

**To all bridge players in Norfolk, Suffolk, Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire****Volunteers needed to help with IT Training**

There is a relatively small number of clubs around the country who think they will need some assistance with IT matters in the run up to Universal Membership through Pay-to-Play coming into effect at the beginning of April 2010.

The EBU's experience seems to show that regional training seminars are a relatively ineffective approach to these kinds of problem so they would like to develop a network of volunteers to help with IT training in their counties.

To that end, as your Regional Representative, I should like your help to identify and request the help of experienced scorers, particularly those well versed in using Scorebridge, who would be willing to help clubs in their counties who are taking up the use of Scorebridge for the first time. These clubs/members are perhaps less experienced with Internet use. This might involve travel to a scorer's club or home and help with setting up Scorebridge for the first time, or just some occasional additional telephone support for a novice scorer.

Of course, the EBU will also provide backup support through Ian Mitchell at Aylesbury, and for more difficult problems Stephen Bligh at Scorebridge himself can help, but I feel that it would be very helpful for some of the smaller less experienced clubs to have a friendly local person they could call on for help if required.

For some of the larger counties, of course, it would help to have more than one person involved. For some of the smaller counties, a volunteer from a neighbouring county might be able to help.

I would be very grateful if you could send out this request for volunteers to any members in your club I need to know the names, email addresses and phone numbers of anyone who does offer to help. Perhaps you can also use your personal contacts to identify potential volunteers.

The EBU has already had one or two volunteers who have offered.

Please send me your information and any other views .

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Please when replying at any time identify, [a] your club and [b] your county of affiliation