



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Huge shout out for **Sheila Coda** who has been awarded the Dimmie Fleming Award by the EBU for her sterling efforts for the county over many years. Having worked tirelessly for Taunton Bridge Club and served on the SCBA committee for thirty five years this is well deserved recognition for one of the counties best known faces. Having featured last month for her success in the Paul Jones teams and second place in the mixed pairs we can only speculate on what she will achieve next month!

MUCH AFOOT – Upcoming Events

West of England Congress

A weekend of competition including the Mens, Ladies and Mixed Pairs on Friday afternoon followed by the Championship pairs in the evening. Saturday sees the Swiss pairs and Sunday the Swiss teams.

All the details can be found here:

http://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=somerset&pid=display_page22&sessid=493837374368889

Only a few days to go but we still have a pair looking for team mates for the event. Please contact woe2019@icloud.com for further details if you are interested.



Great efforts are being made by the County to introduce new players to the game this autumn. Nationally England have enjoyed great success at the World Team Championships. All our teams qualified for the quarter finals with the Seniors winning Silver in the D'Orsi Cup, the Ladies team a bronze medal in the Venice Cup and the Mixed Team just missing out on a podium despite dominating the round robin. The details can be found here:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/2019/09/28/44th-world-team-championships-12th-world-transnational-open-teams-the-winners/>

Hopefully this will improve the profile of the game and we can look forward to an influx of new players and returning players. Here is where they can head to:

FROME – from 3rd October

Every Thursday morning at Wesley Church 9.15- 12.00 am

Sessions available for complete beginners, the rusty and improvers at a cost of £3 per session. Please contact **John Perry** on jp007g9418@blueyonder.co.uk for further details.

West Camel/Lamyatt/Charlton Musgrove – lessons available with **Lou Hobhouse** throughout the autumn. The schedule can be found here: <https://www.bridgewebs.com/somerset/Schedule%20autumn%202019.pdf>

Winscombe Bridge club has three sessions on 26th October , 23th November and 14th December for those with a basic understanding of the game – more details from **Janet O'Brien** on the club website - <https://www.bridgewebs.com/winscombe/>

Winscombe 1st October – start of EBU beginners course. Contact as above.

Street – **Caroline Macpherson** has a seminar on dealing with the op Position (no firearms or edged weapons) booked in at the Victoria Sports and Social Club on Saturday 16th November 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. More details can be found here: https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?pid=display_page81&wd=1&club=somerset

Cossington Village Hall – Newcomers Bridge Congress 1st December 10.00am until 5pm ish. For all those who have recently learned the game or a looking to boost their confidence and experience. Details here: <https://www.bridgewebs.com/somerset/newcomers%20congress%20v%2003.pdf>

Taunton – assisted and supervised play on Fridays – please contact **Sheila Coda** on s.coda850@btinternet.com

In addition there is a **Tournament Directors** training day on November 2nd at **Woolavington** dealing with some of the trickier aspects of the rules of the games (so what are “comparable calls” then if you are playing Precision or Meckwell?). Details here: https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwx/bw.cgi?club=somerset&pid=display_page79

RESULTS

21st September - The Mixed Teams event was won by Alan and Jette Bailey with Ceri Pierce and Eric Cummings scoring 128 VP's.

All the results here: https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?pid=display_rank&event=20190921_1&club=somerset

27th September County leagues now in play

County League One – The table is headed by Yeovil SD with 19 VP's
full results here - https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?pid=display_rank&event=20190927_1&club=somerset

County League Two – the table is headed by Lang port AA with 18 VP's
full results here - https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?pid=display_rank&event=20190927_2&club=somerset

County League Three – the table is headed by Yeovil RP and Cossington DA
both with 19 VP's
full results here - https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?pid=display_rank&event=20190927_3&club=somerset

Finally a hand from the Bermuda Bowl where the brilliance of the players and the game itself were equally on display

♠ 4 3 2
♥ A K J 4 2
♦ 5 3 2
♣ 8 7

♠ 10 8 6
♥ Q 7 5 3
♦ A 10
♣ A K 5 3

♠ A Q J 7 5
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 8 4
♣ J 4 2

♠ K 9
♥ 9 8
♦ K Q J 7 6
♣ Q 10 9 6

How would the bidding progress we all wondered?

Well, on the first table North opened 2 diamonds (as a weak 2 in hearts) NV against V. South bid a very disciplined 2 hearts in which they played, making plus one.

The second table also opted for a the same opening but South looking at their fine diamond suit passed, West decided to venture a double – 3 spades from East and West tried 3 NT.

After what must have been a chastening experience for West the contract went 4 off for an unexpected swing.

It's a bidders game they say – sometimes it is a passers game too.....