

WOMEN'S BRIDGE

Thanks everyone for supporting this new venture, especially to Sarah and Ceri for setting it up and I hope we will see you all again next month at an earlier time of 6.45 Monday August 2nd, as we all got a bit tired in the Zoom! - getting old. Congratulations to Elbha and Cass who won the event with Ceri and Diane (Greenwood) runners up. It was lovely to welcome some Irish visitors (several more had to withdraw at the last minute so hopefully more next time) and also our lovely Juniors.

Unfortunately, I made a big mistake, as I forgot about the possibility of a half table - which we ended up with. This meant a completely different format which was far slower, but hopefully it will all improve in future as I will address that issue. (Any volunteers as a standby pair gratefully received).

Various people have requested that it is on BBO instead of Realbridge mainly because of connection problems. I think it is a shame as Realbridge is more like face to face and you can have a nice chat and catch up. All those who played said they would prefer Realbridge to continue, however, to encourage as many people as possible to attend, we will try out the next event on BBO.

The Zoom meeting was rather a laugh, as we were all hopeless at turning off our cameras on RB, finding the boards and sorting various people out (my daughter told us in no uncertain terms that our lack of technology was embarrassing, however she is only 27!). We got there in the end and managed to examine half the boards. It was good to see that most players arrived in a good 6H contract, however many went off as you had to pick up AQxx opposite 987xx for one loser in the trump suit though Chris made it by running the 9 which picked up the singleton K offside. I have just checked (with one of my oracles) and apparently the correct way is to cash the Ace then play small towards the Q, catering for KJ106 on your left or singleton K on the R. Well done to Margaret (Barnes) who did just that :) I would like to say that it did cross my mind.....nah....next time...

Players are requested to pre-register for the event, in order to supply their BBO moniker. Please contact Ceri, or Gilly with your details, or preferably use the online form at

<https://welshbridgeunion.org/wbu-bbo-moniker-submission>

I look forward to seeing you all at **6.45 Monday August 2nd on BBO**