



# Surrey County Bridge Association

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## President's Introduction

by Tim Green

As you will appreciate, the bridge world is currently in as much Covid-19 turmoil as the rest of the country. The issues are unprecedented and the situation is changing rapidly. We recognise that many of our planned events will have to be postponed. We have therefore taken the decision to postpone all events to the end of May. Revised dates cannot be given until events unfold, these are clearly outside the control of the bridge world.

Regarding the various Surrey League matches, where the heats are played in participants' homes, we will extend the deadlines, at the request of team captains. The question of whether or not heats are played is a decision for individual teams.

We are aware that various clubs have either taken the decision, or had the decision imposed on them, to temporarily cease play.

At this stage, the only recommendation we can give you is that you check relevant websites before attending a club or a match, to ensure there will be play.

Of greatest concern is that the bridge playing population has a strong overlap with the groups seen as being at particularly high risk from the virus. Perhaps you are feeling a bit off colour but not clearly unwell. That could be the time to pass on a bridge session. Maybe try internet bridge to keep the game fresh? Your club's web manager could probably help if you haven't tried on-line play before.

If in doubt, don't go out!

We hope we will be able to provide you with more concrete information in the next issue, even better to give you some good news. Until then, please be careful and take good care of yourselves.

## Forthcoming Calendar

Events for the next few months are given below. Given the Covid-19 issues, we strongly recommend you check the relevant website prior to each event, to ensure it is proceeding. As our president has observed, please do not take any risks and "if in doubt, don't go out!"

We recognise that it is highly unlikely various Surrey competitions will be held on the dates originally planned. Therefore we have changed the status of those to postponed – revised dates will be provided as events unfold.

### Postponed events (revised dates to be announced)

<del>5 Sun 11.00</del>	<a href="#">Surrey County Pairs Cup &amp; Plate</a>	Oxshott
<del>26 Sun 11:00</del>	<a href="#">Surrey Wanborough Cup</a>	Oxshott
<del>3 Sun 11.00</del>	<a href="#">Surrey Seniors Pairs</a>	Oxshott
<del>10 Sun 11.00</del>	<a href="#">Surrey Mary Edwards Cup</a>	Oxshott

### April 2020

19 Sun 13.00	<a href="#">Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs</a>	Richmond
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### May 2020

17 Sun	<a href="#">Kent GP Swiss Teams</a>	Tunbridge Wells
25 Mon 13.00	<a href="#">YHBC &amp; CBC Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs</a>	Blackwater, Camberley
31 Sun 11:00	Surrey League Finals (please see President's note above)	Oxshott

### June 2020

6 Sat - 7 Sun	<a href="#">Oxfordshire Congress</a>	
14 Sun 13.00	<a href="#">Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs</a>	Richmond
15 Mon-19 Fri	Surrey Charity Sim Pairs	Clubs
20 Sat	<a href="#">Berks &amp; Bucks GP Swiss Pairs</a>	
21 Sun	<a href="#">Berks &amp; Bucks GP Swiss Teams</a>	
28 Sun 11:00	<a href="#">Surrey Blue Pointed Mini Swiss Pairs (with AGM)</a>	Oxshott

### July 2020

18 Sat	<a href="#">Hertfordshire Green Pointed Swiss Pairs</a>	
19 Sun	<a href="#">Hertfordshire Green Pointed Swiss Teams</a>	
26 Sun 13.00	<a href="#">Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs</a>	Richmond

### August 2020

31 Mon 11.00	<a href="#">Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs</a>	Oxshott
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### September 2020

6 Sun 13.00	<a href="#">Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs</a>	Richmond
26 Sat	<a href="#">Green Point Swiss Pairs</a>	Guildford Spectrum
27 Sun	<a href="#">Green Point Swiss Teams</a>	Guildford Spectrum

### October 2020

11 Sun	<a href="#">Woking Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs</a>	
18 Sun 1pm	<a href="#">Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs</a>	

### November 2020

22 Sun 13.00	<a href="#">Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs</a>	Richmond
30 Nov-4 Dec	Dorin Salver Sims	

For more information on Surrey County Bridge Association events [click here](#) or click on a link in the Calendar on the website. You can enter an event either

- online, using the [Competition Hub](#); or
- download an entry form; or
- email the competitions secretary, Shirley Pritchard at [competitionsecretary.scba@bridgewebs.com](mailto:competitionsecretary.scba@bridgewebs.com).

## Hall of Fame

For the complete Hall of Fame, including photographs and previous years, please click [here](#). The following is the current list:

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winners</b>
Bank Holiday Blue Point Pairs	William Clennell & Dominic Cooke (Rose & Graham Walker - Non-Expert)
Chairman's Lunch	Jennifer Boud & Maria Martin
Club Pairs Challenge Final	George Coomber & Jon Harrison
Dorin Salver - Overall	Jonathan Hubbard & Isabel Correia (Oxshott)
Dorin Salver – Mon	Philip Duncan & Richard Burgess (Leatherhead)
Dorin Salver – Tue	Andrew Bannock & John Dagnall (Ditton)
Dorin Salver – Wed	Jonathan Hubbard & Isabel Correia (Oxshott)
Dorin Salver – Thu	Steve Bourton & Doug Pym (Guildford)
Dorin Salver - Fri	George Whyte & Pauline Hart (Chippenham)
Ladies Pairs	Bhuma Rangarajan & Miranda Fellows
Mens Pairs	Cliff Lambe & Graham Cunningham
Mixed Pairs	David Dawson & Christine Dyer
Surrey Blue Pointed Swiss Teams	Isabel Correia & Peter Exworthy, Graham Cunningham & Hilary Stewart
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Arun Suri & David Norman
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Norman Selway, Kay Preddy, Michael Prior & Michael Hampton

## Well Done Members! Your SIM Contributions

Hats off to Surrey Members! You have raised over £5,000 for two very worthy charities and made a wonderful difference to the lives of many people.

As you know, twice a year your club holds “Surrey SIM” events. These events are when the same hands are played across Surrey Clubs (and some outside Surrey). Each participant makes a donation to charity, which SCBA collects from your club and distributes to the charities.

The two main recipients of your donations and extracts of their “thank you” letters to are overleaf.



Thank you so much to all members for raising a wonderful **£2,068.70** for Phyllis Tuckwell. We are really grateful for your support and hope everyone enjoyed raising the money...

Please do pass our thanks onto everyone who made the donation possible...

Your donation could help pay for two week's care from one of our inpatient nurses, who will be caring for up to 5 patients, providing relief from pain and difficult symptoms in a peaceful environment.



...It is with huge thanks that I confirm safe receipt of £3,053 to Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People (QEF) from Surrey County Bridge Association through your annual Dorin Salver Bridge event.

Your generous gift will have a major impact on helping the many children and adults we work with every year with physical or learning disabilities.

On behalf of QEF, I want to thank you for your continuous support and for helping us make a positive difference to the lives of people with disabilities.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

## Prize Double Dummy Puzzle #5

by Tim Warren

A hand is said to be played double dummy if everyone can choose the cards they play with full knowledge of all four hands. So, for instance, declarer need never lose a finesse to a singleton King offside, because it's clear to all the Ace will drop the King.

	♠ 10 8 7 6 4 3 ♥ Q 10 9 3 ♦ 3 ♣ A 2	
♠ A K 9 2 ♥ J 5 4 ♦ A 9 7 6 2 ♣ J	Contract 6♥ by S  Lead ♣J	♠ Q J 5 ♥ - ♦ Q J 8 ♣ Q 9 8 6 5 4 3
	♠ - ♥ A K 8 7 6 2 ♦ K 10 5 4 ♣ K 10 7	

After East has opened a pre-emptive 3♣, South plays in 6♥. For the purposes of this puzzle, West leads ♣J, and from then on it's double dummy.

There are two questions:

Q1: How does South make 6♥?

Q2: What should West have led to defeat the contract?

I'm rating this as TRICKY (but only slightly). Names of all those submitting correct-first-time solutions will be put in a Morris hat and the winner selected randomly. The prize will be free entry to a Surrey event at Oxshott of the winner's choice.

Thank you to Alan Brown of Yateley & Hawley BC for providing me with the hand.

Send your entries to me at [TimjgWarren@gmail.com](mailto:TimjgWarren@gmail.com) by Friday 17 April. We trust Surrey members will solve the problem themselves, rather than using computers. We'll publish the names of the prize winner and all correct entrants on the SCBA website, and in the next newsletter.

## Improver Declarer Hand

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Dealer: South  
 Vul: None  
 Contract: 4♥ by South  
 Lead: ♣Q

<b>North</b>			
♠ J7632			
♥ QJ			
♦ A85			
♣ A54			
<b>West</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ KT9		♠ Q84	
♥ 652		♥ A3	
♦ J9643		♦ T72	
♣ QJ		♣ KT987	
<b>South</b>			
♠ A5			
♥ KT9874			
♦ KQ			
♣ 632			

Our ♠A, ♦AKQ and ♣A give us five top tricks outside trumps. Driving out ♥A will give us five trump tricks, for a total of ten. We therefore have enough tricks for our contract, although we'll need to be careful about entries.

After winning the first trick with ♣A it's important to cash ♦KQ before playing a trump. East wins with ♥A, cashes two club tricks and exits with a spade. We win with ♠A, enter dummy in trumps and discard our losing spade on ♦A. We claim the rest with our trump winners in hand.

If we make the mistake of leading a trump at trick 2 and both defenders play low, now we're unable to make more than two diamond tricks and we'll finish one down.

Hand supplied by Richard Granville for No Fear Bridge  
 Play more hands like this at [www.nofearbridge.co.uk](http://www.nofearbridge.co.uk)

Board: 2411

## Club News

We note that bridge is being temporarily suspended at some clubs – either because of their decision or that of the venue owner/operator. As the SCBA President has indicated above, these are troubling times for bridge and the nation. We hope normal service will soon be restored at all clubs. Until then, please take good care.

### Bookham Bridge Club

Pictured right is Neil Higgins of Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club (BABC) presenting a £805 cheque to Tim Warren, Youth Officer at SCBA.

Including this very generous and much appreciated donation, members at Bookham have raised over £4,000 for charitable causes during 2019. This includes over £2,000 in their 50th Anniversary Charity Fund which was shared between Royal Marsden, Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance and Princess Alice Hospice together with SCBA.

Neil modestly says “I am very proud of this amount and it reflects well upon our friendly club.” We at SCBA say that this is a fantastic achievement and take our hats off to BABC.



## **Caterham Bridge Club**

Caterham Bridge is celebrating its 1,000<sup>th</sup> Play session on 30th March. We would like to invite bridge players from other clubs in Surrey to join us in celebration of reaching this milestone. Click [here](#) for details.

We are running a blue pointed Swiss pairs with Selsdon Bridge Club on Saturday 6th June, please click [here](#) for details.

Our Bridge Picnic and a walk sessions will commence at the end of April. Dates are 24th April York Room St John's Church Hurst Green, 29th May, 26th June Brickmakers Arms Crowhurst, 24th July, 28th August and 25th September. Details will soon be on the website.

We are running a 10 week beginning bridge course on 17th April in Woldingham. 10:00-14:00. Please click [here](#) to contact us for details.

## **Richmond Bridge Club**

Richmond will be running a heat of the Portland Pairs on Sunday 29 March

16 June – Richmond Café Bridge.

Richmond will be running The Eastbourne Midweek events including:

- GCH Fox Championship Monday & Tuesdays 3 & 4 August
- Pivot Teams Wednesday 5 August
- Mixed Pairs Thursday 6 August

## **Forthcoming Charitable Events**

3 May Swiss Teams – at Cobham Rugby Club - Twickenham Upon Thames Rotary Club – in aid of Princess Alice Hospice.

## **Charity Update**

Caterham Bridge Club aims to raise a stunning £6,000 this year for their long-standing charitable donations to impoverished Secondary school students in Kenya. Secondary Education is provided free to all students in Kenya. However, once students pass the KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education) and qualify for Secondary education they have to pay for their lunches and school uniform. Some poorer children are unable to pay and without support would be excluded from school. Secondary education is for four years and the support provided costs approximately £100 a year. Caterham BC are currently supporting 42 children. The money is raised from players buying refreshments at the club's play sessions.

As mentioned in the write up from Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club, this club raised, just over, an amazing £4,000 for charitable causes.

Editor's note: what fantastic and inspirational achievements from the members of Caterham Bridge Club and Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club. These are shining examples to all of us – well done to all your members.

## Junior News

**Tim Warren,** [TimjgWarren@gmail.com](mailto:TimjgWarren@gmail.com)

Our Schools Cup was held once again at Roehampton Club last month, attracting 108 students from 12 schools, up from 89 and 11 last year. Roehampton is an excellent venue, and they have supported our event generously, in terms both of cost and of members' help. We were particularly pleased to welcome Tormead School, Guildford, who sent five pairs despite their BC starting only the previous term. KCS Wimbledon retained the Cup, once again beating two of the country's top bridge-playing schools, Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' and Westminster Schools. [You can see the full results by clicking here.](#)

With the sterling efforts of Douglas Wright and Julia Davies in various new schools, both with pupils and teachers, we look forward to the Cup continuing to expand next year. It will be on Fri 5 Feb 2021, once again at Roehampton.

You can read of Bookham's wonderful charity fund-raising elsewhere in this newsletter. Over £800 was earmarked for beginners' and junior bridge, and we used some of this to fund enhanced personal trophies for the winners at the Cup, and special certificates for all attendees.

If you have youngsters who play, or wish to learn, and would like more information, [please let me know.](#)

## Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be in May 2020. Please send us news, views, interesting hands, and what is happening at your club - [newsletter.scba@bridgewebs.com](mailto:newsletter.scba@bridgewebs.com). Similarly, please let us have any comments to any of this newsletter or any other bridge matter please contact the Committee, through the website.