



Surrey County Bridge Association

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President's Introduction

As my 2 years as President draws to a close, I think it is worth spending a short time reflecting on the current state of Surrey bridge. Although I have been a member of the County for nearly 50 years I had no involvement with either the organisation or the Committee when the Chairman invited me to become President.

With almost 5,500 members it is difficult to decide what is required, and so at a recent committee meeting we discussed the need to improve communications with our Affiliated (and non-Affiliated) Clubs so that we could help to promote bridge across the County. As a first step our Chairman has spoken to the Chairman of all the Clubs to encourage participation in the AGM Swiss Pairs. Hopefully this will mark the first stage in developing a much closer relationship with the committee, so that we can reflect the needs of the membership in our future plans.

The competitions sub-committee attempts each year to organise a programme of events to meet the needs of all our members. One of the difficulties has been to find suitable venues, but we have now agreed to hold most events at Oxshott, with a few others scattered around the County. Many people enjoy the opportunity to play teams bridge, and so we are running 4 Divisions of County Leagues together with a Novice League. Apart from Division 1 these leagues are regionalised to avoid a lot of travelling. This is an opportunity for members to start playing teams bridge against people of a similar standard, so I hope many more of you will consider participating in the future.

The communications sub-committee coordinates training across the County and helps bring new players into the Novice Leagues and "Friendly" events. This is essential to the future health of bridge across the County. The sub-committee also advertises forthcoming events and individually targets potential participants.

The County is fortunate to have a number of international players amongst its membership, so you can always test yourselves by playing against them in our most prestigious events, the County Pairs and/or County Teams (known as the Lady Rose Cup).

Each year the President chooses a charity to benefit from the proceeds of the Surrey Simultaneous Pairs. This year my chosen charity was the Sutton & Croydon Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre, which supports sufferers of this most common disabling neurological condition. I am indebted to Graham Wells for organising the event and enabling us to make a donation of £2,200.

It just remains for me to thank everyone for their support over the last 2 years, and to wish my successor all the best.

Enjoy your bridge.

Graham Davison
Retiring President

The 2012-2013 calendar (what's left of it!)

June 2013			
Sun	09	AGM Swiss Pairs	East Horsley
Tues	18	TRY TEAMS evening	3 Counties
Wed	19	TRY TEAMS morning	3 Counties
Sun	23	TRY TEAMS afternoon	Wimbledon
Sun	30	Wanborough Cup	Wimbledon
July 2013			
Sun	28	Richard Currie Memorial Swiss Pairs (blue pointed)	Farnham

Early next season (2013-2014)

August 2013			
Mon-Fri	19-23	Club Pairs Challenge Any pair winning master points on the clubs 'Club pairs challenge day' is eligible for the final at Farnham on Saturday 12 th October	Clubs
Mon	26	Summer Blue Pointed Swiss Teams	Banstead
September 2013			
Mon-Fri	16-20	Surrey Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
Sat	28	Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Guildford Spectrum
Sun	29	Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Guildford Spectrum

Guildford Café Bridge

In aid of The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

Thursday 26th September 2013

Entry Fee £22 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 takes place at various venues in the Town Centre. Registration is at 10.15 with prizes at 4.15 and a two course lunch at whichever venue you are playing in at lunch time.

For more information email bobfuller@msn.com or polly.youngs2@hotmail.co.uk or click [Cafe Bridge Flyer](#) to see the flyer.

Club news, club events and other snippets

Bourne Club

On 29th April the Bourne Bridge club ran a very successful open pairs competition, all the monies taken were in aid of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. A total of £650 was raised for the Hospice.

The Bourne Club is pleased to announce that on Wednesday 2nd October our popular annual Phyllis Tuckwell charity teams luncheon will be held at the Bourne Club. This is an Open Teams Event. The event will include a raffle, sale of Christmas cards and other items. The cost for the day, including lunch and a glass of wine or soft drink will be £16 per person. All proceeds to go to the hospice. Please note the date in your diary.

Open Swiss Teams 23 March 2014 - to be confirmed

Richmond

Saturday 8th June

Paul Mendelson is giving a seminar starting at 10.30 am. Members £18, visitors £20.

Sunday 8th September

Blue pointed Swiss Pairs

For more information please go to the Richmond web site: www.richmondbridgeclub.com

South Croydon

I don't know if member clubs will be interested but because we are a sports club we have a team who entered and have just won the Surrey Lawn Tennis Association Bridge Challenge Plate for 2013.

We are holding a Swiss Teams event on Sunday 14 July all welcome but number of teams do have to be limited due to lack of space. Anyone interested can email or phone me (Mary Sales) on 0208 660 7513

Wimbledon

Wednesday 18th September

Gad Chadha is giving a seminar entitled 'Coping with Interference'.

Saturday 28th September

We are having an Open Day at which beginners can learn to play mini-bridge and we will be starting both beginners and intermediate courses in October.

For more information please go to the Wimbledon web site: www.wimbledonbridgeclub.co.uk

Coombe Hill Golf Club

Coombe Hill Golf Club is holding a charity golf-bridge day on October 3rd. For more details please go to their web site: coombehillcharitybridgeandgolfproam.com

Invitation and sponsored events

How have Surrey players done this season in invitation and sponsored events?

Event	Outcome
Metropolitan Cup Surrey put in 4 teams, an A, a B and two C's. If you would like to be considered for the C teams and are below Premier Life Master then please contact Peggy Griffin on peggyg@talktalk.net	
A - Peter Lee & Jeffrey Allerton Frances Hinden & Graham Osborne, Bob McRobert & Arun Suri, Mike Scoltock & Brian Powell, Bob James & Tony Moon, Mike Ellis (Captain) & Paul Mumford B - Richard(Captain) & Sue Millard, Barbara & Barry Stoker, Nigel Barnes & Jos Beresiner, Anne & Andrew Stimson, Gerard Thompson & Andrew Mann, Peggy Griffin & Peggy Moir C1 - Mike Ullyett & Julia Brough (Captain) , Tony Richards & John Manches, Billie Stephens & Michelle Lundquist, John Troiano & John Adams, Helen Beattie & Trish Gilham, Adrian Patrick & Tony Turnage C2 - Nick Browne & Paul Shannon (Captain), Gerald Searle & Jill Purslow, Tony Fincham & Tony Dutton, Liz Cocking & Lyn Poole, Vi Smith & Guy Ableman, Tim Wallace & Chris Wolfe	A – came 2 nd out of 7 B – came 4 th out of 7 C1 – came 3 rd out of 10 C2 – came 9 th out of 10
Home Counties League Surrey puts in two teams – Orange skippered by Tony Richards and Purple skippered by Richard Millard. This runs from October to April and there are about 5 matches in all. If you would like to be considered for either of the teams please contact Peggy Griffin on peggyg@talktalk.net	
Orange team: Barry Stoker, Barbara Stoker, Bob James, Tony Eastgate, Anthony Moon, Tim Green, Jane Green, Tony Richards, John Manches, Jack Goody, Simon Foale, Varda Derwig, Gerard Thomson, Andrew Mann, Tim Warren, Brian Powell Purple team: Included: Richard & Sue Millard, Julia Brough, Steve Bourton, Trish Gilham, Helen Beattie, Andrew & Anne Stimson, Mike Ellis, Paul Mumford ...	Orange team won the league, Purple team came 4 th out of 6
The Champions Cup Held at Young Chelsea. The winners of the Lady Rose Cup were invited to play for Surrey Peter Lee, Jeffrey Allerton, Frances Hinden & Mike Scoltock	
	Surrey won
Beck Cup (Oxon) The winners of the Wanborough Cup were invited to play for Surrey, but unfortunately could not play	
Garden Cities Winner of Affiliated teams of 8 Walton & Hersham (Marietta Andree, Janet Cahm, John Nevin, Bob Edmonds, Richard Granville, Daniel Tregear, Nigel Barnes, Philip Chan)	
	Came 6 th of 8 in the regional finals
Tollemache The team is selected by the Matches sub-committee Jeffrey Allerton, Peter Lee, Mike Scoltock, Brian Powell, Martin Garvey, Cameron Small, Charles Chisnall, Bill Hodgkiss, Frances Hinden, Graham	
	Came second

Osborne

Pachabo

Winners of the Lady Rose Cup


Peter Lee, Jeffrey Allerton, Frances Hinden & Mike Scoltock

Corwen Trophy

The top 5 pairs in the County Pairs Cup qualify. If any of the top 5 decline, then subsequent pairs may be offered a place at the discretion of the SCBA CTD. Only the top 2 pairs are funded by SCBA. Representing Surrey on the 1st and 2nd June are:

Tony Quilley & Richard Rule, Peter Lee & Bob Rowlands, Jeffrey Allerton & Mike Scoltock, Graham Osborne & Frances Hinden, and Marietta Andree & Janet Cahm

Winning defence by Graham Osborne

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I played the Easter pairs with Alex Hydes and this was the very last hand we played. The opponents had a pushy auction to a thin game. Alex led a diamond to the Ten and K. Declarer played a spade to the Q and K. I returned a diamond which Alex won and cleared the diamonds playing the 2 to third round to show a club card.

I discarded the ♣K on the third round of diamonds which creates an entry to Alex's hand. A low club discard allows declarer to make it through an avoidance play. That is, he plays a club from dummy next, ducking if you insert the K, and winning the Ace and playing a second round if you follow low. A major suit discard gives declarer an extra trick in the suit discarded and still leaves you a discard problem later. The ♣K discard guaranteed 2 off and was worth 90% of the match points.

TRY BRIDGE taster sessions

OVER 1000 ADULTS

Surrey County Bridge Association, Surrey Bridge Clubs and Surrey Bridge Teachers are planning to host over 1000 potential players in June and September 2013. Numerous "Taster Sessions" are being organised, so if any Bridge Club or Bridge Teacher would like to add their activity to the list and have the event publicised, contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com or phoning 07801 989630.

All bridge players please ask your Family & Friends to the TRY BRIDGE TASTER SESSIONS at one of the many locations and events. We are very keen to attract your sons, daughters, nephews, nieces, and grandchildren the next generation of players. Email their contact details to douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com or phone 07801 989630

The first few Taster Sessions are on 20 June and 3 July.

These potential players are your clubs new potential members so please encourage at least one person to attend. Further details will be published on the website nearer the TASTER SESSION, when you can book places on the website.

TRY TEAMS

We are planning to hold a TRY TEAMS evening on Tuesday 18th June, morning on Wednesday 19th June at 3 Counties in Churt and an afternoon at Wimbledon BC on Sunday 23rd June 2013. Please click on [Churt Entry Form](#) or [Wimbledon Entry Form](#) to apply.

All students in Surrey are invited (1st/2nd/3rd year) to come and learn how to play teams. The idea is then to encourage as many as possible to join the Surrey Novice Teams League in which they would gain invaluable practice which assists and compliments the teachers' learning programmes.

Bridge players who have not played teams before are also very welcome to play against similar standard players, and we can create the teams for you. The idea is also to encourage additional bridge players to meet new players and to enter the Division 4 & 3 Surrey Teams Leagues.

TRY WEEKENDS

There are various Surrey players, from Richmond, Croydon, Sanderstead, Farnham and other Surrey Bridge Clubs, already booked on weekends of bridge run by Surrey Directors and Teachers including Douglas Wright and June Booty. If you would like to join them please click on [BRIDGE WEEKENDS](#) for further details or contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com or phone 07801 989630.

The Weekends are run in a family owned and run hotel in Bournemouth, at the Days Hotel formally known as the Marsham Court Hotel. Next two 2nd Aug – 5th Aug and 6th Sept – 8th Sept.

Bridge in Schools

OVER 1000 CHILDREN

Surrey County Bridge Association held a Bridge Day on Thursday 23 May for 9 Classes - 250 pupils, at Weydon School, Farnham. It was a great success. SCBA is also planning to hold a Taster Session for 12 classes in one school - 320 pupils, on Monday 24th June and a whole day of MiniBridge in another school - 220 pupils, on Wednesday 26th June.

If any bridge player or bridge teacher would like to become involved in these activities please get in touch with Douglas Wright by emailing douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com or phoning 07801 989630.

There are various afterschool bridge clubs run in a few Surrey Schools but we would like to expand these activities, so if you know either of any school who would like to take up bridge or any bridge player who would like to pass on their expertise to pupils, please get in touch.

Charity Bridge Lunch

Annual Bridge Lunch in aid of Shooting Star CHASE childrens' hospice

Thurs 25th July 2013

When: 10.30 for coffee & cake, 11 – 3pm for bridge

Where: Cross Farm Barn, Shackleford, GU8 6AH

(By kind permission of Mr & Mrs Stovold)

Tickets: £17.50 (to include 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

2012-2013 hall of fame

Competition	Players
Bank Holiday Swiss Teams	Anthony Moon, Tony Eastgate, Barry Stoker and Barbara Stoker
Club Pairs Challenge Final	Allan Pratt & Christine Morgan
Green Pointed Swiss Teams – winners	Jack Goody, John Amor, Michael Hampton, Bill Charlwood
Green Pointed Swiss Teams – non expert prize	Roger Sugden, Lynne Hiorns, Alan Rainbow, Christopher Lemon
Green Pointed Swiss Pairs – third place	Anthony Moon & Tricia Gilham
Green Pointed Swiss Pairs – non expert prize	Graham Osborne & Steve Lock
Dorin Salver - Monday	David Flute & Bryan Williams
Dorin Salver - Tuesday	Keith Stubbs & Pat Stubbs
Dorin Salver - Wednesday	Colin Bailey & Jill Cook – overall winners
Dorin Salver - Thursday	Roger Sugden & Dave Norman
Dorin Salver - Friday	Leo Wang & Bernard Themis
Chairman's meeting	Jill Cook & Alan Brown
Mid-week Cross-Imp pairs	Bob McRobert & Arun Suri
Friendly pairs	Trevor Hobson & Barbara Hobson

Senior pairs	John Samuels & Maureen Dennison
Affiliated Clubs teams of eight	Walton & Hersham (Marietta Andree, Janet Cahm, John Nevin, Bob Edmonds, Richard Granville, Daniel Tregear, Nigel Barnes, Philip Chan)
Mixed pairs	Sati McKenzie & Tony Cherrett
Friendly Swiss Pairs	Gerald Searle & Judi Coady
County Pairs Cup	Tony Quilley & Richard Rule
County Pairs Plate	Jeffrey Allerton & Mike Scoltock
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Monday	Ron Every & Dennis Killey
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Tuesday	Ernie Gilburd & Brian Lewis
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Wednesday	Pennie Mackenzie & Linda McBride
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Thursday	David Messer & Paul Shannon
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Friday	John Constable & Dorothy Houghton
School's bridge – mini bridge	Jonty Woodbridge and Max Johnson from Weydon School in Farnham
Schools'bridge – teams	Kunal Wagle, Theo Haymann, Lee Li and Danny Taktak, St.Pauls in Barnes A team
Lady Rose Cup	Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton, Mike Scoltock
Surrey League Division 1	Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton, Mike Scoltock, Peter Lee
Ladies Pairs	Marietta Andree & Janet Cahm
Mens Pairs	Paul Shannon & Nick Browne
Spring Swiss Pairs	Paul Shannon & Nick Browne
Surrey Golf-Bridge	Viv Harris & Danny Gesua
Friendly Teams	Sheila Simm, Anne Hare, Jeremy Fisher, Maureen Lewsey
Mary Edwards	Lorne Anderson & Keith Wilson - representing Yateley & Hawley

Surrey and Novice leagues

The second year of running the leagues in the new format is proving successful with many new team entering this year and mobility between the divisions beginning to happen.

The Novice League is used by teachers as a means of giving their pupils experience in team competitions, from where they can progress to the Surrey League

The Surrey League is divided into four divisions to provide competitive bridge for all players irrespective of experience and ability.

- Division 1 Is the premier teams league competition in Surrey
- Division 2 Is suitable for most of the top club players in Surrey
- Division 3 Is for the majority of club players in Surrey
- Division 4 This is the entry level to Surrey teams competitions and is broadly equivalent to the 'improver' sections run by many clubs. EBU membership is not required.

The closing date for entries is:

- Surrey League: 1 October 2013
- Novice League: 20 October 2013

More information can be obtained from Trevor Hobson on 07545 966 008 or by email at trevor_hobson@hotmail.com.

News in brief

April 2013



Congratulations to Viv Harris and Danny Gesua on winning the Golf-Bridge



Congratulations to Sheila Simm, Anne Hare, Jeremy Fisher & Maureen Lewsey on winning the inaugural Friendly Teams

May 2013

Congratulations to Lorne Anderson & Keith Wilson - representing Yateley & Hawley - on winning the Mary Edwards Cup



June 2013

Richmond and Wimbledon bridge clubs top the charts as the most played at clubs in England. No other Surrey club is in the top 50.

The next newsletter

There will not be a newsletter in September, instead there will be a small brochure included in the August edition of English Bridge – so do make sure not to throw it away! So, the next newsletter will not be until December.