

**MAYFIELD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER No.69**  
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**CHAIRMAN'S NOTES**

Competition Entry

Wherever possible, we ask members to enter club championships and other special events in advance by adding their names to the appropriate notice. This does, indeed, assist the committee in organizing events and selecting an appropriate movement, in advance. We understand that there will be last minute changes in plans or circumstances and will rarely turn away members at the door. However, please try to plan ahead and help us where you can.

Pro-Am Night

After the relative success of this event in 2017, the attendance at the Pro-Am in 2018 was, once again, disappointing. However, the committee has decided to persevere for one more year to see whether this situation improves but we will continue to review the case.

Open Swiss Pairs

On the last Tuesday in October, we held our seventh Open Swiss Pairs evening. Richard Banbury was our Director, once more, and the event enjoyed the same success as earlier years. 54 Mayfield members and 22 visitors took part. My thanks to Alan Bailey and the team that organized this event. We expect to hold a further Open Swiss Pairs in the autumn of 2019.

Christmas Party

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

The AGM

Please make every effort to attend the AGM on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 07.15 pm. This is your opportunity to help shape the future of the club. As in previous years Table Money will be waived at the AGM to encourage members to attend.

The Mayfield Teams Cup

At the AGM, we will be presenting the new Mayfield Teams Cup for the first time. The new trophy will honour the many years of service and contributions to the Mayfield by John and Sylvia Timberlake. John was our Chairman from 1984 to 2004 and Sylvia was our Chairman from 2007 to 2011. The old trophy, which has fallen into a poor state of repair, will be retired.

**Captain's Report: Newsletter January 2019**

Congratulations to all:

**Mayfield Competition Winners**

<b>Liz Phillips Cup</b>	July	Bob James & Charles Chisnall
<b>Committee Cup</b>	July	Derek Ash & Stephen Goldman
<b>Pro-Am Cup</b>	October	Tony Turnage & Tony Belton
<b>Open Swiss Pairs</b>	October	Tim Cook & Dave Norman

**Club Representative**

<b>Surrey Clubs Teams of 8</b>	January	1 <sup>st</sup> /14	Peter Lee & Mike Scoltock, Bob James & Charles Chisnall,
		4 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Swanson & Bill Hodjkiss, Arun Suri & Dave Norman Roger Eddleston & Rolf Alexander, Alan Bailey & Neil Gayner Roger Morton & Bernard Pike, Robin Griffiths & Adrian Patrick

## Surrey, County & London Competitions

<b>London League Division 2</b>	July	1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Cogliatti + team
<b>Surrey Swiss Pairs</b>	September	2 <sup>nd</sup> /156 7 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup>	Arun Suri & Dave Norman Christine Dyer & David Dawson Neil Gayner & Julian Hemsted
<b>Surrey Swiss Teams</b>	September	3 <sup>rd</sup> /57 4 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Lee, Richard Fedrick, Mike Scoltock + team Christine Dyer, David Dawson & team Paul Chapman + team
<b>Surrey Club Pairs</b>	November	5 <sup>th</sup> /41	Ulla Adilz & Mary Street

## Inter-County & National

<b>EBU Play with the Experts</b>	August	1 <sup>st</sup> /124	Roger Morton & partner
<b>EBU GCH Fox Pairs Ch'nship</b>	August	14 <sup>th</sup> /70	Bob James & partner
<b>EBU Mixed Pivot Teams</b>	August	3 <sup>rd</sup> /28	Mike Scoltock & team
<b>4 Stars Teams</b>	August	7 <sup>th</sup> =	Mike Scoltock & team
<b>Tollemache Qualifier</b>	November	2 <sup>nd</sup> /8	Ian Swanson, Peter Lee, Mike Scoltock & team
<b>Autumn Congress Four Stars Final</b>	October	13 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Eddleston & Dave Norman
<b>Senior Congress</b>	November	5 <sup>th</sup>	Arun Suri & Dave Norman
<b>London Year-End Open Pairs</b>	December	11 <sup>th</sup> /69	Paul Chapman & partner
<b>National Point-a-Board Teams</b>	January	4 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Chapman & team

## **A Hand from the Affiliated Clubs Championship**

Sitting East, Game all, you hold;

A954

A

AT872

Q62

The bidding goes:

W N E S

P 1D P 1H

P 2C P 3H

P 4H ?

Do you simply pass, double or what?

Well, our Mayfield man (AB) chose to bid 4S!!!

When quizzed, he said " My reasoning for bidding 4S on this modest 4 card suit was that North had probably shown a 5431 shape with a singleton spade. South had shown a maximum of 3 spades since she could have bid 2S over 2C with 4. Therefore, partner must have at least 5S, shortage in diamonds, and we were most likely

going 2 off in 4S. Despite my 3 Aces, I thought they were likely to make 4H and so a penalty of 500 for 4S doubled minus 2 was likely to be a good score." Dummy put down;

QJT873  
 JT43  
 93  
 9

They doubled and there were 10 easy tricks!  
 West had not opened a weak 2S because of poor points and a 4 card major on the side.

**Some Reflections on the Open Swiss Pairs**

Hand 5 exposed the weak area of one form of McKendrick:

	♠5 ♥J943 ♦KJT975 ♣K7	
♠J74 ♥K62 ♦8 ♣AJT643		♠AQ98 ♥QT85 ♦Q6 ♣Q52
	♠KT632 ♥A7 ♦A432 ♣98	

N	E	S	W
Pass	1NT (12-14)	Pass	2S (Balanced invite or weak minor)
Pass	2NT (min)	Pass	3C
3D	Pass	Pass	Pass

As West's 3C is a weak(ish) signoff, North now knew that South has high card points, so "protected" with 3D (expecting about 5 tricks from his own HCPs, and that South could hopefully provide another 3 tricks or more from his 10 or so).

The fit was fortuitous, but not surprising when West has at least 6 Clubs, and even one off would be better than 3C making (unless doubled). As it was, the overtrick was a bonus and with only 5 pairs playing in Diamonds, worth 32/36 matchpoints.

Why is this a "weakness" of McKendrick? Because in the sequence 1N-2S-2N-3C both opponents have easy opportunities to protect, whereas in a standard transfer sequence: 1N-2S-3C the first opponent doesn't know if Responder is weak, only his/her partner does after responder passes.

A good result on hand 19 was a by-product of three artificial bids

	♠654	
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	♥73 ♦A875 ♣AK74	
♠KT82 ♥JT86 ♦JT6 ♣52		♠QJ73 ♥AK952 ♦Q43 ♣3
	♠A9 ♥Q4 ♦K92 ♣QJT986	

<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>W</b>
-	-	1NT	Pass
Pass	2C	Dbl	2H
3C	3H	4C	Pass
Pass	Pass		

South's slightly off-centre 1NT hides the good Club suit; North passed partly because his 11-count consists of AK, A and nothing higher than one 8; and partly because his only way to raise to 2N was by using Stayman, and South's response would very likely give an indication of the best lead for the defence. When East bids 2C (majors), South had a free double, allowing North to compete with confidence.

After AK Hearts, East's switch to a Diamond was swayed by West's decision to bid 2H, rather than 2D ("you choose which major", and therefore indicating both majors), but led to the discard of the losing Spade on a long Diamond and 23/36 matchpoints.

♠ 1096 ♥ J7 ♦ K92 ♣ AQ1084 ♠ Q3 ♥ 98 ♦ A106543 ♣ 973 ♠ AKJ82 ♥ K1063 ♦ Q ♣ K65	Board 12 : Dealer West : NS vulnerable  <table> <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>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♣</td> <td>2♥</td> <td>Dbl</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♠</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣	2♥	Dbl	Pass	4♠	All Pass	
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Apart from East's overall the bidding is unremarkable, and West leads the H9. East wins the Ace and declarer (for no sensible reason) false cards with the 6! East continues with HQ, smothering dummy's Jack and the folly of declarer's false card at trick one is exposed. Ten or eleven tricks are now available, depending on finding the trump Queen. Declarer cashes the S Ace and crosses to dummy in clubs to lead a second round. East plays the 5. Two options now, either play to drop the QS 'offside' or finesse. The attraction of playing for the drop is that the wretched small H can now be ruffed in dummy and also offers the possibility of a twelfth trick if the clubs break evenly. It worked!

## Piracy on the High Seas

As many of you will know, the first wife and I made the impulsive decision to visit younger son in Perth using a 4 week outward sea voyage aboard Cunard's Queen Elizabeth, departing Southampton in a cold and unpleasant January before returning by air in mid February.

Having taught on other cruise lines for more than 10 years, I have invariably found the standard of play to be poor. This cruise plumbed new depths. The host/TD was a softly spoken Indian gentleman who seemed to have limited experience but tried hard. I gave the morning teaching sessions a miss, but played in 4 x p.m. Duplicate games. The first saw me playing with a Swiss player who seemed ok and we managed to win the session with 69%. This lulled us into a false sense of security for game two. An early round saw a strange pair arrive at our table - he an antiquated American dance host (ADH) and she a somewhat voluble 'expert' making more noises than sense (VE).

Hand 1. ADH opened 2D, described, unsolicited, by VE as 'weak'. Pass from my partner, and 2 H from VE, presumably forcing. A surprising 2S from ADH and 3NT from VE closed the auction.

I was looking at Jx, Qxxx, Kxxx, xxx and thought briefly of doubling with both red suits not breaking, but discretion, etc.etc. I led JS and we defenders were somewhat shocked by Dummy - a 5-1-5-2 15 count. My lead had strangled pard's KS and declarer hastily gathered 12 tricks for all the matchpoints and no post mortem by VE. It may have happened before!

Two rounds later, a little old lady revoked at trick 5, vehemently denied the offence and refused to show her cards to either the defence or the TD. She gathered several extra tricks, defeating an impregnable contract. I know, I had recourse but this seemed neither the time nor place. Ah well!

Tim Cook