

## THURSDAY EVENING SESSIONS

The committee is currently giving consideration to a change to Thursday evenings to allow wider systems. This is currently our only evening "simple systems" session and is the one at which many of the students who come through our teaching programmes first try non-supervised duplicate. The committee would like to increase the table numbers at this session without making it overly daunting for less experienced players. As with all our sessions, the main priority is to foster a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

The committee would like your views on any or all of the following bids being allowed:

1. Any three point 1NT range between 12 and 18 points.
2. 5 Card majors.
3. Weak 2 opening bids in three suits.
4. Weak jump overcalls.

We would particularly like to hear from you if you are a Thursday evening regular, if you used to play on a Thursday evening but no longer do so or if you are interested in trying the session for the first time.

### GIORGIO'S HOT TIPS

We are excited to announce a new one day seminar on Sunday 21 Oct to be given by our popular and experienced WBC teacher, Giorgio Provenza. Learn how to recognise and avoid common pitfalls and how to think for yourself rather than blindly following useless rules and slogans. 16 Boards will be played after which Giorgio will explain the best line of play and give a tip for each hand so that you need never make the same mistakes again! Full notes will be provided. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to improve your game. Cost £15. Booking forms available shortly.

### CHARITY PAIRS—Sun 8th November

2012 will see a return to the original format for the WBC Charity Pairs. Starting at 2pm we will enjoy bridge and a delicious plated tea along with a raffle, home produce and other stalls. We plan to focus on local charities and those which have helped members or their families.

Patricia Townley is putting together a group to help run this event and she would be glad to hear from members from all sections of the Club who would like to get involved. Please contact Patricia on:  
patriciatownley@btinternet.com

### NEXT WBC SOCIAL EVENT— Sat 27th Oct 2012



Our next social event will be a Curry Evening. Mike has personally been sampling menus to be sure of bringing you the best curry in town. The cost will be £20 to include curry, bridge and a glass of wine. It's sure to be a sell-out so book early to avoid disappointment!

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

15th December  
More details and booking forms available shortly



### DOREEN CHARTERIS LEGACY

After careful consideration of various options, the Committee has decided to spend Doreen Charteris's legacy on a new book case and a library of up to date bridge books which will be available for members to enjoy, study and hopefully improve their game.



## WIMBLEDON BRIDGE CLUB

### NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2012

editor Elisabeth Bingham



### WBC—UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT!

There have been a lot of changes at WBC since the last newsletter. Our Manager, Marietta Andree, and Assistant Manager, Janet Cahm, have left for pastures new as has our former Chairman, Terry Hewett. We are very grateful to them for all their hard work for the Club over the years and we wish them all the very best in their future endeavours both within and without the world of bridge.

### NEW CHAIRMAN—PEGGY GRIFFIN

I have been on the Surrey County committee for 19 years and Congress Secretary for the Green Point weekend for 11 years, so I decided to step down from that job and let someone else have a go. Then I was persuaded to join the Wimbledon Bridge Club committee. From little acorns mighty oak trees grow and I am now your chairman.

Ely Culbertson was the great name in bridge when I started playing, so I opened with 2 aces and a king – how the game has moved on – I now open with 5 points and a six-card suit. But we all wish to give something back to this game we love and spend so many hours playing, so I hope my year as Chairman will prove beneficial to the members and we will go from strength to strength.

We have a lovely committee and a dedicated manager, so there's no stopping us!

I'm only about 5ft.3ins now and overweight but usually there's a smile, so please come and say "hello"!

Peggy Griffin

### NEW MANAGER—MIKE SKELLY

A true Geordie (born in sight of the Tyne) many years ago, Mike was educated at Jarrow Grammar school leading to a banking career in the City at various banks. He ended his working career with 8 years at HSBC'S offshoot in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where his young family were brought up.



Single once again but unfortunately living with his 20 year old son (nightmare), Mike has spent his 10 years of retirement playing Bridge. His preferred system is the Monster No Trump with five weak 2's. Mike claims not to take holidays, he spends any free time at congresses. He does, however, return to Newcastle Upon Tyne regularly for elocution lessons in order to avoid any accusation of "talking posh".

### NEW COMMITTEE

Chairman—Peggy Griffin

Secretary—Diana Guerrini

Treasurer—Meeka Burke

Bridge Laws & Ethics Sub-Committee—John Bilsland, Patricia Townley, Mike Skelly & Martin Lee

Social Events—Patricia Townley

Catering and Events—Ann Lindsay

Newsletter—Elisabeth Bingham

House Maintenance—Diana Guerrini & Mike Skelly

Other Committee Members—Gaynor Lewis & Karin Verwiel Marks

## INTERVIEW WITH DAVID WING

WBC member, David Wing, is currently on a cycling and bridge tour of all 51 Cities in England. From a base outside every city, David plans to ride an average of 20 miles on a tour of each city centre. By the end of the project David will have cycled at least 1000 miles, the equivalent of cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats.

David is combining this cycling challenge with a bridge challenge – the City Cup project. 51 City Cup competitions will take place at major bridge clubs to fundraise for the Alzheimer's Society. David is personally donating 51 City Cups, each engraved with the name of the city and the inaugural winners. It is hoped that the competitions will become annual club events.

The EBU has been hosting David's blog on its home page. The blog contains pictures, updates, and many quirky facts about each city cathedral. David reports that many clubs around the country are experiencing falling membership and hopes that his journey, along with the publicity he has received, will inspire clubs to seek local newspaper coverage and to attract new players to the game.

Having started in the West Country back in May, David is now almost half way through his challenge. He hopes to finish in London and Westminster, possibly before Christmas and is hoping for a big home-coming bash. Keep us posted, David!

David has encountered incredible kindness, hospitality and generosity on his journey both from individuals and the bridge clubs he has visited.

We look forward to catching up with David again at the end of his journey (if we can pedal fast enough).

If anyone would like to support David in his fundraising please visit [www.justgiving.com/citycup](http://www.justgiving.com/citycup)



David Wing with his bike

## TEACHING PROGRAMME 2012-2013

Course	Day	Teacher
Beginners Year 1	Thursdays 7.30 pm	Carol
Beginners Year 1	Fridays 10 am	Elisabeth
Year 2	Mondays 7.30 pm	Giorgio
Year 3 (Course Full)	Tuesdays 7.30 pm	Giorgio
Declarer Play (8 Weeks from 3 Oct)	Wednesdays 10.30 am	Giorgio
One Day "Hot Tips" Seminar	Sunday 21st October	Giorgio

Unless otherwise stated, all courses start week commencing 24th September 2012 and run for 10 weeks. If you have a friend who would like to learn bridge or if you are interested in any of our courses, please email Mike on: [manager@wimbledonbridgeclub.co.uk](mailto:manager@wimbledonbridgeclub.co.uk)

## WBC CALENDAR Sept 2012 to June 2013

### September 2012

Sat 1 Sep Winter ladders begin  
W/C 10 Sep EBU Sims Week  
W/C 17 Sep Dorin Salver Sims Week  
Wed 26 Sep Pairs League

### October 2012

Mon 1 Oct National Pairs Qualifier  
W/C 8 Oct British Autumn Sims  
Sun 21 Oct Giorgio's Hot Tips Seminar  
Sat 27 Oct Curry and Bridge Night  
Wed 31 Oct Pairs League

### November 2012

Sun 4 Nov Surrey Seminar (tbc)  
Sun 11 Nov Charity Pairs  
W/C 12 Nov Children In Need Sims week  
Wed 28 Nov Pairs League

### December 2012

Sat 15 Dec Christmas Party  
24-31 Dec Club Closed

### January 2013

Tue 1 Jan Club Closed  
Sun 6 Jan Surrey Seminar (tbc)  
W/C 7 Jan British Sims Week  
Wed 30 Jan Pairs League

### February 2013

Sat 2 Feb SW Congress Swiss Pairs  
(at Richmond)  
Sun 3 Feb SW Congress Swiss Teams  
Sun 3 Feb SW Congress Friendly Swiss  
Pairs (at Richmond)  
Tue 5 Feb British Sims  
Wed 6 Feb British Sims (Ploughmans)  
W/C 22 Feb Winter ladders end  
Wed 27 Feb Pairs League

### March 2013

Mon 4 Mar Men's/Ladies' Pairs R1  
Mon 11 Mar Men's/Ladies' Pairs R2  
W/C 11 Mar Club Stratified Sims  
Tue 19 Mar Mixed Pairs R1  
Wed 20 Mar 5000 Cup (Pairs)  
Tue 26 Mar Mixed Pairs R2  
Wed 27 Mar Pairs League  
Fri 29 Mar Morning session only  
Sat 30 Mar Club Closed

### April 2013

Mon 1 Apr Evening session only  
W/C 8 Apr British Sims Week  
Tue 9 Apr Day and Club Trophy  
Pairs R1  
Tue 16 Apr Day and Club Trophy  
Pairs R2  
Tue 23 Apr Day and Club Trophy  
Pairs Final  
Wed 24 Apr Pairs League  
Sun 28 Apr Surrey Seminar

### May 2013

7-9 May EBU Spring Sims  
Sun 12 May Mary Edwards Cup  
Mon 13 May EBU Spring Sims  
Tue 21 May Boschler & Karlsen  
Teams (Qualifier)  
Tue 28 May Boschler & Karlsen  
Teams (Final)  
Wed 29 May Pairs League

### June 2013

Sat 1 Jun Summer ladders begin  
Wed 19 Jun AGM  
Sun 23 Jun Surrey B Swiss Pairs  
Wed 26 Jun Pairs League

Please refer to the Wimbledon Bridge Club website for Rules and Guidelines for all competitions  
[www.wimbledonbridgeclub.co.uk](http://www.wimbledonbridgeclub.co.uk)