

CAMBERLEY BRIDGE CLUB

SEP17 NEWSLETTER (004)

CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

Hi all and welcome to the Camberley Bridge Club Newsletter!

It's good to see attendances at Club climbing again. I hope that means that everyone is enjoying the friendly but competitive environment. Speaking of which, the major Club competitions are reaching a climax in the next couple of months - come along and make sure that the eventual winners have had to work hard for their victory!

The Host system is working only patchily (see more from Linda below). On the one hand, we don't have enough volunteers to host sessions. On the other, when we do have hosts, we have singles turning up, pleased that they are guaranteed a game. I urge you to put your name on Linda's list.

As I'm sure you appreciate, the Club requires a team of volunteers to manage its affairs. The AGM is on Monday, 6th November at 7.00pm and you might like to consider whether you would be willing to join the committee, because some changes of personnel are going to take place. Arthur is standing down as Treasurer after 10 years and will be leaving the committee; and I'm standing down as Chairman after a mere two years, but am willing to continue on the committee in another capacity. Jane has kindly agreed to step in as Treasurer and Ian has taken on the Match Secretary duties.

The excellent news is that Val is prepared to take on the Chairmanship, and no-one could have served a better apprenticeship for this role nor put more into the Club over many years.

Best wishes,

Geoff Williams

DIARY DATES

Dates to note in October:

8	Sun	Surrey Club Pairs Challenge Final
9	Mon	Greta Clark Cup
12	Thu	Thursday Championship – 10 of 10
15	Sun	Woking Blue Point Swiss Pairs
23	Mon	Monday Championship - 10 of 10

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership Fees are due again! Renewal is 1st October and we will be sending rounds forms and then emails during October – Fees remain static at £10 per annum per player with £2 table money (£3 for Visitors)

BRIDGEPADS

The Committee are aware of the ongoing issues with the Bridgepads. We are investigating how we can fix these problems and if we are not able to, we will be looking at a change of system. If this is the case, we will endeavor to make this change as painless as we can.

TABLE NUMBERS (DAVID PINDER)

Average weekly attendances: Comparison of the latest 13-week period with the same-13 week period in 2016:

Monday declined from 12.0 tables to 11.6 (-3%)

Thursday rose from 11.1 to 11.2 (+1%)

Friday rose from 7.8 to 8.3 (+7%)

Overall weekly increase was from 30.8 to 31.1 (+1%)

The 52-week average was only 30.3 tables per week, probably because the two 13-week averages have a seasonally higher attendance.

HOST SYSTEM (LINDA HOLT)

Over the last three months (June to August) we have had a total of 38 bridge sessions where a Host could be available. The number of Hosts offering their services totaled 28.

Some of these were cajoled into hosting but quite a number offered their services freely.

It appears that our Host system has not encouraged any new members into the club which is what we were hoping would happen. However, I have noticed that there is a definite increase in single players, already members of the club. Sometimes this means that the single players partner up and play together while the Host has to leave or they do play with the Host. This does mean that more members get a chance to play, and feel comfortable coming to the club in the expectation of being able to play, even when they do not have a definite partner.

A reminder to our members:

If you would like to be a Host at one of our bridge sessions, go into the web site and click on the Host Calendar on the left of the page.

Then click on the date when you would like to host. It will then come up with a request for your EBU number. Enter this and you are all set.

EBU NUMBERS

From July, the club has switched over to EBU numbers and this seems to have settled down now and making life much easier from an admin point of view. Many thanks to you all for helping make this transition reasonably painless.

NEW RULES

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

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

There are links on our own home page too for quicker references

MEMBERS' NEWS

David Pinder and Alan Coales were well placed in the Surrey BH Swiss Pairs.

Not such good news from a much-loved member of our club, Rodger Hughes. He has given permission for the following to be made public – his spirits seem high and he is a real fighter, we wish you well Rodger:

Dear CBC members

Trust you are all well and fit. Sadly, my health has taken me to another level! For some time, I have had problems sitting with legs down, still on Warfarin plus Penicillin to keep infections etc at bay, no Spleen.

A few weeks ago, I was having problems with being breathless and suffering pains across my chest. Cut a long saga short I have been in and out of FPH with blood tests and receiving blood as my blood count is well down. I have had two Bone Marrow extractions plus X Rays etc etc. More blood tests to be taken and more blood transfusions ahead plus a Scan. It is highly expected that I have Hodgkin Lymphoma and will be having Chemotherapy etc in the near future.

I am very positive with this illness and despite being 74 I will win this battle. Looking back I have had blood issues ever since I was 21 with DVT after bone surgery in my left leg.

I will keep you posted with any news.

Yours ever

Rodger 🍀xxx

MATCH REPORT (IAN LEWIS)

Having recently started in this position, I have sent out a few emails to our members and been in contact with Surrey and Berks and am keen to actively promote these events (as well as national events) – we have some strong members, keen members and members who would get a lot out of these events, do give them a go....

Lady Rose – Entries still being taken on the Surrey site [HERE](#). 3 teams with CBC members have entered so far....

Bracknell League:

A Team – Division 2, first match Weds 20th Sep17 and we won 20-0, a good start.

B & C Teams withdrew this year – it is slightly sad to see only 1 team entered and I hope to encourage a few more for next season

Surrey League – Entries still being taken on the Surrey site [HERE](#). 6 teams with CBC members have entered so far.... Effectively, 2 teams from BBL have switched to Surrey.

Home Counties League – Camberley has members in both Surrey teams and the season is about to get under way.

CBC are fielding 2 NICKO teams this year

Camberley are teaming up with YHBC to organise another Swiss Pairs event on May Day 2018 (7th May18).

Profits will be for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

CURRENT COMPETITIONS PROGRESS TO DATE

Competition	Current Leaders / Winners
Thursday Champions	Marie Thomson & Robin Duncan 371.17 with 1 event to go
Monday Champions	Ian Lewis & Jo Brock 352.96 with 2 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	Thomson team 146 Imps with 1 event to go
Florence Lewis Crockery Cup	Barbara, Val, Ron & Dennis (winners)
Ken Moore Tankard	Ian Lewis 1865 master points to date
Hazel Willis Cup	Margaret Bradshaw & Ian Lewis
Maureen Millar Salver	Tony & Ann Fitzgerald

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

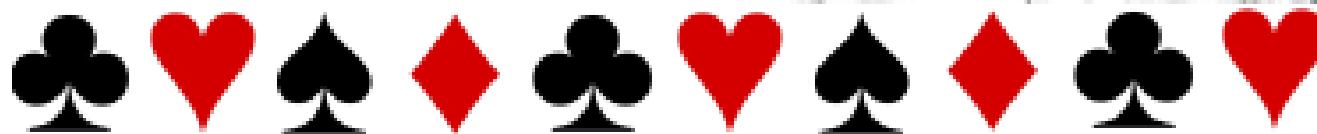
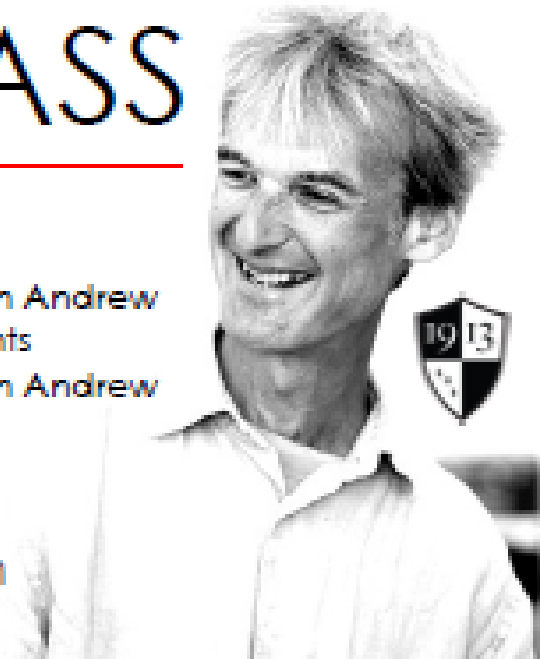
10:00 - Tea / Coffee & Biscuits

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

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£90 PER PAIR OR £180 TABLE

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