

CAMBERLEY BRIDGE CLUB

JUN₁₇ NEWSLETTER (003)

CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

Hi all and welcome to the Camberley Bridge Club Newsletter!

Attendances have picked up in recent weeks, which is good to see. I hope everyone is enjoying their bridge in a competitive but friendly environment.

Your committee discussed the hosting system which the Club has been trialing since the new year. We have agreed to make it a permanent feature of our Club, since it makes us more welcoming to potential members, and enables members temporarily without a partner, perhaps through illness or holidays, to turn up and expect a game of bridge. However, we depend on members volunteering to host sessions - the numbers of volunteers has fallen off lately, and I would appeal to you to register as a host, when your regular partner is missing. The more sessions we have with hosts, the more confident members will feel about turning up on their own – please read the note from Linda later on this.

Our recent charity week was a great success, enabling £500 to be donated to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Thanks to all those who donated.

You might like to consider becoming part of a team to play either in the BBL or the Surrey League. Each has several divisions, so you will play against opponents of about the same standard as you. Frances and I have played for the last four years in the Surrey League, latterly with Sylvia and Linda, and we have all thoroughly enjoyed the different challenge. If we can do it, anyone can!

Best wishes,

Geoff Williams

DIARY DATES

Dates to note in July:

2	Sun	Surrey AGM at Oxshott
6	Thu	Chairman's Shield 4 of 6
13	Thu	Thursday Championship – 7 of 10
21	Fri	Maureen Millar and Hazel Withers Cups (Total Points)
24	Mon	Monday Championship - 7 of 10

TABLE NUMBERS

Average attendances: Comparison of the 11 week similar period in 2016 with 2017:

Monday declined from 13.3 tables to 11.8 (-11%)

Thursday declined from 10.9 to 10.6 (-5%)

Friday was steady at 9.0 (+1%)

Overall weekly decline was from 33.1 to 31.4 (-5%)

Annual averages show an average of 30.3, probably because the two 11-week averages have a seasonally higher attendance

HOST SYSTEM

As agreed at the last AGM we have been running a Hosting System on a trial basis, and it has now been agreed to make this a permanent feature at Camberley Bridge Club.

We are still looking for volunteers to Host on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Hopefully if we can advertise on the web-site that a Host is available it will encourage new members to give us a try as well as helping members to go along when their permanent partners are not available for a short period.

But to make this system work we need members to volunteer in greater numbers.

When you are a Host you have the advantage of having a “free” evening when you play and also have £2 refunded to you if you go home without playing.

A member of the Committee will be coming round in the next couple of weeks asking if people will volunteer for Hosting.

We are concerned that there has been less attendance at the club over the last few months which means that the club has received less income. It is our club and to make it successful we need to encourage members to attend as well as attracting new members.

So please help by agreeing to be a Host for one day a year.

EBU NUMBERS

From July, the club will be switching over to EBU numbers for entry in the Bridge Pads. This is in line with the majority of clubs and county events and should help to minimize the volume of numbers we all have to remember!

This will ease the admin of synchronizing lists within the various club systems as well as assisting the members in memorising their EBU number for use with the host system and logging on to the members’ area.

Printed lists will be available at the club and previous newsletters (on CBC site) contain guides on how to log in to the members area where you can view your EBU number and amend your personal details.

NEW RULES

In 2017 New rules will be coming in (August 2017).

A guide and notes are on the EBU site - <http://www.ebu.co.uk/node/2736>

Camberley will be hosting a training course for our Directors and interested members (expected in August).

MEMBERS’ NEWS

We are pleased to see that Ian Lewis playing with Simon Oldham won the BBL End of Season pairs in June.

David Pinder and Colin Bailey were well placed in the Corwen Cup (a national event and extremely tough field).

Congratulations to 2 CBC teams who finished 1st and 2nd in Division 2, well done to all in Alan’s and Ian’s teams!

ETIQUETTE & TABLE RULES

On our website, we have now published our Etiquette and Table Rules. An excerpt of 1 will be displayed on the home page and will be updated every month or so to cycle through them – the full list is here: [CBC Etiquette](#)

MATCH REPORT FRO JANE GREEN

Lady Rose – The last remaining CBC team (Jane Green’s team) lost to last year’s winners in the semi-final.

Bracknell League – Final standings:

A Team – 4th averaging 8.9 points and avoid relegation

B Team – 6th averaging 8.4 (but had 4 good wins)

C Team – 6th with 6.25 (but 2 convincing wins against local rivals YHBC)

Surrey League –

- Division 1 team captained by Jane Green 6th 7.4 with 2 matches to play
- Division 2 team captained by Ian Lewis 2nd 14.4
- Division 2 team captained by Trevor Hobson, 3rd 9.0
- Division 2 team captained by Alan Coales, 1st 15.0
- Division 3 team captained by Geoff Williams, 4th 10.4

Home Counties League – Camberley has members in both Surrey teams – Ian’s team has won the title, the first full season for Ian in this team and the first time the Purple team has ever won the title! Jane and Tim played in the Orange team and finished 3rd (1 point behind 2nd).

CBC fielded a team in the Surrey Wanborough Cup (final for Club Team champions) and finished a creditable 2nd out of 14 – well done to Jane & Tim Green, Julie Kennedy and Richard Sheridan.

Camberley teamed up with YHBC to organise a Swiss Pairs event on May Day 2017.

This was a great success and hit capacity at 20 tables. Barbara & Val finished a close 2nd and Andy & Michelle were 3rd. The winners were a strong pair from Richmond, well done Marietta & Janet!

Over £300 was raised for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and great fun was had by all.

CURRENT COMPETITIONS PROGRESS TO DATE

Competition	Current Leaders / Winners
Thursday Champions	Marie Thomson & Robin Duncan 353.27 with 4 events to go
Monday Champions	Ian Lewis & Jo Brock 350.86 with 4 events to go
John Warren Goblet	Qualifier on 9 th Nov, Final on 16 th Nov
Members Plate	16 th Nov
Greta Clark Cup	9 th Oct
Dave Withers’ Cup	Diana Matthews & Max Baumann (winners)
Chairman’s Shield	Fairhurst Team 113 Imps with 3 events to go
Florence Lewis Crockery Cup	Barbara, Val, Ron & Dennis (winners)
Ken Moore Tankard	Ian Lewis 1320 master points to date
Hazel Willis Cup	21 st Jul
Maureen Millar Salver	21 st Jul

Many thanks for reading and happy Bridging! A few flyers that may be of interest follow this newsletter.

Geoff and the CBC Committee

ANDREW ROBSON

BRIDGE

MASTERCLASS

Itinerary

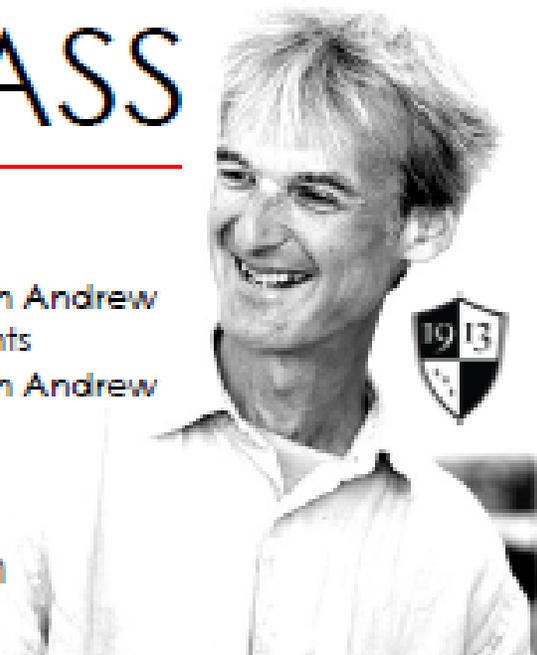
10:00 - Tea / Coffee & Biscuits

10:30 - Teaching & Playing Lesson Part 1 with Andrew

12:45 - Two Course Hot Lunch & Refreshments

14:00 - Teaching & Playing Lesson Part 2 with Andrew

An exclusive audience with the country's finest bridge player and author of no less than 20 books on playing the game.



THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER

CAMBERLEY HEATH GOLF CLUB

£90 PER PAIR OR £180 TABLE

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CALL

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