



NEWSLETTER MAY 2019

A necessarily brief missive this month since we have lost the talents of Joan Pooley who so ably edited the SCBA Newsletter for so long.

To kick off, a question to which the answer can be found at the end.... which canine is an honorary life member of the ACBL?

A reminder initially that the **AGM** will take place on May 26th at 1.00pm at **Woolavington Village Hall**.

The agenda is here:

<http://www.bridgewebs.com//somerset/SCBA%20AGM%202019%20agenda.htm>

Directions to the hall are here:

<https://www.woolavingtonvillagehall.co.uk/contactwoolavingtonvillagehall>

Be warned that there are roadworks on the M5 which can cause congestion around Junction 23 and average speed cameras are in place so that we can all enjoy watching our speedometers rather than the vehicle in front.

After the AGM there will be a random **Swiss teams event** where pairs will play opponents of a similar NGS rating – this is a light-hearted event with a great tea sponsored by the county to ensure that any light-headedness is not due to hunger.

Entries can be made here: http://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoe/bw.cgi?pid=display_page1&sessid=702674785101107&wd=1&club=somerset by those with quick reflexes – entries close 19th May!

Bear in mind that our excellent caterers can cope with **special dietary requirements** so please email me on paul.burgess738@gmail.com if you have any queries.

PLEA FOR OTHERS TO DO THE HARD WORK FOR ME

In future newsletters I would like to continue publicising the county clubs – if anyone fancies jotting down some thoughts on their club, its make-up and history then I would be delighted to include them in future mailings. Similarly if there are any events coming up including charity days, seminars or lessons or anything that may be of interest to bridge players then let me know and I will include this in our diary.

In the meantime do not forget the **West of England Congress** 4th - 6th October – entries are now open and all details can be found here: http://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwom/bw.cgi?pid=display_page22&sessid=429898509131934&wd=1&club=somerset

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The eagle eyed amongst you may have noticed the logo for A L Fleming at the head of the newsletter. The company is providing generous support for SCBA over the next three years in a recently ratified sponsorship agreement. They have been providing a high quality service to bridge players for many years . Please show your appreciation by checking out the opportunities available on their website here: <https://alfleming.co.uk/>

RESULTS

A tough time for Somerset in the Western League this month, the A team going down 13 -7, the B team 14 – 6 and the C team 18 -2.

Results page on the SCBA website can be found here: http://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwom/bw.cgi?club=somerset&pid=display_past&sessid=429898509131934

We are confident that a revival in fortunes is imminent. Remember that bridge is simply a test of your skill versus your opponents' luck.

Finally then the answer to the question posed at the beginning – the canine in question is **Snoopy** as drawn by Charles Schulz who was an avid bridge player. He drew several bridge related cartoons featuring actual hands and a great feeling for the obsession that this game can generate. Not being confident enough to steal copyright material I will leave it to your Google skills to find some examples!