



Surrey County Bridge Association

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President's Introduction

I hope you all enjoyed the fine weather we have had over the summer. The season is now underway and I expect many of you will be playing in the club pairs challenge. I would also like to draw your attention to the Bank Holiday Swiss Pairs at the end of the month and the Green Point events over the weekend of September 27/28th. These events are very important to the county financially and your continued support will mean that we can maintain no county pay-to-play levy for longer. On September 17th the county is holding a teams event for less experienced players.

The Metropolitan Cup is fast approaching but it is not too late to put your name forward to Peggy Griffin if you are interested in playing in one of the county teams. We are also potentially interested in players that would like to play in the Home Counties League which runs over the winter months at the Young Chelsea BC.

As I mentioned last year, many Surrey events will no longer have a plated tea, so please check in advance and bring your own food if you would like something to eat in the break. I hope these new arrangements meet with the approval of the majority of you and will encourage more of you to enter. Please reflect any feedback you have on this or any other matters to any member of the Surrey Committee.

In the meantime enjoy your bridge

Graham Osborne
President

The 2014-2015 calendar

Don't forget to print this off and take it to the club to find yourself a partner for all these events! If you know someone who is not on email, then why not print off a copy for them too?

August 2014			
Mon-Fri	18-22	Club Pairs Challenge	Clubs
Mon	25	Summer Swiss Pairs – blue pointed	Banstead
September 2014			
Mon-Fri	15-19	Surrey Sim. Pairs for the Dorin Salver	Clubs
Wed	17	TRY TEAMS	Caterham
Sat	27	Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Spectrum Centre
Sun	28	Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Spectrum Centre
October 2014			
Oct – May		Novice League	at home
Oct – May		Surrey League	at home
Oct – May		Lady Rose Cup and Plate	at home
Sun	12	Club Pairs Challenge Final	Ripley Village Hall
Wed	22	Club Chairmens Lunch	Bookham
November 2014			
Sun	09	Friendly Pairs	Ripley Village Hall
Sun	16	Seniors Pairs	Oxshott
December 2014			
Sun	07	Ian Pagan – The Proper Use of Doubles and Redoubles	Bourne
January 2015			
Sun	11	Affiliated Club Teams of 8	Richmond
Sun	25	Mixed Pairs	Oxshott
February 2015			
Sun	08	Ladies and Mens Pairs	Ripley Village Hall
Sun	15	Friendly Swiss Pairs	Oxshott
Mon-Fri	16-20	Surrey Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
March 2015			
Sun	29	County Pairs Cup and Plate	Oxshott
April 2015			
Sun	12	Spring Swiss Teams	Tba
Sun	26	Friendly Teams	Ripley Village Hall
May 2015			
Sun	10	Mary Edwards Cup	Wimbledon
June 2015			
Sun	07	Leagues Finals	Oxshott
Sun	14	AGM Swiss Pairs	Ripley Village Hall
Tues	16	TRY TEAMS	3 Counties
Thurs	18	TRY TEAMS	3 Counties
Sun	21	TRY TEAMS	Wimbledon
Sun	28	Wanborough Cup	Wimbledon

In order to avoid a clash with the Middlesex Congress's changed date, our Seniors Pairs has moved to Sunday **16th November** from November 30th.

Did you play in the Wanborough Cup? If so, then remember to use your voucher for your free entry to the Lady Rose Cup and the Surrey League Division 2.

Surrey league entries by 1st October.

Novice league entries by 22nd October.

Lady Rose Cup entries by 1st October. Teams knocked out in the first round of the Lady Rose Cup are automatically entered in the Lady Rose Plate.

Don't forget that the blue pointed Summer Swiss Pairs for the Cronin Cup will be held on Bank Holiday **Monday 25th August** at Banstead Community Hall, starting at 1pm.

£100 first Prize! 6 x 8-board matches.

There are no plated teas this year, so you are asked to bring your own food.

Tea/coffee will be available all day.

For more information on events that Surrey County Bridge Association run go to:

www.surreycountybridge.org.uk/Events.php or click on a link in the calendar.

To enter an event either enter online www.surreycountybridge.org.uk/CompetitionEntryForm.php using the online entry form, download an entry form, or contact the competitions secretary Frances Trebble (competitionsecretary@surreycountybridge.org.uk).

Hall of fame for last season

Competition	Players	Place
Club Chairmens Lunch	Graham Osborne & Varda Derwig	First
Club Pairs Challenge Final	Inu Kassam & Anthony Stone	First
Dorin Salver Day 1 Monday	Tony Richards & Martin Camina	First and overall winners
Dorin Salver Day 2 Tuesday	Joyce Bianconi & Mike Lipscomb	First
Dorin Salver Day 3 Wednesday	Linda McBride & Pennie Mackenzie	First
Dorin Salver Day 4 Thursday	Mike Skelly & David Wing	First
Dorin Salver Day 5 Friday	Rosemary Hickman & David Hickman	First
Summer Swiss Teams (Aug BH)	Eddie Richart, Peter Bentley, William Frisby, Yola Makatrewicz	First
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Arun Suri, Bob McRobert, Dee Lindon, Peter Lindon	First
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Peter Lee, Jeffrey Allerton	Second equal
Midweek Pairs	George Blake & Janet Whitham	First
Seniors Pairs	Kath Street & Marian Wilson-Smith	First
Affiliated Clubs Teams of 8	Richmond - Ian Budden, Wendy Lancaster, Dan O'Farrell, Ted Booth, Simon Whiteside, Margaret Page, Richard Millard, Sue Millard	First
Mixed Pairs	Beryl Mullins & Martin Camina	First
Friendly Swiss Pairs	Linda Holt & Peter Holt	First
Ladies Pairs	Pam Powles & Thelma Scott	First
Mens Pairs	Bob James & Peter Hardymont	First
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Monday	Paul Casselle & Peter Hardymont	First
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Tuesday	Jan Plumb & Don Plumb	First
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Wednesday	Vivienne Finch & Kostadin Vasilev	First
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Thursday	Margaret Hamilton & Mike Skelly	First
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Friday	June Buckland & Cherry Davis	First

County Pairs Cup	Peter Lee & Bob Rowlands	First
County Pairs Plate	Jeffrey Allerton & Mike Scoltock	First
Spring Swiss Pairs	Frances Hinden & Graham Osborne	First
Friendly Teams	Margaret Bradshaw, Ian Lewis, Geoff Williams, Frances Dalton	First
Mary Edwards Cup	Yateley & Hawley: Colin Bailey & Jill Cook	First
Lady Rose Cup	Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton & Mike Scoltock	First
Surrey League Division 1	Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton, Mike Scoltock & Peter Lee	First
Surrey League Division 2	Jane Green, Tim Green, Tim Rees, Graham Davison & Keith Wilson	First
Surrey League Division 3	Jenny Breeden, Barbara Beaumont, Joan Clancy & Gesa Coleman	First
Surrey League Division 4	Rosemary Vase, Mary Webster, Carol Clisby & Pauline Finn	First
Novice League	Ann Pressey, Mick Edwards, Ali Kocar & Liz Friend	First
Wanborough Cup	Jeffrey Allerton, Gerard Thompson, Graham Osborne, Frances Hinden	First
Victor Ludorum	Frances Hinden and Graham C Osborne	Joint winners

You can see results from the current and previous seasons on the web site. Go to

<http://www.surreycountybridge.org.uk/CountyFocus.php#HallOfFame>

There is a drop down box to select the season you would like to see the results from. By default it shows the results for the current season.

Stay calm in the Surrey League

Stay calm and improve your bridge results

When most bridge players are asked how to improve bridge results they will talk about improving one's bidding, play and/or defence. These are the fundamental parts of the game, of course, but one under-rated factor is keeping control of one's emotions at the table. Bad vibes can encourage opponents, and distract partner. Worse still, as your mannerisms during the auction and play periods are unauthorised information to partner, they can sometimes place partner under ethical pressure.

Take this recent hand from a key match in the 2013/14 Surrey League.

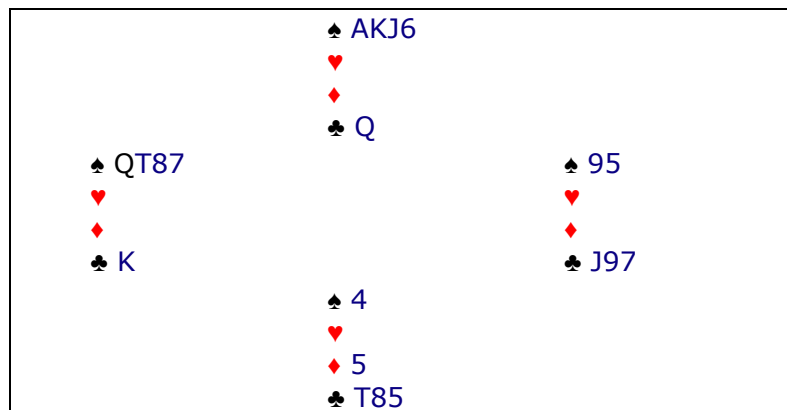
	♠ AKJ6	
	♥ Q64	
	♦ Q432	
	♣ Q6	
♠ QT872		♠ 953
♥ 942		♥ AT73
♦ T87		♦ J
♣ K4		♣ AJ972
	♠ 4	
	♥ KJ5	
	♦ AK965	
	♣ T853	

Dealer S N/S Vul

S	W	N	E	
1♦	P	1♠	dbl ¹	
P	2♥	dbl ¹	P	¹ Take-out
3♣	P	4♦	P	
5♦	P	P	P	

West led ♦7 against South's 5♦ contract and when dummy went down South could see that they were in the wrong contract, with 3NT a likely make. South might have bid 2NT himself over North's double, but many people prefer to focus on partner's bidding: why didn't partner bid 3♥ (or maybe 3NT) over 3♣? At the table, South made no show of emotion or comment on partner's bidding, simply thanking him for the dummy and focusing on how to play this contract with three top losers. South won the opening lead in the dummy and led a low heart. Perhaps East would duck the ace and then declarer could take the spade finesse to discard the other two hearts, subsequently hoping for trumps to break 2-2 so that two clubs could be ruffed in dummy. East foiled that plan by rising with ♥A and when he switched to ♣A the defence seemed well on their way to defeating the contract. But wait: now East started thinking. Clearly he didn't hold ♣K and perhaps he could not read West's signal in the club suit.

After a long trance, East emerged with a second heart. Declarer won in hand, drew trumps and cashed his remaining red suit winners. This was the 5-card ending:



When declarer cash his last trump, West had no answer. He discarded a spade, but declarer discarded ♣Q from the dummy, finessed ♠J and took the last four tricks in spades.

Why didn't East play a 2nd round of clubs at trick 4? Presumably he was concerned that the location of the red suit kings might be reversed compared with the actual layout. Could West have helped East to find the winning defence? Maybe, depending on signalling methods. Could South have done anything to help East find the correct defence? Certainly! Just try criticising North for not bidding 3♥ to ask for a ♥ stop when dummy goes down. Now East knows the probable location of ♥K and the defence is so much easier.

Stay calm, be nice to partner and improve your bridge results!

The Proper Use of Doubles and Redoubles with Ian Pagan

Are you doubling as much as you should be? Find out about the proper use of negative doubles, protective doubles, responsive doubles, lightner doubles, support doubles, lead directing doubles, S.O.S. redoubles, Rosenkrantz redoubles and many more

Ian is one of the country top professional players. He was in the British under 25 team, competed in the Camrose and has won the Spring Fours, the National Men's Pairs a record 4 times, the Hubert Phillips, Crockfords, Tollemache and Pachebo. He played in the winning team in last year's Camrose Trophy.

1.00pm Sunday 7 December 2014

Session 1 – Play (about 24 boards)

Tea Break

Session 2 - Analysis & Instruction

The Bourne Club, 12 Frensham Road, FARNHAM, Surrey. GU9 8HB

Doors Open 12.30, Play starts 1.00, Analysis 4.00, Finish 6.00.

The cost of event is £20 each, which includes a plated tea. Places will be limited and SCBA may need to create a reserve list. Players will be informed if they are on the reserve list.

Please complete the online application on the SCBA website, Any questions please ask Douglas Wright, douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com 07801 989630

TRY BRIDGE

TRY TEAMS

There is a TRY TEAM event in September on 17th Wednesday evening 19.30pm Caterham
These events are for all players who have not played teams before, or for a player who has played teams and would like to bring along friends to learn the tactics of teams.

Players, who are not members of clubs, who are members of non-affiliated clubs and Surrey members are all welcome.

For further details enter on the website or contact Tony Cherrett tonycherrettbridge@gmail.com or douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com 07801989630

TRY WEEKENDS

Why not try a weekend of bridge? There are **Playing Weekends** in Bournemouth hosted by Douglas Wright and June Booty on:

5/7th September
24/26th October

TRY Learning Weekends for Improvers and Club Players hosted by 3 Counties Bridge, Douglas Wright and Laura Porro. Laura is a 28 year old EBU Professional Bridge Teacher. Her extensive teaching background has given her plenty of experience working with students of all ages and levels of expertise, in schools, clubs and privately. Furthermore, Laura has been playing for several years, at local, national and international level. She also qualified to represent the Scottish Bridge Women team in the Home International Series Lady Milne in 2013.

The next **Learning Weekend** is “Improve Defence Play” 15/16th November

For further details contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com 07801989630

TRY TASTER SESSIONS

There are numerous Taster Sessions planned around the county, so please encourage your friends and relatives to find out where the nearest Taster session is planned or ask douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com 07801989630

Swift – a new bidding system

SWIFT: Standard With FanTunes

A natural bidding system in the modern world

Introduction

What does “a natural bidding system – SWIFT” mean to you? Well, I suspect not very much – but watch this space.

As a modern bridge player, what is the general approach in your bidding system? ACOL? SAYC? 2/1? Unless you’re part of the small minority playing Precision, you’re probably playing some derivative of the above. Whilst these systems are somewhat different, developed at different times and on different sides of the pond, the general approach is the same:

- Opening bids of 1 of a suit are limited and non-forcing;
- At least one opening bid of 2 of a suit is conventional, unlimited and forcing.

In 2005, the Italian superstars Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes decided to develop and adopt a bidding system based around an entirely different approach:

- All opening bids of 1 of a suit are unlimited and forcing for one round;
- All opening bids of 2 of a suit are natural, limited and non-forcing.

This system has become known as Fantunes, a combination of the two players’ names. All the bids at the one and two level are natural, with the exception of 1♣, which is either natural or a balanced hand outside the ranges of a 1NT or 2NT opening. Opening bids of 1♥ and 1♠ promise a 5+ card suit and the 1♦ opening shows 4+ diamonds in an unbalanced hand. Fantoni and Nunes have been very successful playing their system, most recently silver medallists (part of Team Monaco) in both the 2013 Bermuda Bowl and the 2014 European Championships.

The Fantunes system has been outlined in the book “Fantunes Revealed”, published in 2013. This is a very interesting book and many players have found the Fantunes system very exciting but a little complicated to adopt. There are certainly many advantages in both the contested and uncontested auctions due to the natural one level bids. The two level bids are more frequent than the weak and strong twos and opponents often find it difficult to compete over them.

Below is a simpler version of Fantunes called SWIFT (Standard With FanTunes) that can be easily understood and adopted by bridge players of all levels. SWIFT follows the principles of modern Two over One Game Forcing (2/1).

Outline of SWIFT

The SWIFT opening bids of 1NT and 2NT show a balanced hand with 12-14 and 20-21 points respectively (a strong NT with 15-17 can also be played), with all other balanced hands being opened 1♣. The opening one bids all promise a nominal 13+ points, so are at least a queen or so stronger than the modern minimum recommended in most “standard” systems. The “rule of 22” is a simple test: add the number of points to the number of cards in the two longest suits and open one of a suit if the total is 22 or more.

The SWIFT opening two bids show 9-12 points with 5+ cards in the bid suit. Any shape is permitted except for 5-3-3-2. These bids may also be opened with slightly fewer points if compensating distribution is held (use the rule of 18 to 21).

All one of a suit openings are completely unlimited (13+ points), so are unconditionally forcing for one round. Responder therefore has to have a means of showing a very weak hand. This is simplest over a 1♣ opening, where the response of 1♦ is a negative bid showing 0-5 points. In a similar way, a 1NT response to 1♠ shows 0-10 points, with the maximum corresponding to that in 2/1.

The responder to a red suit opening doesn't always show a weak hand straight away. There's no explicit negative over 1♦, so the responses of 1♥ and 1♠ are natural showing a 4+ card suit and 0+ points (again completely unlimited). Over a 1♥ opening the responder usually bids 1♠ with a weak hand, but with 5+ spades he responds 1NT (showing 0+ points).

The wide ranges for the 1 level opening bids have several advantages and opener has various low-level forcing rebids that keep the auction low when responder is very weak. One of these is the Gazzilli convention, in which opener's 2♣ rebid after a 1NT response to 1♦, 1♥ or 1♠ shows either clubs or extra values. Similarly the sequence 1♥-1♠-1NT is also Gazzilli.

With stronger hands responder generally bids naturally. Many sequences correspond quite closely to 2/1, with the opener being 2 points stronger in SWIFT and the responder being 2 points weaker. For example, 11+ is sufficient to force to game, e.g. by responding to a 1♥ or 1♠ opening at the 2 level. This overall approach is known as the “principle of the transferred queen”.

Over the 2 level opening bids response may raise pre-emptively. Over a 2♠ opening 2NT is used as a relay. Over 2♣, 2♦ or 2♥ the next suit is the relay, with a 2NT response showing the next suit. Other changes of suit are non-forcing at the two level and forcing at the three level.

Assessment of SWIFT

So how well does SWIFT perform in practice? Several pairs have been playing the system for more than a year now and the following advantages have been observed:

- The high frequency 2 level openings can cause significant problems for the opponents making it difficult for them to compete.

- Playing 5 card major openings with 2 level responses forcing to game offers a significant advantage over Acol or SAYC. With 4 card support responder can choose between a pre-emptive double raise, a Bergen jump to 3♣/3♦ or a Jacoby 2NT. With 3 card support he may offer a constructive single raise (5-8 points), start with the negative response if weaker or slightly stronger, or force to game by responding at the 2 level.
- The extra 2 points promised by the 1 level opening bids offers extra security for responder, particularly if the opponents intervene. The unlimited nature of the opening bids makes some opponents reluctant to compete. Other opponents tend to overcall too freely, thus either getting too high themselves, or helping the opening side by removing the need for responder to bid with a very weak hand.
- The system of responses and rebids after a 1 level opening bid allows information to be exchanged economically. Gazzilli is a very useful convention, as is the 18+ 1NT rebid after the 1♦ opening. Misfits can often be diagnosed safely at a low level.

It's only fair to mention the disadvantages:

- SWIFT takes some time to learn, since it's rather different from any other "standard" system. Significant practice (either at the table or by bidding hands) is necessary, particularly to learn how to show very strong hands.
- Constructive bidding after a 2 of a suit opening is sometimes difficult.
- Minimum range Weak Twos must be passed if first or second in hand. As against this, opener can show an upper-range Weak Two in all 4 suits.
- The ambiguous nature of the 1♣ opening sometimes causes problems if the opponents intervene.

However, these disadvantages are by far more than offset by the advantages shown above. SWIFT is also an enjoyable system to play! SWIFT easily satisfies the EBU system requirements at level 4, so is acceptable in most clubs and county/EBU events.

Examples of SWIFT

Here are two examples from club play that provide a good flavour of SWIFT:

Board 17 from http://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoe/bw.cgi?pid=display_rank&msec=1&event=20140722_1&wd=1&club=walton
(NS pair 6)

Love All, Dealer North

♠ Q
♥ K 8 5 4
♦ K 8 4 2
♣ A 9 8 6

♠ 7 6 5 3
♥ Q
♦ Q J 9 7 5
♣ K 4 2

South	West	North	East
		pass	pass
2♦	dbl	4♦	all pass

The requirements for the opening 2 bids are relaxed when third in hand, especially non-vulnerable, so South has a clear-cut 2♦ opening. North decided not to worry about a possible heart contract and pre-empted in order to keep the opponents out of spades. In practice 4♦ was allowed to make for a near-top, but even one down would have been well above average.

Board 20 from

http://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoe/bw.cgi?pid=display_rank&msec=1&sessid=518816111108035&event=20130611_1&wd=1&club=walton

(NS pair 7)

Game All, Dealer West

♠ A J 10 9 2
♥ 5
♦ 8 3 2
♣ 10 8 3 2

♠ K
♥ A K 9 6 2
♦ Q 6 5
♣ A K 9 5

South	West	North	East
	pass	pass	pass
1♥	pass	1NT	pass
2♣	pass	2♠	all pass

Over a natural 1♥ opening, most Norths responded 1♠, which generally caused South to bid too high. In SWIFT North was able to show 5+ spades and 0+ points by responding 1NT. South continued with a Gazzilli 2♣, showing clubs or extra values. When North showed 0-6 points and denied heart support by rebidding his spades South recognised the likely misfit and passed. North played to ruff two hearts in hand and waited to collect three more trump tricks for +140 and 25 matchpoints out of 30.

More information about SWIFT

An introductory article such as this can provide only a limited summary of a new system. Further information is contained within <http://bridgewinners.com/article/view/introduction-to-swift-standard-with-fantunes/>, which contains enough for a partnership to get started with SWIFT. Clicking on my name will lead you to further examples of SWIFT in action, published under the heading "Fun with Fantunes". If you are interested in finding out more still, please contact me via the bridgewinners forum (it's free to join) or email me on richard.granville91@gmail.com. Good luck and enjoy!

by Richard Granville

Club news, club events and other snippets

South Croydon

We will be starting bridge lessons for beginner, course starting in September. If interested please e-mail or phone Mary Sales or Andrew Worth at the Club.

Mayfield

For the third year running Mayfield Bridge Club is pleased to announce another open-to-all Swiss Pairs event. To be held on the evening of Tuesday 28th October 2014 there will be a top prize of £50 for the winning pair. Entry fees of £5 per person will include coffee/tea, biscuits and sweets! Run by top Surrey director, Steve Foster, the event will start at 7:15p.m. sharp and all being well will finish at approximately 10:30 p.m. Five matches of five boards will be played.

Do come, it's a fun evening, and a big welcome awaits you.

For details of how to enter go to our website:

<http://www.mayfieldbridge.co.uk/>

Richmond

BLUE POINTED SWISS PAIRS

SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER

1.30 pm – 8.45 pm

£12.50 per person (£25 per pair)

1st Prize £200

Smaller prizes for 2nd & 3rd

Please book online by going to www.richmondbridgeclub.com

Or ☎ 07887781997 for any questions or if you need help to book

Thames Ditton

Beginners and Declarer Play and Defence Courses from September, in Thames Ditton:

Beginners Term 2 Course, on **Monday evenings, 7pm-9pm** starting on **Mon 15 September**. Will also suit those who want to refresh their bidding and playing skills or are returning to the game after a break, For complete beginners, a couple of 'catch up' sessions will be offered.

Declarer Play and Defence course, on **Tue evenings, 7pm-9pm starting on Tue 9 September OR Friday mornings, 10am-12 noon, starting on Friday 12 September**. For anyone interested in getting an edge to their game and better results or just interested to know (and practice) how to play the game better! A real focus on planning the play in NT and Trump contracts and using various card play techniques as well as the art of good Defence. Should be reasonably confident with Bidding, but an enjoyable course for all levels.

For further details on any of the above, please contact meena@fun2playbridge.com or call **020 8339 0645**.

Charity Bridge

CAFÉ BRIDGE Guildford Thursday 25th September 2014 is in aid of CRY and Shooting Star Chase.

For further details email douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com

Many thanks for the tremendous support for this event. We have reached the limit of 56 pairs.

Drift Golf Club – charity afternoon

at: Drift Golf Club, East Horsley, KT24 5HD

on: Friday October 3rd, 2-4.30 pm.

Bridge tea in aid of DEBRA

£15 per player (£60 per table) to include delicious sandwiches, cakes and scones.

Please join us and you will also find out about our new WINTER FRIENDLY PAIRS LEAGUE

Sue Hanrahan 01932 400009
suehanrahan@yahoo.co.uk

Bourne Club – charity lunch



Bridge Lunch

In aid of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

Wednesday 15th October 2014, 11:00am to 3:00pm

Assemble for coffee from 10:00am.

£70 per table

To include morning coffee, lunch with a glass of wine or soft drink.
Raffle. Book and DVD stall. Christmas cards.
Please book with your cheque to the Bourne Club Office,
12 Frensham Road, FARNHAM, GU9 8HB. 01252 716144
Cheque(s) for £70 made payable to "M.Tettenborn".

Bletchingley Bridge Club Celebrates its 21st birthday

Bletchingley Bridge Club celebrated its 21st Anniversary on Sunday 13th July by holding a Swiss Teams event at Bletchingley Village Hall with 80 players participating. The principal guest was Graham Osborne, President of Surrey, but also in attendance were teams from 5 local clubs, Godstone, Lingfield, Merstham, Selsdon & Tandem.

Bletchingley Bridge Club was formed in 1993 by three founding members Jean Virley, who is still a very active member, Alan Stein, who now resides in Liverpool & Alan Ritching who has since sadly passed away. In addition, some 3 months after the Club's formation, Derek Harvey joined and the four of them combined to make Bletchingley one of the leading bridge clubs in Surrey. For their services to the Club Jean & Derek were made Honorary Members in 2011.

In opening the Anniversary programme John Clare, Chairman of BBC, warmly welcomed the Club's guests including a special welcome to Neil Morley who had kindly agreed to act as Director & Scorer as well as playing for one of the teams. Presentations were made to Jean Virley & Derek Harvey (who due to poor health was represented by his wife Maddy) In recognition of their outstanding services to the Club. After suitable hospitality was enjoyed play got under way and each team played 6 rounds of 5 boards with a refreshment break at the halfway stage. The standard of play was of a high order and although the bridge was very competitive, friendship and camaraderie were much to the fore.

Closing the proceedings John Clare thanked all those members who had supported the event and, in particular, thanked his Sub- Committee for the considerable effort they had made in making the day so successful. Graham Osborne warmly responded on behalf of the guests.

The Club looks forward to the future and potential new members will be made welcome on a Wednesday Evening at Bletchingley Village Hall at 7.20pm for 7.30pm.

Results

1st	Frances Hinden & Graham Osborne Jeffrey Allerton & Philip Wood
2nd	Graham Walker & Michael Keville Kay Graves & Janet Graves
Best Ascenders	Tony Quilley & Harry Figov George Gillespie & David MacCallum

Introducing the committee

Frances Trebble

I have been the Surrey Competitions Secretary for about 20 years and it has been a very enjoyable experience. Initially most event entries came by post with a few by phone. Now most are via the website but there are still a few phone calls. My computer skills have risen from almost nil to just about adequate. In the first few years the list of entries had to be posted to the director to reach him by the Saturday before the event. Happily he can now download it just before he leaves. The computer age has made the job a lot easier.

There are the occasional oddities such as pairs entering twice which I sort out - but this is better than not at all!! Strange names not written clearly have caused confusion when it appeared that the person did not exist.

Peggy Griffin

I joined the Surrey Committee in 1994 and looked after the Kortright Cup league. I qualified as County Tournament Director in 1994 and helped run County events with Richard Green who was the CTD. I then became Master Points Secretary which position I held for several years. Before computerisation and direct crediting it was an onerous job when at the end of the season master point cards had to be written for all the winners and league participants and in those days there were 72 teams in the Lady Rose alone. I had the honour to be President in 2000 – the year Surrey won the Tollemache – and Tony Priday was our guest speaker at the A.G.M. Also, the first lady president since Chris Wilson in 1988! In 1999 I took over as Congress Secretary for the Surrey Green Point week-end when we left Leatherhead and went to Guildford and finally managed to have the last weekend in September as the “Surrey Congress” weekend and all the master point cards still had to be completed in green ink!

After 10 years I retired from this job and took over as Matches Secretary from Ron Heath when he moved away. This is a lovely part to play in the Surrey administration as we always finish our 4 meetings a year with a bottle of wine.

To see who is on the SCBA committee go to the web site (www.surreycountybridge.org.uk) and click on the link ‘Committee’, or scroll to the bottom of the page.

The next newsletter

The next newsletter will be in January 2015. News, views and interesting hands – all welcome.