

MAYFIELD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER No. 72, NOVEMBER 2023

Chairman's notes

Sadly the proliferation of online bridge has reduced our membership to 50. Many other clubs are in a similar position. However the club continues to be viable.

We have a number of events and hope they will inspire interest in members. So please make a note of them in your bridge diary.

Forthcoming events

5 December: Dorin Salver, Surrey's annual charity simultaneous pairs, hosted by clubs, in aid of the Queen Elizabeth' Foundation Brain Injury Centre in Banstead. The table money will be £5 (£2 for the club and £3 for Surrey). Please come along and help Surrey support this charity.

12 December: Christmas party (drinks/nibbles) and Pro-Am; there will be a host so everyone is guaranteed a partner. The table money will be £5.

23 January: Norman Cup (Pairs Championship) the winners of which are invited to enter Surrey's Mary Edwards Cup.

30 January: cross-IMP pairs.

Cross-IMP scoring is essentially that used for teams where slight differences in scores have either no or only a small effect.

For months with a 5th Tuesday there will be either a cross-IMP pairs or teams event (see 30 April).

20 February: Timberlake Cup (Teams Championship) the winners of which are invited to enter Surrey's Wanborough Cup.

19 March: pairs event scored normally, but the Cliff Street Cup will be awarded to the pair who performed best relative to their NGS ranking.

16 April: AGM. No table money will be charged for the pairs event which will follow.

30 April: Teams.

Table money

Paying table money by credit card using SumUp seems to be successful.

Website

Sadly our unique website is showing its age:

- because of the complexity of the interface with ScoreBridge it takes some time to update the website with competition results, hence the occasional delay in results appearing

- it has no certificate (ie not secure) so the website cannot be reached from the EBU site.

Therefore the Committee has decided to run a 3 month trial of BridgeWebs, which most other clubs use, in parallel with the current web site.

Members' successes in 2023

Peter Lee & David Norman won the EBU National Pairs final. Christine Dyer & David Dawson had won the SE Qualifier and finished a creditable 9th in the final.

Graham Sadie & Richard Granville, Peter Lee & Mike Scoltock, Andrew Southwell & Richard Fedrick, David Norman & David Dawson won the Surrey Teams of 8; and Tony Quilley & Harry Figov, Julian Hemsted & Neil Gayner, Alan Bailey & Arun Suri, Robin Griffiths & Adrian Patrick came second.

The winners of the Surrey Teams of 8 represented Surrey in the Garden Cities final, where they were runners-up, having won the event last year.

Richard Fedrick & Andrew Southwell, Mike Scoltock & Peter Lee won the Surrey Wanborough Cup, successfully defending their title.

Peter Lee and Mike Scoltock formed half of the team which won the Surrey Green Pointed Swiss Teams event.

[Apologies if any success has been omitted]