

## Dorset welcomes 16 newly qualified Tournament Directors

Dorset congratulates the following people on becoming qualified Tournament Directors

Richard Bates \*  
Jerry Bower  
Andrew Boyd  
Fay Brown  
Christine Bunday \*  
Peter Clarke

Kathy Hince  
Rosemary Hodder  
Michael Hornung \*  
Rob Jennings  
Ian Laing \*  
Sue Langley-Smith \*

John Marsden  
Eileen Nightingale \*  
George Wawman  
David Willis \*

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One of the components of a successful bridge club is having Tournament Directors who can oversee each session. But not only do those people give their time to running our sessions, there is time and cost involved to becoming a qualified tournament director in the first place. Tournament Director Training and Qualification requires attending 4 separate days of training and assessment. As well as the training itself, this usually requires students to travel a great distance to attend the course which adds to the cost and inconvenience.

EBED (the education arm of the EBU) do offer the service to clubs to provide a trainer at a training location selected by the club; but most clubs don't have enough TDs to be trained at the same time, to be able to make use of this. The Dorchester and Weymouth clubs therefore suggested that something be done in Dorset, on a county wide basis.

So it was that the Dorset committee worked with EBED to arrange a training course in the Dorchester area on 4 separate Wednesdays in October / November. After initially being unsure if we would get enough students, publicising around many of the smaller clubs in the county, resulted in a total of 22 different people, (representing 8 different clubs) attending 1 or more of the training days. Not everyone was able to attend every session, and achieve qualification, but the days attended won't have to be repeated when those people go on to complete their training.

Thanks to our trainer Phil Green who ran each of the training days, and thanks also to the many people who assisted in various ways to make this a success; Michael Wiles, Heather Masheter, Alan Wilson, Rosemary Hodder, James FitzHarris, Keith Bartlett, Kelly Courtney, Richard Banbury.