

## Bridge Blog – 2nd November 2023

It has been a really eventful and successful fortnight for the Bridge Section, even by the standards of the usual busy autumn programme.

### AE LTC Match

Roehampton Club had a good win against the AE LTC on 19th October thereby retaining the Irene Hough Cup. From a modest 6 imp lead at the halfway stage Roehampton Club was able to extend its advantage to 59 imps by the close. Congratulations to the team captained by Danny Gesua on a good win.



### Roehampton Club Swiss Teams

On Sunday 22nd October, Roehampton Club hosted 22 teams from different clubs for the Annual Roehampton Club Swiss Teams competition. This event is a high-profile competition which showcases Roehampton Club Bridge and sits alongside similar events run by Hurlingham and the MCC as an important part of the inter club Bridge calendar.



The event went extremely well thanks to Belinda's excellent organisation and some capable tournament directing by Steve and Gitta. Support from the Club staff for both catering and admin is gratefully acknowledged. These events take a great deal of organisation and it is really gratifying when they go off so well.

The competition had four teams well in contention going into the last rounds, but in the end the Roehampton Club team of Peter Bonnor-Morris, Malcolm Bricknell, Ralph Evers and Peter Hardyment managed to come through and win the event for a second year in a row.

### Queens Centenary Cup

In another great result for the Club, the Roehampton Club team of Nigel Aspinall, Peter Bonor Morris, Malcolm Bricknell, Ralph Evers, Danny and Sally Gesua, Peter Hardyment and Ron Wood won the prestigious Queens Centenary Cup on 28th October.

The competition is held annually between AE LTC, Cumberland, Hurlingham and Queens, as well as Roehampton Club.

It was, as usual, strongly contested with Roehampton Club managing to catch up in the second half to overtake Queens with a score of plus 96 imps to their plus 73.

There was a strong performance across the whole team although in the end much depended on only one hand out of 32 boards where Roehampton Club landed a thin slam with a Queen's player going down in the same contract.



## **Hurlingham Match**

In another good result, on 26th October the Roehampton Club Ladies won their friendly match against the Hurlingham Ladies. It was a close contest with Roehampton Club finally winning by a narrow margin of 16 imps.

## **Friday Teams**

The Friday Monthly Teams competition has been steadily attracting support. We plan to run two teams sessions each month (instead of one) from December being on the First and Third Fridays of the month. Many thanks are due to Nigel Aspinall who runs these sessions except in the summer when Maria Wiehe takes over this responsibility.

## **Christmas Events**

Bookings are now open for the Bridge Christmas Party taking place on Saturday 2nd December. This is a premier event for the Bridge Section and is always very popular. There will be a drinks reception followed by dinner and a very social and fun Bridge session to follow.

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[Click here for the menu](#)

The Social Bridge group are having their Christmas Special on 14th December. This will no doubt be a lively affair assisted by the mulled wine and mince pies and with a few special effects mixed into the Bridge.

## **Surrey Mixed Pairs**

The Surrey Mixed Pairs competition will be taking place at Wimbledon Bridge Club on Sunday 12th November. The competition will start at 1pm with around 36 boards to be played. Entry is only £5 per player and anyone interested can sign up on the SCBA web site. All Roehampton Club players are eligible to participate if interested.

## **EBU Crisp Communication**

The latest EBU Crisp Communication (courtesy of Louise Crisp) contains two items that might be of interest to Roehampton Club Members.

Their Seniors Congress is being held mid-week on Tuesday 5th – Thursday 7th December on RealBridge. The Year End Congress is back at the ILEC Conference Centre in London this year between 27th and 30th December. There is a good choice of events. The early bird discount for that lasts until 13th November.

## **Malcolm Bricknell, Bridge Chair**