



SCBA Newsletter



Somerset AGM – Sunday September 25^h 1pm
Woolavington Village Hall

This will be followed by a free Swiss Pairs event so bring your partner!

Upcoming Events

National Handicap Pairs

Realbridge **September 4th** 1pm

This is an EBU competition with handicaps based on players' NGS ratings. To win a pair needs to exceed their predicted score by the highest percentage giving all participants an equal chance of winning.

Have a good day and you could win a national tournament from the comfort of your own home!

The event is taking place in various clubs across the country and Somerset are hosting a virtual session. The expectation is that the format will constitute 30 or so boards played in a single session so finishing mid afternoon. Seeing a few Somerset names on the leaderboard would be great.

Entry £10 per pair.

Check out the EBU website for more details.

Sign up [here](#)

PAIRS LEAGUE on REALBRIDGE

◆ THE PAIRS LEAGUE RETURNS! ◆

This popular event will return in the Autumn but in a different format. Leagues will be formed from those entering and the competition will be a Swiss Pairs event with IMPS scoring played on Realbridge. There will be 5 sessions in the first iteration of the league and each session will consist of 2 x 12 board matches.

Sessions will start at 7.15pm usually on the last Friday of the month. The first match of each series is a random assignment. The movement for all remaining matches in sessions 1, 2 and 3 is then Swiss. The Swiss is then reset before Session 4 so you may play again pairs in session 4 and 5 that you have already played in the first 3 Sessions.

The size of the divisions and the criteria for promotion and relegation will depend on the number of entries. Substitute players and pairs may be used by agreement with the organiser and only if the NGS grades of the replacement player/s are within one grade of the player/s to be replaced.

At the end of season 1 promotion and relegation will take place before the second season starts in the Spring.

Entry costs £30 per pair for the season. You can enter [here](#)

Directors Refresher Course

SEMINAR FOR DIRECTORS

This very short online seminar is for those who intend to start, or have just recently started or returned to directing duplicate bridge sessions at club level.

Topics to be covered will include how to choose the best movement using EBU Score and how to deal with the commonest problems i.e. revokes, penalty cards, leads and plays out of turn.

The course will be delivered by EBU Director Richard Banbury on Thursday September 15th from 10-12am using ZOOM and will be FREE.

Return to Woolavington

Results

After 890 days away and 469 online games it was wonderful to return to Woolavington for the Paul Jones event which was convincingly won by the team of Alan & Jette Bailey, Eric Cummings and Ceri Pierce. Our visitors from Devon captained by Richard Lingham took the silver medals with the bronzes going to Sheena Lanham's team. Fortunately Frank Coltman and Andy Ridgers had remembered how to direct and score so now we look forward to the AGM and Swiss pairs on September 25th.



Cornwall CBA will be running a one-day green-pointed Swiss Pairs competition on Sunday 18 September 2022.

7 x 7 board matches online on RealBridge starting at 11.00am and finishing about 6.15pm with a break after three matches. Entry fee is £15.00 per player.

Entry is via the CCBA website

bridgewebs.com/cornwall.

Congratulations to the following Somerset players on their **Master Point promotions:**

Club Masters	Jerry Bower, Jane Darby, Lucy Fearon , Wendy Ledingham
Local Masters	Ian Dowler, John Wilson

Learn Bridge at Winscombe Bridge Club

Two new courses commence in October:

Monday 3rd October 10am

Wednesday 5th October 7pm

Tell your friends and relatives or sign them up as a present that will keep on giving.

Check out the website – www.bridgewebs/winscombe

or contact Janet O'Brien – obrien-jm@outlook.com

Another Vugraph Special

♠ 7 3
♥ A Q 10 4
♦ K Q 10 5
♣ 8 7 3

♠ A 10 9 6
♥ K 6 3
♦ 7 6 4 3 2
♣ 2

♠ J 8 4 2
♥ 9 5 2
♦ J 9
♣ A Q 9 5

♠ K Q 5
♥ J 8 7
♦ A 8
♣ K J 10 6 4

A fun one from the European Championships France playing Ireland.

With Ireland North-South the bidding proceeded thus, South opening 1NT.

2C stayman, 2D denying, 3NT by North making plus one for 430 and a flat hand predicted.

Not quite.

Pilon for France opened 1NT but Bompis raised to 3 clubs which was alerted.

Hanlon opted to double for the lead and Pilon redoubled.

Passed out this also made plus one but for a score of 840.

A rather Gauling 9 imps.

A few hands later and this happened to redress the balance:

♠ A 9 6 5
♥ 10 8
♦ K J 9 7
♣ 9 8 6

♠ J 10 4
♥ Q 9 6
♦ Q 6
♣ A K Q 10 2

♠ K Q 8 2
♥ A J 7 5
♦ 4 2
♣ J 7 5

♠ 7 3
♥ K 4 3 2
♦ A 10 8 5 3
♣ 4 3

The bidding was the same in both rooms this time 1NT by West, 2C, 2D, 3NT.

Nothing to see here.

A spade lead won in dummy was the first trick in both rooms but at this point the play diverged somewhat.

McGann led a small **diamond** from the table! The defence never found their fit and Ireland made plus one while France went three off in the other room.

I wonder what the French for 'hornswoggle' is?

Note: Translated as 'corsaire' according to Google.... maybe the Irish flag should be changed to the skull and cross-bones.

To end as we began – **The West of England Congress** is only a month or so away. The programme commences on the Friday with **Mens, Ladies** and **Mixed Pairs** competitions in the afternoon and **Championship pairs** in the evening. The **Swiss Pairs** event runs on Saturday with the **Swiss Teams** being played on the Sunday. Last year was hugely successful as the first major event to be played post lockdown and we look forward to another sparkling weekend with the chance to see some familiar and not so familiar faces and enjoy a great weekend of bridge.

Entries can be made [here](#)

Or email woecongress@mail.com sending player's names, EBU numbers, events to play in, total fees and how payment will be made.