



NEWSLETTER August 2019

Dates for your diary:

Paul Jones teams event: 25th August 1.00pm Woolavington

An opportunity to play with your three favourite people – in this event you will play with each team member in turn and hopefully they will still be your three favourite people once the scoring up is completed.

[Entries can be made here:](#)

Mixed Pairs event: 1st September 1.00pm Woolavington



Andrew Robson Seminar: October 18th Victoria Club, Street

Sold out please contact [Daphne Greatorex](#) if you would like to be added to the waiting list.

Winscombe Bridge Club – lessons

October 1st commencement – a two year course for beginners, EBU approved.

Improver lessons on Saturday mornings: 25th September, 26th October, 23rd November and 14th December. These are suitable for those who have completed the two year course or those playing already and looking to improve. Content will be driven by the attendees.

Winscombe Club, an EBU affiliated club, welcomes players of all standards and currently run a support group alongside their Friday bridge sessions. Please contact Janet O'Brien on [the club website](#) for further information or to book a course.

For those further south Taunton bridge club are running assisted play sessions on Friday evenings from August 16th until the end of November. More info from [Sheila Coda](#)

Caroline Macpherson seminar – 16th November Victoria club, Street
Details to follow.

[Details of neighbouring county competitions in which you may be interested can be found on the Somerset Website:](#)

Results from Somerset Competitions:

The Barometer pairs event was won by Caroline Macpherson and Simon Brooke on 61.92% with Roger Sweet and Ian Walsh in second place with 57.95% and John Cockram and Thomas Gibbard completing the podium with 57.18%

[Full results and hand details can be found here:](#)

SCBA COUNTY LEAGUE FOR CLUBS

The SCBA County League 2018-19 is complete and final league tables can be seen on the SCBA web-site.

All results have been finalised with EBU and members of teams who are EBU members and were in a team winning at least one match should soon be credited with EBU points (Blue points for 'A' division, 81 local points per win in 'B' division, 68 in 'C' and 54 in 'D').

Promotion and relegation issues cannot be resolved until the total number of teams entering in 2019-20 is known.

A record 33 teams entering in 2018-19 saw SCBA operating four divisions of 9,8,8 and 8 teams.

With 32 teams playing each session we fill the three Woolavington rooms to capacity, but we can accommodate up to three extra teams by having four divisions of 9 teams,8 of which play each session.

For 2019-20 SCBA are again encouraging individuals who wish to play, but cannot generate enough support within their own club, to form a 'Barbarians' team to play in the lowest division and containing players from two or more clubs.

Please try to encourage your less experienced players to form new club teams or put forward their names if wishing to play in a 'Barbarians' team.

An early indication of any new teams or players for a 'Barbarians' team would be appreciated by Bob Warrender and may be necessary if more than three new teams wish to apply. (marianandbob86@gmail.com)

CLUB UPDATE for Bridgwater and Cannington clubs

The clubs have merged to form one club to be called the Bridgwater & Cannington Bridge Club, Bridge will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights at The Wembdon Parish Centre, Bridgwater TA6 7RR

The club is affiliated to the EBU and will be using newly acquired Bridgemates for scoring.

Long established and with a great history in the county membership is only £5 per annum to cover both weekly sessions and the table money is £2 per person covering both play and refreshments.

Ample parking is available in the nearby Church car park, and the Clubhouse is disabled friendly.

Visitors and new members are welcome

[For more details contact John Scotford\(Chairman\)](#)

Three **club results** to report on the honours board:

For Wells Mary Loakes and Charlie Sutton 73.13% Thursday 25th July
For Cheddar Geoff Davies and partner 71.3% Wednesday 17th July
For Chew Valley Olwen Symons and partner 70.24% Thursday 25th July

Please let me know if there are similar scores achieved so that the club and the players can get a name check.

Finally a bit of bridge. There follows a hand from the AGM Swiss teams event. North South have 4 spades but the question of how to get there arises once dealer East opens with a weak NT. South looks a little skinny to overcall even NV and north in the pass out seat will probably bid 2 spades – will south raise? I was not convinced (and didn't) missing the game.

♠ AKJ54
♥ J3
♦ A9
♣ T872

♠ QT9
♥ K9864
♦ 854
♣ J3

♠ 76
♥ AQT
♦ Q72
♣ KQ964

♠ 832
♥ 752
♦ KJT63
♣ A5

Over a 1 club opener from a strong no trumper things look a little easier giving south a chance to show their hand at the two level – score one for the pre-emptive effect of a weak NT in my book.

Checking the results out of idle curiosity only one pair managed to find the game so take a bow Jackie and Stephen Banks from Chew Valley for a well executed four spades.