

# S.C.C.B.A. June 2006 NEWSLETTER

## Chairman's Column



It is with some relief I can report that the introduction of Bridgemates at the Spring Congress went well. In spite of it being the first time many players had used them the events ran quickly and smoothly. This was particularly so in the Swiss Pairs where we had much faster

turnrounds between matches and the results were published shortly after the last board was played.

However the greatest success of the congress was in introducing new players to county competitions. The Welcome Pairs was run on Saturday afternoon with an entry of twenty two pairs. Players commented that it was extremely enjoyable and thanked Sally Bugden, Norman Hardy and Dave Armstrong for organising and running the event. We are now looking at a second step event to encourage them to eventually take part in our main events.

The AGM saw the retirement of five members of the last committee. Brian Gould, Pat Kent, Brian Loasby, Jill and David Newton have put many, many years of hard work into the organisation to ensure the rest of us can play and enjoy our bridge. On behalf of the county, sincere thanks to you all.

Special congratulations go to Ron Buddery who is now a Vice President of the Association.  
*Martin Pool*

## The new Andrew Robson?

We would be very interested to hear from any SCCBA members who would like to write a bridge column for this newsletter. We hope that the content may interest local newspapers in the future, but need to try our new Andrew Robson out here first. We can't promise anything and there is no financial gain involved, just the glory of your name in print and the knowledge that you will be entertaining and educating your fellow bridge players. The editor awaits your call!

*Sally Bugden*

## Autumn Congress 15-17 September Steyning Book Now!

### Rosie Hawkins

Bridge players throughout Sussex, and especially in central Sussex, will be sad to learn that Rosie Hawkins died in late February at the grand age of 93.

Rosie will have been well known to many outside her immediate circle of playing colleagues. She was a founder member of the Weald Bridge Club in Burgess Hill. When the club was formed from a group of rubber bridge players and was appointed Honorary Secretary, a position which she held for almost 40 years until "hanging up her typewriter" in 2000. After relinquishing the secretaryship Rosie continued to be a regular attendee at the Weald's weekly Friday evening event until relatively recently. She will be greatly missed by all members of the Weald – perhaps not least for her bold bidding; she never seemed to know when to stop or that "pass" was also a legitimate call.

Rosie could claim a notable achievement in 1966 as one of the instigators and Congress Secretary of the first One Day Congress to be held by a club in Sussex (possibly throughout the country). Despite the Weald's limited resources, the Congress, the forerunner of so many similar events in the County, was a huge success and was repeated annually for almost 30 years.

In many other ways Rosie devoted a considerable proportion of her time to the affairs of the club.

In 2001 Rosie was awarded the Gladys Hakki Trophy in recognition of her long and outstanding service to bridge in Sussex, an award which was richly deserved and very proudly received by her.

*Jim Nurse*

## New season, new calendar

In this issue of your newsletter you will find your own copy of the SCCBA Calendar for the season starting July 2006.

We hope you like the variety of events you see, from championship teams to charity sims. We have worked hard to ensure that there will be something for everyone. Please consider, as soon as possible, the events and competitions that you would like to enter. organise your partner or team now and put them in your diary – we know you won't have been mailed the booking forms for all the events as yet, but you can find these and download them from our website if you want to be the first in the queue!

Don't forget the events that don't require booking forms, such as the county heats for the Sussex Pairs and Mixed Pairs championships and the Sussex Individual, the Elizabeth North Teams Trophy - for players with less than 25,000 points - and the David Pavey Pairs Trophy for players with less than 10,000 points. You will find the club that is the most convenient for you and your partner in the centre of the calendar.

If you have any ideas for any new types of bridge competition or event that you would like us to consider please contact the newsletter editor at the address at the end of this newsletter.

Good luck and enjoy the game.  
*Sally Bugden*

### Dates for your Diary

Yes a 2006/7 calendar is enclosed in this bundle, but some reminders may nevertheless be helpful:

SCCBA Swiss Pairs, Ardingly 1.00,  
**25 June**

EBU Seniors & Veterans Congress,  
Eastbourne **14-16 July**

Entries for SCCBA League and  
Championship Teams **21 July**

EBU Summer Meeting, Brighton  
**11-20 August**

SCCBA Autumn Congress, Steyning  
**15-17 September**

EBU Simultaneous Pairs  
**18/19 September**

# RESULTS

## SCCBA Seniors (over 55)

15 February

A simultaneous Pairs event with 177 pairs competing.

1. Alan Jeffery & John Demetriades  
71.88%
2. Gerry Stanford & Dave Franklin  
68.48%
3. John Jackson & Leon Northeast  
65.68%

## Sussex Individual

19 February



A convincing winner:

1. Margaret Winn 66.67%
2. Robert Turvey 60.42%
3. Maureen Norman 58.33%

## David Pavey Trophy

25 February

for those with under 10,000 master points.

1. Brian Spears & Jack Vidler  
60.58%
2. John Cobbett & Sandy Grinham  
54.49%
3. Elizabeth Hornsey & David Wilkes  
53.21%

## Sussex Pairs

12 March.



1. Matthew Hoskins & Andrew Southwell  
59.03%
2. Julian Mitchell & Nigel Urban 58.19%
3. Mike Keeping & Richard Burnett  
56.39%

## Elizabeth North Trophy

18 March



1. H Wescott & Joan Wescott, A Lea & Clare Wigan  
+65 imps
2. Paul Warren & Neil Fairbairn, Chris Reimoser & Andy Foley +34
3. Bill Nicolle & Linda Gardiner, Alan Gardiner & Robert Weir +4

## Sussex Mixed Pairs

25 March.

The winners, in a very close finish, were: Dave Cairns and Sue Peters



1. Dave Cairns & Sue Peters  
56.43%
- 2= Ron & Lynne Heath  
56.19%
- 2= Peter & Marit Langston  
56.,19%

## Kremer Dersch Trophy

2 April

(a team event for club officers, hosted by the SCCBA) Fifteen clubs took part in this event at Eastbourne BC:

1. **Avenue**  
Alan Gillespie, Per Lindsten Richard Newton, Neil Watts
2. **Lewes**  
Richard Burnett, Janet Cattermole, Irene Gannon, Di Johnstone
3. **W Sussex**  
Norman Hardy, Chris Jago, May Langmaid, Carole Watson

## AROUND THE CLUBS

### CRAWLEY BRIDGE CLUB

After struggling along for many years in a Council Community Centre, Crawley Bridge Club moved to the far more comfortable surroundings of Grattons Indoor Bowls Club in 1997. The club holds duplicate pairs on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:30pm, including a heat of the Sussex Charity Simultaneous Pairs in January. The playing room is non-smoking, and the whole building is due to become so in September this year. Facilities include a bar, which is always open in winter (when the bowlers are indoors), and often open in summer, and a hot drinks machine. There is also a restaurant open in winter, which members are free to use.

These days we are a small, keen (we currently supply three members to the Sussex committee) and friendly club with around fifty members; a far cry from our heights in the 1980s when we had many more members, including several Grand Masters, and our

biggest claim to fame is that in the early 1980s we supplied both the winning team and runners up in a green pointed event at the Isle of Man Congress. Unfortunately, we seem to be losing our older members far quicker than we can bring in new ones these days, a trend that seems to be typical over much of the County and Country.

Visitors are very welcome, and we pride ourselves on being one of the cheapest clubs around - £1.50 per session for visitors (£1.20 for Crawley members). We do our best to arrange partners if required, so long as we are given sufficient warning (telephone Betty 01293 547030), and try to arrange one or two friendly matches a year against other clubs (not necessarily affiliated to the EBU) in the area.

*Alan Litchfield*

### ST BARNABAS CHARITY PAIRS

14 October 2006

Henfield are hosting their 4<sup>th</sup> Charity Pairs event for the Worthing cancer hospice and the popular Saturday, 11.30 – 3.30 time-slot, will include a ploughman's lunch prepared by the Henfield Friends of St Barnabas. The event, which last year raised in excess of £1000 from table money, donations and a matched donation from the Abbey National Charitable Trust, will again be run as a Basic Bridge single session event using duplicated boards kindly donated by the County. We are also indebted again this year to the County Association for agreeing to include an entry form with this Newsletter, free of charge, to maximise the amount we can send to the Hospice. Entry is a minimum of £9 per player. Donations may be sent by post to the organiser or made on the day of the event. Please make a date to join us. For further details, contact Bob Whiting on 01403 711707 or email at b.www@btopenworld.com.



## TEAMS RESULTS

### Inter-Club Team-of-eight

Ten clubs took part in this competition at Eastbourne on 23 April.

1. **Avenue** (Andy Rider, John Williams, Julian & Sarah Mitchell, Matthew & Liz Hoskins, Per Lindstrom, Shefton Kaplin) 125
2. **Eastbourne** (Matt Smith, Tom Brogan, Pyers Pennant, Simon Reade, Sandy Blunt, Brenda Garrini, Mark Denny, Alan Hobden) 124
3. **Lewes** (Brian Loadsby, Ron & Margaret Buddery, Di Johnstone, Mike Keeping, Matt Reid, Janet Cattermole, Richard Burnett) 102.

Avenue went on to represent the county in a regional final for the **Garden Cities Trophy** on 20 May, where they came fifth out of eight.

### 2005/6 Sussex League

Winners of the eight divisions are:

**Division 1** - Mick Carrington, Martin Pool, Dave Franklin, Richard Fedrick & David Gritt.. The winners will represent Sussex in the Pachabo Cup.

**Division 2** – Mark Denny, Alan Hobden, Tom Brogan, Matt Smith, Brenda Garrini & Sandy Blunt.

**Division 3** – Alex Harding, Rick Stevens, Alan Litchfield, Helen Kent & Adam Lea.

**Division 4** – Norman Hardy, Peter Brown, Joy Mayall, Andrew Willard, Ian Watt & David Spencer.

**Division 5** – Mary Smith, Joan Westcott, Herrick Westcott & Richard Koby.

**Division 6** – Franco Civello, Michael Pye, Stuart Marks, Rozanne Mendick, Alastair Dunbar & Martin Greely.

**Division 7** – Alan Gardiner, Rob Harris, David Williams & Ed Barter.

**Division 8** – (and **Entry Cup** winners) – Roland Heathfield, Sue Baker, Janet Cole & Barry Tomlin.



### Championship Teams

In the final of this knockout competition **Franklin** (Dave Franklin, Mike Carrington, Martin Pool and Richard Fedrick) beat **Jepson** (Chris Jepson, Liz Lancaster, Gerry Stanford, Geoff Chamberlain and Dave Clifton) in the final.

### Championship Teams Plate

**Collins** (Peter Collins, Ian Macgregor, Dilys Jones, Ian Watt, Joan Beamish & David Lock) beat **Pennant** (Pyers Pennant, Marion Hart, Simon Reade, Anne Goss, David Howard-Houston & Jeanne Boydel) in the final.

### EBU/SCCBA Swiss Teams

14 May

1. John Williams, Richard Burnett, Mike Keeping & Matt Read 108
2. Keith Ashcroft, Phil Jones, Malcolm Pryor & Karen Pryor 106
3. Jim Bugden, Sally Bugden, Marit Langston & Peter Langston 103

### Metropolitan Cup

Four teams represented Sussex in the Metropolitan Cup at Ardingly on Sunday 21 May.

The A team, consisting of Mick Carrington (captain) & Richard Fedrick; Chris Bainham & Eddie Lucioni; Duncan Curtis & Andy Morris; Dave Franklin & Gerry Stanford; Ian & Liz Lancaster; and Andy Rider & Giles Faulkner; came seventh in their group.

The B team, consisting of Harold Linfield (captain) & Cecily Lindfield; Dave & Jill Armstrong; Sandy Blunt & Brenda Garrini; Tom Brogan & Matt Smith; John Williams & Matt Read; and Mark Denny & Alan Hobden came third out of six in their group.

The C(i) team consisting of David Newton (captain) & Jill Newton; Ron & Margaret Buddery; Alan & Nannette Gillespie; and Geoff & Ros Wolfarth came third out of eight.

The C(ii) team consisting of Leon Northeast (captain) & John Jackson; Peter Buttery & Shirley Saunter; Andrea Galpin & Malcolm Wright; and David Howard-Houston & Simon Reade came fifth out of eight in their group.

### Gladys Hakki award

for outstanding service to the game of bridge in Sussex went to **Pat Kent**. A presentation was made at the AGM on 9 April.

### Annual Subscription

In April 2007, the annual subscription to the SCCBA will rise by 50p to £5.00.

This increase is the first for more than ten years; it was recommended by our auditor to keep our current account in balance.

## DIRECTOR'S DUNGEON    The Laws for practical players

I would like to tell you a little story the way it was told to me -

Isn't ours a difficult game? If we are not making mistakes of judgement in the bidding or the play and being criticised by partner or the opponents we are getting into trouble from the director. Look at what happened the other night. First, I should say that I was not feeling too good. And my partner, well, was just like partner. I was East and this was the bidding

W	N	E	S
1D	1H	2C	Pass
2H	Pass	2NT	Pass
3S	Pass	4S	Pass
4NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	5D <sup>2</sup>	Pass
5H <sup>3</sup>	Pass	5NT	All pass

I thought everything went quite well despite

partner's strange bidding. I had remembered to alert 2H and when partner bid 3S she knew I could not have four so I raised with my Q J 7. I must admit that I thought for some time before I alerted 4NT and partner did look a little startled. Partner also said, "I suppose that I should alert that." when I bid 5D. I could not work out what 5H should be but took it to be a sign off in 5NT.

At the end of the auction South asked for some explanations. I knew then what was happening and said

A - 2H was game forcing

1 - Roman Key card Blackwood agreeing spades (we have not been playing this long and I was pleased to get it right).

2 - 4 or 1 key cards.

3 - sign off in 5NT.

At this point my really aggressive opponent

said, "How does partner ask for the queen of trumps?". Then I remembered, I had forgotten the system. I said that I was sorry but he rudely called the director. He explained to the director about the auction and partner's look when I alerted 4NT and partner's comment and I said that I had taken no notice. The director said to play the hand and either side could call him back after the hand was played.

Well, I made the contract, but these rude opponents called the director back and asked for a ruling. If that is how they play at this club I am not going again.

Has the director a problem?

Were the opponents right to call the director?

A bottle of wine to the best answer (no entries from the purple carapace brigade ie national directors). More next time -

*Keeper of the Keys*

## Spring Congress

The county's **Spring Congress** was held at Uckfield over the weekend of 7-9 April. Bridgmate scoring devices were used for the first time in the pairs events, and were popular and successful; a video screen enabled competitors to monitor their progress from round to round – almost too much instant information!

### Results:

#### Friday Teams

was won by: Dave Franklin & Nigel Urban, Mick Carrington & David Armstrong.

#### Friday Afternoon BB Pairs:

1. Brian Loasby & Carol Watson  
60.58%
2. Ralph Parish & Mike Kempster  
56.41%
3. Bob Whiting & Kathy Allan  
54.17%

#### Friday Evening BB Pairs:

1. Bob Best & Sue Ebsworth  
64.29%
2. Sue Baker & Roland Heathfield  
63.10%
3. Di Johnstone & Barry Joyce  
58.93%

#### Mixed Pairs (Friday):

1. Chris Jepson & David Clifton  
63.07%
2. Fran Thornton & Andrew Symons  
57.95%
3. Margaret & Ron Buddery  
57.01%

#### Spring Swiss Pairs (Saturday):

1. Dave Franklin & Nigel Urban 111
2. Tom Brogan & Matt Smith 105
- 3= Andy Morris & Duncan Curtis 103
- 3= Ian Lancaster & Gerry Stanford 103

#### Swiss Teams (Sunday):

1. Simon Reade & Pyers Pennant, John Bryant & David Howard-Houston 103
2. Dave Franklin & Gerry Stanford, Ian & Liz Lancaster 96
3. Liz Hoskins & Andrew Southwell, Rob Zijlstra & Matthew Hoskins 95

#### Winners of the Sunday Swiss Teams



### Haiku

Are you familiar with Haikus? A Haiku is a classical and rather sensitive Japanese poetic style, three lines containing respectively five, seven and five syllables. Modern Western imitations may ignore the delicacy and go for the metre. Here are two examples. Picture Henfield village hall at the

start of the New Year Swiss Teams:

and later:

*I opened one Heart*

*He bid six no trumps.*

*Air thick with concentration*

*I doubled, led a Diamond –*

*Snow falling outside.*

*Plus fourteen hundred!*

Readers are invited to compose bridge-related Haikus. Entries please to the editor, who would be happy to publish several in the next issue of this newsletter.

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## EBU Sim Pairs 11 May 2006

If you played in the EBU Simultaneous Pairs on 11 May, you might remember Board 6:

		J 8 6 5 3	
		A J 2	
		9 5	
		4 3 2	
Q 4	<b>Board 6</b>	A K 10 9 7 2	
10 7 6 3	<b>E/W Vul</b>	Q	
A	<b>Dealer E</b>	K 8 4 3	
A K Q 10 6 5		9 7	
		none	
		K 9 8 5 4	
		Q J 10 7 6 2	
		J 8	

The first bidding sequence

W	N	E	S
		1S	2S <sup>A</sup>
P	3H	P	5H
Dbl	All Pass		

is that between the pairs that finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> on the evening at Eastbourne. East deals and opens 1S and South competes with 2S alerted to show a red-suited hand. West's pass now is thoughtful; he wants to be in game at least, but is not sure where, as North may have long Spades; and he is certainly going to get another chance to bid. When North bids 3H, East is not strong enough to bid again. Since North's 3H bid was weak, South knows that E-W have the balance of the points, and applies pressure by bidding 5H.

Now West can see no clear prospect of a slam, and decides to take the money. 5H doubled goes five off, and that is +1100 to Alan and Mark, the overall winners.

Two other N/S declarers at Eastbourne went five down in 5H. That's surprising, as 5H is a poor contract – too expensive as a sacrifice against an E/W game (5D would have been better), and unnecessary as a slam deterrent as slams were difficult to bid. 6C by West was not bid at Eastbourne and is failing anyway. North leads the Ace of Hearts; and when South drops the King(!), has no difficulty in switching to a Spade.

6S is better, though, and the second sequence

W	N	E	S
		1S	2S <sup>A</sup>
<b>3C</b>	P	3S	P
4D	P	4H	P
6S	All Pass		

shows a possible way of getting there. West's 4D is a cue bid agreeing Spades, and East's 4H also shows a control. One Eastbourne pair bid their cards to 6S, and enjoyed the play. South led the Queen of Diamonds, won with dummy's Ace. The Queen of Spades revealed the bad trump split. Then declarer ran Clubs, discarding his Queen of Hearts, until North ruffed and he over-ruffed. A small Diamond was ruffed with the four of Spades in dummy. Then declarer continued the Clubs, and was able to pick up North's five trumps without loss. To add insult to injury, declarer's eight of Diamonds provided an overtrick, as South had hung on to his King of Hearts. So that was +1460 and an E/W top for Simon and David.