

TOURNAMENT NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2016

As in previous versions, here is a list of forthcoming County & EBU events over the next few months.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>EBU Summer Seniors Congress</i>	<i>Eastbourne</i>	<i>8th-10th July</i>
<i>SCCBA Green Point Swiss Teams</i>	<i>Crowborough</i>	<i>24th July</i>
<i>S. Counties Junior Bridge Camp</i>	<i>Ardingly</i>	<i>12th – 14th August</i>
<i>EBU Summer Meeting</i>	<i>Eastbourne</i>	<i>19th – 28th August</i>
<i>Open Blue Pointed Swiss Teams</i>	<i>St Leonards</i>	<i>11th September</i>
<i>Mixed Pairs Heat</i>	<i>St Leonards</i>	<i>12th September</i>
<i>SCCBA Café Bridge</i>	<i>Hove</i>	<i>13th September</i>
<i>Avenue Non-Swiss Pairs</i>	<i>Avenue</i>	<i>14th September</i>
<i>David Pavey Heat</i>	<i>Horsham</i>	<i>15th September</i>
<i>Surrey Green Pointed Weekend</i>	<i>Guildford</i>	<i>24th – 25th September</i>
<i>Open Swiss Teams</i>	<i>Eastbourne</i>	<i>25th September</i>
<i>Avenue League</i>	<i>Avenue</i>	<i>28th September</i>
<i>Mixed Pairs Heat</i>	<i>Eastbourne</i>	<i>5th October</i>
<i>Sussex Pairs Heath</i>	<i>Avenue</i>	<i>5th October</i>
<i>David Pavey Heat</i>	<i>Worthing</i>	<i>6th October</i>
<i>David Pavey Heat</i>	<i>West Sussex</i>	<i>6th October</i>
<i>Sussex Individual Heat</i>	<i>Crawley</i>	<i>7th October</i>
<i>Kremer Dersch Trophy</i>	<i>Eastbourne</i>	<i>9th October</i>
<i>SCCBA Midweek Swiss Pairs</i>	<i>Henfield</i>	<i>12th October</i>
<i>Avenue Non-Swiss Pairs</i>	<i>Avenue</i>	<i>12th October</i>
<i>Sussex Pairs Heat</i>	<i>Eastbourne</i>	<i>12th October</i>
<i>SCCBA Golf-Bridge</i>	<i>Worthing</i>	<i>13th October</i>

In addition, Rounds 5, 6 and 7 of Invitation Pairs take place in this period.

WHAT A PACKED PROGRAMME WE HAVE!!!

As I sat down to write this, I had just got back from my daily trip to the Post Office in pouring rain - much more of this and I will be getting my waders out. My other half's cricket viewing has been decimated so he was delighted that the European Bridge Championships had been available to enable him to direct his predilection for shouting at the telly to his lap-top instead. For those of you who are also avid Bridge-Base fans, it can be a very entertaining watch! And well done to our English Ladies who won Gold. Back to the present and now that mid-monsoon day is past, **HIGNFY!**

I want to highlight some events, particularly Café Bridge, Mid-week Swiss Pairs, Golf Bridge and the Autumn Congress. Also, vitally important to the future is the Junior Bridge Camp that your Chairman, Andy Ryder, has organised as a full 3 day programme this coming August.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES JUNIOR BRIDGE CAMP - ARDINGLY COLLEGE, 12TH - 14TH AUGUST. This is being held as a residential course (or your little ones can attend on a daily basis if you prefer). Parents, aunties & uncles, grandparents are also welcome to support the event. This way we hope to get more and more families involved with the game. Andy has already attracted a good number of entries from far afield, and this is being supported by the EBU's education arm, EBED. There will be a small army of helpers on hand and the range of tuition will cover those who are complete beginners to some of our up and coming juniors. In addition to fun and games across the green baize, there will be outdoor activities. All this for a mere £60 per child for Sussex based youngsters as the County is subsidising this full board and lodging event. It's a fabulous way to get your kids out there meeting others from like-minded families. It's great fun, educational and a really worth-while exercise. For full details visit:-

http://www.bridgewebs.com/sussex/SC_Junior_Bridge_Camp_Aug_2016_ver2.pdf

CAFÉ BRIDGE - HOVE. Now confirmed as **13TH SEPTEMBER**. There has already been a good amount of interest in this, and the on-line booking for the event went live about 2 weeks ago, so for those who are talking about it, don't dither as this is likely to be a sell-out event. This will also have an automatic donation to the Martlet's Hospice as a part of the entry fee, so come and enjoy a lovely day out in the cafés of downtown Hove and help a worthy cause. As this involves a decent lunch, if you have specific dietary requirements it is vital to let the Organiser (me!) know so that I can ensure you stop at the best place for you for the lunch break. A link to the entry form is via:-

http://www.bridgewebs.com/sussex/Entry_Cafe_Bridge_2016.pdf

MID-WEEK SWISS PAIRS - 12TH OCTOBER. This year the event will be **BLUE POINTED**. An extremely pleasant event where those now able to have a leisurely day, rather than a rushed evening, can enjoy some decent bridge and a ploughman's lunch, and then get home in time for your favourite TV programmes and dinner. Again there is an upper limit on numbers, so don't lose out by prevaricating. Please note the change of venue this year but still in Henfield.

GOLF BRIDGE - AT WORTHING GOLF CLUB - 13TH OCTOBER. Again, this is already receiving a good level of bookings, so if you want to play in it, please don't delay – call Fran today. As with any Golf Bridge event there is a much smaller limit on numbers than the norm, and it has to be first come first served. Those of you who play on some of the gentler (geographically speaking) courses of the county will be thrilled by the breath-taking scenery this downland course provides. Plus, I am told that the catering at Worthing is excellent, so this is a “must” event for the keen golfer.

AUTUMN CONGRESS - 29TH - 30TH OCTOBER - PATCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE.

This year it will definitely be an Autumn date...rather than a mid-September one. We want to have as many of you as we can out and playing in the main events, the Swiss Pairs and Teams. We have also scheduled a Welcome Pairs where Andy & I hope to welcome as many newcomers as we can. Friendly guidance and help for you to enjoy your introduction to competitive Bridge are our aim in Welcome Pairs, so please don't be shy.

AND DON'T FORGET!!!!!! Entries for Sussex League and Championship Teams need to be in by **31st JULY AT THE LATEST.**

PLEASE USE OUR COMMUNICATIONS - BOTH WAYS!!!!

- A) **THE YEARBOOK.** Published annually we recently sent this to all SCCBA members. It lists our full Programme starting from 1st June and runs through to 31st May the following year. In it you will find entry forms for all the events listed in this Newsletter and others coming later in the season. It also lists all the information you are likely to need about the full Calendar for the County and its clubs, lists of SCCBA contacts, club contacts and more. This is an extremely useful publication for anyone interested in our County and the programme of events, including those arranged by our clubs, so please keep it in a safe place and use it as often as you need: there won't be another until next year!
- B) **THE WEBSITE.** We also communicate via the website (which we know some of you read avidly and others don't). But if you can be persuaded to look at it regularly you will find lots of interest therein. For those of you wondering what we talk about in our various committee meetings, there are minutes for you to enjoy, there are photos of winners for you to admire or otherwise, an entertaining monthly article by my beloved, updates on leagues etc. etc. It's a great place to have a good nose around. Mervyn Wotton, our webmaster, is fantastic at keeping it up to date and relevant, so please take a look.
- C) **EMAILS.** Our email missives are intended to give you immediate information about a range of topics that we feel you need to know about. Hazel Beveridge is the person we have to thank for her help getting the information to you.
- D) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM YOU.** Please keep your emails and calls coming in. We really are here to help our members. If you have any form of problem there are a number of us willing to help or advise – provided it is based on your bridge, of course!

AND FINALLY

Last year I wrote about the problems that arise when we leave our bookings to the last moment. I know that we can't all rush to get our booking in just because the SCCBA Tournament Manager has said it will help, but I can report that we ARE getting more bookings in early, and this has probably helped in the improvement in attendance numbers this year at a number of County events. So for those that did listen and have acted earlier than in previous years, THANK YOU, and for those that could still do better, THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!!!

We look forward to seeing lots of you soon,

Ros Wolfarth

SCCBA Tournament Manager