



Surrey County Bridge Association

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President's Introduction - Your new President - Charles Chisnall

Earlier this year Grahame Osborne invited me to be the new President for the SCBA. I was very happy to accept this position. I have been playing Bridge for 50 years now, mainly in Surrey. I enjoy not only playing in local clubs but also in National competitions. It has been noticeable for several years now that we do not see many young players these days at Bridge clubs (young being under 50). I know there are steps being taken to interest young people at schools and colleges but I do feel we need to reach out to the 20-50 year olds and get them interested as well.

The internet is now the marketing tool of today and with this in mind I am pleased that very soon we will be seeing a new SCBA website go live. The committee are looking at different ways to promote Bridge using the new website, more on this later in the year.

There have been a few changes to the Committee this year and I would like to welcome the new members and say a big thank you to those that are leaving.

We would like to get more people playing in our competitions. You as members could help us here. For those of you that enter any competitions do you ever mention to your Bridge friends you are entering and maybe suggest that they could give it a try. Word of mouth is a very powerful way of letting people know about a product, service or event, please give this idea a try with your friends. I hope to see you at a Bridge table soon.

Charles Chisnall
President

Members Survey 2015

*We would like to thank those players who have completed the Members Survey. The information has been very useful to date. **The Survey will close on Friday 11th September.** This will enable us to fully analyse the data, plan any possible changes and then share those suggested changes with the Chairmen of all the Clubs on Wednesday 18th November and then enable us to produce a better Competitions Calendar for you all in 2016 -2017.*

We want to hear from people who do come to our competitions as well as people who do not. You can complete the survey, in two minutes, 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

The 2015-2016 Calendar

August 2015

Mon 31 **Summer Blue-pointed Swiss Pairs** Banstead

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

October 2015

Oct-May **Lady Rose Cup and Plate** homes

Oct-May Surrey League homes

Sun 11 Metropolitan Cup (by invitation only) Leatherhead Leisure Centre

Fri 16 EBU Really Easy Afternoon Wimbledon & Richmond

Sat 24 Club Pairs Challenge Final Banstead

November 2015

Nov-May Novice League Homes

Wed 18 Chairmens Lunch (by invitation only) Old Barn Hall, Bookham

Sun 22 **Richmond Blue-pointed Swiss Teams** Richmond

December 2015

Sun 06 Seniors Pairs Oxshott

January 2016

Sun 10 Affiliated Clubs of 8 Richmond

Sun 24 Mixed Pairs Oxshott

February 2016

Sun 07 **Richmond Blue-pointed Swiss Pairs** Richmond

Mon-Fri 15-19 Surrey Simultaneous Pairs Clubs

Sun 21 Ladies & Mens Pairs Oxshott

Sun 28 EBU Masters Pairs Richmond

March 2016

Sun 20 **Bourne Blue-pointed Swiss Pairs** Bourne Club, Farnham

April 2016

Sun 03 **County Pairs Cup and Plate** Oxshott

May 2016

Sun 01 Princess Alice Hospice Swiss Teams Esher

Sun 08 Mary Edwards Cup Wimbledon

Sun 15 **Wimbledon Blue-pointed Swiss Teams** Wimbledon

Sat 28 EBU Really Easy Afternoon Richmond

June 2016

Sun 05 Leagues Finals Oxshott

Sun 26 Wanborough Cup Wimbledon

July 2016

Sun 03 SCBA AGM t.b.a.

Why not print off this page – take to your clubs and organise yourself a partner for some of the county events?

Hall of fame for 2014-2015

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	Frances Hinden, Graham C Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton, Mike Scoltock, Peter Lee	First
Surrey League Division 2	Adrian Patrick, Peter Cogliatti, Ann Madden, Rosemary Rice	First
Surrey League Division 3	Colin Parker, Colin Wilby, Neil Grayston, Archie Angus	First
Surrey League Division 4	Claire Cross, Ian Lecky, Anne East, Valerie Double	First
Novice League	Patti Ecob, Les Hobbs, Jan Jeffries, Brian Jeffries	First
Wanborough Cup	Woking (Elizabeth Taylor, Margaret Mansell, Beryl Mullins, Marilyn Frame)	First
Victor Ludorum	Steve Bourton, Graham C Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton	

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 went forward to the National Final, where they came 8 th .
Home counties league	Surrey has two teams – Orange and Purple. Orange came second and Purple third.
Pachabo	The winners of the Lady Rose Cup will represent Surrey. Frances Hinden's team (Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton, Mike Scoltock) came second
Tollemache	The team is selected by the Matches committee

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Summer Meeting concludes with victory for Hinden team

The Summer Meeting in Brighton has concluded, with the team of Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton & Peter Lee taking the final major title, the Four Star Teams.

Having qualified for the final in joint sixth place, they won only four of the seven matches, but picked up enough VPs to take the title by a single point. The team of Erik Berg, Glyn Liggins, Steffen Fre Simonsen, Helen Erichsen & Espen Erichsen, which qualified for the finals in first place, finished second.

A big congratulation to our Surrey Members, to our Committee Member and to our ex President.

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! Also, why not enter the Surrey league, knockouts and Lady Rose Cup which are coming up, see above.

Surrey Simultaneous Pairs

We are holding our next Simultaneous Pairs week for clubs on 14-18 September. This is a charity event with all profits going to the Banstead Rehabilitation Centre (<http://gef.org.uk/our-services/neuro-rehabilitation-services/>). Out of the 47 affiliated clubs in Surrey so far 30 have entered (plus one from outside Surrey) and some have entered more than once so we now have 41 club sessions logged. It is not yet too late for any of the other 17 Surrey clubs to enter so if you belong to one of the clubs that are not yet participating but would like to then please contact Trevor Hobson; trevor_hobson@hotmail.com; 07545 966 008

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).

Can you maximise overtricks risk-free?

Many people regard teams (IMPs) bridge as the purer form of the game. However, matchpointed pairs, as played at most bridge clubs in Surrey, requires a huge amount of skill as well as luck. One regular theme at matchpoints, for both declarers and defenders, is assessing your trick target. Should you just take the obvious tricks available, or should you risk jeopardising some of your obvious tricks in order to try for more? Take this recent hand from an evening session at Wimbledon Bridge Club earlier this year.

	♠ 865	
	♥	
	♦ KJ964	
	♣ AJ943	
♠		♠
♥		♥
♦		♦
♣		♣
	♠ AKQ2	
	♥ K962	
	♦ AQ	
	♣ 865	

Dealer S N/S Vul, Matchpoints

S	W	N	E
1♥	P	2♦	P
2♠	P	3♣	P
3NT	P	P	P

I report the bidding at the table, but it is not recommended. The South hand has the strength, but not the distribution, for a reverse. South would be better advised to show the balanced nature of her hand by rebidding 2NT or 3NT (depending on methods).

West led ♦10 against South's 3NT contract and when dummy went down South could see that she had 10 top tricks in 3NT. How should South play from here?

The 'safe' line is to take your nine top tricks (ten if spades break 3-3), but will this deliver a decent matchpoint score? 3NT is likely to be the contract at virtually every other table and some declarers may receive a heart lead, giving an extra trick immediately. This is certainly a live possibility when the bidding is likely to be different at other tables (most South players will rebid in NT on the second round and some, for example those playing 5-card majors, may not bid hearts at all).

Clubs is a potential source of extra tricks. In isolation, low to the 9 is best (picking up K10x(x) and Q10x(x) in the West hand). However, even when this fortunate club layout exists, East can win and may switch to a heart: if he switches to the Q,J or 10, do you cover, risking your contract, or play low, then cover the next heart to at least guarantee nine tricks? Well nine tricks doesn't seem like it will be worth many matchpoints, particularly if spades are 3-3 when you have ten on top!

Another thought: if trying to bring the club suit in for one loser, there's a case for playing West for KQx(x) rather than K10x/Q10x(x). Although half as likely, at least when your ideal club layout exists, you are spared the problem of what to do when East switches to a heart.

Of course, estimating what will happen at other tables is not an exact science (particularly when you know little about the opponents' hands and you don't know quite what proportion of the field is being treated to the heart lead. Matchpoints is a difficult game.

In practice, the winning line is neither of these. This was the full deal.

	♠ 865	
	♥	
	♦ KJ964	
	♣ AJ943	
♠ 974		♠ J103
♥ Q10853		♥ AJ74
♦ 1085		♦ 732
♣ Q7		♣ K105
	♠ AKQ2	
	♥ K962	
	♦ AQ	
	♣ 865	

If declarer plays a low club to the 9 or jack early, East, holding ♥A himself, will probably not risk switching to a heart. An alert East will play back a low club, simultaneously setting up the third defensive trick and breaking up the rounded suit squeeze. So that line doesn't work.

So are ten tricks the limit? In fact declarer can make 11 tricks without risking her contract. Unblock ♦Q (in case the suit is 5-1), ♠AK, now a club to the ace following by the remaining diamonds winners *before* playing the 3rd round of spades.

This is the 4-card ending with South to play:

	♠	
	♥	
	♦	
	♣ J943	
♠		♠
♥ Q108		♥ AJ
♦		♦
♣ Q		♣ K10
	♠ 2	
	♥ K9	
	♦	
	♣ 8	

When South cashes the thirteenth spade, what can the defence do? If East discards a club (high or low), declarer exits in clubs and waits for the defence to lead hearts. Alternatively, if East pitches ♥J, declarer exits with a low heart; with the club suit blocked, the defence has to give the last trick to either declarer's ♥K or dummy's ♣J.

I have one final question: what is the name for this ending

Shooting Star Chase

Children's Hospice Care



Cardiac Risk in the Young

Guildford CAFE BRIDGE

Once again this event is fully booked even though we have dramatically increased the numbers to 160 and increased the number of participating Restaurants to 10.

We would like to thank everyone who is supporting these 2 superb Charities.

We will continue to plan and enable more of you to be able to play next year. If you would like to be put on the mailing list for next year please email michele.k.perry@gmail.com

PUB BRIDGE

Why not raise funds for Charity and enjoy playing bridge at the same time. We are playing PUB BRIDGE and you are very welcome to join us.

You are also invited to play in PUBS near you and expand the number of participants.

For further details www.3countiesbridge.com

NIGHT OF THE STARS

www.nightofthestars.org.uk

The **Night of the Stars 2015** raised £51,500 for charity and was supported by more Stars and ordinary bridge players than ever before. Work is now well underway on **Night of the Stars 2016**. Andrew Robson has often referred to the Night of the Stars in his column in The Times as, "the flagship event in the world of charity bridge" and The New York Times described the event as "the Who's Who of British bridge..." In addition to these newspapers, the event regularly features in The Sunday Times, The Daily Telegraph, The Spectator, English Bridge and a variety of bridge websites around the world.

This year the first event, the Charity Auction Pairs, will be held at Richmond Bridge Club on the afternoon of 29th November. This is when our Stars are auctioned by Paul Mendelson and we hold a raffle and large silent auction. The Night of the Stars, when all the pros join us to play with their generous partners, will take place at the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability in Putney in February, 2016. We will hold a second raffle in February.



The Night of the Stars 2016 is in aid of the following four fantastic charities. Information about these charities can be found on the web site - <http://www.nightofthestars.org.uk>. **Help for Heroes, National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society, React and Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability.**

We are now actively seeking sponsors and donors for the 2016 event and if you can help in any respect, please contact vivien@nightofthestars.org.uk.

Sponsors and donors will be prominently displayed on large screens during both events, included in our programmes and displayed on the website. We are particularly keen at this stage to hear from companies and individuals who may be willing to sponsor part of the event and/or donate a prize for the silent auction or raffle. Our charities received every penny donated for Stars, tickets, raffles and silent auction as all expenses were covered by separate, specific donations and sponsorships.

Do make a diary note for 29th November at Richmond Bridge Club as the charity auction pairs event is always great fun and a very friendly, social event, as is the February session. All standards of duplicate players are welcome at both events. If you are interested in bidding for a Star or have any other questions about the event, please contact terry@nightofthestars.org.uk. A selected number of Stars will be sold before 29th November 2015 as we cannot realistically sell all the Stars on the actual day as it takes up far too much time.

SCBA went to the County Show

We promoted the wonderful game of bridge at the Surrey County Show. We had players playing the game on a stand and introducing all the passers-by to the game of Bridge. We promoted Taster Sessions for Beginners and Club events to existing social players.

Various Taster sessions have been conducted in Harris + Hoole, Coffee Shop, North Street Guildford, and players have been enrolled on various courses.

There will be more Taster Session at Harris + Hoole, on Tuesday mornings during the month of October. Please encourage your friends and relations to attend the Taster Sessions so we can create the next generation of players.

For further details please contact Douglas Wright, 07801 989630 douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com

Learn and Play Bridge - Teachers Courses

Minibrige – Teach the Teachers Course

If you would like to Learn how to teach Minibrige there is a Teach the Teachers Course on Tuesday 22 September and another one in October date tbc

For further details please contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com

This course is suitable for those players who would like to go into schools and help pupils to learn the game of minibrige. No prior teaching experience needed.

Learn & Play Bridge

Invite your friends, neighbours and relatives to a Bridge Taster session. We wish to create the next generation of bridge players. We will treat you to a superb coffee if you bring them along to
Harris + Hoole, 49 North Street,
Guildford, GU1 4TE.

FREE TASTER SESSIONS

**Guildford - Every Tuesday in October 10am
@ Harris and Hoole – Coffee Shop**

**Also @ Esher, Farnham, Churt,
Haslemere, Molesey, Sunbury, Woking &
Cranleigh**

On other days @ other venues

We teach in the 3 Counties; Surrey, Hampshire and West Sussex. 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

Club news, club events and other snippets

3 Counties Bridge

DEFENCE PLAY - LEARNING WEEKEND 28/29th November

A Learning Weekend specifically for Duplicate Bridge players who wish to improve their scores by Improving Defence Play

Laura Porro, Professional Teacher and International Player, and Douglas Wright will be taking this weekend. Please reserve your place and obtain more details by emailing douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com

Non residential in South Surrey 10am - 5.30pm Saturday and Sunday

3 Counties Bridge have numerous courses starting week commencing Monday 28th September throughout the County:

- Beginners
- Improvers for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year students and social players
- Advanced for Duplicate Clubs Players

For more details www.3countiesbridge.com

Farnham

Farnham Bridge Club is relocating to the Farnham Maltings from August 5th onwards, when their current venue (the Farnham Memorial Hall), closes for major redevelopment and refurbishment. The club is one of the premier bridge clubs in Surrey, and holds friendly and competitive duplicate pairs or teams bridge evenings, every Wednesday and Friday starting at 7:25pm. The club also runs and supports a number of highly successful charity, national and Surrey events.

Visitors and new members are most welcome. For more information, consult

www.farnhambridge.org.uk

Oxshott



June Buckland, a longstanding member of Oxshott and who still plays bridge at four different clubs, celebrated her 90th birthday in June when Susan Sadler presented her with a cake which all the members enjoyed.

Effingham

From 24th July they will be playing at South Bookham Space, Dorking Road, Great Bookham, Surrey, KT23 4PB



Pat and Alan Hammond – founder members –
at the 50th anniversary party

Also enjoying themselves at the party were (below) Graham Osborne (outgoing President), Shirley Pritchard and Anne-Marie Richardson, who was moving to Switzerland the following day.



Camberley

REPORT OF OUR TEAM IN FRANCE! From Val Foster, July 2015

Four members of Camberley Bridge Club, Simon Oldham (Captain), Owen Lunt and Tim & Jane Green, took part in an international bridge match on April 11th arranged by Sucey-en-Brie's Bridge Club, one of Camberley's twin towns. There were also teams from Bietigheim, another twin town. The competition was in two halves with 26 tables and Simon & Owen played brilliantly and won the afternoon session.



However, neither Camberley pair were able to beat the overall average of the German team who won the morning E/W session with over 70%. Hence, the Camberley team took second and fourth places in the tournament.

The team were hosted and accommodated by members of Sucey's bridge club members and were entertained handsomely with a generous dinner on Thursday night and a trip to Paris on Friday escorted by two of Sucey's members to see some of the many

magnificent sights, including the Louvre, the Champs Elysees, Le Petit Palais museum and L'arc de Triomphe before returning to a champagne reception with the local municipality, followed by a meal in a restaurant. On Sunday they were escorted round the town and museum before lunch with their hosts. The captain, Simon, commented that he had never eaten so well! The Camberley team took hampers for the host families which included typical English provisions - local beer, artisan sausages, Simnel cake (and had fun describing the significance of the marzipan balls on the top in "pigeon" French!) and "special" Cheddar, which the hosts, particularly enjoyed.

The team is hoping to be able to take part in a similar match in 2016 to be hosted by the German team.

Richmond

Richmond Bridge Club are delighted to welcome back bestselling author Paul Mendelson, who will be giving two seminars on "Playing and Defending 3 No Trumps". Paul is simply a fantastic teacher and his classes are always brilliantly structured but also extremely good fun

Paul will be with us on Saturday 5 September when he will be covering 'Playing 3NT at Pairs', talking about relative scoring, finding overtricks, securing your contract, and end-playing your opponents.

On the 12th September Paul will be covering 'Defending 3NT at Pairs'. Talking about opening leads, switch or continue, entry maintenance and counting your opponent's tricks.

Both sessions will cost will be £15.00 payable on the day and will include a cup of coffee and pastry. Start time 10.30am and we hope to finish by 1.00pm. Please book online by clicking on the appropriate link below

On Friday October 16 Richmond and Wimbledon will be holding A Really Easy Pairs on behalf of the EBU. This event is only open to players below the rank of master and is a satellite event being played at other locations round the country. Start time is 2.00. Please book via Peter@ebu.co.uk

On Sunday 22 November the final event for 2015 run jointly by Richmond & Wimbledon will be a Swiss Teams. Licensed by the EBU and blue pointed the 1st prize is £300.00. Booking will be available on line shortly.

In September Richmond Bridge Club will start a whole series of courses designed to improve your bridge:

- Intermediate 1,2 & 3
- Bidding Refresher
- 2 new Beginners, starting Wednesday 23 September daytime & evening

For further detail and booking can be found online at www.richmondbridgeclub.com

Bridge Open Day – Carshalton High School for Girls

Further to Carshalton High School for Girls tour of the House of Lords by Lord Skelmersdale and Baroness Henig, The Maths Department, nine Surrey Bridge teachers and several bridge players spent 5 hours teaching the entire year 7 cohort of over 220 students mini-bridge, on Friday 26th June. This was the third year of running this event and as a result, the school now has a thriving bridge club!



With the support of the SCBA, Nigel Jones, a local bridge teacher, will teach the girls one afternoon per week, in the Autumn.

A team of four girls will be entering the Novice League in the autumn.

About Carshalton High School for Girls

For more information go to: www.chsg.org.uk.

Manor House School in Little Bookham is the

latest school participating in bridge.

A volunteer has been found to teach **Claremont Fan Court School** in Esher. Teaching sessions will commence in January.

The next newsletter

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