

AEO report for KCBA Committee Meeting July 2025

After the last committee meeting, I emailed all the Kent teachers promoting the Beginners Duplicate games which were run by KCBA but received no responses at all and the numbers did not increase for these games.

I also emailed all the teachers in June regarding the -9 High Event being run at Maidstone but had just one reply from a teacher at Folkestone Club who advised me that she had emailed all her former students and she had also asked her chairman to advise all of their members about this. At my request, Deal and Dover and Ace Bridge Clubs in Deal announced this event at their bridge sessions to promote this for the County. One pair from Deal and Dover took part as well as one of our Kent teachers with her partner.

Unfortunately, I have not heard from Mary Cousins, who took over the role of County and Membership Development Officer (C&MDO) at the EBU in March 25. Her brief is to lead, develop, and implement their membership drive to all the clubs in the country.

I have contacted Clive Turner asking whether it may be possible to organise a TTC in mid Kent at some time in the next 9 months and I am awaiting a response as he is out of the office until 8th July.

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