



## SCBA Newsletter

**Somerset AGM – Sunday September 25<sup>h</sup> 1pm  
Woolavington Village Hall**

This will be followed by a free Swiss Pairs event so bring your partner!

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### Upcoming Events

#### Paul Jones Teams

Woolavington – face to face bridge again!

Sunday **21st August** 1pm

A **free** event to celebrate the return of Somerset bridge to Woolavington. A perennial favourite, this sees a team of four swop partners so that each team member plays with all other team mates. Huge potential for

mayhem when different systems might be used by unfamiliar partnerships and an emphasis on a fun afternoon. There will be in the region of 36 boards played with the event concluding around 6pm.

Sign up [here](#)

## **National Handicap Pairs**

Realbridge **September 4<sup>th</sup>** 1pm

This is an EBU competition with handicaps based on players' NGS ratings. To win a pair needs to exceed their predicted score by the highest percentage giving all participants an equal chance of winning.

**Have a good day and you could win a national tournament from the comfort of your own home!**

The event is taking place in various clubs across the country and Somerset are hosting a virtual session. The expectation is that the format will constitute 30 or so boards played in a single session so finishing mid afternoon. Seeing a few Somerset names on the leaderboard would be great.

Entry £10 per pair.

Check out the EBU website for more details.

Sign up [here](#)

**Cornwall CBA** will be running a one-day green-pointed Swiss Pairs competition on Sunday 18 September 2022.

7 x 7 board matches online on RealBridge starting at 11.00am and finishing about 6.15pm with a break after three matches. Entry fee is £15.00 per player.

Entry is via the CCBA website

[bridgewebs.com/cornwall](http://bridgewebs.com/cornwall).

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### **Masterpoint Promotions May**

Life Master	Sally Stuttard
4Star Regional Master	Kate Pilkington
5Star Premier Master	Chris Hamilton
Premier Master	Bill Keeling
3 Star Master	Chris Bryant
1 Star Master	David Auld
Advanced Master	Alison Catchpole
Master	Christine Arnold Peter Walker Nan Watt
County Master	Graham Lavender Arthur Llewellyn
District Master	Tony Parkman
Area Master	Julia Hailes Jo Watson
Club Master	Amanda Campbell Jonathan Hoskyns Terry Jones
Local Master	Jane Darby Patricia Farr Pat Haden David Heffill Jill Lang Janice Young

### **Masterpoint promotions June**

2 Star Grand Master	Steve Tomlinson
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1 Star Master	David Lambert
District Master	Julia Hailes
Area Master	Malcolm Hubbard
Club Master	David Heffill Peter Hunter
Local Master	Bev Andrews Robin Bell Diane Cornish Edith Cox Stuart Lang Sheila Martland Graham Windsor

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### **Fish Supper**

Winscombe enjoyed an evening of bridge and chips when they tried a new angle on their face to face club night with a takeaway from their local fish and chip shop. The food was pre-ordered and plenty of napkins were on hand to prevent too much damage to the cards. Fifteen pairs turned up which was a healthy increase on recent attendances, warming the cockles of the hearts of the committee.

The evening went swimmingly for Jackie and Stephen Banks who netted 63%.

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Note: Chew Valley Bridge Club is taking a summer break and will be returning to face to face bridge on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please check out their website for further details.

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## Another Vugraph Special

♠ K J 7 4  
♥ K 9  
♦ K 8 5 4 3 2  
♣ Q

♠ 9 3  
♥ Q 8 6 5  
♦ Q J 7 6  
♣ J 8 7

♠ A 8 6 5  
♥ 10 7  
♦ 10 9  
♣ 10 9 6 5 3

♠ Q 10 2  
♥ A J 4 3 2  
♦ A  
♣ A K

Two auctions here to evaluate, both Norths opening 1D after dealer East passes and EW stay quiet throughout... All are vulnerable.

1. 1D – 1H – 1S – 2C – 2D – 2N – 3H – 5N – 6D
2. 1D – 1H – 1S – 2C – 2D – 2N all pass!

A certain similarity to the first six bids with possibly a strangled cry of “Fourth suit forcing to game partner!” from South at Table 2. North was probably wishing that they had spurned the chance to open but South was an unlimited hand and had shown strength so the Pass had to be a poor bid didn't it?

There must be some sympathy for South at Table 1 with a slam seeming a certainty after North opening but the Great God of Bridge deemed otherwise and Table 2 scored 9 imps.

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And finally one from the **European Cup**. Sadly England did not progress to the World Championships in any of the categories but here was one hand to cheer up watching supporters.

♠ K 9 5  
♥ AK 3  
♦ Q 10 5 3 2  
♣ J 3

♠ Q J 8 4 3  
♥ 10 8 5  
♦ 6  
♣ 9 6 5 4

♠ A 10 7 2  
♥ Q J 9 2  
♦ 7  
♣ Q 10 8 7

♠ 6  
♥ 7 6 4  
♦ AK J 9 8 4  
♣ AK 2

Belgium bids were: North opened 1D – 2D (inverted minor) – 3C – 3N – 4D – 4S (first **or** second round control – a vital distinction) – 6D

England went a slightly different route:

1D – 2D – 3S (splinter) – 4H – 5C – 5D followed by a long, long think and then a pass reaping 12 imps when Belgium went one off.