

INTER-LIVERY BRIDGE

Half a year has disappeared since Covid-19 appeared and we are now well into autumn. Those of us, and I know there are many, who enjoy a game of bridge, be it socially or at a club may have now embarked on playing bridge online. To bring the Livery together, The Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards hosts an Annual Inter-Livery Bridge Competition which takes place in March at Drapers' Hall and until recently we were ably represented by Past Masters David Ezekiel and Brian Hatfield.

Since the pandemic has appeared the Playing Cards have themselves ventured on-line and are operating quarterly sessions. October's has just been and gone and the next one is due on Monday, December 7 followed by Monday, March 1 (see below)

All the on-line events are Duplicate Pairs, starting at 2.15pm, but some variations such as Swiss Pairs, may be introduced. An online booking form is sent round for each event via our Clerk - please look out for the invitation for December 7. This can also be found on the home page of the Playing Cards website:

www.makersofplayingcards.org

It is to be hoped that by March life will have returned to some normality and the 38th Annual Inter-Livery Bridge Competition has been booked for Monday, 1 March as the usual bridge evening and dinner at Drapers' Hall. If the event has to be cancelled or postponed, it will definitely be replaced with an Online Inter-Livery Pairs competition on that evening.

The Playing Cards look forward to your participation in these events. All online events are open to any member of any Livery Company and, in order to make the event more inclusive during the pandemic, they are continuing to relax the normal ILB rule that your Partner must also be a Livery Company member. Accordingly, you are most welcome to join and play with any partner of your choosing.

So, with the evenings closing in, why not give it a go.