

Newsletter

January 2024 – Happy New Year

Andrew Robson Day

March 13th, Crispin Hall in Street

Bookings now being taken



This will be a fun and informative day run by the UK's pre-eminent bridge educator. Places are limited to 80 and you do not need a partner to attend.

Cost is only £30 for the day and, for early bird bookings made before February 14th, last year's rate of £27.50 will apply.

The day starts at 9.30am (please arrive by 9.20am) and finishes at 4.30pm.

Please contact Sheree Pavey at scbasec17@yahoo.com to register, and please pay online to SCBA 30-98-45, 03080007 with the reference "AR [your surname]".

Note that this venue is unable to provide food so delegates will need to bring their own or buy from eateries in the vicinity.

Looking forward to seeing you on the day.

Simon Brooke

Somerset Events

Somerset have a number of events that you and fellow members may wish to take part in between February and May.

These events have been designed for all players, not just players who have a high NGS rating. In particular the 9 high event is clearly designed for players who have an NGS rating of 9 or lower.

From personal experience, playing against better players is the quick way to improve a player's performance.

May I particularly ask Clubs to try and field a Team of 8 for the event on 23 March?

Sunday 11 February	Championship Pairs	Woolavington
Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February	Michael Coda Cup	Clubs
Wednesday 13 March	Andrew Robson Day	Street
Saturday 23 March	Inter Club Teams of 8	Woolavington
Sunday 21 April	Mixed Pairs 9 High Pairs	Woolavington Woolavington
Sunday 12 May	AGM	Woolavington

A couple of hands to challenge your bidding.

First hand

You pick up AK543, AQ8, AQJ5, 9.

You open 1S, Partner bids 2C. You rebid 3D, partner bids 4D.

Assuming partner has at least 9 HCP. What is your next bid?

Second hand

1084, AK8, Q5, KJ862.

Your partner opens 1D, your RHO bids 1H, you bid 2C, your LHO bids 4H, your partner bids 5C. Next player passes. What do you do?

Any player who would like to know what to bid on these two hands should email me at mjwigmores@hotmail.co.uk. If they get both right, they will have done better than I did!

Festival of Bridge

Finally, the EBU would like Clubs and Counties to take part in the Festival of Bridge from 9–15 September by organising events in that period. Tony Russ will be writing to Clubs giving more details.

It would be helpful if you could nominate a member of your Club to act as liaison officer with the County. If you could let me have their name and email address this would assist me.

Michael Wigmore

On behalf of Somerset Contract Bridge Association

Don't Forget...

Calendar

The regularly updated Calendar of Somerset events is on our website at www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwor/bw.cgi?club=somerset&pid=display_future

EBU Master Point Promotions

These are published monthly in the second week after month-end, so about 9th February for January promotions, and those for Somerset members will appear on our homepage.

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