

## **Southern Counties 2018 Junior Bridge Camp briefing note for Kent KCBA**

**William Bourne**

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Objective:** Provide a weekend of enjoyable bridge for up to about 45 residential 8-21 year olds and possibly more non-residential. Offer a 'taster' morning for newcomers to bridge.

**Sponsor:** Sussex County Contract Bridge Association to subsidise juniors and underwrite to £1000  
EBEDCIO have offered £500 subsidy subject to approval  
Davenport Trust - a phone call to Simon Stocken has been organised  
Surrey Junior Officer has been briefed and is supportive

**Date:** Saturday and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Charge: (subject to confirmation)** c £65 for Juniors, £100 for Adults residential, £35/£65 non residential to include accommodation, two lunches, dinner, breakfast

**Organisation:** Planning group to consist of William Bourne, Martin Pool, one member from West Kent Junior bridge. We are keen to involve parents as much as possible. Till a volunteer comes forward, William's PA will handle registration enquiries.

### **Venue**

Ardingly College, near Haywards Heath RH17 6SQ. If residential numbers exceed Ardingly's limit, we are making contingency plans for other accommodation nearby. This venue was used in 2016, and the feedback was generally good.

### **Finances**

Without subsidy, event is currently projected to make a loss of between £274 and £940 on residential numbers of 30 to 59 paying (including subsidised) juniors and a ratio of approx. 1 paying adult to 4 children. That includes a £200 contingency item which may not be required. EBEDCIO have indicated they will give a subsidy of £500 subject to approval by Trustees, and Sussex CCBA have agreed to underwrite to £1000, including subsidising their own juniors. A budget is attached to this document.

### **Programme**

The concept will be similar to previous weekends run by EBU/EBEDCIO/Cheltenham/Sussex with five teaching sessions of 60-75 minutes, two main competitions with prizes, and Speedball for the older and keener on the Saturday evening. Depending on numbers, the two main competitions may be stratified.

Registration 0930 on Saturday, Prize giving 1630 on Sunday

### **Enjoyability**

Prizes for different ability groups, Evening speedball for older ones, rounders, football, swimming during afternoon. The intention is to get a young international to present prizes if possible

### **Teaching**

A wide range of teachers will be contacted before Christmas 2017 to elicit who is interested in coming. We will plan for a minimum of one teacher to 8 for mini-bridge and bronze, and one to 12 for silver, gold and platinum. Teaching will be on the basis of the EBEDCIO Junior Awards Scheme

and subject matter will be co-ordinated with Cheltenham to ensure continuity. The England Junior U-16 squad may use the event as a training session ahead of Worlds in August.

### **Taster session**

We are considering a 'taster' session ie a 2 hour session on Saturday or Sunday for those who don't play bridge and might be interested. Format will depend on how much interest we can generate.

### **Health and Safety**

All teachers and official helpers to be DBS cleared and to wear Junior Bridge Festival polo-shirts. All to be well aware of Ardingly procedures in case of emergency, number to call if trouble in middle of night. A site visit by the organising group will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

### **Logistics on the day**

We will ask parents and volunteers to help with registration, setting up competitions, assisting teachers with lower ability groups if required, and clearing up

Richard Banbury has volunteered to provide boards, scoring equipment and to attend the weekend to direct and score the competitions.

### **Numbers**

Target is 45 children age 8-21. There is a hard-residential constraint of 52 (subject to site visit confirmation) beds at Ardingly school, and we are doing some contingency planning against higher numbers. Local parents may be willing to come by the day. Planning is for between 32 and 59 children plus accompanying parents.

**Follow up** The extent of the follow-up will depend on the success of this event. We would like to see it become an annual event supported by SCCBA, KCBA, and Surrey CBA much like the Wessex Junior Bridge event in Cheltenham. If successful, we also envisage two other regional 'days' to follow in the autumn and winter of 2018/9. These would comprise two training sessions in the morning followed by a competition in the afternoon.

### **Marketing**

A heads-up will go out before Christmas and details of the event will be on the EBED page in the January EBU magazine. Separate flyers are being produced, one for bridge players and one for non-bridge players. The former will go as broadly as possible to teachers, bridge clubs, and others with influence within junior bridge. The latter will go to local schools, chess organisations, and other similar events.

### **What would we like from KCBA?**

First and foremost, general support for the event through publicising it so that numbers are good. We have already invited the West Kent Junior Bridge Group to nominate a parent, teacher, or member to join the organising group.

If KCBA is willing to provide a subsidy, a subsidy to help KCBA juniors attend would encourage good numbers and probably be the most effective way to make the event a success. If the preference is to give a subsidy (£500), that would enable a reduction of approx. £5 per head off all prices.

In return, we would like to put KCBA's logo on the marketing alongside SCCBA's and EBED's so that the event is seen as being regional rather than county.