



Surrey County Bridge Association

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President's Introduction

Many of you may have wondered what the EBU is for, and whether it has much relevance to the club player. Well, I had the opportunity to attend the EBU's AGM last week, so had the opportunity to see in more detail what they get up to.

Apart from reminding me how much I used to enjoy formal meetings when I was at work, it was interesting to see how much stuff gets done by the EBU. Selection decisions for internationals are far away from the aspirations of most of us, but there is little doubt that international success has benefits for English bridge in general. The Laws and Ethics activity is rather more relevant to the average player, and it was clear from the material presented how much work goes into this difficult area. EBU administration of events and Master Points/NGS impact all of us who play at affiliated clubs.

What was evident was the concern for the future of the game, evidenced by a major presentation on player number trends, plus a discussion paper on possible actions to slow and reverse the declining participation, which provoked a lively exchange of views. I am pleased to say that Surrey was noted as one of the counties in the forefront of addressing this topic, as anyone who attended our recent Chairman's Lunch will already know.

Season's greetings to all our readers. Let's look forward to an enjoyable year of bridge in 2019.

Tim Green

The 2019 Calendar

JANUARY 2019

Sun 1300 13 Surrey Affiliated Teams of 8 Richmond

FEBRUARY 2019

Sun 1300 3 Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs Richmond

Sun 1300 17 Surrey Mixed Pairs Oxshott

Sat 1100 23 Caterham & Selsdon Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs Godstone

MARCH 2019

Sun 1300 10 Surrey Senior Pairs Oxshott

Sun 1300 31 Surrey County Pairs Cup & Plate Oxshott

APRIL 2019

Sun 1300 7 Surrey Ladies Pairs Oxshott

1300 7 Surrey Mens Pairs Oxshott

MAY 2019

Mon 1300 6 YHBC & Camberley Blue Point Swiss Pairs Yateley

Sun 1300 12 Surrey Mary Edwards Cup Oxshott

JUNE 2019

Sun 1300 2 Richmond Blue Point Swiss Pairs Richmond

Sun 1300 9 Surrey Leagues Finals Oxshott

Varies Surrey Charity Sim Pairs Mon 10 – Friday 14 Clubs

Sun 1300 23 Surrey Wanborough Cup Oxshott

Sun 1300 30 Surrey Blue Pointed Mini Swiss Pairs (with AGM) Oxshott

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 [Event Hub](#), download an entry form, or contact the competitions secretary, Shirley Pritchard competitionsecretary.scba@bridgewebs.com

Hall of Fame

Competition	Winners
Chairman's Lunch	Steve Irwin & Roxanne Day
Club Pairs Challenge Final	Malcolm Bricknell & Peter Hardymont
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Jeffrey Allerton & Philip Wood, Graham Osborne & Frances Hinden
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Miles Cowling & Ron Davis
Bank Holiday Blue P Swiss Pairs	Natalie Shashou & Nick Sandqvist (David Stallan & Simon Oldham – Non Expert)
Charity Sim Pairs- Monday	Roger Hitt & Paul Skinner (Kenley) 69.27%
Tuesday	Ernie Gilburd & Andrew Male (Woking) 67.24%
Wednesday	Alan Webber & Mick Edwards (Caterham) 68.90%
Thursday	Max Baumann & David Lofts (Camberley) 71.63%
Friday	Mike Mulligan & Elisa Money (Effingham) 67.11%
AGM Pairs	Jeffrey Allerton & Frances Hinden
Wanborough Cup	Jeffrey Allerton, Frances Hinden, Gerard Thompson, Andrew Mann
Surrey League Finals - Division 1	Jeffrey Allerton, Frances Hinden, Peter Lee, Paula Leslie, Graham Osborne, Mike Scoltock
- Division 2	Tim Pelling & Naomi Cohen, Simon Prager & Henry Klocek
- Division 3	Alan Webber & Mick Edwards, Peter Kelly & Andrew Rumble
- Novice	Alan Given & Janine D'Eath, Maciej Szetela & Jean Wilson
Mary Edwards	Ralph Evers & Ronald Wood (Roehampton)
Affiliated Clubs Teams of 8	RICHMOND -Marietta Andree & Janet Cahm, Margaret Page & Patrick Bohan, John Clark & Nadia Koch, Dan O'Farrell & Maureen Dennison,
Dorin Salver Overall winners	Ulla Adilz & Joyce Munns (Bookham)
Dorin SalverDay 1 Monday	Ulla Adilz & Joyce Munns (Bookham)
Dorin SalverDay 2 Tuesday	Allan Webber & Mick Edwards (Caterham)
Dorin SalverDay 3 Wednesday	Frank Marshallsay & Steve Bourton (Tudor)
Dorin SalverDay 4 Thursday	Michele Lundqvist & Graham Cunningham (Wimbledon)
Dorin SalverDay 5 Friday	Renate Lane & Joyce Gibbs (Effingham)
Ladies Pairs	Ulla Adilz & Joyce Munns
Mens Pairs	Steve Bourton & Frank Marshallsay
Mixed Pairs	Easter David & Bhuma Rangarajan
Seniors Pairs	Steve Lock & Graham E Osborne

A Simple Guide to Bridge Scoring in Match Point Pairs, Teams and Cross-IMPs

By Trevor Hobson

Team Bridge, and the less well known pairs equivalent, Cross-IMPs, is declining in popularity and a recent discussion with representatives of several Surrey clubs indicates that this decline is at least in part due to a lack of understanding of how to run and score such sessions.

The purpose of this note is:

- to encourage clubs and committees to try running team events, or the pairs equivalent: Cross-IMPs;
- to show that Cross-IMPs scoring is as simple to organise and run as a normal club Bridge session with the benefit that it requires the tactics needed for Team Bridge.
- to show how these forms of scoring contrast with that of Match Point Bridge (often referred to as Duplicate) that is the most common form of Bridge currently played in clubs.

Match Point Scoring

Let's first look at a golfing analogy.

Suppose you play a round of golf with a group of people and for each hole you score 2 points for everyone who took more strokes than you did and 1 point for everyone who took the same number as you. Then at the end you simply add up the points to see who won. With this type of scoring every hole is worth the same number of points. It doesn't matter how difficult the hole is, each one scores the same. This is not a very common way to score at golf but...

... this is exactly how Bridge is scored in most club sessions. Your score on each board is compared with every other pair that had the same cards: you get 2 points for every pair that did worse than you, 1 point for every pair that scored the same as you and zero for every pair that did better than you. It doesn't matter how much you win by, just that you beat as many of the other players as possible. This is by far and away the most common form of scoring used in Bridge clubs today.

With this form of scoring getting an extra trick, or the extra 10 point for playing in No Trumps can make a big difference your score.

Teams Scoring

The more normal way to score a golf match is to count the total strokes used for the whole round. This is very close to the way Team Bridge is scored.

In its simplest form a team consists of two pairs, one sitting NS and the other EW and in any competition between two teams (A & B) both teams play the same boards twice, once with NS(A) playing against EW(B) and once with NS(B) playing against EW(A). The two scores for each board are then compared and the difference is converted IMPs (International Match Points) using the table found at the bottom of most scorecards.

There are many standard movements available in the popular scoring programs that allow a club to run a multiple teams event where the EW pairs of each team and the boards move round the room in such a way that any two teams play the same boards as described above.

With Team Bridge the important point to note is that it is not just who gets the higher score on any one hand that matters, but *how much better* their score is. So the extra points from a single over trick or 10 points for playing in No Trumps count for little. What counts more is bidding and making games and slams that others don't and not going down in contract that others make.

What about NGS?

Those players that are interested in their NGS are probably familiar with how the results of a normal club Match Point pairs session can impact their NGS. Put simply: the average NGS of your partnership is compared with the average NGS of your opponents to derive a target % score for your partnership. If you score more than that target your NGS will increase, if you score less it will decrease.

In a Team event the final ranking of a team has no effect on the NGS of the members of the team. The NGS calculation is done for each pair of the team separately and not for the team as a whole, so the performance of your teammates will have no effect on your NGS. The NGS calculation for a team event is based on something called Cross-IMPs scoring which is described below.

What is Cross-IMPs Scoring – and Why Do It?

Well Team play can be fun but there can be difficulties. First you have to find another pair to make up a team, and it is impossible to play a team event with a ½ table. Not all of the boards are played by every pair and it is necessary to have available more boards than any one pair will play. One solution to these problems is to run a normal pairs movement but to score the session using Cross-IMPs – as some clubs already do.

In Team Bridge your score on a board is compared with that of your team mates score, and the sum of those scores is used to work out the IMPs score for the team. So if you are sitting NS your score is compared with the score achieved by your team mates sitting EW.

At Cross-IMPs the same system is used but your score will be compared with every EW pair that played that board and your score will be the average of the IMPs obtained. In other words, for each hand half of the room are effectively on your team.

The tactics and types of play are the same at Cross-IMPs as they are at Teams, so Cross-IMPs scoring provides extremely good practice for Team playing but without the disadvantage of always having to make up full teams and deal more boards.

Playing Strategies

Okay, so how does the type of scoring change the way hands should be played? This is quite a complex subject to get to grips with, but there are a few general principles as follows:

- with Match Point pairs:
 - o play in a denomination that scores best (eg NT rather than a minor);
 - o go for as many tricks as the odds favour;
 - o chose tactics that will succeed more often than they fail – irrespective of the size of the success or failure;
- with Teams (Cross-IMPs):
 - o bid boldly (get those game and slam bonuses) but play in safe denominations;

- play safely to make your contract – overtricks are worth having but not if they risk the contract;
- avoid actions that might result in a large loss;

It is clear that to do well in all forms of Bridge you must be good at both bidding and playing the cards. However, Match Point Bridge favours the card player that can see where extra tricks can come from that others might miss. Team (Cross-IMP) Bridge favours those that can bid accurately and can see game and slam contracts that others might miss.

To be a well rounded Bridge player it is important to be comfortable playing all forms of Bridge, and for anyone wishing to develop their game to inter-club, inter-County or International level Team playing is essential.

Summary:

Match Point	Teams	Cross-IMPs
Your score is compared with all the other pairs that had those cards and you get 2 points for every pair you beat and 1 for every pair you draw with.	Your score is compared with the one pair that are your teammates. The score the team gets depends on by how much you score better or worse than the other team.	Your score is compared with all the other pairs that had those cards, just as in Match Point scoring, except that the score you get depends on by how much you did better, or worse, that they did.
Every board is worth the same number of points.	The number of points scored on a board depends on the amount by which you beat the other team.	The number of points scored on a board depends on the amount by which you beat the other pairs that had the same cards.
It pays to be in the best scoring denomination	It pays to be in the safest denomination	It pays to be in the safest denomination
Card players that can extract the extra tricks are rewarded.	Accurate bidding of games and slam is rewarded	Accurate bidding of games and slam is rewarded
Can be played with ½ table.	Need team movements and cannot be played with ½ table.	Uses a normal pairs movement and can be played with ½ table.
NGS is determined by how well your score compares with those pairs that had the same cards you had.	NGS is determined by how well your score compares with those pairs that had the same cards you had. The performance of your team mates has no effect on you.	NGS is determined by how well your score compares with those pairs that had the same cards you had.

Appendix: An Example of Playing the Odds at Match Point and Playing Safe at Teams (Cross-IMPs).

You are in a vulnerable 3NT:

Dummy:

Spades: A K Q x x x

Hearts:)

Diamonds:) Lots of little cards

Clubs:)

Declarer:

Spades: x x

Hearts:)

Diamonds:) 5 certain tricks and no more.

Clubs:)

There are two sensible ways to play the spade suit: play A K Q first; or duck a round then play A K Q. Which you chose should depend on the form of scoring used. To see why let's look at the possible outcomes.

The spade suit may split 5-0, 4-1, or 3-2 and the probabilities are:

5-0: 4%

4-1: 28%

3-2: 68%

Here are the scores for the different types of play:

	A K Q	Duck first then A K Q
5-0	-100	-100
4-1	-100	+630
3-2	+660	+630

If the suit splits 5-0 it doesn't matter how you play, you will only ever make 8 tricks, but so will everyone else and you will get a flat board. For the sake of argument to make the difference very clear let's assume that however you chose to play the hand your opponents chose the opposite. So at Duplicate playing A K Q first will give you a top whenever the cards split 3-2 (68% of the time) and bottom when they split 4-1 (28% of the time). So over many hands you score better to play the odds: 3-2 is more likely than 4-1 so play for a 3-2 split.

At Teams, Cross-IMPs the logic is different, with this scoring it is important to take account of the size of any points swing. Here the correct play is to duck a round first. The result of this will be that most of the time you will get a 3-2 split (68%) with a swing of -30 (which is -1 IMP) but 28% of the time you will get a swing of +730 (which is +12 IMPs). So even though you lose more often than you win, the winning score is so much greater that it is worth playing that way. Your teammates are unlikely ever to be happy to see you go down in a rock solid contract simply because you went for an extra over trick.

Chairman's Lunch

We held the annual Chairman's Lunch on 14 November that was attended by representatives from many of Surrey's Clubs. The lunch time discussion covered two topics:

- how to increase club membership
- how to encourage more team bridge

We were fortunate to have Gordon Rainsford and Tim Anderson from the EBU at the event and Tim led a useful discussion on the EBU's Membership Campaign which several clubs are now expressing an interest in joining. If there are any members who would like to share their ideas of how we could increase the number of bridge players, increase our membership in our clubs and put bridge in the forefront of people's leisure activities, please let us know.

Douglas Wright led a very useful discussion on team bridge and the reasons for its apparent decline. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find an article covering team bridge and its pairs equivalent – Cross-IMPs. We are planning to add a new Blue Pointed Team event to our calendar and we are also looking to establishing a County 'hit team' that can visit clubs to help them with the setting up and running a team/Cross-IMPs event. If you have any interest in this, either to be part of that team or to have the team visit your club then please contact any of the committee or email the chairman at chairman.scba@bridgewebs.com

Bridge Hand (1)

By Tim Warren

In a recent Surrey League match, this hand presented a whole series of challenges, both in bidding and play ... and I still don't know what the right answers are. You're West here, playing Acol, and after three passes your first problem is what to open:

Dealer N, Love All

♠ 5	A 8 4 2
♥ A K 4	Q J 3 2
♦ A K 8 5	Q 7 6 4
♣ A K J 7 6	8

An opening 2C would be strong, with a suit continuation as F1R, or a 2NT rebid as 21-22. You decide you don't like the idea of opening 2C with the intention of rebidding 3C, because it's quite likely to go 2C–2D–3C–3NT and you'll then have to decide whether to continue with 4D or just pass. You don't get 22-counts very often, and the last place you want it is on the table.

You think about pretending it's a balanced 21-22 and bidding 2C followed by 2NT. But this has big risks; it gets awkward telling team mates you've lost the first six spade tricks in 3NT, when the oppos made 6C in the other room.

In the end, with some trepidation, you just say 1C.

You're relieved, and pleasantly surprised, when partner responds 1D. But what now? You can't risk stopping below game, so 1C-1D-3D is out. You could try 4D or 4NT, but these bypass what may still be the best game of 3NT.

So, with fingers crossed once more, you jump to 2H; not F2G in the system, but at least forcing. Partner bids 4H, promising 4-card heart support of reasonable quality and more than a minimum. Yet again, what now?

Not a lot of point asking about aces. You try 6D, but partner says 6H, so you have to give in and play in a 4-3 fit.

Play

How do you play 6H on a trump lead? You sit and cogitate. To start with, you decide to you've got to trust trumps are no worse than 4-2, but there's also the possibility of a 4-1 diamond break to worry about.

You can see at least four feasible lines:

1. Ruffing a spade in hand and crossing to D:Q to draw trumps. That will give you the ace and a ruff in spades, four hearts, three diamonds, and if they don't break, you'll then need the club finesse for 12 tricks.
2. Testing the trumps first to see if they break 3-3. If that works, you'll have a bit more flexibility about things - for instance, you could ruff a low club in dummy to improve your chances of running the suit. Because you haven't used up your spade guard, you can afford to give up a club trick.
3. Crossing to dummy with D:Q and taking a first-round club finesse. You haven't quite worked out what will happen if it loses, but you're hoping that something will come out of the woodwork - you imagine justifying your line by trying to convince partner you were rectifying the count prior to some endplay or other (mentally, you're waving your arms rather vaguely here).
4. You could aim to ruff a couple of clubs in dummy, with a view to losing a trick to the outstanding trump, if they're 4-2. This gets awkward if the diamonds are 4-1, because you might have difficulty getting back to hand to draw trumps. But even then, you might be OK, depending on how the oppos' diamonds and trumps are distributed.

Hmm, that's a lot of options, and it's difficult to work out the relative chances.

Whilst the oppos are too polite to be sighing, you're feeling the time pressure. In the end, your brain boils - at least, mine did. I took the club finesse. Thankfully it won. In practice, everything broke well (trumps 3-3, diamonds 3-2, clubs 4-3) and I couldn't have found a way of going down.

But I still don't know which line would have been best. If you can work it out, please let me know.

BRIDGE HAND (2)

IMPROVER DECLARER HAND

Board: 1297 Dealer: West Vul: None Contract: 3♠ by West Lead: ♦A

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♦	Dbl	Pass	3♠ All Pass

North

♠ T6
♥ AQ965
♦ Q76
♣ 875

West

♠ 73
♥ 843
♦ AKJ95
♣ Q63

East

♠ 82
♥ KJT2
♦ T4
♣ AT942

South

♠ AKQJ954
♥ 7
♦ 832
♣ KJ

Our ♥A and seven trumps give us eight top tricks. Barring a misdefence, we can't expect to make a trick with dummy's ♦Q, so we need to find an extra trick from hearts or clubs. There are three plausible ways:

- Hope that West has ♥K and finesse dummy's ♥Q.
- Hope that East has ♣Q and play a club from dummy to our ♣J.
- Hope that East has ♣A and play a club from dummy to our ♣K.

We don't have to decide yet. West wins the first two tricks with ♦AK and leads a third round for East to ruff. East returns a trump, which we win in hand.

We now have to make a decision, but before doing so we should remember the auction. West passed originally and has turned up with ♦AKJ, so won't have as many as 12 points. It's just possible that he has ♥K in addition, but in that case East would have ♣AQ, so any of the three approaches would be successful.

Even if we place ♥K with East, there's still no room for ♣A in West's hand, since he would then have 12 points. So we should conclude that East has ♣A.

We might as well play a heart to ♥A and ruff a heart high, just in case ♥K appears, but when both opponents play low we should enter dummy with ♠T, drawing the last trump in the process. We now lead a club from dummy and play ♣K from hand. When this holds the trick we concede a club and claim the rest, making our contract exactly.

Hand supplied by Richard Granville Play more hands like this at www.nofearbridge.co.uk

Club News

3 Counties Bridge

Douglas Wright & Laura Porro invite you to stimulating weekends. Your bridge will improve as Douglas & Laura (International player and professional teacher) host a series of seminars aimed at social and duplicate players, together with several opportunities to play bridge.

22, 23 and 24 March 2019

[Brochure Hilton St Annes Manor Learning Weekend March 2019](#)

[Click here to Register](#)

and

11, 12 and 13 October 2019

[Brochure Hilton St Annes Manor Learning Weekend October 2019](#)

[Click here to Register](#)

for more information email events@3countiesbridge.com

For Information on Improver Plus and Advanced course suitable for Club Duplicate players please visit www.3countiesbridge.com We have several courses commencing in January 2019.

Richmond Bridge Club

We have regular Mini Swiss Pairs 5x5 boards the cost includes a wonderful feast of cheese, pate and a glass of wine.

Once a month suppers including bridge visitors are welcome

Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs Sunday 3 February £300 top prize

Visitors are welcome to all events.

Please book via www.richmondbridgeclub.com

Woking/Chobham Bridge Clubs

Jane Hickey passed away last Friday in Hospital at the age of 98. She was a well known Bridge player in the Woking area. A member of Chobham, Old Woking (now called Woking) and the original Woking and Welcome. She will be missed.

Busbridge Bridge Club

Busbridge Duplicate Bridge Club's 3 free trials offer has gone down a storm. We've had a good response and these are now converting into confirmed members. We're thinking of repeating but not just yet – we're still assimilating the newcomers.

Charity News

We would like to ensure that we are promoting all Charity Bridge events in Surrey. There is some fantastic work going on in Surrey, supporting numerous Charities, and we can capture all annual events, and assist the organisers to get more players attending and raise more funds. Please give us details of your annual and occasional Charity events.

Bridge & Afternoon Tea Charity Event

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A big congratulations to all my students who were involved and who raised a fabulous

£1,500

for

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Guildford Cafe Bridge :: Thursday 4th October 2018

Congratulations to YOU the 240 players and to the staff of 15 restaurants for creating such a wonderful day in Guildford.

You were very generous with the buying of raffle tickets and entering the event.

Lizzie and her team of volunteer helpers, with specific mention and thanks to Margaret Blain and Gerald Searle, have raised the enormous amount of **£5,183** for two wonderful charities.



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Many Thanks to Victor Lesk, our Director, who is the world's expert on Directing and Scoring Cafe Bridge events.

Lots of other Cafe Bridge events can be found at his website brianbridge.net

A big thank you to Caroline Bottoms, Sasha Chamberlain our scorers.

Congratulations to all the players and the winners of the 2018 Guildford Cafe Bridge a complete list of the results can be found at 3countiesbridge.com and many thanks to Douglas Wright our bridge organizer.

The poster features a central illustration of a bridge game. A red teacup with the Cherry Trees logo is on a saucer, with an orange teacup and a teal teacup stacked on top. The bridge is formed by playing cards: two hearts, two clubs, and two diamonds. A yellow bunting banner hangs above. The background is a dark green field.

**BRIDGE TEA TO
SUPPORT
CHERRY TREES**

Friday 1st March 2019
1.30 - 4.30 PM

St John's Centre, Merrow. GU4 7AA.

Tickets cost £12 per person and include Afternoon Tea.
Bookings are for teams of four.

Book here: www.cherrytrees.org.uk/events
or call 01483 222507.

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ANDREW ROBSON CHARITY BRIDGE DAY

Charity Number 1166495

Thursday 14th March 2019

10.00 am – 3.30 pm

Tuition starts at 10.30 am

Coffee and Lunch included £45 per person (£180/table)

Court Farm, West Chiltington Lane, Coneyhurst, West Sussex. RH14 9DL
(On the A272 from Billingshurst to Coolham – turn left in Coneyhurst signed to Barns Green
and Itchingfield, Court Farm is on the right after 500 yards)

The day is designed for social bridge players and is intended to be enjoyable and instructive. All tuition materials will be provided, including cards, but please bring one table per group of 4 players. Bridge Day Enquiries: 07710 117702 (Amanda)

[Buy a table](#)

What is Café Bridge? By Victor Lesk

A typical café bridge event is a duplicate pairs bridge game set up over multiple cafés and restaurants. Pairs move to a new venue after each round, guided by a movement card or roadbook, while board sets remain on their starting tables throughout. The registration fee typically covers vouchers which are valid for refreshments at the venues, either for a single lunch or for a drink at each stop, depending on the style of event.

Café bridge has a social component, whether by raising money for a good cause, attracting sponsorship for bridge from regional institutions, or gaining custom for local businesses. Café drives also help make bridge visible to the wider public, thereby encouraging more people to consider taking it up.

Café bridge schedule

This is a list of upcoming café bridge events, which I have become aware of, which may be of interest to Surrey players in. I am involved in some of them as an organizer, scorer or participant. If you are organizing a café bridge event, I would be delighted to list it here; feel free to pass on the information.

5 February 2019 (Tue)	<u>Teddington Café Bridge</u> in aid of League of Friends of Teddington Memorial Hospital <u>and Safe Passage</u> <i>This event is running a waiting list</i>
19 March 2019 (Tue)	Chiswick Café Bridge in aid of Marfan Trust <i>This event is not yet open for booking</i>
30 April 2019 (Tue)	Henley Café Bridge in aid of TBC <i>This event is not yet open for booking</i>
13 May 2019 (Mon)	Farnham Café Bridge in aid of Samaritans <i>This event is not yet open for booking</i>
18 June 2019 (Tue)	Richmond Café Bridge in aid of TBC <i>This event is not yet open for booking</i>
14 September 2019 (Sat)	24th Antwerp Café Bridge <i>Trip is not yet open for booking</i>

How should I or my club go about organizing a café bridge drive?

Please visit Victor Lesk resource page [here](#).

Youth News

Tim Warren timjgwarren@gmail.com

On Sun 25 Nov, we ran our first South East Counties junior event, part of Surrey's collaboration with Kent and Sussex. Wimbledon BC generously hosted us free of charge, and everyone - teachers, TD, helpers - gave their time free, too, so we were able to put it on at a remarkable £10 per head for refreshments. We had teaching in the morning and competitions in the afternoon.

33 youngsters registered, and the club was buzzing.



We were fortunate to have a top-class teaching line-up, including the U21 and U16 national squad leaders Michael Byrne and Giorgio Provenza. The pic below is of the Advanced group enjoying Michael's teaching.



David Emerson of EBED TD'd separate bridge and MiniBridge competitions and achieved the feat of keeping both groups to time. June Middleton did a superb job, not only helping tirelessly on the day, including making all the food happen, but also setting up the whole Wimbledon end of the event. We had too many helpers to name here, but they made the whole process, from registration to close-down via a delicious lunch, run like clockwork. Look for a report in the EBU magazine, too.

Next year, the SE Counties team will be putting on a Junior Bridge Camp over the weekend of 6 & 7 July at Bowles Rocks, Tunbridge Wells. Let me know if you'd like details.

Our flagship event, the Surrey Schools Cup, takes place at Roehampton Club on Fri 1 Feb. For the first time we're due to have a full team from Farnborough Sixth Form College, and, having opened it up to schools well beyond the our boundaries, we're expecting to welcome Haberdashers' Aske's Boys', who regularly win the national schools' event, and Ryde School (yes, from the Isle of Wight!).

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Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be in March 2019. News, views and interesting hands, what is happening at your club – please send them to me. If you have any comments on any of this newsletter or any other bridge matter, please contact the Committee.

We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.