



Christmas 2020 Newsletter

Christmas message from the Chairman:

On behalf of the SCBA I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year. The last twelve months have been difficult for everybody but there does seem to be glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel and we must hope for the best in 2021.

In the meantime and recognising that not everybody will be surrounded by friends and family over this Christmas period we have arranged a programme of online events including a couple of free events with prizes and culminating in a Blue pointed Swiss Pairs to start the New Year.

To help us get in the mood we are having a Christmas Drinks on Zoom (!) after the game on December 21st. Please join us even if you don't play the game- the link will be published on the website. Fancy dress is optional.

I would like to thank everybody who has played a part in keeping bridge alive in Somerset during the pandemic - you are all brilliant- and I wish you a most enjoyable holiday.

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Seasonal (and beyond) Events

Monday December 21st	Normal game	1pm	3BB\$
	Afterwards Christmas drinks via Zoom - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9153592779		
Tuesday December 22nd	Realbridge	1pm	£2
Wednesday December 23rd	Normal game	1pm	3BB\$
Thursday December 24th	Christmas Eve Special Free Game	1pm	
	PRIZES to both N/S and E/W 1st 15BB\$ each, 2nd 10BB\$,3rd 5BB\$		
ChristmasDay	No Game		
Saturday December 26th	Realbridge	1pm	£2
Sunday December 27th	Realbridge	6pm	£2
Monday December 28th	Boxing Day Bank Holiday Special Free Game	1pm	
	5x5 board round SWISS PAIRS PRIZES to top 3 pairs 1st 15BB\$ each, 2nd 10BB\$,3rd 5BB\$		
Tuesday December 29th	Realbridge	1pm	£2
Wednesday December 30th	Normal Game	1pm	3BB\$
Thursday December 31st	Normal Game	1pm	3BB\$
New Years Day	Normal Game	1pm	3BB\$
Saturday January 2nd	Realbridge	1pm	£2
Sunday January 3rd	County Swiss Pairs	BLUE	5BB\$
Monday January 4th	Normal games resume		

Further details of all the above are available on the SCBA website:

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/somerset/>

[CLICK HERE FOR EBU NEWS ABOUT FORTHCOMING ONLINE COMPETITIONS](#)

2020 Championship teams – this will be played online starting in January entries close 31st December.

January 30th/31st Dorset Green Pointed Swiss Pairs/Teams. Details can be found [here](#)

EWBA February Congress – 20th & 21st February 2021 [All the details are here.](#)

The EBU magazine **English Bridge** is very ably edited by Langport's Lou Hobhouse and offers a host of quizzes including Andrew Robson's Christmas Quiz to test your judgement. If you do not receive a printed copy the online magazine can be accessed via My EBU on the website.

Remember Mike Martin's book of Bridge Crosswords is available for last minute stocking filling. Search for **Bridge Crosswords by Merman** or purchase from the Bridge Warehouse.

Merry Christmas to one and all