

TALKING BRIDGE

The Welsh Bridge Union are now providing a new initiative for the benefit of its members – ‘TALKING BRIDGE’

This will entail a team of recognised players giving a seminar to Club Members anywhere within Wales (English Clubs are also encouraged to participate). Over time, the team will be expanded to present more diverse topics. Most talks will be professionally presented via Powerpoint. Relevant write-ups will be available via the WBU website. (I would add that many of these talks have been given on Bridge Holidays, and also during lockdown, were given via Zoom to audiences of 130+ people).

It's up to individual Clubs as to when they would like a particular topic to be presented to their members. Just contact the relevant presenter and arrange a mutually arranged time and venue local to the Club.

Talks will be aimed at the ‘average club member’, but even ‘experts’ will hopefully benefit in many cases. Presentations will be given at Club premises, and the presenters will not charge a fee, nor should Clubs make any undue profit (For English Clubs a small fee would be charged). However, in some instances reasonable travelling expenses would be appreciated. We would suggest that attendees are charged say £1 (with a slight premium for non-WBU members) – but charging would be the responsibility of Clubs. I would recommend at least twenty attendees (Clubs may wish to combine for these presentations).

The seminars should last for no more than 50 minutes (with an additional 10 minutes for questions etc.). In conjunction with many of the talks, an additional 5-10 minute ‘Tip’ will precede/succeed the main talk (the tip topic will only be revealed on the day). If a Club is able and wants to hold two talks at the same session this can easily be done (but recognise that some players can become ‘brain-dead’ after say one hour of talk). The talks can be given in conjunction with a normal club night, or on a stand-alone day – the choice is for the Clubs and its Members.

All topics in principle will be applicable for weak/strong NT, 4/5-card majors, Benji, weak 2's etc. (some details will be different but will be clarified in the talks). Current topics available are (for each presenter the talks are shown in recommended importance):

Our NTO, Simon Gottschalk will maintain a register of talks and presenters, but currently available are:

Topics (and presenters will be updated)

Checkback – Tony Haworth

Michaels Cue Bids – Tony Haworth

Defence to Weak 2's – Tony Haworth

(Reverse Bidding – for less experienced players – Tony Haworth)

Splinter Bids – Simon Gottschalk

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