



# Ayrshire District Bulletin



I've dropped the word 'Mini' this month and reverted to 'The Bulletin' but I'm afraid it does remain mini in content! Also, the intended November Bulletin has drifted into December....!

## Simultaneous Pairs

The ABU's Wednesday heat of the Celtic simultaneous pairs on 2<sup>nd</sup> December had only 3 ½ tables. With other clubs holding heats throughout the week then perhaps people had had a sim-full of sims!

## Ayrshire Red Pointed Swiss Teams

When only 8 teams entered we took the decision to cancel this event. With no teams entering from outside of Ayrshire and most of Ayrshire's *sharks* playing in the National leagues it was hoped that people would be encouraged to enter. Not so though. I asked for feedback and have heard from a couple that people felt it was too many boards, that the whole day was being taken up with bridge. One person said they thought that Pairs would be more popular than Teams. If anyone has their own thoughts on what the reasons are then please speak to me about it.

The 'Sharks' did very well in the National leagues weekend, managing to gain promotion to the first division. Over the 2 weekends, 6 played in the team – Ian Burn, Bobby Moore, Stewart Duguid, Sandy Anderson, Sam Malkani and "super-sub" Stewart Pinkerton. An excellent achievement.

## Parking

As you may know, there are proposed parking restrictions being discussed which will severely affect the ABC's daytime clubs and Saturday competitions. The ABU, and a number of Ayrshire players, have written to oppose the restrictions. A couple of councillors have already voiced their support to us but we'll have to wait and see the outcome.

## Winter Competition

The Friday afternoon competition has gained in popularity since its inception. The format of having a championship for numerous ranks of players in addition to there being a host to partner individuals who turn up, seems to be a winner. There are syllabi at the ABC (next to the PC) giving dates of the Winter competition, Play & Learn and Improvers classes.

## Festive Fun Day

Another new-ish popular event is the charity Festive Fun day. This year it's on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. £5 per person with proceeds going to a charity that will be nominated on the day. There'll also be the usual curry and beer afterwards ☺. Maureen Rennie will collect names for the curry prior to the day. Keep an eye on the website and notice board at the Centre.

## SBU News

Discussions ongoing regarding the way districts are represented at the SBU meetings. Currently Ayrshire has two representatives attending the SBU meetings. This may be reduced to one, although it will be one of two named representatives attending. It's been acknowledged that 2 way communication between the SBU and districts needs to be improved. The proposed change to having a single representative won't help this so other ways to improve will need to be agreed and implemented. Any of these proposed changes will need to be passed at the SBU AGM.

## Leagues

Kyle have been forced to withdraw from the leagues. This leaves an unfortunate, similar, situation to last year where only 5 teams now play in a division.

**And, other news** ..... Janice Thomson will stop her intermediate classes in December. She has been encouraging her students to try different clubs. So watch out for them!

New table covers for the bridge centre currently being made.

Dealer files – please save on the PC with no spaces and similar in style to the website results, for instance – ayrshirepairsfinal20160110

**Best wishes to you all for an enjoyable Christmas and a happy & healthy 2016**

