



Surrey County Bridge Association

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President's Introduction

by Tim Green

This edition contains the third Double Dummy problem, presented by Tim Warren. These days we have the luxury of a little table included with the hand records which show what could have been achieved with the cards - given knowledge of all four hands and plenty of computing power. It wasn't always so, and in younger days I used to be impressed and sometimes amazed by the skill of setters and solvers of these problems.

How relevant are these exercises today? Working though these problems manually, as it were, helps focus on card play technique and draws attention to interesting end positions which can really come up at the table. So, turn off the computer, turn on the little grey cells and have a crack at Tim's puzzle

Upcoming Events

There are a number of exciting forthcoming events, the dates of which are detailed overleaf. This section aims to provide you with a brief explanation of these and to see if we can whet your appetite!

Surrey and Novice Leagues and Lady Rose knockout

We are proud to be able to provide a range of team events to cover a wide range of abilities and experience. The Surrey League has four divisions ranging from the Blue Pointed Division 1 that is the premier teams league in Surrey, to Division 4 for entry level players, and we even have a Novice League for those very new to the game. Matches are played between October and April. The closing date for entries is 29 September 2019.

The Lady Rose is a knockout team competition with a consolation event for those teams that are knocked out in the early rounds. For anyone not familiar with this competition:

- It is Green Pointed.
- Subject to sufficient entries it is a seeded event so the top teams do not enter in the first round.
- Teams knocked out in the first two rounds are eligible to enter the consolation Lady Rose Plate competition.
- The competition starts in October and is usually complete by the mid-May.
- Team captains agree a mutually acceptable date and venue for their matches within the timeframe specified (usually ~ 6 weeks is allowed for each round).
- Free entry is available to any individual that played in our Affiliated Teams of 8 in January 2019 or in our

Wanborough Cup event in June 2019.

- The closing date for entries is 25 September 2019.

More details of both these competitions can be found on the Leagues & Lady Rose page on our [website](#), or by contacting, as appropriate: leagueorganiser.scba@bridgewebs.com or ladyroseorganiser.scba@bridgewebs.com.

Blue pointed Swiss Teams

As part of our effort to increase participation in team events we have introduced a Blue pointed Swiss Teams event to be held on 10 November 2019. This is a new event and we do hope that many of you will take the opportunity to provide your support. For those of you who are not familiar with team Bridge we encourage you to have a look at A Simple Guide to Bridge Scoring (in the Library on our website) or by clicking [here](#).

Surrey Green Point Weekend

We are still taking entries for our major event of the year, our Green Point Weekend on 14 & 15 September at the Spectrum in Guildford. It is usually well attended and we are told it is one of the largest (if not the largest) events of this type in the country, so please come along and bring your friends. Prior entry is required and the entry form can be found on our website (click here for [Pairs](#) or [Teams](#)).

Club Pairs Challenge

This is a two stage competition. During the week of 9 – 13 September Affiliated Bridge Clubs in Surrey can specify one of their sessions as being the qualifier heat and any pair that earns master points in that session qualifies to enter the Club Pairs Challenge Final at Oxshott on 29 September. It is a fun event and costs the club nothing to participate. If you are interested then please check with your club when they plan to hold their heat.

Forthcoming Calendar

Our events for the rest of this year are as follows:

September 2019

1	Sun	13:00	Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	Richmond
Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th			Surrey Club Pairs Challenge Heats	Clubs
14	Sat	Noon	☆☆ Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs ☆☆	Guildford
15	Sun	Noon	☆☆ Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams ☆☆	Guildford
20	Fri		Herts/Essex Green Pointed Congress	
21	Sat		Herts/Essex Green Pointed Congress	
25	Tue		Lady Rose Cup closing date for entries	
29	Sun	11:00	Club Pairs Challenge Final	Oxshott
29	Sun		Surrey League closing date for entries	

October 2019

2	Wed		Bridge and Golf Open at Hindhead Golf Club (closing date 2 Sep)	Hindhead
6	Sun	11:00	Wimbledon Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	Wimbledon
13	Sun	13:00	Woking Blue Point Swiss Pairs	Woking
25	Fri	11:00	Caterham Blue Point Swiss Pairs	Godstone
27	Sun		Kent Congress GP Swiss Teams	

November 2019

10	Sun	11:00	Surrey Blue Point Swiss Teams	Oxshott
13	Wed	11:00	Club Chairmen's Consultation	Bookham
17	Sun	13:00	Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	Richmond
24	Sun	10:30	South-East Counties Junior Teach-In	Wimbledon BC
30	Sat		Middlesex Congress	

December 2019

Mon 2nd – Fri 6th

[Surrey Dorin Salver Simultaneous Pairs](#)

Clubs

January 2020

12 Sun 11:00

[Surrey Affiliated Clubs Teams of 8](#)

Richmond

19 Sun 11:00

[Surrey Ladies' Pairs](#)

Oxshott

19 Sun 11:00

[Surrey Men's Pairs](#)

Oxshott

February 2020

2 Sun 13:00

[Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs](#)

Richmond

9 Sun 11:00

[Surrey Mixed Pairs](#)

Oxshott

March 2020

8 Sun

Kent GP Swiss Pairs

21 Sat

Hampshire Congress

22 Sun

Hampshire Congress

April 2020

5 Sun 11:00

[Surrey County Pairs Cup & Plate](#)

Oxshott

26 Sun 11:00

[Surrey Wanborough Cup](#)

Oxshott

May 2020

3 Sun 11:00

[Surrey Seniors Pairs](#)

Oxshott

STOP PRESS! There are still a few places left at our flagship "Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs/Teams" events on 14 and 15 September, in Guildford. These events are great fun and a good challenge to your bridge skills. If you're interested, please book your place now before it's too late!

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

Victor Ludorum

Congratulations to Graham E Osborne and Alan Setchell (pictured here) who have jointly won the 2018-19 Victor Ludorum competition.

The SCBA award the Victor Ludorum trophy to eligible individual(s) that perform consistently well over a full season of Surrey open events. It is a prestigious award designed to recognise sustained performance over a large number of Surrey events.

Points are awarded to the top half of each eligible one day event with bonus points awarded for being in the top quarter and for being placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Points are also awarded for each Surrey League, Lady Rose Cup and Lady Rose Plate match won (capped at the equivalent of 3 wins for each competition).



For details of other high achievers and of the competition, please click [here](#).

Hall of Fame

Competition	Winners
Affiliated Clubs Teams of 8	David Norman, Arun Suri, Mike Scoltock, Peter Lee, Charles Chisnall, Bob James, Ian Swanson & Bill Hodgkiss (Mayfield)
AGM Pairs	Tim & Jane Green
Bank Holiday Blue Point Pairs	Nathalie Shashou & Nick Sanqvist (David Stallan & Simon Oldham - Non-Expert)
Chairman's Lunch - By Invitation	Steve Irwin & Roxanne Day
Club Pairs Challenge Final	Malcolm Bricknell & Peter Hardymont
County Pairs Cup	Christine Dyer & David Dawson
County Pairs Plate	Charles Chisnall & Bob James
Dorin Salver Overall Winners	Jill Cook & Ian Lewis (Yateley and Hawley)
Dorin Salver - Monday	Malcolm Oddy & Bob Guille (Ditton)
Dorin Salver - Tuesday	Beryl Mullins & Marilyn Frame (Woking)
Dorin Salver - Wednesday	Jill Cook & Ian Lewis (Yateley and Hawley)
Dorin Salver - Thursday	Gary Hayter & Sheila Hayter (Bookham Afternoon)
Dorin Salver - Friday	John Fairhurst & Keith Bennett (Camberley)
Ladies' Pairs	Marietta Andree & Janet Cahm
Lady Rose Cup	Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton, Mike Scoltock & Paula Leslie (Frances Hinden's Team)
Lady Rose Plate	Roger Pratt, Henryk Clocek, Maciej Pilecki, Simon Prager, Tim Pelling, Naomi Cohen (Roger Pratt's Team)
Mary Edwards Cup	Ting To & Bhuma Rangarajan
Men's Pairs	Alan Bailey & Inu Kassam
Mixed Pairs	Steve Bourton & Julia Brough
Novice League	Hugh Beadle, Linda Beadle, Jonathan Prizeman, Anonymous
Seniors Pairs	Richard Pocock & Geoff Woodcock
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Miles Cowling & Ron Davis
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Jeffrey Allerton, Philip Wood, Graham Osborne & Frances Hinden
Surrey League Division 1	Charles Chisnall, Ken Ford, Bill Hodgkiss, Bob James, Sean O'Neill & Ian Swanson
Surrey League Final Division 2	Elizabeth Taylor, Joyce Bianconi, Beryl Mullins & Margaret Mansell
Surrey League Final Division 3	Alan Webber, Mick Edwards, Andrew Rumble, & Peter Kelly
Surrey League Final Division 4	Keith Oatway, Imelda Moore, Jane Gallagher, John Gallagher
Surrey Sim Pairs June Monday	Graham Cunningham & Derek Cash
Surrey Sim Pairs June Tuesday	Andy White & Meena Samani
Surrey Sim Pairs June Wednesday	Geoff Woodcock & Richard Pocock
Surrey Sim Pairs June Thursday	Richard Pocock & Geoff Woodcock
Surrey Sim Pairs June Friday	Renate Hainsworth & Frances Allwork
Victor Ludorum	Graham E. Osborne & Alan Setchell
Wanborough Cup	Richard Fedrick, Andrew Southwell, Peter Lee & Mike Scoltock

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.

This newsletter, we have our third Double Dummy Prize Puzzle. On Timbo's DD Grading Scale of GENTLE - TRICKY - TOUGH, I'd say this one is TOUGH, so we've had one of each since the first one in March. Names of all those submitting correct-first-time solutions will be put in a Morris dancing hat and the winner selected randomly. The prize will be free entry to a Surrey event at Oxshott of the winner's choice. All Surrey members are eligible for the prize.

	♠ AK987 ♥ 865 ♦ KJ ♣ Q86	
♠ Q3 ♥ 109742 ♦ 53 ♣ 10942	Contract 6NT by S Lead ♣10	♠ 106542 ♥ -- ♦ 109742 ♣ KJ7
	♠ J ♥ AKQJ3 ♦ AQ86 ♣ A53	

As South, how do you make 6NT on the lead of ♣10? Having found two slightly different ways of doing it, we'll accept either, with a special mention for anyone supplying both.

Send your entries to me at TimjgWarren@gmail.com by Mon 23 Sep. We'll publish the names of the prize winner and all correct entrants on the SCBA website, and in the next newsletter.

The hand comes from a 2018 Home Counties League match between Surrey Orange, captained by Tony Richards, and London Blue. We played it in 6♥, which on the lead of ♣10 couldn't be made. Thank you to Ken Ford for finding the solution for 6NT by S, and to Sean O'Neill for help in the analysis.

We trust Surrey members will solve the problem themselves, rather than using computers.

Winner of Prize Puzzle #2 - June

You can see the puzzle and its solution in the News section of the SCBA website, or by clicking [DD Puzzle #2](#).

We had correct entries from William Clennell, Roger Pratt, David Burch, Jane Carpenter, Roger Routledge, John Kilner, Bomi Kavarana, Brian Barrow, Roger Eddleston, John Dagnall, Anthony Quilley, Graham Sadie and Richard Price. Of those eligible (i.e. since it was a GENTLE, NGS rating of J or below), David Burch's name came out of the Morris hat, so David wins the prize of free entry to an Oxshott-based Surrey event of his choice.

Bridge Needs You!



We're all aware that attendances at many bridge clubs are falling and the average member is become greyer each year. SCBA, and many of its membership, is dedicated to introducing more people to this wonderful game of ours. However, bridge would also benefit from your help.

What we need is new players! Traditionally our main catchment has been from the retired. SCBA have many initiatives to bring young people to bridge – see the Youth section below. There are a lot of people between these two categories (such as parents whose teenage children are busy with

A-levels or university). To "capture" these people we need your help.

There are a number of things for which bridge needs your help, these include:

1. Your ideas. We have enough brain power in Surrey Bridge to build a rocket ship, so between us we must be able to come up with ideas to bring new people to bridge. If you have any ideas, please email [the editor](#) or any other member of your committee. We will collect these ideas and share them in future issues. The best will be implemented.
2. Encourage your children and grandchildren to bridge. If you can't play with the younger members of your family then please note there are some wonderful (and free) initiatives to teach children how to play bridge. Also, SCBA has an active programme of teaching bridge in schools (your help in approaching your child's head teacher would be welcomed by us).
3. Introduce people to the support available for them to learn, or return to, or ease into, club bridge. Our website is being developed to make it easier to find local bridge teachers and clubs.

We do hope you can help to take our game forward for the next few decades.

Be Nice!

Each time we sit down at a bridge table, we should remember that everyone is there because they want to have fun. Everything we do should ensure we do not diminish the fun of others. This is especially important with novices who could be permanently put off the game because of others' behaviours.

Law 74A states that *"Annoying behaviour, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited"*.

Those of you who are irritated or offended by an opponent are entitled to call the director, but it's often best to first register your complaint with the offender.

If you have specific irritations you'd like to publish here, please email newsletter.scba@bridgewebscom. Hopefully between us we can make the bridge table a happier and more enjoyable place for all!

Comments we have so far are:

1. Greet people as they/you arrive at the next table. A simple "hello" and smile makes all the difference.
2. Don't offer advice or criticism of your opponents unless they ask for it.
3. Tell your partner or opponent that they played well (but not how they could have played better).
4. Dummy should put their cards down the right way round for their partner.
5. Cards should be flicked onto the table (gently, not arrogantly). Clicking them onto the table is irritating and could be a form of illegal communication.
6. Do not turn over your card until the winner of the trick turns theirs over.
7. Be particularly warm and welcoming to new or novice players. We all need to encourage the next generation.

Remember, we are all ambassadors for the game, our club and ourselves; and we all must act accordingly. Go forth and enjoy!



Is the above photo of empty chairs the future of Bridge clubs...? We are already seeing a rapid decline in Bridge player numbers, especially for evening Bridge and we all understand the reasons, which don't need repeating.

I have recently taken over from Douglas Wright, as Bridge Development Officer for Surrey County Bridge. Douglas has been an energetic committee member: developing and supporting Bridge Teachers in Surrey and, supporting Tim Warren, the Youth officer, to promote youth Bridge. He has now moved to a new role as a Trustee with English Bridge Education and Development (EBED).

Even in my comparatively short time of playing Bridge, I have noticed a severe drop in numbers at most of the clubs I play at. I have been frustrated that the national bodies, in my opinion, have not focussed on recruiting young and old Bridge players over the years and recruiting and developing more Bridge Teachers.

We want this wonderful game to continue to exist for future generations – a superbly stimulating and social game, which can provide hours of fun (or frustration) at a very low cost. So, what can we do as individuals and clubs to revive this game?

In the last Surrey newsletter, I wrote an article on Gentle Duplicate sessions. Whereas the big clubs have an in-house teaching programme and a range of supervised and gentle sessions, many smaller clubs do not, although several have started to do so. Some key successes are at Leatherhead, Camberley, Kenley and Selsdon clubs.

To increase player numbers, an approach is to develop strong relationships between Club and in-house or external Bridge Teachers to transition players to Club duplicate (and teams) Bridge:

- **As Bridge Teachers** – work with local clubs, to **anticipate and transition students to club play via supervised and gentle duplicate sessions**. We are not doing the students any favours by providing continuous supervised play– many will be ready to try gentle duplicate and club duplicate.
- **As Clubs** – **identify who the local Bridge teachers are and have strong relationships with them**. All Clubs should **consider having a 'Learn and Improve Bridge' menu option on the club website**, with a graphic on Learning Bridge (for example, see the Surrey County website, or the Richmond Bridge Club or Wimbledon Bridge Club websites). It can also include details of local Teacher names, courses, and dates, or advertise the upcoming courses on the front page. This will benefit both the teachers and the clubs – the teacher's courses will get advertised and the clubs will benefit with a flow of new players over time. Since most people interested in learning Bridge will google 'Bridge lessons in "myhometown"', they will find both the club and teacher in one shot. Clubs and Teachers can also work together to offer transition sessions to students taught within U3A, local golf and tennis clubs. By the way, **local golf and tennis clubs can be approached and offered Bridge lessons**.
- **Supervised play** can be held after just one term of learning Bridge. These sessions can be set up on the side of the main section, with one or more **experienced players helping new players with bidding and planning the play**.

- **Gentle duplicate sessions** are ideal for those students who have been learning for around two 'terms'. Again, a **side section can be run by more experienced players** and if a club does not have the skills or equipment to set up two sections on EBUScore or other scoring program, then can use smart phone based scoring such as BriAn, which does not need a laptop to score, or can even use paper travellers to begin with.
- As players get more experienced, **club players can partner / mentor new players** – but the club has to select the right, patient, players who will make the experience fun for new players, who want to improve, and gently provide feedback and gradually introduce new concepts, because the leap from learning Bridge to duplicate Bridge is not easy.
- **Affiliated Clubs can identify players who would like to teach Bridge – EBED offers free places** for the 2 day Teachers course to those clubs who have identified teachers who have committed to run lessons at / for the club.
- The Surrey County Bridge **website <https://www.bridgewebs.com/surrey/> has a list of Teachers and classes**. It also has a **Learn and Improve Bridge flyer**, which a club can copy and edit for its own use.

As individuals, we can teach our kids or grandkids MiniBridge, and there are a lot of free online MiniBridge activities and hands to play on the <https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk> website, generously provided by Leigh Harding. Youngsters will enjoy not only having cards in their hands, but also online games! We can also teach small groups of Beginners within our homes.

For juniors and adults, the Nofearbridge website has learning activities from Beginners to Advanced levels with a vast number of practice play hands and notes provided by Richard Granville, a very experienced Surrey Bridge player. This is an excellent website for those who are working and may not have enough time to attend lessons - there are special **discounts for teachers** and I would encourage all players wanting to improve their Bridge to try it out and it is an excellent source for Bridge Teachers.

In summary, the game of Bridge is facing some major challenges, but we can refuse to be beaten and recharge this game!

Please email any suggestions or comments regarding Bridge Development to Meena Samani, email meena.scba@bridgewebs.com.

All Clubs

To help share good ideas between clubs, we have introduced this new section in our quarterly newsletter where clubs can showcase their initiatives (and hopefully allow other clubs to crib good ideas)

3 Counties Bridge Club

IMPROVER TASTER SESSIONS

For any existing player who would like to improve, 3 Counties Bridge Club would like to invite you to an Improver Taster Session to enable you to play and decide how best to improve. Session details are:

Tuesday	17 Sep	10am	Arford
Tuesday	17 Sep	2.30pm	Guildford Golf Club
Wednesday	2 Oct	7.30pm	Quinnettes, Churt

If you would like to attend please contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com

LEARNING WEEKENDS

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

11, 12 and 13 October 2019 - Declarer Play and Slam Bidding

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

[Click here to Register](#)

31 January, 1 and 2 February 2020

[Click here to Register](#)

For more information email douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com

Camberley Bridge Club

In the past six months, the committee at Camberley Bridge Club has taken three initiatives to attract new members to the Club. We have advertised extensively in the area to encourage people who already play bridge, but not at an EBU club, to come along to our Club and take part in competitive bridge in a relaxed and enjoyable environment.

One thing we realised early on was that many bridge players were nervous about playing in a club, wondering whether their standard of bridge would be good enough, and whether they would be criticised if they got something wrong. They were also concerned that their opponents would be so competitive that they would not feel welcome.

This caused us to introduce an eight week programme, devised and led by Penny Moody, to introduce such players to the requirements of a club bridge. This focused on topics such as bridge etiquette, alerting and announcing and pace of play, as well as bridge topics like leads, discards/signals and use of system cards.

The first of these programmes, with 21 new members, was completed at the beginning of July; and another programme starts on 9th September.

The September course is nearly full, please sign up on the website if you or any friends are interested. Please also e-mail Penny Moody if you are able to offer any help and support in running the sessions.

We realised during the first course that some players would need a little longer to practice before joining standard Club sessions. We have therefore introduced Supervised Play sessions, where people who felt that they weren't quite ready to play at the club, could have further practice, particularly to reach the required pace of play. These will run every Monday afternoon, and will allow people to seek advice from established Club members on how to bid or play particular hands.

For more details of Camberley Bridge club, click [here](#).

Busbridge Bridge Club

Once again Busbridge Duplicate Bridge Club in Godalming is offering the popular three free taster sessions for September, October and November. We meet Monday and Tuesday evenings and are affiliated to the EBU. We will help to find a partner if necessary. If interested, please contact our secretary on 01483 424746 or secretary@busbridgebridge.org.uk.

Caterham Bridge Club

Caterham BC has lots of forthcoming exciting initiatives to bring people to, or back to, bridge. These include:

Tuition: Hand of the Day

Tony Cherrett analyses one hand on each day there is play at Caterham BC. This is designed to help less experienced players. There are a minimum of four hands a week covering a variety of subjects. Click [here](#) to see the hands.

Back to Bridge

Tony Cherrett will be running Back to Bridge sessions on Friday evenings starting 20th September. This is an intense series of four sessions intended to refresh the bidding knowledge of those who have returned to bridge after an absence of several years or who have gaps in their knowledge. This will be based on the EBU's Bridge For All Beginning Bridge Book 1. Click [here](#) for details.

Beginning Bridge Courses at Caterham and Croydon

The taster session is free of charge. Please complete the form below to register interest.

10am-1pm 18th September - White Hart Barn, Godstone click [here](#) to register

2pm-5pm 19th September - South Croydon Bridge Club

The course will start on Wednesday 25th or 26th September respectively at the same time. We follow the English Bridge Unions 'Bridge for all' programme. The first of two terms runs until Wednesday 4th or 5th December.

Topic based tuition

Tony is running many single session tuitions. Please click [here](#) for details.

Ditton Bridge Club

As part of SCBA's drive to bring more people to club bridge, Ditton Bridge Club is pleased to announce that we are taking a stall at the 'Long Ditton Alive' – Grand Community Day on Saturday 7th September 2019 between 10am and 4pm at St Mary's Church & Community Hall. Our objective is to chat to as many people as possible and get over the message that bridge is fun. We hope to encourage people to either learn bridge or to try club bridge. If you're in the area, do pop over and say "hello"!

For further details of the club, please visit our website by clicking [here](#). We very much hope to see you at our club.

Selsdon Bridge Club

Bridge training sessions are now being held at Selsdon Bridge Club. They are open to members and visitors alike and are free of charge for those joining the duplicate session following the training, otherwise table money is applicable.

The sessions are held on the second Thursday of the month and are tailored to the standard of those attending. A booking system is provided as well as a list in advance to collect names.

Training materials are posted to the web site after the session. To date sessions have included **Opening Leads** and **Doubles**. The next session will be in September: **Supporting Partner's Suit**. Click [here](#) for further details.

Club News

Caterham Bridge Club

There are lots of exciting events coming up at Caterham BC:

The Summer Meeting - One Day Events

Caterham was one of the venues for the Pivot Teams event. Congratulations to Alan Bailey, Maria Martin, Adrian Patrick and Neil Gayner of Surrey who won at Caterham and were also the overall winners of the event. Tom Townsend wrote an article on the event in the Daily Telegraph click [here](#) to see.

Bridge Picnic and a Walk

Why not join us for some exercise with your bridge! We play a pairs session at the venue starting at 10am. This will be followed by a bring your own picnic lunch (there is also a local pub). At about 2pm we will embark on a gentle walk led by Phil Harris. We will organise car sharing from Caterham and Godstone.

30th August Cowden click [here](#) for details

27th September click [here](#) for details

Caterham Bridge Club Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs Friday 25th October 2019

We start at 11am and play 7 rounds of 7 board matches, each round will take up to 50 minutes. This event is suitable for players at all levels as who you play in the next round depends on your score so far; so you quickly start to play opponents of a similar ability. You will get master points for every match you win and extra master point awards for those finishing in the top third. There will be a trophy for the winners to keep for the year. We will finish by 6pm. There will be cash prizes dependant on the number of entries. There will be a prize for the best performance based on NGS grades.

There will be free coffee and biscuits available from 10:45 until 15:00. You are welcome to bring your own food. There is a Coughlans Bakery 50 yards away which serves a variety of goodies.

Systems must conform to EBU Blue Book Partnership Understandings Level 4.

Venue The White Hart Barn, 71 High St, Godstone, RH9 8DU

Cost £15 per person. Click [here](#) to enter.

Farnham Bridge Club



On Sunday, August 18th, over 80 bridge players, many from the Farnham area, played in the Erica Currie and Richard Currie Swiss Pairs organised by Farnham Bridge Club. The first event was ten years ago, after the untimely death of young Richard Currie. Erica Currie, his mother, passed away a few months ago.

The event was professionally directed by Mick Green and the winners were Charles Chisnall and David Owen, after a fierce battle with Jackie Davies and Mike Fawcett. At the end of the session, Douglas Currie presented the Trophy to the winners. And, of course, the main winner will be the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice as a substantial cheque will reach them before long.

The Bourne Club generously made their premises available, free of charge. Everyone felt very welcome and taken care of.

Richmond Bridge Club

1 September 1pm - Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs - Prize Money 1st place £400.

14 September 2pm - Bridge the Gap. This fun session bridges the gap between social bridge and duplicate bridge. Our friendly and experienced teacher, Richard Banbury, will explain how the game of duplicate bridge is played and guide you through some of the differences between social bridge and duplicate.

28 September 10.30am Paul Mendelson Seminar.

17 November 1.00 Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs.

Beginners Lessons start Thursday morning 26 September and Monday evening 30 September

Junior Bridge regular fortnightly sessions start on Sunday, 15 September at 3pm to 5pm.

Forthcoming Charitable Events

2-6 Dec Surrey Dorin Salver Sim Pairs

Café Bridge

Café Bridge is an effective way of raising money for your favourite charity and it's great fun! If this is something that may be of interest to you, then click [here](#).

Youth News

Tim Warren, TimjgWarren@gmail.com

We'll be running our second South-East Counties Junior Teach-In at Wimbledon BC on Sunday 24th November. Thanks to the generosity of the club and its members, it will cost just £10, which includes a light lunch and refreshments. It's open to anyone aged 8-21 who already plays bridge or MiniBridge - see the [SCBA website](#) for details or email Tim Warren.

We're still in need of teachers and helpers to run bridge clubs in various schools in south-west London and elsewhere. If you can help us, please let me know.

Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be in December 2019. Please send us news, views, interesting hands, and what is happening at your club - 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.