



Surrey County Bridge Association

Newsletter #18 June 2015

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President's Introduction

There are just a few events remaining in this season's calendar. I would like to remind you of the AGM Swiss Pairs in a couple of weeks' time. The formal business is kept as short as possible and it is a good opportunity to raise issues or make suggestions to committee members. There also several try teams events in the second half of June, which are ideal for members who have not played in teams competitions before. Please check the SCBA website for details.

This is a time of significant change in the composition of the Surrey Committee. Mac Derwig has served his five years as chairman and will be stepping down at the AGM in a few weeks' time. He originally came in at very short notice and we are very grateful for his work over the intervening period. We will not be losing Mac's services as he has agreed to stay on the Committee. We are fortunate that Trevor Hobson has agreed to stand as Chairman and I sure that he will prove to be a worthy successor to Mac subject to the membership's approval of his appointment at the AGM. I would also like to thank Peggy Griffin who served for many years as Match Secretary and George Gardiner who will both leave the committee. I, too, have served two years as President and would like to wish my successor Charles Chisnall good luck.

We Want To Hear From You – See and complete Members Survey 2015.

The Association continues to support the new bridge club at Surrey University. Currently 2-3 tables are being taught each week, but the majority of players are first years, so with a fresh intake coming in the autumn we hope the club will be able to grow.

I hope you have an enjoyable break over the summer but before you jet off I would like to remind you to put September 26/27th, the dates of the Surrey GP event, in your diary.

Graham Osborne
President

The 2014-2015 Calendar

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
Thurs	18	Golf Bridge	Hampton Court Palace GC
Sun	21	TRY TEAMS	Wimbledon
Sun	28	Wanborough Cup	Wimbledon

Don't forget to come to the **AGM Swiss Pairs** on **Sunday 14th June**. Come and welcome the new president – Charles Chisnall - and new committee member Richard Millard. Mac Derwig has completed his 5 years as Chairman and so is stepping down to be replaced by Trevor Hobson. The Swiss Pairs starts at 1pm with the AGM in the middle during the tea break. Don't forget to bring your own tea as plated teas are not being provided this year.

The final event in this year's calendar is the **Wanborough Cup** on **Sunday 28th June**. This is for club teams champions and is held at Wimbledon Bridge Club. Don't forget to put in your entry.

The start of the 2015-2016 Calendar

August 2015

Mon	31	Summer Blue-pointed Swiss Pairs	Banstead
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September 2015

Mon-Fri	14-18	Surrey Simultaneous Pairs, Dorin Salver	Clubs
Mon-Fri	21-25	Club Pairs Challenge	Clubs
Sat	26	Surrey Green-pointed Swiss Pairs	Guildford Spectrum
Sun	27	Surrey Green-pointed Swiss Teams	Guildford Spectrum

Just as our season starts in August so does the EBU season. Every year, for I don't know how many years, it has kicked off with Brighton (14th – 23rd August). As you may have read in the EBU magazine, this year will be the last year that the Summer Congress is in Brighton, so if you have never been, now is the time!

Don't forget to enter our Green Pointed Swiss Pairs (Saturday 26th September) and Swiss Teams (Sunday 27th September). If you have never played in a Swiss event before, why not give it go with the August Bank Holiday Swiss Pairs on Monday 31st August, and if you enjoy it then enter in September as well!

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).

Members survey 2015

We have a desire to improve our events, and wish to understand what our members want, and we are especially interested in the views of people who do not, or do not regularly, play in our events to see what we can do to attract them. We are definitely interested in the views from those that attend our events regularly, to see what we can do to improve them. We have created a survey to try to find out our members views on the competitions that we run. It is a short survey, and should not take you, not more than a couple of minutes to complete. The more people that complete the survey the better the information will be.

We Want To Hear From You

You can complete the survey by clicking here:

[Complete Members Survey](#)

Or by going to the SCBA website (www.surreycountybridge.org.uk) and clicking on the 'Complete Members Survey' link on the front page.

We do ask that you only complete it once!

Hall of fame so far

Competition	Players	Place
Club Chairmens Lunch	Tony Bromley & Norma Macmillan	First
Club Pairs Challenge Final	Sheila Cockerill & Tony Cockerill	First
Dorin Salver Day 1 Monday	Marian Rumbold & Marjorie Rowledge	First
Dorin Salver Day 2 Tuesday	Margaret James & Jen Morgan	First
Dorin Salver Day 3 Wednesday	Trevor Hobson & Barbara Hobson	First and overall winners
Dorin Salver Day 4 Thursday	Owen Lunt & Mahmoud Jawad	First
Dorin Salver Day 5 Friday	Arthur Haddock & June Haddock	First
Friendly Pairs	Garrett Cooke & Julia Beaurain	First
Summer Swiss Pairs (Aug BH)	Marietta Andree & Janet Cahm	First
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Philip Hunt & Neil Watts	First
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Gordon O'Hair & Barry Stoker	Second
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Bob McRobert, Arun Suri, Peter Lindon, Dee Lindon	First
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Steve Bourton, Julia Brough, John Nevin, Bob Edmonds	Second
Seniors Pairs	Tony Quilley & Richard Rule	First
Affiliated Clubs Teams of 8	Selsdon - Denny Wade, Jagdish Aggarwal, Robin Clarke, Christine Dyer, Steve Irwin, Tony Cherrett, Jeremy Fitzpatrick, David Elvin They will represent Surrey in the Garden Cities	First
Mixed Pairs	Berry Hedley & Graham Hedley	First
Friendly Swiss Pairs	David Burch & Liz Dunjay	First
Ladies Pairs	Norma Macmillan & Bobbie Johnson	First
Mens Pairs	Steve Bourton & Mike Ulyett	First
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Monday	Rosemary Linington & Mick Edwards	First

Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Tuesday	Berry Hedley & Graham Hedley	First
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Wednesday	Owen Lunt & Keith McAllen	First
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Thursday	Lesley Standen & Savas Oratis	First and overall winners
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Friday	Margaret Bradshaw & Ian Lewis	First
County Pairs Cup	Frances Hinden & Graham Osborne	First
County Pairs Plate	Nick Browne & Paul Shannon	First
Mary Edwards Cup	Kenley: Patricia Magnus & Mary Taylor	First
Lady Rose Cup	Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton, Mike Scoltock	First
Lady Rose Plate		
Surrey League Division 1		
Surrey League Division 2		
Surrey League Division 3		
Surrey League Division 4		
Novice League		
Wanborough Cup		
Victor Ludorum		

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.

Representative events

Event	News
Beck Cup	Oxfordshire by invitation teams. This year representing Surrey are: Steve Bourton, Julia Brough, John Nevin, Bob Edmonds who came second in the Surrey GP teams in September. They came 4 th out of 9 teams.
Garden Cities	Selsdon (Denny Wade, Jagdish Aggarwal, Robin Clarke, Rosemarie Thompson, Steve Irwin, Tony Cherrett, Nick Press, David Elvin) have come second in their Regional Final and so go forward to the National Final.
Home counties league	Surrey has two teams – Orange and Purple. Orange has played all of their matches and won 4 and lost 1 and is currently lying second. Purple has played 4 of their matches, won 2, lost 2 and is currently lying third with 1 match to play.
Pachabo	The winners of the Lady Rose Cup will represent Surrey. This Frances Hinden's team (Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton, Mike Scoltock)
Reg Corwen	The top 5 (SCBA members only) from the County Pairs cup are asked to represent Surrey. Out of 103 pairs our pairs were placed: Graham Osborne & Frances Hinden came 3 rd Mike Scoltock & Jeffrey Allerton came 21 st Charles Chisnall & Ian Swanson came 26 th Barry Stoker & Jim Laker came 61 st Stephen Hooker & Michael Tinsley came 88 th
Tollemache	The team is selected by the Matches committee

Spring Foursomes

One of the most spectacular hands from the late stages of the Spring Foursomes is this one from the semi-final, where we were playing Justin and Jason Hackett with Alex Hydes and David Mossop (David Price and Colin Simpson were sitting out for this set):

Board 22
Dealer E
EW Game

	♠	JT8		♠	A72
	♥	T54		♥	KQJ6
	♦	J95432		♦	K
	♣	T		♣	KJ754
♠	-				
♥	A9872				
♦	AQ76				
♣	A986				
		♠	KQ96543		
		♥	3		
		♦	T8		
		♣	Q32		

There is interest in both the auction and the play.

At our table

West	North	East	South
Osborne	Justin	Hinden	Jason
		1♣	3♠
Dbl	4♠(1)	4NT(2)	P
5♠(3)	6♠(4)	7♥(5)	P
P	7♠(6)	Dbl(7)	All pass

- 1) How many spades, if any, should you bid? The usual answer is either bid to the level where you are happy if LHO bids one more, or bid to the level where you don't know if they should bid or double. The third option, when you are fairly certain you want to save at any level, is to go more slowly to let the opponents work out what level they want to play at, then save over it. Justin went for this slow approach.
- 2) Either both minors or a good 5♥ bid
- 3) Slam forcing with first round spade control (5NT would also force slam but without a spade control)
- 4) Maybe they will let me play in 6♠x when all I bid last time is 4♠
- 5) Frightening with only one ace opposite a void, but I had so many extra high cards and partner didn't know yet that I was making a slam try last round
- 6) OK, let's try 7♠x instead
- 7) This isn't an auction that we have that often. How much does East need to pass here suggesting 7NT? I was still worried about my lack of aces.

As a short digression, think about the play in 7♥ (or 7NT). At first sight you have to find the queen of clubs to get up to 13 tricks, and with South having pre-empted the immediate reaction would be to play North for the length. Playing in 7♣ I think that is what you would do. In hearts, however, you will have time to find out more about the hand. You can ruff the opening spade lead, then draw trumps discovering that North has 3. Next unblock the king of diamonds, cash the ace of spades (discarding a club) and ruff a spade. This reveals

that North has (at least) three spades. Finally on the third round of diamonds, South discards a spade. North is now marked with 6 diamonds, 3 hearts, at least 3 spades and hence at most one club. You have to hope it is the queen or the 10: cash the king then finesse through South.

At the other table

West	North	East	South
Hydes	Cooke	Mossop	Allerton
		1♣	3♠
Dbl	4♠(1)	6♥	P
P(2)	6♠	Dbl(3)	P
7♥(4)	P	P	7♠(5)
P	P	Dbl	All pass

- 1) Another North going for the 'softly softly' approach
- 2) West is certain that 7♥ is the right spot given partner's 6♥ bid, but expects 6♥+1 to be worth more than defending 7♠x
- 3) Also embarrassed by his lack of aces
- 4) Following through the earlier plan, hoping to be allowed to play there
- 5) Allerton has seen this tactic before.

West has an interesting type of lead problem that I've not seen before. Both tables led an ace (Osborne in clubs, Hydes in hearts). The club lead limited us to +1400 as we couldn't stop a club ruff in dummy (he next underled the ace of hearts to put me in to play trumps, but that was the best we could do). The winning lead is a low heart or a low diamond, or the ace of hearts followed by a low diamond, to allow partner to play trumps. Perhaps as a theoretical exercise it is possible to work out that it is right to lead a non-ace in hearts or clubs, but of course it's random which shortage is going to be in dummy. A number of good players have since suggested that East is very likely to have a diamond void for the bidding, and lead a low diamond.

Overall we lost 7 imps on this board as Allerton went for 1700 but at least we won the match!

Frances Hinden

More juniors are playing bridge

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The national media has reported on the increasing popularity of bridge amongst youngsters.

The number of junior members of the EBU has risen sharply in the last three years, alongside a number of successful school bridge and minibridge initiatives. Articles have featured in the Times and Independent.

Any juniors wanting to learn to play, or improve their skills, should attend the Junior Teach-In. The flagship junior event will take place over the August Bank Holiday at Loughborough University. Children of all ages and abilities - including complete beginners - can attend, and accompanying adults are welcome too. Older

teenagers can take part in the 'beginner to player' lessons, and learn to play in just a weekend. The event is organised by English Bridge Education and Development. For more information please see their website.

- [The Times](#)
- [The Independent](#)
- [The Junior Teach-In](#)

We are holding another Minibrige Day at Carshalton High School for Girls on Friday 26th June.

We are looking for some bridge players who would like to help in Claremont Fan Court School in Esher, where bridge has been taught for 15 years, and in Weydon School in Farnham, where bridge has been taught for 5 years. Any player interested please contact Bomi Kavarana b.kavarana@gmail.com or Douglas Wright douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com or 07801 989630

Surrey Simultaneous Pairs

Each January, Surrey runs a simultaneous pairs in aid of a charity chosen by the President. This year I chose the Meath Epilepsy Trust which has a property in Godalming. When I handed the cheque of £2500 over to Mike Keighley, the chief executive, he invited me to meet up with Colin Stokes, a trustee, to get a flavour of the work the charity does.

The charity has a long history dating back to 1868, a time when epilepsy was very poorly understood. The charity now provides specialist residential accommodation and supported living in Godalming for around 80 people and is one of only about 6 such specialist centres within the UK.

The care provided in the main house is supported by funding from the NHS but the other activities are dependent on charitable donations. The aim of the trust is to engage the residents in a range of activities, and the money raised by SCBA will be used to support the Arthouse project in Godalming high street. Here the residents produce artwork under the guidance of an artist which is then used on products such mugs, cushions, notepaper and cards which are sold online and in the shop. There is also a coffee shop and furniture workshop run by the trust in Godalming.

It was very satisfying to see in person the very worthwhile work done by the trust. They were very appreciative of SCBA's donation and I would like to thank all the clubs that ran heats and, in particular, the clubs that raised additional funds through collections on the day of the event.

Graham Osborne
President

Guildford Café Bridge



Cardiac Risk in the Young

Shooting Star Chase
Children's Hospice Care



Thursday 24th September 2015

Entry Fee £30 per player + donation £5, £10 or £15 for raffle, to include coffee on arrival + 2 course lunch

Come and join us in a day of fun bridge in the lovely Cathedral Town of Guildford. Play will take place at various venues in the Town Centre.

How Does Café Bridge Work?

All players meet at a registration point in Guildford between 10.15 and 10.45 am. There you will be given instructions and a map of venues. You will make your way to the first venue and play 4 hands of bridge and, when these boards are completed, you will walk to the next venue and play again, and so on throughout the day. Duplicate scoring.

Lunch will be provided in whichever venue you are at 1:00pm and refreshments will be available for purchase at each venue throughout the day.

At approx. 4:15pm, participants reconvene at the registration point for the results, prize giving and raffle.

NB. As you will be walking between venues please wear comfortable shoes and also be aware that Guildford is not the flattest town and there will be stairs at some venues.

For further details email

douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com or Michele.k.perry@gmail.com

Payment can either be made by cheque to Guildford Café Bridge and sent to Michele Perry, Longerend Farm, Hunts Hill Road, Normandy, Guildford, Surrey GU3 2AH or by internet to

Lloyds TSB sort code 30-92-36 acc no 19359568 using the lead player as reference

The event is being run under EBU guidelines but Master Points will not be awarded

Please note that cancellations will be reimbursed only if they are received in writing by 17th September.

Club news, club events and other snippets

Farnham

Sunday August 2nd 2015 - **Richard Currie Swiss Pairs – Blue Pointed**

In aid of The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

It starts 1pm, play 6x8 board matches, at Farnham Bridge Club

The entrance fee of £30 per pair includes a plated tea

Please send entries to Frances Trebble by post to: Caradoc, Horseshoe Lane, Ash Vale, GU12 5LL

Or ring her on: 01252 679883

Wimbledon

Sun 7 June Seminar 'Defence for Beginners + Improvers'

Sat 13 June Summer Buffet

Sun 21 June TRY TEAMS SCBA

Sat 18 July Cheese & Wine + Bridge evening

Sun 26 July Swiss Pairs – SW Congress

SCBA went to the County Show

SCBA had a stand at the Surrey County Show in Guildford and there were usually enough players to not only have a game of bridge on the go for most of the day but also teachers and players to talk to passers by. Passers by were invited to attend FREE TASTER SESSIONS and to attend TRY DUPLICATE and TEAMS play sessions at various locations around the county (Ed. - see Learn and Play Bridge pages 10 & 11 for more details).

If you have any friends, relatives or neighbours who would like to try this wonderful game, please encourage them to attend.

We also received further enquiries from schools who would like to start a bridge club.

TRY TEAMS

All players who have not played in TEAMS before, especially 1st /2nd/ 3rd year students and Unranked players are very welcome to attend the TRY TEAM events being held this month around the county please look at the website for more details and enter your names.

Invite your friends, neighbours and relatives to a Bridge Taster session. We wish to create the next generation of bridge players.

FREE TASTER SESSIONS

Guildford - Harris+Hoole

Tuesdays 10am 2/9/16/23/30 June

Farnham – Bourne Club

Churt – Quinnettes

Wednesdays 10am 3/10/17/24 June

and @ other venues, please phone

We teach throughout the county of Surrey. We run weekly courses, learning weekends, and learning holidays.

New Beginner Courses Start

September / October 2015

For further details or to register your interest please contact Douglas Wright, on 07801 989630 or email douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com

www.3countiesbridge.com

www.surreycountybridge.org.uk

Invite your friends, neighbours and relatives to

PLAY SESSIONS

Tuesday 16 June 7pm Churt

Sunday 21 June 1pm Wimbledon

Wednesday 24 June 10am Churt

Wednesday 23 Sep 7pm Caterham

Friday 19 October 7pm Leatherhead

and @ other venues, please phone

These play sessions are to TRY DUPLICATE and TEAMS

Suitable for all standards

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Teachers advertise

Philip and Meg Thomas

Bridge Lessons and Supervised Play for Beginners and Improvers in the French Alps

Following the success of the Bridge sessions in 2014, please see the Inghams Lakes and Mountains Brochure (see link below) for details of this year's sessions. The sessions are hosted by Philip and Meg Thomas, both are accredited EBU Bridge Teachers. Last year both newbees and improvers enjoyed learning and playing bridge in the comfort of Chateau Hotel de Deaux Domaines, Belle Plagne in the French Alps.

Details can be found at:

<https://www.inghams.co.uk/lakes-mountains-holidays/resorts/france/belle-plagne>

Changes to the SCBA committee

Sadly Peggy Griffin (Matches) and George Gardiner are standing down from the committee. They will both be much missed.

The next newsletter

The next newsletter will be in September 2015. News, views and interesting hands, what is happening at your club – please send them to me.