

SOMERSET CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4th Inter Club Pairs at Woolavington at 1pm

November 23rd County League at Woolavington at 7.15 pm

November 25th Swiss teams at Woolavington at 1pm

AND

Andrew Robson at The Webbington Hotel on

Wednesday 5 December 2018

10.30 – 5.30

Four fascinating topics:

After 1NT – Stayman, Transfers, Landy Defence

Bidding Bad Hands when they become rather good

Finding Good Opening Leads based on opposing bidding

Fourth Suit Forcing

Cost: £40.00 or £25.00 for 1 session

(Includes Lunch plus Tea & Coffee & Prize Raffle)



For all details please go to www.bridgewebs.com/somerset

BB@B

All Somerset County Events are **BB@B** events. This covers all aspects of behaviour to one's partner as well as the opponents. Don't let the following be true of Somerset players:



Recent Results and Events

The West of England Congress was the usual great success. All the details of winners are available on the SCBA website. Roger Sweet was the only

Somerset outright winner. He and his partner Warner Solomon (Devon) won the Championship Pairs.



Also worth a mention is the third place out of 76 entries for the team of Gina and David Howard and Caroline Macpherson and Graham Heal. And the sixth place for Nigel Maggs, Jenny McDermot, Steve Fletcher and Grant Weston.

The Western League against Wiltshire on October 14th went well, all 3 divisions won.

Important Announcement

County Development Officer

We are looking for a highly motivated and organised individual with exceptional communication skills who is passionate about bridge and the future of the game to lead an EBU membership campaign in Somerset.

For further information about the role and how to apply please contact scbachair@icloud.com. The closing date for applications is November 30th.

Club of the Month – Cannington

Come with me, as you might have done for the first time, to Cannington Village Hall on a Thursday evening some twenty five years ago. Make your way to the upper storey and you would have found between forty and fifty bridge players busily engaged in enjoying an evening's bridge.

Come with me now and you will find much the same, except that, perhaps owing to the growing diversity of leisure activities, the number of players has reduced, but the enthusiasm for the game is undimmed amongst our members. And if you would wish to join us, you would be very welcome.

Some things have changed, and it certainly has not been all for the worse. Twenty five years ago many of the players were smokers, and the most addicted moved from table to table conveying their personal ashtrays. The smoking has long since disappeared, and we are in a decidedly clean air club now. However, we are grateful to our founders who started the club in a time beyond the memory of any current members. Their contribution survives especially in the traditions of the club which mostly are embodied in

the name of the shields and cups awarded annually. We have them to thank for these, and for the inheritance of their traditions they bequeathed us - fair play, friendly competitiveness, a warm welcome.



Might you be thinking of joining us? If you have it in mind to do so, come and see us. If you would like to learn bridge we cannot help you immediately, but we can advise you about clubs in the area where you can

learn the game to a standard which would allow you to enjoy the game in any bridge club. Meanwhile we shall continue to play this engaging game on Thursday evenings, and if you would like to come along, please do.

Club Cluster Success Story

Towards the end of last year, following the meeting for all Somerset clubs in Cossington, Tony Russ suggested that clubs which were close together should look at collaboration on things like training, sharing equipment and inter-club competitions.

The Kingston Seymour, Nailsea and Clevedon & Portishead clubs already had close ties, with quite a number of our members playing regularly at more than one of them, and it didn't take long for representatives of the three clubs to get together and, initially, plan how we could cooperate on a training

programme for improvers. Monthly sessions, taught by John Cockram with assistance from Daphne Patrick, Ann Bawdon and Jenny Gostlin, have been well attended, very well received and there are plans in place for guest trainers to take some of the future sessions and one of Caroline Macpherson's seminars to be held in Nailsea in February.

We're also helping one another on equipment; with Kingston Seymour having their boards dealt on Clevedon & Portishead's dealing machine and Nailsea using Kingston Seymour's BridgeTab tablets for electronic scoring.

Most recently, we've held an inter-club teams event, targeted at improvers, who often had little or no experience of playing anything other than duplicate pairs at their home club, let alone team-play in a tournament. Turnout was excellent with ten teams, including representation from the Backwell, Chew Valley and Yatton clubs as well as the three founding clubs in our cluster. One of the teams from Clevedon & Portishead came out on top but, more importantly, our core objective was met and a lot of less-experienced players had the chance to spread their wings, enjoy the afternoon and learn from the experience. We will be doing it again!

We will be continuing our collaboration, embracing more clubs if they wish to join us, and see the options we can offer to help our improvers as being top of our priority list – and, looking forward, perhaps having a better offering, working together, for bringing new players into the game.

October Quiz

a) What lead would you choose against a confidently bid 3NT playing match points?

A754

A32

A7

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b) How can 3NT be defeated?

North

♠ Q J 3

♥ Q J 4

♦ K Q 8 4

♣ Q 3 2

East

♠ 9 6 2

♥ K 9 7 5

♦ 10 9 5 3 2

♣ 6

South

♠ K 10 8

♥ 10 8 6

♦ J 6

♣ A K J 9 8

Solution to September : West must lead a small heart and East must duck it. E/W then make 3 hearts and 2 aces.

And Finally

A bumbling bridge player explained to his regular partner how he planned to improve his game: "Every night when I go to bed I think about the mistakes I made that day at the bridge table."

"Gee," his partner said, "how do you get any sleep?"

