



Surrey County Bridge Association

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President's Introduction

The season is drawing to a close but there are still a few county events left in the calendar. Firstly I hope as many clubs as possible send representatives to the Wanborough cup for club teams champions, and secondly the AGM Swiss pairs. This second event is a great chance for you to meet the committee and gives you the opportunity to raise matters of concern or make suggestions. The formal part is kept as brief as possible.

I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work over the last year. It is important to remember that they are all volunteers and give their time for nothing. I would also like to thank Tim Cook who has stepped down as auditor after several years of service. The association is looking for a replacement so if anyone would like to step forward please do not be shy. The role is very straightforward and does not take up too much time; contact either Mac Derwig or Mike Clements if you are potentially interested.

The association is always looking to move forward and will be introducing some new events next year which I hope you will try. In response to feedback, the majority of Surrey events will no longer have a plated tea, which will reduce the cost somewhat and hopefully encourage more of you to enter! The county will be entering four teams in the Metropolitan Cup in the autumn. If you are interested in experiencing inter-county competition and would like to be considered for selection then contact Peggy Griffin.

I hope you enjoy a pleasant break over the summer and return reinvigorated for the start of the county season in the early autumn. In the meantime, enjoy your bridge.

Graham Osborne
President

The 2013-2014 calendar

June 2014

Thurs	5	Golf-Bridge Cup	Hampton Court Palace GC
Sun	15	AGM Swiss Pairs	East Horsley
Tues	17	TRY TEAMS	3 Counties
Wed	18	TRY TEAMS	3 Counties
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.

A sneak preview of the early events next season

August 2014

Mon-Fri	18-22	Club Pairs Challenge	Clubs
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Mon	25	Summer Swiss Pairs – blue pointed	Banstead
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September 2014

Mon-Fri	15-19	Surrey Sim. Pairs for the Dorin Salver	Clubs
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Wed	17	TRY TEAMS	Caterham
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Sat	27	Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Spectrum Centre
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Sun	28	Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Spectrum Centre
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Don't forget to enter the AGM Swiss Pairs on Sunday 15th June. It is at East Horsley, starts at 2pm and includes a plated tea. Please print off the [Agenda](#) and [last year's minutes](#) and bring them with you.

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).

TRY BRIDGE

TRY TEAMS

There are TRY TEAM events in June on:

17th June Tuesday evening 7pm– 3 Counties Bridge Club

18th June Wednesday morning 10am– 3 Counties Bridge Club – Note change of date and day

22nd June Sunday afternoon 1pm– Wimbledon Bridge Club

17th September Wednesday evening 7.30pm - Caterham BC

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.

All Players, students, social, club members from non-affiliated and affiliated clubs are 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:

5/7th September

24/26th October

There are **Learning Weekends** for Improvers and Club Players hosted by 3 Counties Bridge and Douglas Wright. The next one is **Defence Play**; 2nd hand, 3rd hand play and signals, on 15/16th November 2014.

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.

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 the nearest Taster session is planned.

Coffee and Bridge Taster Sessions are held at Harris + Hoole in Guildford, North Street.

www.harrisandhoole.co.uk/shops Better coffee lives in North Street and wonderful bridge taster sessions **every Tuesday morning 10am – midday, in June**. For further details contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com 07801989630

No Fear Bridge Taster afternoon on August 12th at New Haw Community centre, 1.15-3.30 details and application form at [Taster Flyer Sue 2014.pdf](#)

BEGINNER BRIDGE lessons with 'No Fear Bridge' begin in September at Byfleet.

All enquiries to Sue please. : 01932 400009 suehanrahan@yahoo.co.uk

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
County Pairs Cup	Peter Lee & Bob Rowlands	First
County Pairs Plate	Jeffrey Allerton & Mike Scoltock	First
Spring Swiss Pairs	Frances Hinden & Graham Osborne	First
Friendly Teams	Margaret Bradshaw, Ian Lewis, Geoff Williams, Frances Dalton	First
Mary Edwards Cup	Yateley & Hawley: Colin Bailey & Jill Cook	First
Lady Rose Cup	Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton & Mike Scoltock	First
Surrey League Division 1	Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton, Mike Scoltock & Peter Lee	First

Bridge in Hungary

Here is a hand from a recent tournament I played in Hungary.

<p>♠ K73 ♥ JT63 ♦ K83 ♣ K52</p>	<p>♠ T ♥ AQ984 ♦ J742 ♣ A96</p>	<p>♠ 852 ♥ K72 ♦ QT5 ♣ JT84</p>	<p>♠ AQJ964 ♥ 5 ♦ A96 ♣ Q73</p>		<p>Bidding</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">W</th> <th style="text-align: left;">N</th> <th style="text-align: left;">E</th> <th style="text-align: left;">S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>1♥</td> <td>1♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♥</td> <td>2♠</td> <td>P</td> <td>3♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td>4♠</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S	-	-	1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠	P	3♠	P	4♠		
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There is possibly a case for North bidding 3NT as South's actual hand is not much of a surprise and with more extreme shape South can convert to 4S anyway.

A club lead would have left me with no chance but West started with a trump. I won the ten with an honour in hand and it looked like I needed to find one opponent with Ax of clubs to generate a tenth trick and so in

the meantime, I played a heart to the jack for the want of anything better to do. East won and played a low heart back ruffed. I crossed to table with a second round of spades, as east discarded his long heart and I ruffed a second heart in hand. Now I drew the last trump as east threw a diamond, and then played my last trump throwing a diamond from dummy. West could afford a club but east was triple squeezed in an unusual way without the count. A heart was immediately fatal, and a club would allow me to cross to table with a diamond to play a club to hand and then duck a club. After his actual choice of a diamond I played diamond AK and then threw him in with dummy's last heart discarding a diamond from hand. He was stripped down to only Axx clubs now and had to give me two club tricks.

East had two chances to defeat the contract, firstly by switching to diamonds after he won the first heart. This could be wrong if declarer had strong diamonds such as AT9 or QT9 or by discarding two diamonds initially and keeping all his hearts. Now if declarer cashes the last spade, east can afford to discard a club, the difference being that he has two heart winners to cash, when he is in with his club ace. Both the initial heart return and discard look innocent enough because it is difficult to foresee the ending.

Club news, club events and other snippets

All clubs

The Brighton Congress is rapidly approaching (August 8th – 17th) – the EBU are offering a discount on entry to the week-day afternoon events. Effectively buy 5 get 5 free. Here is the [entry form](#) for those interested.

Wimbledon

Wimbledon Bridge Club have 1 seminars scheduled, given by Giorgio Provenza.

- Friday 27th June, 'The Danger Hand' at 1pm.

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

Coffee and Bridge Taster Sessions are held at Harris + Hoole in Guildford, North Street.

www.harrisandhoole.co.uk/shops/guildford Better coffee lives in North Street and wonderful bridge taster sessions every Tuesday morning 10am in June.

Invite the next generation of bridge players: sons, daughters, nephews, nieces and their children or bring them along to play some cards / bridge.

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.

Bourne

The Bourne Bridge club continues to offer an excellent standard of bridge. The main Monday and Thursday evening sessions are very well attended and recently we have had some excellent results in exterior competitions including the Mary Edwards Cup and at a recent EBU simultaneous pairs competition one of our pairs came second in the country. In addition we continue to run weekly Friday Night No Fears evenings.

With the aim of further promoting bridge for those fairly new to the game or returning to duplicate bridge, the Bourne Bridge club now has a Monday afternoon supervised play session. The cost is low, just £3 for non-members for 2 hours of supervision which is carried out by volunteers from the club. The guidelines are supervision rather than teaching, giving direction when asked, encouraging participants to think what partner and opposition bids mean. These sessions are proving very popular and we hope that the number of attendees will grow

Farnham

Don't forget to come to the Richard Currie **Blue Pointed** Swiss Pairs on Sunday July 27th at the Memorial Hall, Farnham starting at 1pm.

There will be 6x8 board matches, a raffle & a plated tea. For more information please see the [Farnham BC web site](#)

Thames Ditton

Beginners and Declarer Play and Defence Courses from September, in Thames Ditton:

Beginners Term 2 Course, on **Monday evenings, 7pm-9pm** starting on **Mon 15 September**. Will also suit those who want to refresh their bidding and playing skills or are returning to the game after a break, For complete beginners, a couple of 'catch up' sessions will be offered.

Declarer Play and Defence course, on **Tue evenings, 7pm-9pm starting on Tue 9 September OR Friday mornings, 10am-12 noon, starting on Friday 12 September**. For anyone interested in getting an edge to their game and better results or just interested to know (and practice) how to play the game better! A real focus on planning the play in NT and Trump contracts and using various card play techniques as well as the art of good Defence. Should be reasonably confident with Bidding, but an enjoyable course for all levels.

For further details on any of the above, please contact meena@fun2playbridge.com or call **020 8339 0645**.

Stockbridge

Fred Hotchen will be starting supervised play in Stockbridge from September. This will take place in the afternoon, the day yet to be determined but probably Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. The emphasis will be on friendly sociable bridge and aimed at people who would like to improve their bridge.

anyone who is interested, please contact Fred Hotchen on 01794 301 185, mobile 07771 854 347 or by email at fred.hotchen@btinternet.com.

Charity Bridge

CAFÉ BRIDGE Guildford Thursday 25th September 2014 is in aid of CRY and Shooting Star Chase. Enter early.



Cardiac Risk in the Young

and

Shooting Star Chase

Children's Hospice Care



Entry Fee £25 + donations of £5 or £10 or £15 etc for Raffle, includes coffee on arrival + 2 course lunch.

How Does Café Bridge Work

All players meet at Registration point in Guildford between 10.15 and 10.45am. There you will be given instructions and a map of venues. You will make your way to the first venue and play 4 hands of bridge, you will then walk to the next venue, and so on through out the day. Duplicate Pairs Scoring.

Lunch will be provide in which ever venue you are at 1.00pm and refreshments will be available for purchase at each venue throughout the day.

At approx. 4.15pm participants reconvene at the registration point for results, prize giving and collecting raffle prizes.

For further details email douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com or Michele.k.perry@gmail.com

Payment can either be made by cheques to Guildford Café Bridge and sent to Michele Perry, Longerend Farm, Hunts Hill Road, Normandy, Guildford, Surrey GU3 2AH or by internet to

Lloyds TSB sort code 30-92-36 acc no 19359568 using the lead player as reference

Places limited to 56 pairs.

Richmond Bridge Club (the secrets of its success)

Surrey County is proud to announce that Richmond Bridge Club has gained the unique distinction of being the Number 1 EBU affiliated club in the country for the third year in succession. Driven by their dynamic manager Marietta and supported by an intelligent forward thinking committee the club continues to break records.

Marietta says the secret of their success is that they are not afraid to take risks and were the first club in the country to buy Bridgemates and Pianola. RBC's constitution allows committee members to stay beyond a 5 year tenure and this has given the Committee stability and continuity. Marietta tries to visit as many bridge clubs as her busy life allows. She says there is much to be learnt from other clubs and the secret is to see something that works and replicate it (or improve it) at Richmond.

Examples of this can be seen in the club's monthly Simple Supper which is held on a Saturday. The club has used Egon Ronay listed restaurants to deliver food and local caterers who supply delicious home cooking. The club offers a two course meal and bridge to members for between £12.00 and £15.00.. Visitors are welcome but expect to pay £2.00 more. The Club's next event is Saturday 14th June when they are being supplied Chinese food by a Pan Asian restaurant highly rated by Trip Advisor.

Another innovation is their Sunday "Coffee and Cakes" session which attracts visitors from as far away as Essex. This is at 2.30 pm and an excellent piece of cake with either coffee or tea is included in the price. By the way, their coffee machine is the same as is used at Costa providing all sorts from Lattes to a simple cup of coffee using Bean to Cup technology.

Their latest addition is a Sandwich Swiss Pairs, which they run for their members on one Saturday every other month. Included in the price of £8.00 are a light lunch and a chance to play six 6-board matches.

Alongside these new sessions, RBC has retained the format of their longstanding Tuesday and Friday evening sessions which are aimed at the highest ranked members of the club. If you are looking for a strong field, these are the nights to visit the Club. A recent overhaul of their teaching programs has again pushed them to the forefront of technology with all class material being projected on large screens via PowerPoint at the touch of a remote control.

Marietta's final words, "I think what really makes Richmond Bridge Club so special is the 900+ members I work for. They are a wonderful group of warm and friendly people who make us the number 1 club in the country. We owe them everything and we try never to forget that." Please visit us; you will be made to feel very welcome. Our website is www.richmondbridgeclub.com and Marietta's mobile is 07887781997.

Introducing the committee

Many of you know at least one member of the committee, but may not know anything of any of the others. In the last newsletter, I introduced Peter Bentley who has just retired as the non-playing captain of our Tollemache team. In this edition I would like to introduce you to two more committee members.

Mac Derwig who is the SCBA chairman

How come Mac Derwig plays bridge

It was in 1978, when Unilever sent me for a period of four years to live and work in Nigeria, that we were advised to learn to play bridge. "There are too many evenings that you and your wife will be finding yourselves opposite people with not much to talk about. A pack of cards would easily solve this problem". We took up rubber bridge and played every other Saturday, enjoying a delicious lunch with excellent wine at half time. As a consequence many contracts reached in the afternoon were not only unexplainable but also impossible to make.

And then we became friends with another expatriate couple who had played and won many international high level tournaments (representing Belgium). They took us under their wings and taught us the rules. The duplicate fever never left us thereafter.

We spent six years from 1982 in Portugal, where the game was played truly passionately in smoke filled venues. An experience both bad for our hearts and lungs! During one evening the niece of Salazar (almost ninety years of age) showed Varda, my wife, a card and asked whether that was indeed the King of Diamonds. It proved that even Bridge is just a game.

Back in the U.K. in 1989, we joined a welcoming Farnham Bridge Club and won on our first appearance. It must have been our bidding system which was not at all ACOL proof. Twenty five years on (time flies), we still are happy members of the Club. A score of 33 % or 67 % is equally analysed in the forlorn hope, that this beautiful game can be mastered at some time.

Being Farnham's Chairman since 2005 gives me a lot of pleasure and occasionally a severe headache but I would not miss my involvement for anything.

Shirley Pritchard

Shirley has been on the committee a number of years including having been president for two years. Here is what she has to say about herself:

I have been playing bridge for over 30 years since I was introduced to it by my then boyfriend and another couple of friends. When I was learning in the mid 1980's it coincided with the foundation of Wimbledon Bridge Club by John Gullick who also gave lessons. I used to play a couple of evenings a week when I was working, but since I retired from my job in Marks & Spencer in 2000 I play in about 5 congresses annually as well as once a week at the club.

Since my job was in administration, I have continued with this since my retirement and am now secretary to a couple of voluntary organisations in Wimbledon. I also direct at Wimbledon and my main bridge aim is to help tournaments and regular sessions of bridge run as smoothly and enjoyably as possible.

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 September. News, views and interesting hands – all welcome.

