

NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM YOUR VICE-CHAIRMAN - *Eddie Williams*

Hello Everyone,

Our Chairman Jackie Clinton, having been ill since February, is now making a good recovery and sends you all her best wishes. Jackie intends to be back at the helm and playing bridge in the near future.

It has now been a year since P2P was introduced and Sussex now has over 3000 members.



With this newsletter enclosed is your county calendar. I look forward to meeting you at some of the many county events over the next year.

Enjoy your bridge.

HONOURS & AWARDS

SCCBA is very pleased to announce that this year's recipient of the Gladys Hakki trophy is Roger Poulter, pictured receiving the trophy from SCCBA Vice-Chairman Eddie Williams at the county AGM. The Gladys Hakki trophy is awarded to a Sussex member who has given outstanding service to county and club over a number of years.

Roger was on the SCCBA Management Committee for 30 years. He has run several county competitions and still runs the Championship Teams competition. Roger has also been Chairman of Eastbourne Bridge Club since 2007 and also teaches the Intermediate class at Eastbourne.



UPCOMING SCCBA EVENTS

Invitation Pairs - Round 5	29th Jul 2011	West Sussex
SCCBA/EBU Green Point Swiss Teams	31st Jul 2011	Ardingly
Autumn Congress (Venture Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Open Pairs, Congress Pairs, Swiss Teams)	16-18 Sep 2011	Patcham
Ladies Pairs	23 Oct 2011	Patcham
Basic Bridge Pairs	5 Nov 2011	East Grinstead
SCCBA Basic Bridge Pairs	4 Dec 2011	Bognor Regis
New Year Swiss Teams	15 Jan 2012	Henfield

RESULTS

Well it's been a while since we've had a SCCBA newsletter, so there is a bit of catching up to do with the results.

Henfield Candles bridge congress

The 36th Henfield Candles Swiss Teams Bridge Congress was held at The Henfield Hall on Sunday 5 June 2011 and contested by 27 teams of four over seven matches of seven boards each. The event was directed by Martin Pool, President of Sussex County Bridge. Julia Simpson, retiring secretary of SCCBA, presented the trophies and prizes. Catering for the Congress, including a superb buffet supper, was by John Porteous.

There was a tie for top place, on 95 Victory Points between Fran Thornton, Eddie Lucioni, Irvine Caplan and Jean Smallwood from Worthing and East Grinstead, and Valerie Chandler, Laurence Chiswell, Mike Godfrey and David Hughes from the Worthing Bridge Club. The tie was split on IMPs (Imperial Match Points) with Fran Thornton's team scoring just 2 IMPs more than Valerie Chandler's team.

The Non-Expert Trophy awarded to the leading team of less experienced players went, with a score of 68 VPs, to Val Atkins, Mike Williams, Jane Ross and Bryan Davies from the home Henfield and Horsham Bridge Clubs (pictured).



For further information on the Congress or any of the above, please contact the Congress Chairman, Peter J Bates on 01273 493172 (Tel. & Fax).

Hastings Basic Bridge Pairs

Congratulations to Barbara Jenner and Molly Freeman who won this year's Hastings Basic Bridge Pairs held at St. Leonards on April 16th.

2011 SCCBA Spring Congress

The Spring Congress was held at Uckfield from Friday April 8th to Sunday April 10th and, as always, was very efficiently run by Eddie Williams and his team.

The main winners on the first day were Jill Skinner and Jeremy Willans, who won the Mixed Pairs.

On the Saturday, John Murrell and Magnus Berger won the Swiss Pairs. Philip Butterworth and Krystyna Piotrowska and Lynne and Rod Bayes were joint winners of the Welcome Pairs, which was organised and run by Bob Whiting.

John Williams, David Benjamin, Matthew Read and Mike Keeping won the Swiss Teams on the Sunday.

Congratulations to them all.

Invitation Pairs

This is a slightly exclusive competition, reserved for reasonably experienced players, and for which you need to be “invited”. It is played once a month from April to November. Each pair can discard their worse score, if they participate often enough. After 4 rounds, the top 5 looks like this :

Pos.	Names	Total	Best 3
1	Liz Hoskins & Peter Clinch	61	53
2	Cecily Linfield & Harold Linfield	56	45
3	David Benjamin & Michael Keeping	54	45
4	Andrew Southwell & John Frosztega	53	46
5	Karen Pryor & Malcolm Pryor	52	45

Final positions will be known by the time we print the next issue.

Sussex Teams of 4 League winners

Here are the winners for each division, and their final score. With one or two exceptions, the results were very close, with only a few VPs between first and second, making this competition all the more exciting. Don't hesitate to enter a team next year, as this purest form of bridge is also excellent socially, particularly if you are lucky enough to be in Cecily & Harold's division (those who've been there know what I mean). Full league tables are on the website of course.

Division	Team members	Total of 1st	Total of 2nd
1	Dave Franklin, Gerry Stanford, Jeremy Willans, Martin Pool	89	70
2	Jean Smallwood, Magnus Berger, Eddie Lucioni, John Murrell, Gavin Park	81	80
3	Ron Buddery, Margaret Buddery, Richard Newton, Diana Stevens, Brian Loasby, Ahmed Ayub	83	80
4	Irene Gannon, Peter Gannon, Di Johnstone, Janet Cattermole	86	85
5	William Bourne, Sylvia Hall, Nick Levine, Barbara Collins, Elizabeth Churchill, Adele Holder	99	90
6	Jack Pryer, Mick Howes, Ingrid Boyd, Mike Moody	76	71
7	Andrew Clingan, Maureen Clingan, Richard Cleminson, Brian Campbell-Kearsey, Trudy Byrne, Jeremy Gray	100	83

Many congratulations to all, and in particular to the team of Dave Franklin, Gerry Stanford, Martin Pool and Jeremy Willans who have won Division 1 of the Sussex League. Indeed, they retained the trophy that they won last season.

Sussex Pairs

Congratulations to Peter Clinch and Julian Mitchell who won the final of the Sussex Pairs, played on April 2nd at West Sussex Bridge Club.

SCCBA Mixed Pairs

Congratulations to winners Fran Thornton and Richard Burnett, who won this year's final at West Sussex Bridge Club on Sunday March 6th.

EBU Success for Sussex Pair

Congratulations to Sussex pair Duncan Curtis and Andrew Morris, who won the Premier Life Masters Pairs in the EBU's Ranked Masters Pairs event at Daventry, over the weekend of March 5/6th.

SCCBA Individual Final

The full results of the final of this competition, held at Worthing Bridge Club, have now been checked, and due to a fundamental error in the hand scoring, the results for Board 1 were reversed. The winner's score is not affected but the amended positions can be seen in the now uploaded results on the website.

Congratulations to winner Amanda Bolton.

Elizabeth North Final

Congratulations to winners Alan Crook, Keith Hotchkiss, Ann Walker and Roland Heathfield.

2009/10 NICKO - Horsham team win final!

Many congratulations to the Horsham team of Mick Carrington, Richard Fedrick, Matthew Hoskins and Andrew Southwell who have won the 2009/10 National Inter Club Knockout competition. For those unfamiliar with the NICKO, it's to Bridge what the FA Cup is to Football. You have to beat some of the top English teams to win it.

But I think the comparison stops there.

Compensated Teams at Crawley - *Richard Jameson*

We were looking for an early summer event to put in our programme. Team events seem to be a popular alternative to the usual pairs evenings, so the committee wracked its collective brains (a slow and painful process) to come up with a suitable format. Finally, the idea for Compensated Teams emerged from those murky depths. The first objective was to be able to run a teams event based on however many turned up to play that evening. Secondly, to use a format that would give everybody a chance of winning.

This is how it was presented to club members:-

“Play with your usual partner. Teams of 4 will be selected on the evening, by the Director, so that they are as even as possible, by putting an experienced pair with a less experienced one.”

It proved to be a popular and successful event. We will be repeating it as part of next year's programme.



Worthing Teams of 4 - Fran Thornton

Worthing Bridge Club informs us that the Hills Trophy will be taking place on 20th November this year. This is a much bigger venue last year and John Porteous will be doing the catering (as he does Henfield Candles). Entry is £22 per person to include dinner and afternoon tea and cakes. The venue is the Thomas Beecham Club. Please email p_and_f_thornton@hotmail.com for a copy of the form or download it from the Worthing website (www.bridgewebs.com/worthing).

The Avenue League

The Avenue Bridge Club in Brighton runs a very popular monthly teams event. Usually taking place on the fourth Tuesday of most months between September and June, it is a seeded event, so that you only meet teams of similar playing ability, as much as is possible. You play 28 boards at quite a steady pace, with a welcome break after 14. At the end you have the benefit of being able to socialise and/or discuss the hands, sitting comfortably in the Avenue's excellent bar and facilities. Why not enter a team next year and see how you get on ? Email Julian on avenuebridgeclub@aol.com.

BRIDGE TECHNIQUE

This hand occurred at West Sussex Bridge Club, board 14 from 21st june 2011 and is kindly submitted by Dave Nastaszczuk.

Dealer East	♠ T3 ♥ J5 ♦ Q83 ♣ QJ10942	Final contract: 3NT Lead: 5 ♠
♠ KQ92 ♥ AK10872 ♦ J ♣ 85	N W S	♠ A6 ♥ 6 ♦ AK10642 ♣ K763
W N E S 1H - 1D - 2C - 3D - 3N all pass	♠ J8754 ♥ Q943 ♦ 975 ♣ A	

1NT = 12-16, 2C = checkback, 3D = maximum with diamonds

Declarer wins KS on the table and runs the JD, which holds. Declarer crosses to AS, cashes AD, KD (diamonds splitting 3-3) and plays 2 further diamonds. This is the 6 card ending:

Dealer East	<p>♠</p> <p>♥ J5</p> <p>♦</p> <p>♣ QJ109</p>	<p>Final contract: 3NT</p> <p>Lead: 5 ♠</p>
<p>♠ Q9</p> <p>♥ AK108</p> <p>♦</p> <p>♣</p>	<p>N</p> <p>W</p> <p>E</p> <p>S</p>	<p>♠</p> <p>♥ 6</p> <p>♦ 2</p> <p>♣ K763</p>
<p>W N E S</p> <p>1D - 1H -</p> <p>1N - 2C -</p> <p>3D - 3N all pass</p>	<p>♠ J8</p> <p>♥ Q94</p> <p>♦</p> <p>♣ A</p>	

When declarer played the 2D, South is caught in a (non-repeating) triple-squeeze.

South should have thrown a spade, and waited for the 13th trick in hearts. As it was, South inflicted a repeating squeeze on himself by throwing AC (hoping his partner held KC). Thirteen tricks for EW was worth most of the MPs on the board.

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OBITUARY

MATTHEW HOSKINS, of Sussex, who died on the 1st February 2011 at the age of 51 of a heart attack, had been an ever present and well known figure in the bridge world for over 25 years. He had numerous tournament successes at county and national level. Matthew was a popular figure through his competitive but fair attitude to the game, allied to a fine if occasionally cutting sense of humour, and a keen eye for a practical joke. Matthew lived in Shoreham and is survived by his wife Liz. He will be very sorely missed.

The SCCBA newsletter is published twice a year. Please email any comments, news items, results, pictures and articles to Yves Lebrec, Editor (sccba@lebrec.com).