

YC Bridge Sub-Committee Meeting
Thursday 19th April 2007
7.00 pm at YC



Minutes

1. **Present:** Simon Cearns, Mark Davies (Chairman of the MSC), Jeremy Dhondy (Chairman), Audrey Hartley (Secretary), Brian McGuire, Gordon Rainsford and Debbie Sandford.
2. **Apologies:** Christine Duckworth, Tim Gauld, Ian Payn and Luke Porter.
3. **Approval of minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were accepted.
4. **Items arising (not on the agenda):** Item 6a. Gordon had asked for clarification for 10.5 and 20.5 tables. It was agreed that prize voucher awards should read:
 - i. 1 – 10 tables: 1 voucher to each winner only;
 - ii. 10.5 – 20 tables: 2 vouchers to first place and 1 voucher to second place;
 - iii. 20.5 + tables: 3 vouchers to first place, 2 vouchers to second place and 1 voucher to third place.
5. **YC KO progress (Brian):** Brian reported that only one match remained to be played before the YC KO reached the quarter final stage. It was marginally behind schedule but should finish by the end of July.
6. **YC teams & Marathon 2007 (Brian):**
 - a. **YC Teams:** The date for this event was set at the last meeting. (22/09/07 – 23/09/07). It was agreed that the format would be Round Robin on the Saturday with the top 4 teams qualifying for the semi final. The semi-final and final would be played on the Sunday. Non-qualifying teams, depending on numbers, would play a Swiss/Multi Teams competition on the Sunday. Other teams could join in the Sunday part of the competition. The two losing semi-finalists could, if they wished, join the Swiss/Multi teams competition with an appropriate compensating score. It was agreed that the entry fee would be:
 - i. the full weekend: £120 per team;
 - ii. Sunday only: £80 per team;Full-time students would be offered a reduction of £5 per day.
Prize money would depend on number of teams entering but would be not less than:
Major competition: Winning Team: £400; Runners up: £200;
Swiss/Multi Teams: Winning team: £300; Second place: £100
 - b. **Marathon 2007:** Publicity for this event was under way and 16 pairs had already expressed an interest in playing. No money had yet been taken. Concern was expressed about how the new gaming laws might affect this event and this was referred to the MC.
7. **40th Anniversary:** The MSC had already discussed this and thought that a different, special event each month of the year would be a nice way to celebrate this. These included 'special marathon', 'bumper Xmas party', 'special individual', 'university competition' and 'student weekend'. It was agreed that Mark and Jeremy should discuss these proposals in greater detail for consideration at the next meeting.
8. **Keith Loveys Individual: Revised date and arrangements:** These were deferred to the next meeting.
9. **Hosting Arrangements (Debbie):** These were working well. The Friday list of volunteer hosts covered the next few weeks and Gordon would pass the list round the tables next Friday in an effort to gain more volunteers. Gad, the Monday host, was doing an excellent job, pairing, playing and going through some hands at the end of the evening. It was reported that numbers attending for January, February and March were slightly better than last year.
10. **Day time duplicate (Gordon):** Some other clubs were having success with day-time duplicates. It was agreed that YC should also hold a day-time duplicate on Wednesdays, 11 am to 2.30 pm in the ground floor room, with duplicated boards, hand records and electronic scoring. The new session would commence early in May and for the first month a free sandwich and coffee would be offered.

11. Ladder and Prizes: Introduction and any teething problems (Gordon): The new ladder had commenced with no problems. No prize vouchers had been issued yet but an embossing device had now arrived and vouchers would be issued shortly.

12. AOB:

- a. Averages and late plays:** Gordon reported that currently tables unable to play a board within the round were offered the opportunity to play the board at the end of the session. Some-times one or both pairs failed to stay behind to play the late board. If they played the board they were given their score and if they failed to play the board they were given averages. This had no foundation in Law. Those at fault should get average minus (40%). It was agreed to continue to allow for the play of late boards if both pairs agreed, an average (40%, 50%, 60%) allocated according to blame for the lateness in the electronic scorer which would be altered when the board was played.
- b. Heats of National events:** For sometime YC had not held any heats of national events with the exception of the Portland Pairs. It was agreed to hold heats of the National Pairs and of the Newcomers Pairs next year and also to consider playing more simultaneous events.
- c. Friday arrow switch:** Jeremy reported that a member had asked about the validity of an arrow switch in the Friday night game. Gordon said that extensive calculations had been performed on this problem some years ago. While it was not essential to arrow switch on Friday night it was agreed to maintain the status quo.

13. Date of next meeting: 7.00 pm, Thursday, 21st June 2007.