



# Ayrshire District Mini Bulletin



**The annual Chairman v Vice Chairman** match took place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. 60 people enjoyed an afternoon's friendly social bridge. Andy Raeburn was enjoying taking advantage of the bar, as he wasn't driving, until we shattered him by pointing out he was drinking the alcohol free beer ☺.

The result of this match is so inconsequential I'm not even going to tell you what it was ..... ☹

The trophy winners are pictured on the next page. Also a few photos of unwitting participants!

**Dealer machine** – Any clubs (based in or outside the centre) using the Dealer machine are welcome to print off 10 copies of hands free of charge. If more are wanted then let us know please. The Dealer software provides a good colour file to attach to the results on-line, so it's thought most people will be happy to use this for going over their partners' mistakes! Information on training sessions has been emailed to club secretaries.

The ABU have decided they will purchase sets of boards for the use of clubs in the Bridge centre.

**Extension** – It's been suggested we could look at some other storage options before going ahead with an extension at the centre. We'll do some more work to see what can be done before any decision is taken.

**Junior bridge** – The after school club has turned out to be as popular as the Summer club, with 11 children now attending. Maureen Rennie pointed out the SBU have nothing to offer in the way of competitive bridge for children who have just started playing bridge. The Junior National pairs being a bit too much for them at the moment. So it's hoped to hold a local competition specifically for the youngsters.

**Scottish Swiss pairs** – The SBU want to move away from hotels when running their competitions as they are becoming too expensive for the number of people entering. They have asked if we can find a cheaper venue than the Menzies hotel for next year's Scottish swiss pairs. Venues outside of Ayrshire were mentioned but the ABU hopes to keep it local. We'll keep you posted on this .....

**Winners and Grinners** : Well done Jane and Sandy Anderson on finishing first in the Adamson cup. Kate and Sam Malkani, who had won the event the previous 2 years, finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, just 1% behind. Congratulations to Eddie McGeough on winning the Ian Stewart cup (awarded to the person judged to have done best in National competitions). And commiserations to Yvonne Wiseman and David Wiseman whose National triumphs from last year would have been more than worthy of winning the cup any other year! Well done again Eddie McGeough, partnering Janice Thomson, finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the Stirling pairs.

## Coming Up in October :

Clubs are holding heats of the **Ayrshire pairs** on Monday evenings.

**British simultaneous pairs** – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October – 7pm start, no pre-entry required.

**Improvers class** – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Sam Malkani gives a class on 'Essential bidding techniques'.

**Diamond trophy** - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1pm start - National pairs for Seniors (over 60 on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015). There's a heat at the bridge centre. Entry is £5 per person + table money. Entries being taken on the SBU site.

**Ronnie Alexander pairs** – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30pm – For players below the rank of Scottish Master. Entries to Henry Crone or on the entry form at the centre.

**SBU simultaneous pairs** – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October – No pre-entry.

**Play & Learn** – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – soon be Christmas ☺



# Chairman v Vice Chairman.

3<sup>rd</sup> October



Jean Mormon is presented with a cheque for £789 for the Ayrshire Hospice.



Top left David Wiseman receives the trophy for the Pollok Williamson championship from sponsor Stewart Duguid and below that Alison Hughes collects the trophy for the handicap.



Left – Ian Burn with the trophy for the Viking pairs he won with Bobby Moore



Finlay Kerr and Alex Murray win the Kenny McKay trophy for the Hospice pairs.



Viking teams winners Stoian Kableskov, Andy Raeburn, Jim Tudor and Alison Tudor ticked “No publicity”!