



Surrey County Bridge Association

Newsletter #21 April 2016

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President's Introduction

The SCBA committee has been working hard on different areas over the last few months. The website is constantly being changed to give members all the information about what is happening in Surrey.

The Charity events have been successful and it was pleasing to see 1790 people playing in February from 36 clubs raising money for the Sam Beare and Woking hospices.

We are getting more entries for our events this year and are even having to stop taking more entries as we have not enough space at the venues. We will need to look at getting bigger venues. We are also improving the catering arrangements at our events and would welcome feedback from you on what you think about them. Please let any of the committee know your thoughts or ideas on improving the SCBA.

Charles Chisnall

President

Members' Survey

Last summer we opened an online survey so that Surrey members could tell us what they like and don't like on a range of topics. We had 200 replies and it was clear from the response that many of you had taken a great deal of time and trouble to express your concerns and ideas for the future. Thank you. From the replies it was also clear that it will be impossible for us to please everyone so of necessity we are having to go with the majority view. Set out below are some of the key messages we have taken from your replies and what action we have, or will be taking as a result of your input.

Timing: There was a clear majority in favour of retaining a 1pm start on a Sunday for our events.

Provision of food: There was little support for retaining the plated teas that we used to provide, there was also a view that we should move away from self-service teas and coffees. We now employ a caterer for our events who serves free teas, coffees and biscuits upon arrival and throughout most of the event. People now have the option of bringing their own food or ordering freshly made sandwiches and cakes from the caterer.

Venues for our events: There were suggestions that we should have our events at somewhere more luxurious than Oxshott. We have investigated the use of nearby hotels but the cost would be prohibitively expensive. We are currently working on developing a 5 year plan for the committee which will include having a regular review of possible venues. In the meantime though, Oxshott does have a number of advantages:

- it is geographically quite central
- it is where we store all our County equipment
- at ~26 table capacity it is large enough to hold most of our events
- there is free parking

Publication of results: Some concern was expressed about the time taken for the results of our events to be published and for them to be uploaded to the EBU for NGS purposes. The way our results were displayed was also considered not best practice. Since the survey we have dispensed with the concept of Provisional Results, and, subject to there being no appeal, our results are now available on our website within an hour of the event finishing and they are uploaded to the EBU for NGS purposes shortly thereafter. We have also carried out a significant modernisation of our website.

Number and type of events: There were suggestions that we should maximise the use of Green and Blue Point events and that we should have more Swiss Pairs events. This is something that the Competitions Sub Committee will ensure happens. We already have the maximum number of Green Point events allowed by the EBU and we are provisionally planning a new Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs event this coming December. Details will be available shortly.

Increasing attendance at our events: We asked if you had any thoughts on this and there were two recurring themes in your replies: Advertise better, and improve attendance. This last point refers to the vicious circle of

people being put off from entering poorly attended events. Our Communications team has since made significant efforts to bring our events to the attention of people who may be interested in them. The results have been dramatic. Whereas a year ago we would make a loss on many of our events and even had to cancel some at short notice, now our recent events have been run at capacity and we are now resorting to the use of waiting lists.

How to bring more people into the game: We asked if you had any suggestions on this. Replies included:

- More outreach to schools and universities:

We have worked with the University of Surrey to establish a bridge club, which we are currently supporting by providing a teacher and equipment. We have recently run a Teach the Teacher course for mini-bridge and have embarked on a significant Youth Programme initiative in which we are contacting schools with a view to helping them establish mini-bridge teaching as one of their activities. Our inter-schools competition in February was attended by a record number of schools. We are also working with the Sussex Bridge Association on a Southern Counties Junior Teach-in event.

- Talk to clubs about best practice for recruiting new members:

We are working with one Surrey Club to reverse the decline in their membership. We plan to roll out these ideas to other interested clubs in the near future.

Future feedback: The members' survey was of great help to the Committee to help us understand what is good and what could be improved in what we are doing. We plan to repeat the survey every few years, but in addition we are always willing to listen to comments and suggestions at any time. If you have any suggestions or concerns please speak with any member of the Committee or use the Contact Us facility on our website.

We now need your help: You will see from the above that the Committee is very active in a wide range of interesting activities, but one of the things we are short of is people with time and energy to help us. If you feel you may be able to contribute to the development and running of bridge in Surrey then please let us know. The time commitment need not be great, a little bit of help which can be on specific projects, from several people will go a long way. Full membership of the main Committee is not a necessary requirement.

Thank you once again for the time and trouble you have taken to provide us with feedback.

Trevor Hobson - Chairman

The 2016 Calendar

May 2016

Sun	01	Princess Alice Hospice Swiss Teams	Esher
Sun	08	SCBA Mary Edwards Cup	Wimbledon
Sat	14	Petersfield Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	Petersfield
Sun	15	Wimbledon Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	Wimbledon
Sat	28	EBU Really Easy Afternoon	Richmond

June 2016

Sun	05	SCBA Leagues Finals	Oxshott
Sun	26	SCBA Wanborough Cup	Wimbledon

July 2016

Sun	03	SCBA Blue Pointed Bracketed Pairs & AGM	Oxshott
Sun	31	Richard Currie Memorial Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	The Maltings, Farnham

Aug 2016

Sun	07	Wimbledon Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	Wimbledon
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Sept 2016

Mon	12-16	Surrey Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
Mon	19-23	SCBA Club Pairs Challenge Heats	Clubs
Sat	24	Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Guildford
Sun	25	Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Guildford

Don't forget our AGM, which is to be held on July 3rd 2016 at Oxshott. The SCBA Blue Pointed Bracketed Pairs will start at 13.00 and the AGM will be held in the break around 4 pm.

For more information on events that Surrey County Bridge Association run [Click Here](#) or click on a link in the Calendar on the website.

To enter an event either online using the [online entry form](#), download an entry form, or contact the competitions secretary Shirley Pritchard competitionsecretary.scba@bridgewebs.com

Relatively New Events

The EBU Really Easy Afternoon events will be run 4 times a year in various Surrey Clubs. The events are suitable for a significant number of Club players both Affiliated and Non Affiliated. These events are relatively new so please ensure that the next EBU REALLY EASY AFTERNOON is mentioned in the clubs and perhaps ensure that a poster is printed from the next page.

EBU Really Easy Afternoon

Part of the Spring Bank Holiday Congress



A duplicate pairs to introduce 'tournament bridge' to less experienced players

Richmond Bridge Club

1:30pm, Saturday 28th May 2016

- ♥ Players should be comfortable playing unassisted in a 'club' environment, but have limited tournament playing experience.

They should be below the rank of 'Master' and lower than Jack on NGS.

- ♣ Open to EBU members (£8 each) and non-members (£12 each).

- ♦ Prizes will be awarded to the overall winners.

Blue Points will be awarded based on stratified results.

- ♠ The hands will also be played at other locations,

with the event scored across all venues.

♥ **Please enter directly to the EBU Competitions Department**

Tel: 01296 317203/219 ■ e-mail: comps@ebu.co.uk

Hall of Fame 2015 / 2016 so far

Competition	Winners
Surrey Sim Pairs Day 1 Monday	Alan Webber & Mick Edwards (overall winners)
Surrey Sim Pairs Day 2 Tuesday	Tony Cherrett & Fiona Kemp
Surrey Sim Pairs Day 3 Wednesday	Ali Baig & Gillian Hanna
Surrey Sim Pairs Day 4 Thursday	John & Lesley Colligan
Surrey Sim Pairs Day 5 Friday	Kevin & Deanne Goddard
Mixed Pairs	Joyce & Maurice Grant
Mens Pairs	Richard Millard & Corneliu Rimboiu
Ladies Pairs	Renate Lane & Ann Chapple
Affiliated Club Teams of 8	Richmond 3
Club Chairman's Lunch – by invitation	Margaret Bradshaw, Ian Lewis, Jane Nind, Douglas Wright
Club Pairs Challenge Final	Anil Bhandari & Graham Cunningham
County Pairs Cup	Frances Hinden & Graham Osborne
County Pairs Plate	Jim Laker & Barry Stoker
Dorin Salver Day 1 Monday	Alan Cadge & Tim Warren (overall winners)
Dorin Salver Day 2 Tuesday	Roger Routledge & Rebecca Snelling
Dorin Salver Day 3 Wednesday	Elizabeth Taylor & Sheila Bean
Dorin Salver Day 4 Thursday	Alan Webber & Mick Edwards
Dorin Salver Day 5 Friday	Christine Morgan & Allan Pratt
Senior Pairs	John McKimmie & Nigel Barnes
Summer Swiss Pairs (Aug BH)	Graham & Berry Hedley
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Michael Prior Mike Hampton, Krzysztof Ginda Mark Hooper
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Ingar Hansen, Peter Lee, Paula Leslie & Mike Scoltock
Surrey League Final Division 1	
Surrey League Final Division 2	
Surrey League Final Division 3	

Surrey and Novice League Finals – Free Entry

The finals of Surrey League Divisions 2, 3 & 4 and the final of the Novice League will be held at Oxshott on Sunday 5 June 2016. Full details are available on our website. Having reviewed the financial position of the competition it has been decided that there will be no charge for teams entering the final. The usual rules for qualifying for the final will continue to be applied.

Sim Pairs

In February we held our Sim Pairs over five days and 1790 players from 36 clubs took part.

This year the SCBA's chosen charity is the Woking & Sam Beare Hospice and £3706 was raised. Our President, Charles Chisnall, presented a cheque to the Hospice.

Last year £3381 was raised for the Dorin Salver and over the last twelve months £7088 has been raised for charity.

Bridge Teachers Course Wimbledon 5/6 June- Fully Booked

Wimbledon BC Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th June 2016 - **Fully booked**

Edgware, Middlesex Sunday 18th & Monday 19th June 2016

<http://www.ebedcio.org.uk/club-teacher-training> for more info

Bridge Diary of a Palooka

Home Counties Match (Surrey vs. Surrey)

Playing in a Home Counties match, (2 teams from Surrey, Middlesex, and London play each other over the winter months, teams of 8) you sit south. You are playing against your other Surrey team, everyone knows each other, and it's very friendly, but everyone wants to win. The teams captains, Tony Richards and Richard Millard are always looking for new team mates to enhance their squads, so if you are playing 2nd division Surrey or above, and want to play (just below Tollemache level) teams of 8, please let them know.

Diagram showing the card distribution for Hand 15. The declarer is South, and the vulnerability is N/S.

Declarer (South):
♠ A K J 10 4 2
♥ 4
♦ A 10 9 2
♣ A 7

West:
♠ 7 6
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 4 3
♣ 8 6 4 3

North:
♠ 5
♥ A 8 6
♦ K 8 7 6 5
♣ Q 10 9 2

East:
♠ Q 9 8 3
♥ 10 9 5 3 2
♦ J
♣ K J 5

Hand 15 (I mis-bid and mis-play it again)

CONTRACT 3NT by South

After 2 passes HH opens 2 ♠. This is a two way bid, either intermediate to strong in ♠, or weak, with a minimum of 5 ♠, and 5 of a lower suit. HH rebids 3 ♠, the strongish hand over my relay of 2NT (asking her to describe her hand) and now instead of bidding 4 ♠, I bid 3 no trumps. West leads the K of ♥, and I refrain from suggesting HH might have bid 4 ♦, showing a strong 2 suiter. I hold up 2 rounds of ♥, and then play a ♦ to the A. Now I can't make it, losing 4 ♥ and a ♦. HH helpfully comments " what's the point of giving you a restricted choice, if you still get it wrong?" , and tells me how to play it. Win the third round of ♥, discarding 2 ♠ from dummy, and then play the K of ♦, unblocking the 10 from dummy. Now, is east's J a cunning play from QJ, or a singleton? Restricted choice says a singleton, in that with QJ, could have played the Q or J. In addition, both you and dummy have a singleton, so why shouldn't east? Having unblocked the 10 of ♦, finessing the 9 on the second round means you make 5 ♦, 2 ♠, one ♥ and one ♣. East is actually squeezed on the run of the ♦, but best to keep team mates happy by making your contract.

[Click Here for more from Palooka !](#)

Club news, club events and other snippets

3 Counties Bridge

Learning Weekends with Laura Porro International player and well known professional teachers & Douglas Wright

Defender Play 21 / 22 May 2016 – 3rd / 4th / 5th year players new to duplicate

- Making inferences from bidding; shape and points
- 3rd hand play signalling and unblocking
- 2nd hand play; leading through strength, opening leads Rule 11
- Defence play; suit preference, discards, attitude and count signals
- Making a defensive plan; tricks needed, tricks partner
- Defeating trump and NT contracts

Advanced Declarer Play 15 / 16 October - End Plays and Squeezes – Club Duplicate players

For further details contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com 07801989630

Bourne Club

The Bourne Club have supervised play sessions every Monday afternoon from 2 – 4 pm. Everyone is welcome and no partner is needed. The cost is 1.50 for Bourne Club members or 3.00 for non-members.

Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club

Bookham Afternoon Lunch and Bridge Drive will be held in aid of maintenance of the Old Barn Hall, Bookham. This hall provides the venue for Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club. Tickets are £25 per pair to include lunch, wine and Duplicate Bridge with EBU Master Points awarded to the top-scoring pairs. 24 boards will be played with a tea interval. The event will include a raffle plus prizes for the Duplicate winners.

The event will be held at the Old Barn, Bookham on Monday, 20th June starting at 11am. This is part of the annual Village Week events in support of the Bookham Community Association and it is open to both members and visitors. Anyone interested should contact the BABC Chairman, Lawrence Penney, on lawrence.penney@btinternet.com or 01372 457363 for further details

Busbridge Duplicate Bridge Club

Busbridge Duplicate Bridge Club – www.busbridgebridge.org.uk – is experiencing a surge in new members and would love even more to join, come and try us.

Dorking Bridge Club – Development Activities

Like many bridge clubs over recent years we have experienced falling numbers coupled with a difficulty in attracting new players to the game.

With encouragement from the EBU, and the fact that bridge is now accepted to be an 'amateur sport', we applied for and were granted charitable status, so we are now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. As such our objectives are: (1) The advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Dorking and the surrounding area; and (2) The provision of facilities for the learning, teaching and playing of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Dorking and the surrounding area with the object of improving conditions of life.

Our initial step towards achieving those objectives is a programme of training classes. The first session started on Saturday 9 April, runs for four consecutive weeks, and is principally aimed at existing players who wish to improve their game or to return after a break. The second session starts on Saturday 24 September, will also run for four consecutive weeks, but will incorporate more advanced bidding and playing techniques. Douglas Wright, who is a qualified professional EBU teacher, will be taking the classes. We have promoted the classes in the local area, including through the local media, and the response we have had has been excellent. 30 players are attending the first session. If you would like to join the second session please contact dcdoyle111@aol.com

During the year we intend to hold a taster session, followed by classes in September specifically intended for novice players and beginners. In January 2017, we are hosting one of Andrew Robson's bridge Master Classes, and this will also be an opportunity to further promote the game in the local area.

Charity News

There are some wonderful Charity events, which are really worth publicising as much as possible. They have been put on separate pages at the end of this Newsletter, so that they can be printed off and shared amongst your friends and also put on the Notice Boards in your clubs.

Please print off a copy of each of the relevant ones to you and your club. Many thanks

Other Counties

We all live near an adjacent county in one way or another. Therefore we are trying to promote bridge in not only Surrey but in our adjacent Counties. You will see on the website more information on events in other counties and we have inserted an example of an upcoming event at the end of the newsletter.

2016 Surrey Schools Bridge Event

The very first Surrey Schools Bridge Event took place in 1999 under the auspices of the Surrey Contract Bridge Association, and the 18th such event was held on 5th February at St Paul's School in Barnes thanks to the school's contact Tom Lyster. The competition attracted 52 boys and girls in MiniBridge Pairs (12) and Bridge Teams-of-Four (7) and a very enjoyable time was had by everyone present.

The MiniBridge Pairs competition was won by Jasmine Nobbs and Aidan Fellows from Weydon School with a score of 76%, from the very young pairing of Neil Prabhu and Henry Huang from Colet Court School, while the King's College School quartet of Kamran Rachlin, Jack Kelly, Jack Hagger and Robbie King won the Bridge Teams competition for the Surrey Cup from previous winners St Paul's School. The winners were presented with attractive trophies and each competitor was delighted to take home a large bar of chocolate and EBU badge/pen/key chain. SCBA chairman Trevor Hobson and his wife Barbara kindly helped out with directing and scoring.



Aidan Fellows & Jasmine Nobbs



Jack Kelly, Jack Hagger, Robbie King

Mini-Bridge

In January, we held our first ever Train-the-Trainer course for 20 volunteers wishing to help youngsters learn MiniBridge. As well as formal training, we had a really useful debate about how to promote our wonderful game, and it was great to see everybody's infectious enthusiasm.

We had generous sponsorship from the Cutler Trust. They were very pleased with the way it went, and they'll be sponsoring a second course on Sunday 12 June at Quinnettes in Churt GU10 2NU. If you'd like to help teach Mini-Bridge at a school near you— perhaps you have a child or grandchild there? – come and learn how. Please e-mail me at Tim@corbiere.globalnet.co.uk.

Centrally, we've set about contacting secondary schools in Surrey and near parts of London to see if we can help them set up a bridge club. I firmly believe, though, that our greatest chance of success will come via local people who have their own links with schools and individual teachers. Whether you're a trained bridge teacher or not, please talk to a local school and see if they might be interested. If you can generate us a lead, we'll take it from there. We've developed some marketing material to help, and if you'd like a copy, let me know. Whilst it's early days, Sir William Perkins School in Chertsey now has a fledgling club, and of course we're hoping there'll be more.

The next newsletter

The next newsletter will be in June 2016. News, views and interesting hands, what is happening at your club – please send them to me.

Southern Junior ‘Teach-In’

**12th-14th August 2016
Ardingly College, Sussex**



All levels catered for – absolute beginners to junior experts. Come and enjoy a packed weekend of bridge entertainment, tuition, coaching and play for all young people under the age of 21. With plenty of fun and social activities included.

Only £120 per student inclusive of all meals, two nights' en-suite accommodation and all the bridge fun. Adults £150

‘Non-residential’ participants welcome at a reduced rate

The programme in outline:

- Arrive Friday late afternoon to meet before dinner at 6pm.
- Bridge starts Friday evening, and continues until Sunday afternoon (but there's time on Saturday afternoon for sporting and recreational activity, including swimming and rounders).
- Lots of tuition and Saturday evening tournament for all - with prizes!
- Opportunities for everyone to join in with quizzes and leisure activities.
- Finish in good time to get home early on Sunday evening.

**For More information please contact
Andy Ryder, 1 Adelaide Mansions, Hove, E. Sussex BN3 2FD
andyryder@hotmail.com ☎ 01273 746138**





are delighted to run the first of what we hope will be an annual popular event

Richmond Cafe Bridge

Tuesday 21 June 16 (11.00am to 4.30pm)

10.00am registration at Revolution

4 Whittaker Avenue, Richmond, Surrey , TW9 1EH

£25.00 pp entry includes bridge & lunch

Initial partner venues include Bill's, Jackson Rye, Revolution, Cote, Strada, All Bar One. Others may be added

Bridge organised and directed by Victor Lesk

Scoring will be using the BriAn app, which also shows rankings, travellers and hand analysis in-running. Help will be available beforehand and on the day.

Numbers will be limited please book early.

For full details and registration please go to

www.richmondbridgeclub.com

20% of takings & raffle in aid of Missing People

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Queries please contact manager@richmondbridgeclub.com or call

077887781997



Canine Partners have the pleasure of inviting you to
an afternoon of tea and bridge
hosted by Douglas Wright of 3 Counties Bridge

On Wednesday 6 July 2016
2.00pm - 5.00pm

(Arrive by 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start)

Canine Partners Southern Centre, Heyshott, Near Midhurst,
West Sussex GU29 0ED (for sat nav use GU29 0DF)

£60 per table

(4 people)

Come and enjoy an afternoon of bridge at our Southern Centre. The afternoon will include a demonstration from our dogs, delicious afternoon tea with cakes and sandwiches, spot prizes and a raffle.

Chicago or Rubber bridge

You will need to provide your own table and cards

RSVP

Sian Wilson

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Bridge Lunch

Thursday 14th July 2016

When: 10.30am for Coffee & Cake

11.00am–3.00pm for Bridge

Where: Cross Farm Barn, Shackleford, GU8 6AH
(By kind permission of Mr & Mrs Stovold)

Tickets: £20.00

(to include coffee, lunch with a glass of wine, prizes)

Please bring tables, cards, pencils, bridge and lunch tablecloths

Contact: Louise Healy 01483 898539 or

louise.healy605@btinternet.com

All profits will be donated to



**Shooting
Star Chase**
Children's Hospice Care



Guildford Café Bridge



Cardiac Risk in the **Young**

Shooting Star Chase

Children's Hospice Care



Thursday 29th September 2016

Entry Fee £30 per player 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 up to 15 venues in the Town Centre. It was sold out last year and we are hoping to raise £5000 this year. If you wish to take part in the largest Café Bridge in the UK and be added to the Invitation List, please send your details to Lynn Paynter l.paynter@btopenworld.com

Whether you are able to come or not we would welcome donations, raffle prizes or promises, which could be auctioned, for the charities. Please send details of raffle prizes or promises to l.paynter@btopenworld.com

RASASC

RASASC will be holding a **Bridge Masterclass** with the wonderful Andrew Robson at Normandy Village Hall, near Guildford, on **20th October 2016** at £200.00 per table. Over 50% of this ticket goes to RASASC.

RASASC (Guildford Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre) is a fantastic charity supporting rape survivors in many ways. This year our Bridge Masterclass raised a total of **£3,808**, after expenses, which is enough to cover the training costs of four volunteers to go on the telephone helpline, which we run in the evenings.

Open since 1992, RASASC Guildford supplies face-to-face counselling for survivors of rape and sexual abuse and their families, and runs 2 telephone helplines, 6 nights a week. Many people we deal with were abused as children and it has overshadowed their lives. Others are more recent - all ages. Some come via the police, and some have never spoken of their trauma to anyone before. We have about 70 volunteers and 7 staff. We go into hospitals, colleges, churches, Surrey University, Rotary Clubs and other organisations that invite us, to give displays and talks. We also have 4 Independent Sexual Violence Advisors, part funded by Surrey police. Anne Milton, MP for Guildford, is our Patron.

Website: www.rasasc-guildford.org.

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- 10.30-12.45 Teaching and playing session led by Andrew
- 12.45-1.45 Delicious lunch followed by tea/coffee
- 2.00-3.30 Second teaching and playing session led by Andrew

There is no need to be an expert, but experts may still learn something!
Please bring a bridge table and tablecloth, (bidding boxes optional). Cards provided.

For further information please contact Vivien Sale on either 01483 568000 or

vivien@rasasc-guildford.org.



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DORSET CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

ONE-DAY GREEN POINTED

SWISS TEAMS - Sunday 19th June 2016

Entries by Wednesday 15th June please

SWISS PAIRS - Sunday 24th July 2016

Entries by Wednesday 20th July please

Both 12.00 – 8.00pm (approx)

7 x 7 board matches

Venue details:

Teams

Hamworthy Club
Magna Road, Canford Magna
Wimborne, Dorset. BH21 3AP
Telephone: 01202 881922

Pairs

Marsham Court Hotel
3, Russell Cotes Road
Bournemouth, BH1 3AB
01202 552111

If delayed on route please phone
07957 836038

*Please contact Andy Kittridge for forms and further information on
dcbagreen@uwclub.net.*