



Surrey County Bridge Association

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President's Introduction

It is always pleasing to report on the success of Surrey members so well done to Marietta Andree and Janet Cahm who came fourth in the Lady Milne trials and were selected as reserves. Maybe they can go one better next year!

The Surrey Tollemache team finished third in a strong group, narrowly missing out on qualification for the final. Peter Bentley has stepped down as NPC after many years of service for which he is to be thanked.

The recent Surrey schools cup was a great success thanks to Bomi Kavarana's organisation. You can read more about this event elsewhere in this newsletter. The county is very supportive of bridge at this level because we recognise its importance in the future of bridge.

Each year the President chooses a charity that benefits from the February simultaneous pairs event. This year, I chose the Prostate Project, which is a Surrey based cancer charity. A big thank you to all the players that participated and helped to raise money for this very worthwhile cause.

Although we are in the home stretch of the season now, there are still are a number of events that you can join us for. First of all there is the County Pairs at Ripley on March 30th and a blue pointed Swiss Pairs at Oxshott on April 6th. I hope many clubs can send representatives to the forthcoming Mary Edwards and Wanborough Cups and finally a reminder about the AGM on June 15th. We try and keep the official business to a minimum to concentrate on the bridge, but it is a great opportunity to discuss areas of concern with Surrey Committee members.

This year, Surrey Director Steve Foster is taking over the running of the Metropolitan Cup. This event caters to a wide range of abilities from County elite players to club players aspiring to further their game. If you are interested in being considered for selection I encourage you to contact Peggy Griffin.

I hope you are enjoying your bridge.

Graham Osborne
President

The 2013-2014 calendar

Sun	30	County Pairs Cup & Plate	Ripley Village Hall
April 2014			
Sun	6	Spring Blue-Pointed Swiss Pairs	Oxshott
Sun	13	Friendly Teams	Oxshott
May 2014			
Sun	11	Mary Edwards Cup	Wimbledon
June 2014			
Sun	1	Leagues Finals	Oxshott
Thurs	5	Golf-Bridge Cup	Hampton Court Palace GC
Sun	15	AGM Swiss Pairs	East Horsley
Tues	17	TRY TEAMS	Churt
Wed	18	TRY TEAMS	Churt
Sun	22	TRY TEAMS	Wimbledon
Sun	29	Wanborough Cup	Wimbledon

Next year's calendar is on the website. Go to www.surreycountybridge.org.uk/SurreyCalendar.php and click on 'Show next season's calendar'. Next season the Spring Swiss Pairs and Bank Holiday Swiss Teams have been swapped over.

There is still time to enter the County Pairs Cup and Plate, which is at Ripley Village Hall this year. This is a two session event, with the top pairs playing for the cup, and those that didn't quite make that playing for the Plate.

Then there is the Spring Blue-Pointed Swiss pairs on April 6th at Oxshott Community Centre. This is also a two session event with a plated tea provided at half-time. There will be prizes for ascenders and the top non-Expert pair as well as **£100** for the winning pair.

The **Friendly Teams** on April 13th is an event which is **open to all players** including those non-affiliated to the EBU, since you do not need to be a Surrey / EBU member to play in the Friendly events. So if you have a partner who is not a member of the EBU you could still play with them in this.

Finally, the Golf-Bridge Cup on 5th June has a new organiser (Jenny Breedon) and a new venue – Hampton Court Palace GC. The closing date for entries is 18th April, so get your entry in now to avoid (as they say) disappointment.

For more information on events that Surrey County Bridge Association run go to: www.surreycountybridge.org.uk/Events.php or click on a link in the calendar.

To enter an event either enter online www.surreycountybridge.org.uk/CompetitionEntryForm.php using the online entry form, download an entry form, or contact the competitions secretary Frances Trebble (competitionsecretary@surreycountybridge.org.uk).

Schools Bridge Cup

Eighteen pairs from Carshalton High School for Girls, Claremont Fan Court School and Weydon School including 3 non-teaching members of staff participated in this year's Surrey School's MiniBridge competition at St Paul's School in Barnes on 7th February and the winning pair was Ethan Hurley-Love and Deb Casey from Claremont Fan Court School.

Ethan is only 8 year's old and was partnered by non-teaching staff member Deb Casey who was requested not to be the declarer at any time.



And here are the runners up Isaac Mehay-Byford and Per Espedal



Here is Ethan receiving the school's cup from Bomi

Prizes, EBU gifts and chocolates were handed out to the children by courtesy of the EBU and the Surrey County Bridge Association. Unfortunately, there was no Teams-of-Four Bridge competition this year as St Paul's School boys had no takers, but prospects of teams competing in future years are promising.

TRY BRIDGE

TRY TEAMS

There are TRY TEAM events in June on:

- 17th Tuesday evening – 3 Counties Bridge Club
- 19th Thursday morning – 3 Counties Bridge Club
- 22nd Sunday afternoon – Wimbledon Bridge Club

These events are for all players who have not played teams before, or for a player who has played teams and would like to bring along friends to learn the tactics of teams.

Players, who are not members of clubs, who are members of non-affiliated clubs and Surrey members are all welcome.

For further details enter on the website or contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com 07801989630

TRY WEEKENDS

Why not try a weekend of bridge? There are **Playing Weekends** in Bournemouth hosted by Douglas Wright and June Booty on:

- 4/6th April
- 13/15th June
- 5/7th September

24/26th October

There are **Learning Weekends** for Improvers and Club Players hosted by 3 Counties Bridge and Douglas Wright

If you and your Club wish to organise a **Club Weekend** away, why not ask Douglas Wright, who can organise the weekend for the Club.

We are also investigating **IMPROVER Weekends** so if any teachers or player wishes to know more.....

For further details contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com 07801989630

TRY BRIDGE - TASTER SESSIONS

There are numerous Taster sessions planned around the county, so please encourage your friends and relatives to find out where their nearest Taster session is planned.

Hall of fame

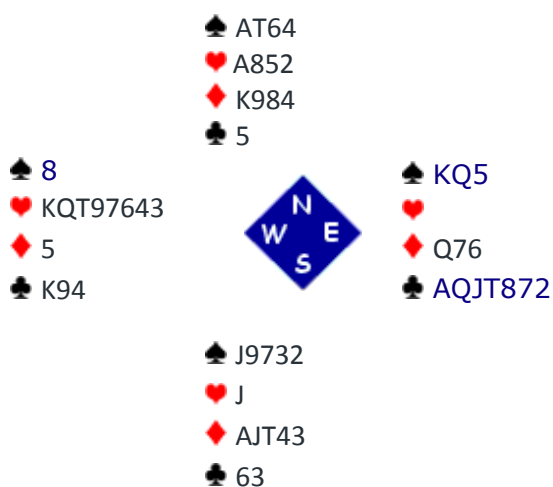
Competition	Players	Place
Club Chairmens Lunch	Graham Osborne & Varda Derwig	First
Club Pairs Challenge Final	Inu Kassam & Anthony Stone	First
Dorin Salver Day 1 Monday	Tony Richards & Martin Camina	First and overall winners
Dorin Salver Day 2 Tuesday	Joyce Bianconi & Mike Lipscomb	First
Dorin Salver Day 3 Wednesday	Linda McBride & Pennie Mackenzie	First
Dorin Salver Day 4 Thursday	Mike Skelly & David Wing	First
Dorin Salver Day 5 Friday	Rosemary Hickman & David Hickman	First
Summer Swiss Teams (Aug BH)	Eddie Richart, Peter Bentley, William Frisby, Yola Makatrewicz	First
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Arun Suri, Bob McRobert, Dee Lindon, Peter Lindon	First
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Peter Lee, Jeffrey Allerton	Second equal
Midweek Pairs	George Blake & Janet Whitham	First
Seniors Pairs	Kath Street & Marian Wilson-Smith	First
Affiliated Clubs Teams of 8	Richmond - Ian Budden, Wendy Lancaster, Dan O'Farrell, Ted Booth, Simon Whiteside, Margaret Page, Richard Millard, Sue Millard	First
Mixed Pairs	Beryl Mullins & Martin Camina	First
Friendly Swiss Pairs	Linda Holt & Peter Holt	First
Ladies Pairs	Pam Powles & Thelma Scott	First
Mens Pairs	Bob James & Peter Hardyment	First
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Monday	Paul Casselle & Peter Hardyment	First
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Tuesday	Jan Plumb & Don Plumb	First
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Wednesday	Vivienne Finch & Kostadin Vasilev	First
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Thursday	Margaret Hamilton & Mike Skelly	First
Surrey Sim. Pairs Feb Friday	June Buckland & Cherry Davis	First

Bridge in Yokohama

Frances Hinden and myself were lucky enough to be part of a team invited by the Japan Contract Bridge League to play in a tournament in Yokohama in February. Since neither of us had been to Japan before we arrived a few days early and did some travelling. Several international teams were playing in the event which has quite an arduous format.

Firstly there was a 3 day swiss event consisting of 12 fourteen boards matches. At the end of this the top 8 teams move forward to a knockout event which we managed to do by finishing second in the swiss. We reached the final beating a Chinese international team and an Australian international team before losing to the Dutch World Champions and a strong Russian pair.

In the second round of the Swiss we played another English team, containing Gunnar Hallberg, a name familiar to many English tournament players. Board 2 featured a rare bird, a double doubled game swing.



Dealer E N/S vul

Patterson	Bell	Whittaker	Hydes		Osborne	Hallberg	Hinden	Black
W	N	E	S		W	N	E	S
-	-	1♣	1♣		-	-	1♣	P
4♥	4♣	X	all pass		1♦*(=♥)	X	3♣	3♣
					4♥	P	P	4♣
					5♣	X	all pass	

At the first table the light 1S overcall led to a fast auction and after the opening lead of HK to A and ruff, declarer had little trouble finding the DQ to score up his contract. At the second table north doubled to show the unbid suits and south with his 5/5 fit for partner really should have bid 4S at his first opportunity, but his actual 'dog-walking' approach allowed me to bid out my hand. 5C was unbeatable, if the defenders lead trumps to prevent east ruffing pointed suit losers the heart suit can be established. The actual defence let through an overtrick. +790 and +650 was worth 16 IMPs and we were on our way to a comfortable 58-20 IMP win.

Club news, club events and other snippets

Wimbledon

Wimbledon Bridge Club have 3 seminars scheduled, all given by Giorgio Provenza.

- Friday, 21st March, at 1pm the subject is 'The Unassuming Cue Bid'
- Sunday 18th May, Giorgio is covering 'All About Doubles', at 1:30pm
- Friday 27th June, 'The Danger Hand' at 1pm.

We also have some social events; 'Sunday Afternoon Tea and Bridge' on 27th April, and 25th May, (this costs just £8 for sandwiches, cake, scones and bridge), Curry Night on Saturday 12th April and a Summer Buffet on Saturday 14th June.

Visitors are always welcome.

For more details, email Louisa on manager@wimbledonbridgeclub.co.uk

Dell

Dell Bridge Club, (Peaches Close Cheam), is 50 years old and to celebrate will be holding a bridge competition followed by a buffet reception in June.

If you are an ex-member and would like to meet other members please email the chairman, agrainbow@aol.com for full details.

3 Counties Bridge

BRIDGE SUPPERS

If you like the idea of having a lovely supper and an enjoyable evening of bridge then a Saturday Bridge Supper is just the thing.

For more information please go to the 3 Counties Bridge website: www.3countiesbridge.com or contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com or on 07801 989 630

South Croydon

We will be starting bridge lessons for Intermediate players during the summer, with a beginner's course starting in September. If interested please e-mail or phone Mary Sales or Andrew Worth at the Club.

Bletchingley

BLETCHINGLEY BRIDGE CLUB LOOKS FORWARD TO CELEBRATING ITS 21st ANNIVERSARY ON 13th JULY 2014

Members of Bletchingley Bridge Club are preparing to celebrate the club's 21st Anniversary by marking the occasion with an Informal Swiss Teams Congress to be held on Sunday 13th July 2014 at Bletchingley Village Hall commencing at 1.15pm and finishing at approximately 7.30pm.

Bletchingley Bridge Club was formed in 1993 by three founding members Jean Virley, Alan Stein & Alan Ritching. Jean is still a very active member but sadly Alan Ritching has since died and Alan Stein, whom we are hoping will be able to join us on 13th July now lives in Ainsdale, Merseyside.

At the outset the bridge evenings were thinly attended but the club soon gained a reputation for being very friendly and rapid progress in establishing the club was made. An important landmark in the development of the club was the enlisting of Derek Harvey as a member some three months after its formation.

Jean & Derek, together with the other founding members, soon became stalwarts of the club and through their efforts the club went from strength to strength and at its peak was running 16/17 tables.

Following the club's formation Jean became Secretary and she held this post, with distinction, until 2010. In addition Jean served on the committee of Surrey County Bridge Association for approximately 10 years and for a period of 5 years held the position of Members' Secretary.

Derek was appointed to the Club's committee in 1993 and during his seventeen years thereon was Chairman for 9 years. His leadership skills saw the club develop to a membership of well over 100 and it became, and still is, a well established club in the Bridge Association of Surrey.

In recognition of the services Jean & Derek have given to Bletchingley Bridge Club they were in 2010 made Honorary Members.

Today, I am pleased to report that the Club is still in robust health with membership of just over 100. Table Numbers are averaging 13 and it is pleasing to record that a reasonable level of new members is still being attracted.

For our 21st Anniversary Congress, which is strictly by invitation only, we are hoping to attract 20/24 tables. Invitations have been sent to The President of Surrey, Graham Osborne, whom I am delighted to say will be joining us along with his colleagues, and to 6 local clubs who will also, hopefully, be entering a team. We have been fortunate to obtain the services of Neil Morley as Director & Scorer and we are very hopeful that the day will provide a fitting tribute to all those people responsible for making Bletchingley Bridge Club the club it is today.

John Clare
Chairman, Bletchingley Bridge Club

Farnham

CHARITY SWISS TEAMS FOR THE SIDNEY CHISHICK TROPHY

Swiss Teams event on Wednesdays 16th and 23rd April 2014 at 7.30 pm

It is hoped that all the Sylvia Rose teams will take part and that other teams from Farnham Bridge Club and other local clubs will also join in.

There will be three 8 board matches on each evening.

This is a charity event and this year we plan to support the

PHYLLIS TUCKWELL HOSPICE (FARNHAM)

Please contact Frances Trebble f.trebble@ntlworld.com

Charity Bridge

CAFÉ BRIDGE Guildford Thursday 25th September 2014 is in aid of CRY and Shooting Star Chase. Put the date in your diaries. More details will follow later.



Cardiac Risk in the Young

and

Shooting Star Chase
Children's Hospice Care



Seminars - High-level competitive bidding - by Ian Pagan

Ian Pagan once again thrilled the crowds and gave a stellar Seminar on High Level Competitive Bidding.

He has been rebooked to give seminars so keep an eye out, for further details, but the dates will be Sunday 7th December 2014 at the Bourne Club and a further date in March 2015. You can book the 7th December now, and places will be limited so please book early. Ian and one of the attendees has provided the following:

On March 6th Ian gave a seminar on high-level competitive bidding. The format of these events is a couple of hours of play (about 24 boards) of carefully selected hands that will demonstrate the points that Ian will be making. He usually starts off with a few tips, which we try to remember – and practice, during the play. Following that there is a short tea break with sandwiches and cake to recover. Finally, Ian takes you through the hands and suggests better ways to bid or play depending on the subject in hand. As you leave, you are given a hand-out of all the hands with a write-up on each one.

Here is a deal from the hand-out:

West Deals, Both Vul

<p>♠ K654 ♥ AKJ8743 ♦ - ♣ 109</p>		<p>♠ 97 ♥ - ♦ AKJ109432 ♣ Q76</p>	<p>♠ AQJ ♥ Q10962 ♦ 875 ♣ J2</p>	<p><i>West</i> Pass 5♣ Pass</p>	<p><i>North</i> 1♥ 5♥ Pass</p>	<p><i>East</i> 4♦ 6♦ Pass</p>	<p><i>South</i> 4♥ Double</p>
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Contract: 6 Diamonds doubled by East
Lead: Ace of Spades

The key bid in the auction is West's 5 Club bid. As a passed hand, West cannot be trying to play in a new suit at the 5 level. The 5 Club bid clearly shows some diamond support and suggests a club lead. East, knowing that West has some goodies in clubs, may view to bid on to 6 Diamonds. Without the 5 Club bid East would probably lead a top diamonds against a heart contract and N-S would make 12 tricks.

As it is, South has to find the right lead against 6 Diamonds. Well South has been warned. They have lots of diamond tricks and may have lots of club tricks and there is quite likely to be a void heart around. What is more, East has shown a weak hand with good diamonds and the 5 Club bid encouraged East to go on so likely some sort of honour in clubs. East is therefore very unlikely to hold the King of Spades so the Ace of Spades should be led on this auction. On a heart lead the doubled slam makes with an overtrick!

This deal demonstrates using your bid to show support for your partner and show another suit (sort of a jump fit bid, but we don't really want to be jumping here!).
The things that I have remembered from this seminar are:

- jump fit bids
- over a 4 spade pre-empt use 4 NTs to show 2 places to play
- if the opponents bid and then raise a suit, any doubles should be take-out
- it would really be a good idea to learn the law of total tricks, as this kept coming up

Now all I've got to do is get my partners to agree

Club Teacher Training

Do you wish to become a Club Bridge Teacher and be given a free place on a Club Teacher Training course? If you do, contact your Club Secretary.

Each affiliated club is offered one free teacher training session in any 24 month period to help with the development of the club and attract new members. Second and subsequent teachers may attend the course on payment of £102 per person, subject to available space.

The success of your Club Development programme will not be judged on how effectively the student member has learned the weakness take-out or Stayman. Success should be evaluated on what percentage of the year group eventually graduate to your club duplicate sessions. The future of your club may depend on it.

The key to successful integration lies with evolving a whole year group, with a minimum of twelve students, from classroom to club room in a three year strategy. Any club that takes advantage of our free teacher training has to agree to take all reasonable steps to provide training within one year of the course, use the EBU Bridge for All programme and to produce at least 4 students as full club player members within 2 years of the course.

Introducing the committee – Peter Bentley

Many of you know at least one member of the committee, but may not know anything of any of the others. I would just like to give a big thank you to one member and hope to mention other members in subsequent Newsletters.

Peter has just retired as NPC of the SCBA Tollemache team.

Peter Bentley by Peter Bentley

I have done it for the past 25 years, mostly the team has been very successful during that period (rarely before), not too sure that it was too much to do with me!! We actually won the final a year or so ago and generally finish 2nd or 3rd in the Final (except this last time when we just failed to qualify for the first time for many years).

I first came to the SCBA Committee in 1985, served as Match Sec and Chairman of Selectors for 5 or 6 years, have been a Selector on several occasions (now matches s/c) and was County Sec for a year. I have been and still am an SCBA Shareholder (Delegate) to the EBU and have attended all the Council meetings over the many years.

I was promoted Grand Master early in 2013 (10 years after Detta!!)

While on the subject of the committee, Tim Cook who has been the County auditor for the last five years is retiring after this AGM. If you are interested in becoming the County auditor please contact Mac Derwig the county chairman by emailing him at chairman@surreycountybridge.org.uk.

To see who is on the SCBA committee go to the web site (www.surreycountybridge.org.uk) and click on the link 'Committee', or scroll to the bottom of the page.

The next newsletter

The next newsletter will be in June. News, views, interesting hands – all welcome.

