

Bridge Blog – 11 January 2024

As we start the New Year it is very pleasant to reflect on what has been a very successful past year for the Bridge Section with many good things to look forward to in 2024 and beyond.

Towards the end of 2023, we had a number of discussions with the Club Management and the upshot of these was to submit a proposal regarding changes to the Bridge Section's funding together with our plans to develop the Bridge Section. These were later accepted by both the Management and the Board, and we are now in a position to act on them for the current year.

Essentially the Club has generously agreed to pay the fees for external Tournament Directors as well as our EBU membership. This is in addition to its maintenance of the Bridge Room and related equipment. As a result, we are now in a position to abolish table money for our duplicate sessions, which we plan to do with effect from 1st February. It will however also mean that we would not normally give out prize money for the sessions (this would not be a reasonable use of the Club's funds and it will be convenient for us to be wholly cashless). However, we will be able to use funds from other activities to which Members contribute to generate prizes for particular events.



Christmas festivities

We had a most enjoyable Christmas Party (photo left) on Saturday 4th December with thanks again to Libby for her excellent organisation. We also enjoyed a very sociable and relaxed Chicago session on Christmas Eve with mulled wine and mince pies which Julie kindly managed.

The Social Bridge group had their Christmas Special on 14th December. This also included mulled wine and mince pies followed by some very convivial Bridge. Congratulations to the winners Corinna and Stephanie.

Devonshire Cup

We have entered three teams for this year's Devonshire Cup in an effort to retain the trophy for another year. Our teams will be Roehampton Club Blue - Malcolm Bricknell (Captain), Peter

Hardyment, Philip Howard, Ralph Evers, Peter Bonnor-Moris; Roehampton Club Red-Viv Harris (Captain), Gordon Fox, Danny Gesua, Sally Gesua, Robert Warriner, Ron Wood, and Roehampton Club Ladies – Julie Bacon (Captain), Kate Blake, Marion Tamblin and Loulou Van Geuns.

It is always a fun competition to play in as the allowed conventions are quite different from other competitions. Roehampton has been successful in winning the competition on several occasions recently including for the past year. As a result we again benefitted from the super hospitality of the RAC in inviting our team as winners as their guests to their Christmas Dinner where we were awarded the trophy (photo right).

Miller Cup

The Miller Cup individual event will be run on Sunday 14th January starting at 2pm. Sign up sheets are on the board to help Steve to have an idea of numbers. I have made a mental note to award the prize to the correct winner this year at the Christmas Party!



Surrey Events

The SCBA has posted dates for their competitions. These are 21st April County Plate and Pairs at RBC (open to everyone) and the Mary Edwards on 12th May at WBC and the Wanborough Cup on 9th June also at WBC. These are open to winners of Surrey club pairs and team competitions respectively. Roehampton Club finished a very respectable second place in the Wanborough last year against some stiff competition.

Charity Golf and Bridge

We are running the Lady Golf Captain's Charity Bridge event on Tuesday 13th February. This will involve Ladies Golf in the morning and Bridge in the afternoon. The aim this year is to support a very worthy local charity called Small Steps which supports parents and carers with children who have cerebral palsy or other motor and sensory impairments.

Mary Warshaw

I have learned of the recent sad death of Mary Warshaw who was very well known and popular in the Bridge Room. [Please click here for a notice from her daughter and details of Mary's Celebration of Life.](#)

Malcolm Bricknell, Bridge Chair