

Pay to Play

Following the AGM last May the club has remained affiliated to the EBU. As a result we are expecting to introduce Pay-to-Play in April 2010. A part of everyone's **duplicate bridge** table money will be payable to the EBU **regardless of whether you are a current member of the EBU.** (Note pay to play does not apply to people playing Chicago or undertaking duplicate training) From April everyone who plays duplicate bridge at an affiliated club will be deemed to be a member of the EBU and as a member you will

- be credited electronically with any master points that you may win (no more collecting pieces of paper for posting to the EBU),
- receive a copy of the EBU diary,
- and receive copies of the EBU magazine. (If your household will contain two or more members and you just want the one magazine then you should contact the EBU.)

To ensure that the EBU is crediting the correct person with the Master Points, and to deliver the diary and magazine, the EBU needs your name and address and, where relevant, your current EBU number. Our club already holds details of people's names and addresses and we will be submitting these to the EBU. (The EBU has undertaken not to pass this information onto third parties other than to the County Bridge Association.) **Before doing so**, there is an opportunity for you to stop us from sending in this information and for you to be known to the EBU only by means of a pseudonym. Of course you will then not be credited with Master Points nor will you receive the diary and magazines. **If you do wish to remain anonymous**, you must let us know and supply us with the pseudonym that you wish to use. (The Committee has resisted the temptation to select one on your behalf!). **If we do not hear from you by 15th December, then we will assume that you are content for your name and address to be forwarded to the EBU.**

If you recently have moved home, then please ensure that Shirley Tucker has your up-to-date details.

The EBU has also asked every one to select their **Primary Club**. Their purpose is somewhat obscure. They wish to be able to contact club secretaries when a member has achieved a higher membership status, eg Regional Master, so that clubs can make appropriate announcements. We will assume that everyone wishes Sobell to be his or her Primary Club **unless you inform us otherwise by 15th December**. (Some people may wish to nominate another **EBU affiliated club**, eg Vagabonds but not Hillingdon because it is not affiliated. This will not affect your liability to pay our annual subscription!)

Action required by you

1. Consider your wishes regarding anonymity and primary club. You don't have to do anything unless you want to adopt any of the options described above.
2. Let Shirley have a note of your EBU number insofar as you are a current member.
3. Update details of your new address if you have moved recently

Name.....EBU Number.....

Primary Club (*if other* than Sobell).....

I do not want the EBU to have details of my name and address and my pseudonym

is.....(leave blank if this does not apply)

My new address is.....