

MAYFIELD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER No. 62 SUMMER 2015

Please Note : There is no bridge on Tuesdays 11 & 18 and Fridays 14 & 21 August as the Hall is closed.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held in April and I was pleased to see an improvement in the attendance to 40 out of 100 members. If you have won a trophy during the year, please try to attend the AGM so we can applaud your achievement.

At the AGM, we welcomed three new Committee members. Ann Madden and Jacky Russell Smith have agreed to organize the Host Lists for Tuesdays and Fridays, respectively - please give them your support.

Dave Norman also joined and has taken over responsibility for the website and all related matters including uploading results. Following on from the AGM, the Committee decided it was time to update the website. Although the basic operation and structure remains unchanged, the pages were given a major face-lift and we thank Roger Morton for the major part of this work.

Derek Ash now manages the Bridgemates and Tim Cook the Duplimate service.

New Constitution

At the AGM, the new Constitution was tabled and the Membership agreed to accept and adopt this in the current form. It was agreed that the Committee would consider any comments or proposed amendments received until the end of September 2015. At this point, the Constitution will be amended, where appropriate, and a final version prepared for approval at the 2016 AGM.

Bridge on Tuesdays

We have experienced some difficulties on Tuesday evenings, in particular, in starting play promptly and with the right movement and boards in play. This situation reflected badly on us as a club and could discourage some players from attending or even joining us.

Your Committee discussed this situation at length and proposed the following which will greatly assist the Directors and Scorers in getting play started without delay. We must all remember that, without the voluntary efforts of these vital Officers, our game of bridge could not function effectively.

1. Please arrive and **be seated** by 7.35 p.m. The correct movement cannot be chosen until we know how many players are present. If you are not present at the start of play you are likely to be penalised (average minus) for any boards not played. If you arrive after or near the completion of Round 1, you are likely to be excluded.
2. When the Director makes an announcement, please cease other conversations and system discussions and **listen**.
3. Please leave the playing arrangements to the Director and, however helpful you think your advice may be, only offer assistance when asked.
4. **It is North's responsibility** at the start of each round to check the Bridgemate and confirm that
 - The correct players are present
 - The correct boards are being played
 - The polarity of the pairs is correct

If we all adhere to these conditions I am sure that the organisation of Tuesday evenings will quickly become a much easier task and that we will all benefit in the long run.

The 2015/2016 Calendar

You will find the latest edition of our Calendar attached to this Newsletter. You are reminded that St. John's Hall is closed for refurbishment for two weeks from 10th August. In September, we plan to hold a special Guest Night where members will be encouraged to bring along visitors to this club pairs event. Further details will be revealed but the main feature of the evening is that it will be free to guests. In October, we hope to hold our fourth Open Swiss Pairs evening, although we have not yet identified a director to manage this event. If we are unable to resolve this issue, we may change the format of the evening.

SCBA Members Survey

Our county bridge association wishes to improve SCBA events by understanding what members want. They are especially interested in the views of people who do not, or do not regularly, play in Surrey events to see what can be done to attract them. They are also interested in the views from those that attend SCBA events regularly, to see what can be done to improve them, further. A survey has been created to try to find out members' views on these competitions. We are asked to help by completing this short survey which should not take more than a couple of minutes and is available via the SCBA homepage. The more people that complete the survey the better the information will be!

CAPTAIN'S REPORT Summer 2015

Congratulations to all of the following who have been successful this year since the AGM in April. Apologies for any omissions!

MAYFIELD - CUP WINNERS 2015/2016

Mixed Pairs	Sylvia Clark and Alan Bailey
Dorothy Williamson	Neil Gayner, Alan Bailey, Tim Cook, Tony Scouller
Mens Pairs	Bernard Pike and Dave Norman
Ladies Pairs	Rosemary Rice and Elizabeth Johnson

SUCSESSES – SURREY & LONDON COUNTY COMPETITIONS

Surrey

Lady Rose Cup	1st	Mike Scoltock & Team
County Pairs	2nd	Ian Swanson & Charles Chisnall
Golf Bridge	2nd	Peter Cogliatti & Rosemary Rice
AGM Swiss Pairs	1st	Charles Chisnall & Ian Swanson
League 1	1st	Peter Lee, Mike Scoltock & Team
League 2	1st	Adrian Patrick, Peter Cogliatti, Ann Madden, Rosemary Rice

London

Championship Teams	2nd	Roger Morton & Team;
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Pachabo Cup for County Champion Teams	2nd	Surrey – Mike Scoltock & Team
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CLUB REPRESENTATIVE EVENTS

Mary Edwards Cup for Surrey Club Pairs Champions.

Julian Hemsted & Adrian Patrick - 5th from 21 Club Pairs.

Wanborough Cup for Surrey Club Teams Champions.

Alan Bailey, Tim Cook, Robin Griffiths, Adrian Patrick - 2nd from 17 Club Teams

2014/2015 Nicko National Clubs Knockout,

Mayfield A (Lee) Eliminated in Round 6.

Mayfield B (Morton) Eliminated in Round 3.

Mayfield C (Patrick) Eliminated in Round 5.

Slam Bidding

The text books tell you that it is worth bidding a 50% + small slam and to avoid grand slams that you deem to be less than 75%. Well..... here is hand 20 from the Dorothy Williamson

<p>♠ 87 ♥ Q62 ♦ AQJ63 ♣ 873</p> <p>♠ Q ♠ AKJ105 ♥ AK1043 ♥ J9875 ♦ 5 ♦ K4 ♣ AQ9542 ♣ 6</p> <p>♠ 96432 ♥ - ♦ 109872 ♣ KJ10</p>	<p>Board 20 : Dealer West : All vulnerable</p> <p>Never mind the bidding. This is an 89% small slam for which only a 3-0 ♥ break (offside) will beat you. The 3-0 break is a 22% chance, but only if North has this holding will you be defeated! Furthermore, it also requires North to cash the ♦ Ace at trick 1, or 6♥ makes!</p>
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Let's switch to the Men's & Ladies Pairs

<p>♠ J86 ♥ 6 ♦ K86 ♣ AK10763</p> <p>♠ K10974 ♠ AQ52 ♥ - ♥ 98754 ♦ Q9753 ♦ J4 ♣ J52 ♣ Q9</p> <p>♠ 3 ♥ AKQJ1032 ♦ A102 ♣ 84</p>	<p>Board 4 : Dealer West : All vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>West</i></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>North</i></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>East</i></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>South</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♣</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>3NT</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>6♥</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All Pass</p> <p>A plausible, if unscientific, auction!</p> <p>In the events one pair bid 6NT and were allowed to make it! Three pairs bid & made 6H (or +1) and seven pairs only bid game.</p> <p>Staying out of this one suggests a rather conservative approach to slams and highlights an important part of 'pairs' strategy in that, if you bid this slam and it fails, you won't score zero as others will do likewise, but staying in game does risk a bad score. A 6♠ sacrifice only costs 800!</p>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	Pass	1♣	Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass	6♥
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And...

<p>♠ K10954 ♥ 4 ♦ J54 ♣ AK52</p> <p>♠ J62 ♠ 8 ♥ J763 ♥ KQ1085 ♦ 1098 ♦ 732 ♣ 986 ♣ QJ74</p> <p>♠ AQ73 ♥ A92 ♦ AKQ6 ♣ 103</p>	<p>Board 9 : Dealer North : EW vulnerable</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>West</i></th> <th><i>North</i></th> <th><i>East</i></th> <th><i>South</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>1♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>5♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>5NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>6♦</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>7♠</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All Pass</p> <p>Sometimes, simple is best! When RKCB unearths 2 ‘Aces’ and 1 King it will require a strange hand for North that gives no play for the grand slam. Partner should have, at least, an extra Queen or shape to justify an opening bid and won’t be a balanced 12-14. Both 7♠ & 7♦ can be made. All bar one pair bid the small slam, but nobody bid the grand.</p>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>		1♠	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass	7♠
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Finally, my thanks to Dave Norman for the following

Bidding the Grand

<p>♠ A65 ♥ Q732 ♦ 7 ♣ AQ953</p> <p>♠ J8742 ♠ Q1093 ♥ KJ6 ♥ 10984 ♦ 10965 ♦ QJ ♣ 7 ♣ J42</p> <p>♠ K ♥ A5 ♦ AK8432 ♣ K1086</p>	<p>Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>West</i></th> <th><i>North</i></th> <th><i>East</i></th> <th><i>South</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♣</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♠*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♣*</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♥*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dbl</td> <td>4♠*</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>5NT*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>7♣</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>3♠ was a splinter agreeing clubs, 4♣ the sensible option in a forcing auction, 4♥ & 4♠ showed 1st round controls and 5NT asked partner to bid the grand with 2 top honours. Well bid Arun & Dave!</p>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>			Pass	1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥*	Dbl	4♠*	Pass	5NT*	Pass	7♣	All Pass	
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Here is Dave’s analysis, with considerable sympathy all round...

“Clubs broke 3-1 and Diamonds 4-2, so you ruff out the Diamonds to make 13 tricks. With only one pair in the Small Slam, bidding the Grand was worth one matchpoint!”

Tim Cook