

MAYFIELD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Firstly, my apologies for the delayed publication of this Newsletter occasioned solely as a result of my own incompetence – I mislaid the Chairman's Report while he was on holiday!

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Surrey Simultaneous Pairs for the Dorin Salver

The turnout for this event was 16 pairs – the same as the previous year.

Pro-Am Night

The attendance at this event was 15 pairs - down from 21 pairs the previous year – and, again, the pairings were thrown into disarray when additional players turned up at the last minute and others, who had entered, failed to show. Enthusiasm for this event is not clear and your Committee will consider a change of format for the event.

Guest Night

On the last Tuesday in September, we held a Guest Night. This was a pairs event where friends and, in some cases, less experienced players were invited to come along to the Mayfield. This was be a more relaxed session than normal with 13 tables and no table money for the visitors. The event was very enjoyable (with prizes); it was treated as a training session with results not submitted to the EBU.

Open Swiss Pairs

On the last Tuesday in October, we held our fourth Open Swiss Pairs evening. This year, Richard Banbury was our Director and the event enjoyed the same success as earlier years. 54 Mayfield members and 18 visitors took part. My thanks to Alan Bailey and the team that organized this event. We made a small profit, mainly due to Tim Cook preparing the sets of boards. We expect to hold a further Open Swiss Pairs in the autumn of 2016.

Christmas Party

This was once again well attended and enjoyed by all. I extend my thanks to Chris Pullan, who directed the bridge and also to the members of the committee who organized the delicious buffet.

Unfortunately, in the weeks leading up to the New Year, we suffered some disruption, including the change in date of our party, due to the refurbishment of St. John's Hall and also the vigil for the late Father Martin. We are not expecting any further loss of dates at the moment (snow permitting!)

Hosting

Ann Madden and Jacky Russell Smith continue to organize the Host Lists for Tuesdays and Fridays, respectively. Some members are more supportive than others in continuing with this system which remains a facility to many existing members whose regular partners may be called away or be unwell at short notice and is a helpful feature in attracting new members – important to the future of the club! Please help us all by volunteering once a year to be the host.

Members' Details

All Mayfield members are also members of the EBU and a County Association of their choice, usually Surrey (SCBA). They have EBU numbers and their personal details are held on the EBU database with their agreement. However, some Mayfield Committee members were not clear on some details of how the EBU obtains and maintains this personal information and I took the action to clarify this.

In November, Peter Cogliatti and I attended the SCBA Chairman's lunch hosted by Trevor Hobson in Bookham. I took the opportunity to discuss this matter with Trevor and subsequently I had a more detailed email exchange with Karen Durrell at the EBU.

New members that join our club will almost certainly be members of the EBU, already. They only need to supply their EBU number to be added to the club membership list. If they are not sure of their status, we can normally find an existing member of the EBU on the database when we are trying to add them to the club membership list but, if there is any doubt it is best to contact the EBU to avoid duplicate records.

If we are sure that they are not members of the EBU, we are responsible for uploading any personal information to the EBU. If the member wants to be able access their personal member's area then the EBU needs an email address for them so they can create their password.

We can simply remove a deceased member from the club membership list and that will turn them into a contact on the EBU database rather than accurately recording them as deceased. This leads to untidy data, which is why clubs are asked

to inform the EBU, directly. They are then marked as deceased on the EBU database which removes them from the club membership list.

If we remove someone from our club list they will become a contact not a member of the EBU, unless they are a member of another club. Clubs are responsible for keeping their membership list correct and up to date; this will generally match the clubs scoring program - barring guests, of course.

Members can log in and update their information themselves.

Members can contact the EBU directly to update their information.

Members can give the club permission to update their information; they do that in their member's area.

Members can ask the club to contact the EBU on their behalf to update their information, supplying name, EBU number and the change.

Members might ask the county to update their information, the county will forward that on to the EBU, as well.

When the information is updated on the EBU database it is instant, then overnight the update goes to the relevant clubs, automatically. Counties will download the members' information from the EBU. Scoring programs will need to upload the new latest EBU data this is made available from the EBU every Friday.

Concessions and Scoring Errors

One Tuesday, last year, I was defender at the table when a fellow member bid to 5 diamonds which I duly doubled.

Around trick 9, declarer conceded 3 off (-500) which scored a bottom for my opponents while -300 would have been a top score for them.

The next day, the unfortunate declarer realized that with correct play he would, in fact, have gone 2 off – he had misconceded – and wished to appeal against the score. This was discussed at some length with Gordon Rainsford at the EBU and the appeal was not accepted.

Here, I summarise the Committee's treatment of the EBU Rules:

Law 87 allows for a "Correction Period" which "expires 30 minutes after the official score has been made available for inspection". In the case of a misclaim or misconcession we apply this absolutely so any appeal must be made within 30 minutes of the results appearing on the screen at the club when Bridgemates are used, otherwise within 30 minutes of the results appearing on the website.

Therefore, do not claim or concede unless you are sure!

Errors in recording results on the Bridgemates should not occur, particularly when they are checked by East-West.

However, an error does occasionally occur and, in this event, we are more generous.

Law 87 considers "circumstances in which a scoring error may be corrected after expiry of the Correction Period if the Director and the Tournament Organizer are both satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the record is wrong." In this regard, we allow 2 days grace; so if, for example, a member becomes aware of a scoring error in a Tuesday event, we will consider a correction if informed at any time up to midnight on the following Thursday.

The AGM

These issues and others will be discussed further at the next AGM on Tuesday 12th April at 07.15 pm. Following on from last year's AGM, we have incorporated members' comments into the new Constitution which will be distributed with the Calling Notice for approval at the AGM.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Congratulations to all of the following who have been successful since the AGM April 2015.

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
Committee Cup	Joan Cullen & Julian Hemsted
Liz Phillips Cup	Mike Scoltock & Peter Lee
Pro Am Cup	Roger Morton & Neil Gayner
Open Swiss Pairs	Ian Swanson & Charles Chisnall

SUCCESSSES – SURREY & LONDON COUNTY COMPETITIONS 2015

Surrey

Lady Rose Cup	1st	Mike Scoltock & Team
County Pairs 29 th March	2nd	Ian Swanson & Charles Chisnall
Golf Bridge 18 th June	2nd	Peter Cogliatti & Rosemary Rice
AGM Swiss Pairs 14 th June	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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INTER COUNTY AND NATIONAL

Pachabo Cup 6 th -7 th June 2015	2nd	Mike Scoltock & Surrey Team
Metropolitan Cup 11 th October 2015	1st	Roger Morton & London Team
2015 Gold Cup – Semi final		Peter Lee, Mike Scoltock & Team

Brighton – EBU Summer Congress

4 Stars Swiss Teams (A Final) From 123	1 st	Peter Lee & Team
4 Stars Swiss Teams (B Final)	2 nd	Mike Scoltock & Team
Harold Poster Swiss Pairs - From 287	20 th	David Norman & Tim Cook
	27 th	Tony Turnage & Partner
	29 th	Mike Scoltock & Partner
Seniors Swiss Teams - From 41	2 nd	Roger Morton, Alan Bailey & Team

CLUB REPRESENTATIVE EVENTS

Mary Edwards Cup for Surrey Club Pairs Champions - 10th May 2015

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

Wanborough Cup for Surrey Club Teams Champions - 28th June 2015

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

Surrey Club Pairs Challenge Final – 24th October 2015 – 42 Pairs

David Norman & Roger Morton 10th, Peter Cogliatti & Fiona Clark 11th, Ulla Adilz & Derek Ash 24th

2015/2016 Nicko - National Clubs Knockout, All 3 teams won their early matches.

Mayfield C (Patrick) now in Round 3.

Mayfield B (Morton) now in Round 4.

County Affiliated Teams 10th January 2016. From 12 Teams. Mayfield Red 2nd, Mayfield Blue 8th

Late News

Sadly, we have heard in the past few days that Edith Smollett and Roy Smith have passed away. Both were valued members of Mayfield over many years and our thoughts and sympathies are with their families.

Critical Decision at Trick 2.

By Adrian Patrick

Sitting West, playing Pairs, I pick up:

♠ 10 6
♥ A K 10 8 5 3
♦ 8
♣ 10 9 5 4

North opens 2NT (Benji), partner passes and South bids 3♥ (transfer). This seems the right time to double for a possible lead and North redoubles. The bidding concludes as follows and I lead ♥K asking for natural count:

♠ J 7 5
♥ J 7 4
♦ A K J
♣ A K Q 7

♠ 10 6
♥ A K 10 8 5 3
♦ 8
♣ 10 9 5 4

N	E	S	W
2NT	-	3♥	*
**	-	4♦	-
4♠	-	6♦	-
	-	-	-

Partner plays ♥2 and declarer ♥Q so stop, engage brain, and decide what to lead at trick 2. I got as far as ♥2 makes ♥Q from declarer 'honest' so there is no point in trying to cash a second ♥. I simply got off lead with a trump thinking "it could do no harm!"

Declarer wins the trump, cashes two top ♠'s, returns to hand with a trump and runs them off to create a double squeeze. I cannot keep ♥A and a fourth ♣, partner cannot keep ♠Q and a fourth ♣. 6♦ bid and made.

Deal: N

Vul: E-W

♠ J 7 5
♥ J 7 4
♦ A K J
♣ A K Q 7

♠ 10 6
♥ A K 10 8 5 3
♦ 8
♣ 10 9 5 4

♠ Q 9 3
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 4 3 2
♣ J 8 6 3

♠ A K 8 4 2
♥ Q
♦ Q 10 9 7 6 5
♣ 2

Did you see it coming? Did you find the critical switch at trick 2. The analysis I failed to make: despite the menace of A K Q x ♣'s on the table; assuming declarer is at least 5-5; one, two or even three discards on those ♣'s is not going to do any harm; an immediate switch to that suit may cut communications to break the squeeze and, indeed, it does on this hand!