

## THIRSK BRIDGE CLUB – COMPETITION RULES

(Amended version – as agreed at Committee Meeting on 12 March 2011)

<b>1. ALL COMPETITIONS</b>
<b>General</b> – except where otherwise stated: <b>1.</b> Eligibility is for Thirsk Bridge Club Members only, playing a minimum of 20 sessions on the evening(s) stated and when at least 5 pairs play, including special events such as SIM Pairs, but excluding any event involving another club or clubs. <b>2.</b> A Member playing with a guest is not eligible for inclusion in that session for any competition, including the eligibility criteria and calculation of any averages or handicaps. <b>3.</b> In handicapped events the starting handicap will be that for the previous club season based on a minimum of 20 sessions or in the case of a new member a minimum of 10 sessions
<b>2. MONDAY CLUB NIGHT ONLY</b>
<b>The Alumnus Cup – Monday only:</b> the best individual improvement in Monday session average for the current season compared to the previous season Monday session average, provided that the starting handicap (Monday and Tuesday combined) is not less than eight and the player has not previously won the Alumnus Cup.
<b>3. TUESDAY CLUB NIGHT ONLY (AVERAGES/HANDICAPS)</b>
<b>The Jubilee Cup – Tuesdays only, minimum 4 sessions</b> - A Pairs competition played on the first Tuesday of the months OCTOBER to MARCH. The winners are the pair with the highest average of the best four results.
<b>The Jadran Vase - Tuesday only</b> - A “single’s” competition played over the full season when there are at least five full tables in play. The winner is the player with the highest Tuesday average score for all sessions whilst playing with four different partners. There is no limit to the number of times partnerships play or the number of partnerships and no other minimum session requirement.
<b>The Overall Pairs Trophy – Tuesday only</b> - Awarded to the pair achieving the highest Tuesday average over the season.
<b>4. MONDAY and/or TUESDAY CLUB NIGHTS (AVERAGES/HANDICAPS)</b>
<b>The Chairman’s Handicap Shield – Monday and/or Tuesday</b> – the player with the highest score when combining their current season’s average with their previous season’s handicap.
<b>The Overall Winner’s Trophy – Monday &amp; Tuesday</b> – the individual player who scores the highest average over the full season.
<b>The Overall Handicapped Pairs Trophy – Monday &amp; Tuesday</b> – the pair with the highest score at the end of the season when combining their current season’s average with their combined handicap for the previous season, provided that they have not won the current season’s “Overall Pairs” trophy
<b>5. OTHER COMPETITIONS DURING SEASON</b>
<b>The HSBC TROPHY – Tuesday</b> - a handicapped pairs knock-out competition with first round starting during September. Average handicap of two players in first half of season for both Monday and Tuesday qualifying evenings (minimum 10 evenings) to be used. Subsequent rounds approximately monthly involving winning pairs, with final held during February. Competing pair to sit in same direction unless one winner movement. Every reasonable effort to be made to complete a match before next round starts but if not achieved a ‘walk-over’ to be awarded to one pair by organiser, with appeal to Committee in event of dispute.
<b>The Bernard Carbutt Trophy – Monday &amp; Tuesday</b> – Individual player whose partnerships bid and make the most slams during the season – all slams counting equally except in event of tie when grand slams will be used as decider.
<b>The Loveden Cup – normally third Monday in May</b> - A no fears competition using <b>only</b> simple systems to which members of other local Bridge Clubs, as determined by the Committee, are also invited. The winning pair must be members of the bridge clubs involved & not include any previous winner.