



NEWSLETTER JULY 2019

The Glastonbury Festival is over and done with and we can look forward to a return to normality on the roads and television as the happy campers de-canvas. The line-up was carefully scanned for suitable bridge puns (not altogether successfully but one or two may creep in).

The summer itinerary for the SCBA is slightly less rock and roll but here are the dates for your diary.

July 28th – The Barometer Pairs. In this event all pairs play the same boards simultaneously so that they can see their ranking rise and fall after each round. We predict both Stormzy weather and a fair outcome.

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August 25th – The Paul Jones – a teams' event where players swap partners during the course of the competition. Should be a Keane contest as always.

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1st September – Mixed pairs – everyone welcome and as a follow up, mixed teams on **21st September**. High tea (and Koffee) as usual.

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October 18th – Andrew Robson comes to Street for a series of seminars. A golden opportunity to acquire some Killers tips from one of the country's finest players. Early booking advisable. All the details can be found [here](#):

November 16th – Seminar with Caroline Macpherson at Street. More Wiley strategy from one of Somerset's most popular teachers.



Do you want to represent your county?

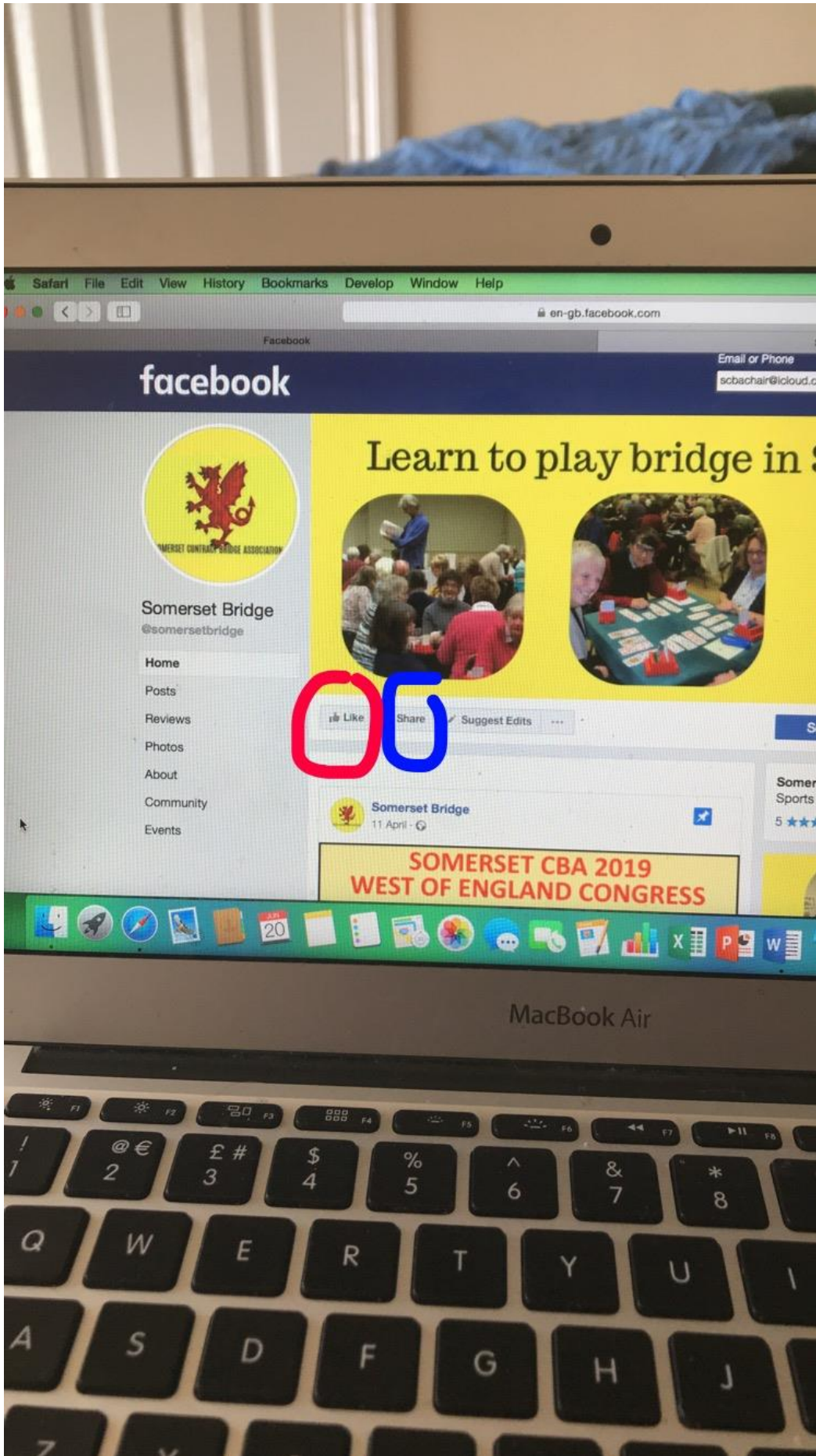
The Western League consists of Avon, Devon, Dorset, East Wales, Somerset, Hereford and Wiltshire. Each season (from September to May) each county plays one match of 40 boards against each of the other seven (home and away alternating each year). There are three divisions A, B and C with teams of four or eight in each division.

If you are not already playing and would like to be considered for selection then please get in touch with [Colin Juneman](#) by the end of July. To qualify for selection you must be an EBU member with Somerset as your county of primary allegiance, playing in a regular partnership and supporting county events.

NEW MEDIA

If you use Facebook then please go to facebook.com/somersetbridge and have a look at our page. The purpose of this is to try and communicate better with the county's bridge players who might use this medium more than others.

If you would like to help build the community then please go to our page, **like** it and **share** with your friends asking them to do the same. Liking and sharing will increase our audience and help promote the county.



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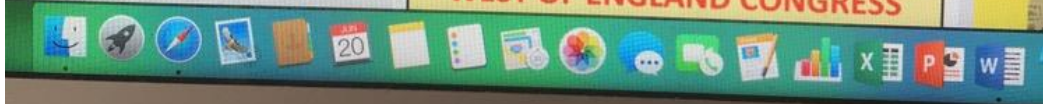
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Additionally, if you have any stories or photographs that are of interest please send them to libby.catchpole97@gmail.com

Competition Feedback

Thank you to those who responded to our recent consultation on county competitions. Following careful consideration of the views expressed the following has been decided to Cure previous issues:

1. The Championship Pairs will be played on an all-play-all basis up to and including thirteen tables. (25 x 2 board rounds) or an 'all play as many as possible' format over 52 boards. Fourteen tables will play 52 boards – 26 x 2 board rounds against all but one pair. Fifteen tables will play 26 x 2 board rounds missing out three pairs and so on.
2. The Championship Teams will be played as the current format this year but next year the first round will be all-play-all with the top four teams progressing to the semi-finals.

The multi-teams event will be played on the weekend of October 10/11 or 17/18 2020.

Future Newsletters

Looking for a little more local input the newsletter would like to offer clubs the opportunity to (Sheryl) Crow about the exploits of their membership so let us know if you have any exceptional scores to report (over 70% would be among the Magic Numbers) or any Grand Slams that have been bid – accompanying hand records and bidding sequences would also be very welcome. The degree of difficulty of the game is legendary and any chance should be seized to celebrate our Triumphs (next newsletter's punning will be based on classic motorcycles....the Ariel Square Four will represent a particular challenge).