



Surrey County Bridge Association 2026 Chairman's Report



2025/6 was a relatively quiet year for the SCBA. Financially, the county is well placed after making a small surplus in the most recent year. I expect a similar outcome for the current year. We remain the largest county with approx. 10% of the total EBU membership

We continue to run one of the largest junior events in the calendar – and I would like to thank Derek Thrumble for all his time and effort to make the event a success. This year we had 24 teams participating across three divisions – with Haberdashers winning the Cup ahead of St Pauls.

With the closure of the Queen Elizabeth Foundation in November 2025, the proceeds of the Dorin Salver were donated to Christophers in Woking, part of the Shooting Star Childrens Hospices group.

In January we welcomed Mary Cousins, the EBU County & Membership Development Officer as well as Jonathan Lillycrop, the EBU Club Liaison Officer, to the SCBA Chairman's lunch and bridge at Bookham.

Sadly, Welcome Bridge Club has recently closed down due to insufficient numbers. Nevertheless overall the amount of bridge played at the county's affiliated clubs remains broadly constant at about 13,000 player sessions per month. Richmond and Wimbledon lead the statistics with approx. 3,000 and 2,000 player sessions respectively, followed by Bookham, Woking and Caterham with 600-500 player sessions each.

Many congratulations to the Hinden team winning Division 1 of the League, the Granville team as winners of the Lady Rose Cup and the Ellis team as winners of the Lady Rose Plate. There were a total of 28 teams in the league and 29 in the Lady Rose.

In response to a request for a more convenient location, this year the County has chosen Woking as the venue for the Mary Edwards (for the winners of each club's championship pairs event).

To broaden the appeal of county events away from "competition", Tony Cherrett is running a duplicate at Leith Hill Place, owned by the National Trust, on Wednesday 2nd September. This includes a cream tea. Booking via the website calendar. It is already proving to be very popular.

We also want to encourage more bridge players to try the "teams" format of the game at a time when duplicate pairs has become ubiquitous. To that end on Saturday afternoon 19th September, in parallel with the main 48 board county green point teams event at Oxted, we will be running a 24 board "no fear" session aimed at teams with an average NGS of 10 or below.

In the same vein I would like to encourage members to try out the Lady Rose Qualifier, a Teams event played online (no special technology needed). This event is free and aimed at teams with an average NGS of 10 and below. Do give it a go !

I would like to take this chance to thank everyone on the county committee, along with all the other helpers across the county for all their hard work as the volunteers who make things happen!

Kind Regards

Richard Banbury

Chairman SCBA

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