very good hand and we are playing this in hearts.*

\*Partner has shown at least 10 cards in the majors, so the odds are against your diamonds running in NT. In hearts, one can be ruffed for no loss.

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## Disciplinary Procedure

An Investigatory Panel has found Steve Male has removed hand records from the Monday folders in advance of the tournaments. A majority of the committee decided to give him a Formal Warning. He has appealed the sanction.

During the investigation into this our joint club manager Bob McKinnon felt compelled to resign due to feeling being completely let down by our Chairman. This is disputed.

At the end of the whole procedure our other joint manager, myself, Angus Macdonald, has felt compelled to resign due to what he sees as the one-sided handling of the affair by some on the committee and the inadequate punishment. Again, some involved disagree with this.

Although I resigned, it appears that the club might not have been able to cope this week so I have agreed to continue temporarily.

A new management appointment will be discussed at the committee meeting on Friday.

Bobby Moore is planning to call an EGM and if matters don't resolve themselves news of that will follow.