

- Thurs 8 June 7 - 8.30pm **INTRODUCING THE SQUAD PROGRAMME FOLLOWED BY A SEMINAR ON RECORDING YOUR SYSTEM AGREEMENTS AND ESTABLISHING YOUR SYSTEM FILE - RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES. ZOOM**  
Mike Ash will introduce the overall squad programme. Paul Gipson and Mike will then draw on their own experience to highlight some of the *best practice and pitfalls of partnership agreements*. Following these two short inputs there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.
- Thurs 15 June 7 - 9.30pm **PLAY AND DISCUSS (P&D) 1 REAL BRIDGE**  
Play 16 pre-prepared hands and then take part in facilitator led discussion on some of the interesting points. Each P&D session will have a theme and copies of the hands will be available at the end of each session.
- Thurs 22 June 7 - 8.30pm **SEMINAR ON PLAY ZOOM**  
Brian Short will lead a session on advanced card-play, focussing on counting and reading defenders' hands. *Something for everybody.*

Thurs 29 June No organised activity. *Opportunity to fix up a private game or watch the TV.*

- Thurs 6 July 7 - 9.30pm **P&D 2 REAL BRIDGE**
- Thurs 13 July 7 - 8.30pm **SEMINAR ON SIGNALLING ZOOM**  
Paul Gipson will lead this session by presenting us with a wide range of signalling situations. *Are you and your partner on the same wavelength?*
- Thurs 20 July 7 - 9.30pm **P&D 3 REAL BRIDGE**
- Thurs 27 July 7 - 8.30pm **SEMINAR ON OPENING LEAD ZOOM**  
Barnet Shenkin will let us in to the secret of finding the killing lead. *A 'must' session!*

**Towards the end of July, the programme will be evaluated and further events scheduled in the light of the feedback received.**

I hope you will agree that the planned Seminar programme is really interesting and I am grateful to several of our top players for giving their time to present these. I strongly recommend that you try to attend them all.

The Play & Discuss format has proved to be very popular - and helpful - in preparing our teams for the recent Home Internationals. Again, I strongly recommend attending some or all of these. (You will need a partner to play with and you should enter as a pair).

**Can I stress that the purpose of these squad activities - indeed the whole thrust of our new approach - is to help aspiring players improve. So, these Thursday night on-line sessions are an opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to the improvement agenda but will not be part of any performance assessment. It is hoped that all aspiring internationalists will both enjoy the sessions and find them of value.**

I look forward to seeing you at the events