



Surrey County Bridge Association

Newsletter #23 September 2016

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President's Introduction

We are about to start a new season in the Bridge calendar. Have you thought of playing in any of the many events Surrey are holding over the next year?

In September we have the weekend of Green Point SWISS Pairs and Teams at Guildford. There is the charity simultaneous pairs 12-16 September at local clubs.

In October and November we have Club Blue pointed pairs and teams. All information can be found on the website.

If you have never played in any of these events, why not give one or more of them a try?

I will be holding a supervised bidding and playing of hands seminar on the 27th Nov. Interested PAIRS need to apply to come to this event as it will be limited to 12 pairs.

This will be a chance for club standard players to play with their regular partner and will focus on competitive bidding and playing and defending of hands. More details can be found on the Surrey website.

Charles Chisnall,
President

The 2016 Calendar

Sept 2016

Mon-Fri	12-16	Surrey Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
Mon-Fri	19-23	SCBA Club Pairs Challenge Heats	Clubs
Sat	24	Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Guildford
Sun	25	Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Guildford
Thu	29	Guildford Café Bridge	Guildford

Oct 2016

Fri	14	EBU Really Easy Afternoon	3 Counties, Churt
Fri	14	EBU Really Easy Afternoon	Richmond
Sat	22	Petersfield Blue Pointed Swiss Teams	Petersfield
Sun	30	SCBA Club Pairs Challenge Final	Richmond

Nov 2016

Sun	06	Woking Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	Woking
Sat/Sun	19-20	Tollemache Qualifier	Birmingham
Sun	20	Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	Richmond
Sun	27	SCBA Next Step Pairs	Wimbledon

Dec 2016

Sun	04	SCBA Senior Pairs	Oxshott
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Jan 2017

Sun	15	SCBA Affiliated Clubs Teams of 8	Richmond
Sun	29	SCBA Mixed Pairs	Oxshott

Feb 2017

Sun	05	Richmond Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs	Richmond
Sat 11-Sun 12		Tollemache Final	Solihull
Mon 13-Fri 17		Surrey Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
Sun	19	SCBA Ladies and Mens Pairs	Oxshott
Sat 25-Sun 26		EBU Ranked Masters Pairs	Birmingham
Sun	26	EBU Master Pairs	Richmond

First Prizes at our main events are doubling this year from £50 to £100 and other prizes are also increasing.

For more information on events that Surrey County Bridge Association run [Click Here](#) or click on a link in the Calendar on the website. To enter an event, please use the [online entry form](#).

Relatively New Events

The EBU Really Easy Afternoon events will be run 4 times a year in various Surrey Clubs. The events are suitable for a significant number of Club players both Affiliated and Non Affiliated. These events are relatively new so please ensure that the next EBU REALLY EASY AFTERNOON is mentioned in the clubs and perhaps ensure that a poster is printed from page at end.

Hall of Fame 2015/2016 Season

Competition	Winners
Affiliated Clubs Teams of 8	Richmond 3 - Anthony Moon, Sarah O'Connor, Angela McCready, Bernard Themis, Nicholas Davidson, Peter Collins, Richard & Sue Millard
AGM Bracketed Pairs	A Section - Jeffrey Allerton & Peter Lee B Section - Roger Pratt & Maciej Pilecki
Club Chairmens Lunch - By Invitation	Margaret Bradshaw & Ian Lewis (EW) and Jane Nind & Douglas Wright (NS)
Club Pairs Challenge Final	Anil Bhandari & Graham Cunningham
County Pairs Cup	Frances Hinden & Graham Osborne
County Pairs Plate	Jim Laker & Barry Stoker
Dorin Salver Day 1 Monday	Alan Cadge & Tim Warren (Overall Winners)
Dorin Salver Day 2 Tuesday	Roger Routledge & Rebecca Snelling
Dorin Salver Day 3 Wednesday	Elizabeth Taylor & Sheila Bean
Dorin Salver Day 4 Thursday	Alan Webber & Mick Edwards
Dorin Salver Day 5 Friday	Christine Morgan & Allan Pratt
Ladies Pairs	Renate Lane & Ann Chapple
Lady Rose Cup	Ian Swanson, Charles Chisnall, Ken Ford & John Short
Lady Rose Plate	Richard Granville, Philip Chan, George Solarski & Nigel Barnes
Mary Edwards Cup	Kenley: - Brian Adlam & Roger Hitt
Mens Pairs	Richard Millard & Corneliu Rimboiu
Mixed Pairs	Joyce & Maurice Grant
Novice League Final	Bob Young, Alan Cumbers, Marilyn Young & Richard Bateman
Seniors Pairs	John McKimmie & Nigel Barnes
Summer Swiss Pairs (Aug BH)	Graham & Berry Hedley
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Pairs	Michael Prior & Mike Hampton, Krzysztof Ginda & Mark Hooper (Joint winners)
Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams	Ingar Hansen, Peter Lee, Paula Leslie & Mike Scoltock
Surrey League Division 1	Ian Swanson, Charles Chisnall, Bill Hodgkiss, Ken Ford, John Short
Surrey League Final Division 2	Graham Osborne, Michael Tinsley, Jane Handley & Alan Setchell
Surrey League Final Division 3	Kevin & Deanne Goddard, Richard Burgess & Philip Duncan
Surrey League Final Division 4	Lynn & Peter Young, Carol Prior & Julie Verity
Surrey Sim Pairs Feb Day 1 Monday	Alan Webber & Mick Edwards
Surrey Sim Pairs Feb Day 2 Tuesday	Tony Cherrett & Fiona Kemp
Surrey Sim Pairs Feb Day 3 Wednesday	Ali Baig & Gillian Hanna
Surrey Sim Pairs Feb Day 4 Thursday	Lesley Colligan & John Colligan
Surrey Sim Pairs Feb Day 5 Friday	Deanne Goddard & Kevin Goddard
Victor Ludorum	Richard Millard
Wanborough Cup	Mayfield: David Norman, Tim Cook, Bernard Pike & Roger Morton

Surrey Sim Pairs, Club Challenge Pairs and Team Leagues & KO

Surrey Dorin Salver Sim Pairs: 12-16 September. This is a charity event which, for less than the price of a cup of coffee, club members can have their results compared with others across the County who play the same boards on the same day, have the chance of obtaining enhanced master points and a cash prize, and be confident that all profits are going to a good cause. Once again this year we are offering free entry to our County Pairs Cup and Plate event to the pairs that achieve the highest overall percentage on each day of our Sim Pairs events. For more information, please check our website or contact the organiser: at: chairman.scba@bridgewebs.com

Club Pairs Challenge Heats: 19-23 September: This has proved to be one of our most popular events. All a club needs do is to nominate one session during that week as being their qualifying event, then all the pairs that obtain master points in that session are then eligible to enter the Club Pairs Challenge Final on 30 October 2016 at Richmond Bridge Club. The relatively large number of people that play in the qualifying events is such that the final tends to offer a very attractive enhancement to the master points awarded. It costs nothing for the club to enter the heat. For more information please check our website or contact the organiser: at: tony.richards@btinternet.com

Guildford Green Point Swiss Pairs & Swiss Teams: 24 & 25 September: These are by far our best attended events and offer the opportunity for players to obtain green points while playing in a friendly, competitive environment. For more information please check our website or contact the organiser: at: greenpoint.scba@bridgewebs.com

Surrey and Novice Leagues: October - May: These are competitions for teams of four players. The Surrey League is divided into 4 divisions and with the Novice League they cover the full range of abilities and experience from individuals who are currently having lessons to players who can and have represented their country, so there is something for everyone. The closing date for entries is **30th September**. For more information please check our website or contact the organizer Roger Pratt: at: roger.pratt1@btinternet.com

Lady Rose Cup & Plate: October - May: This is a knock-out competition for teams of four players. It is seeded so that the better teams only enter the competition in the later rounds and teams that are knocked out of the Cup in the early rounds are automatically entered in the Plate consolation event. The Cup is Green pointed and cash prizes are awarded to the winning team of the Cup and Plate. The closing date for entries is **27th September** Anyone who represented a club in either the Wanborough Cup or the Affiliated Teams of 8 is able to claim free entry to this event even if they are playing in a different team. For more information please check our website or contact the organiser Trevor Hobson: at: chairman.scba@bridgewebs.com

More details of these and other events can be found on our website but should you require any further information on them please contact the organisers above or use the Contact Us facility on our website.

Bridge Hand by Paul Chapman

Defying the laws of bridge at the Eastbourne Swiss Pairs

The Brighton bridge congress has now decamped to Eastbourne. Everyone will have their own view about the merits of the new venue but the main Swiss pairs event still attracted a large field. We hope Eastbourne will work out even if we can't return to the days when the Brighton venue attracted much larger numbers.

This hand from the Swiss Pairs challenged everyone and defied some of the logic which all of us rely on to decide on more routine hands. Ask yourself a few questions.

1. Is it best to play in a 5-4 fit or a 5-3 fit?
2. If you know the 5-3 fit breaks 5-0 while the 5-4 fit breaks 3-1 that would surely confirm your view on the first question?
3. Would you want to try to penalise the opposition in their vulnerable contract or bid on to a non making slam if you had the vast majority of points?
4. Do you avoid making overcalls if you're vulnerable and have very few points?

In the absence of any other information we would all answer positive to the above yet on the hand below from this year's Swiss Pairs it is clear the norms of bridge logic were just not going to work. Many pairs struggled to get close to the par score of 5NT for NS. The scores ranged widely in both directions with many pairs in 4 hearts doubled making for EW, 6 clubs going down by one for NS, 5 clubs making for NS, many in 3NT by NS and even some part scores. Such were the problems for NS that any plus score was good.

DEALER EAST, EW VULNERABLE

NORTH	
♠	♠K 10 7 3
♥	♥
♦	♦K Q J 8 6
♣	♣K J 8 7

WEST	EAST
♠J 9 8 4.	♠A Q 5
♥K J 6 4 3 2	♥Q 8 7 5
♦	♦10 7 5 4 2
♣10 5 3.	♣Q

SOUTH	
♠	♠6 2
♥	♥A 10 9
♦	♦A 9 3
♣	♣A 9 6 4 2

Let's consider the likely action at the table and why the hand doesn't play as you might expect. South will open a club playing a strong no trump and west will overcall in hearts. North has no problem making a takeout double. East may jump to 3 or 4 hearts and North might think a double is reasonable. Some pairs even doubled 2 Hearts perhaps after a 1NT opening from South.

Over a 1NT opening NS might reach 3 no trumps which might make 11 tricks on careful play but perhaps 9 in practice. 5 clubs which looks a good contract could go as many as 3 down if the defence find all their diamond ruffs, but 5 diamonds can make if played with care. If EW do bid to 4 hearts perhaps the best NS can do is bid 5 clubs which unfortunately can go 2 off played by South or 3 off played by North.

A really difficult hand for NS who have most of the points but most of the problems. Sometimes it's best if you have fewer high cards!

Club news, club events and other snippets

3 Counties Bridge

Learning Weekends with international player Laura Porro and well known professional teachers Laura & Douglas

Advanced Declarer Play 15 / 16 October - End Plays and Squeezes – Club Duplicate players

For further details contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com 07801989630

Mayfield Bridge Club

For the fifth year running Mayfield Bridge Club is pleased to announce another Open-to-all Swiss Pairs event to be held on the evening of Tuesday 25th October 2016.

There will be a top prize of £50 for the winning pair, £30 for 2nd, £20 for 3rd.

Entry fees of £5 per person will include coffee/tea, biscuits and sweets!

Run by top Herts director, Richard Banbury.

The event will start at 7:15p.m. sharp and all being well will finish at approximately 10:30p.m. Five matches of five boards will be played.

Do come, it's a fun evening, and a big welcome awaits you.

For details of how to enter go to our website: www.mayfieldbridge.co.uk

Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club

Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club held a very successful and enjoyable Lunch and Bridge Drive on the 20th June as part of the annual Bookham Village Week celebrations.

As a result of the sale of 88 tickets and a well supported raffle, the Club was able to make a donation of £886 to Bookham Community Association in aid of the maintenance of Bookham Old Barn which provides such an excellent venue for the Club's bridge events.

Kate Castree

Secretary, BABC

Woking Bridge Club

Places are going fast for Woking Bridge Club's annual blue pointed Swiss Pairs on Sunday 6 November. With just two months to go, registration is already two thirds full and places remain for only sixteen more pairs. To avoid disappointment, please hurry to make your entry on the Woking Bridge Club website:

http://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoj/bw.cgi?club=woking&pid=display_page10 or via the SCBA website

Woking Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs

Charity news

There are some wonderful Charity events, which are really worth publicising as much as possible. They have been put on separate pages at the end of this Newsletter, so that they can be printed off and shared amongst your friends and also put on the Notice Boards in your clubs.

Guildford Café Bridge



Cardiac Risk in the Young

Shooting Star Chase
Children's Hospice Care



Thursday 29th September 2016

NEARLY SOLD OUT - if you wish to take part in the largest Café Bridge in the UK
please send your details to Lynn Paynter

l.paynter@btopenworld.com

Teachers News

There are numerous Taster Sessions, Beginner and Improver Courses, Advanced Courses in Surrey. Look at the [Teachers Page](#) on the Website. The EBU have courses for TD's too [Click Here](#) for more info.

A few of them are in the following locations:

Wimbledon

Richmond

Raynes Park

Dorking

Effingham

Guildford

Farnham

Haslemere

Croydon

Godstone

Caterham

Lingfield

Woking

Reigate

For more locations and further details contact the nominated teacher on the website or Douglas Wright communicationsofficer.scba@bridgewebs.com

Youth News

Inevitably a quiet period for youngsters' bridge, but arrangements for a new club to start in September at Harrodian School are well under way.

Following the excellent response from people offering to help teach bridge in their local schools, we're running a second train-the-trainer session at Wimbledon BC, on Sat 10 September. If you'd like to join them, there's still space – contact me on Tim@corbiere.globalnet.co.uk. Unfortunately, despite what we felt was a successful taster session at Hinchley Wood, it seems unlikely that the school will go ahead with a bridge club, but we're still following up interest from Teddington School and Greenfields in Woking.

We're also looking for bridge teachers who will be able to lead or help out at Danes Hill School in Oxshott. If you might be interested, please contact me on the address above.

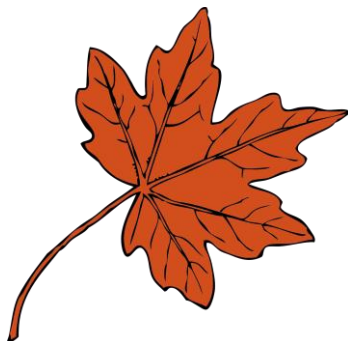
The club at the University of Surrey gets under way again with a stall at the Freshers' Fayre on Fri 30 September. Paul Shannon, who used to teach at the club, will be much missed, but David Bowen has volunteered to take over. Whilst attracting new students every year is essential, it would also be valuable for someone who works at the University to provide longer-term stability and continuity. If you work there and might be that anchor, or know another bridge player who could fit the bill, please let me know.

Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be in December 2016. News, views and interesting hands, what is happening at your club – please send them to secretary.scba@bridgewebs.com

EBU Really Easy Afternoon

Part of the Autumn Congress



A duplicate pairs to introduce 'tournament bridge' to less experienced players

3 Counties Bridge Club

2pm, Friday 14th October 2016

♥ Players should be comfortable playing unassisted in a 'club' environment, but have limited tournament playing experience.

They should be below the rank of 'Master' and lower than Jack on NGS.

♣ Open to EBU members (£8 each) and non-members (£12 each).

♦ Prizes will be awarded to the overall winners.

Blue Points will be awarded based on stratified results.

♠ The hands will also be played at other locations, with the event scored across all venues.

♥ Please enter directly to the EBU Competitions Department

Tel: 01296 317203/219 ▪ e-mail: comps@ebu.co.uk

Guildford Café Bridge

Come and join us for a fun day of bridge in the lovely cathedral town of Guildford, and help us raise money for two fantastic charities.

You'll play several hands at various cafes and restaurants, enjoy a lovely lunch and have the chance to win some great raffle prizes.

Come and be part of the largest Cafe Bridge event in the UK, with an expected 240 players and hopefully raising £5000.

Thursday 29th September 2016

10.15am - 4.30pm

Entry fee £30 per player
Includes coffee on arrival and a two-course lunch.

Please note that cancellations will be reimbursed only if they are received in writing by 17th September.

Find out more at:

www.3countiesbridge.com

or email l.paynter@btopenworld.com

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