



SOMERSET CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



## SCBA Newsletter

### Championship Teams 2022 - 23

**This is Somerset's premier team event – a knockout format played on-line over a minimum of 24 boards.**

**Green Pointed**

**Played on Realbridge or BBO – cost £16 per team**

**Enter [HERE](#)**

**Only two weeks to go. Entries close October 31<sup>st</sup>**

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**Also watch out for the [Blue pointed](#) Swiss teams at Woolavington on November 20th**

**And the Mens and Ladies pairs at Woolavington on December 11<sup>th</sup>**

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## **West of England Congress at Weston-Super-Mare**

**Following on from last year's successful Congress, Somerset CBA organised a full weekend of bridge for players from all over the region and further afield.**

**Friday afternoon saw the Ladies, Mens and Mixed Pairs events with Somerset players topping the rankings in all competitions.**

**Ladies winners - Barbara Biggin and Anne Skinner (retaining their title from last year which is quite a feat)**

**Mens winners – Andy Ridgers and Dave Willis**

**Mixed pairs – Ceri Pierce and Eric Cummings**

**Saturday – Swiss Pairs – won by Alistair Gidmen and Joe Fawcett**

**The highest placed Somerset players were Jette and Alan Bailey equal seventh just ahead of Steve Tomlinson and Ralph Smith.**

**Sunday – Swiss Teams – won by Paul Lamford with Stefanie Rohan and Tim Rees with John Salisbury.**

**Michael Wigmore with Jennifer Gostlin and William Rees with Ken Griffin came in fifth.**

**High quality fields made for a very competitive weekend which was played in the best of spirits. The Winter Gardens is always a popular venue with players returning to Weston-Super-Mare year after year. A couple of glorious sunsets helped the atmosphere and we look forward to seeing many familiar faces again next in 2023.**

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## **Recent Promotions:**

**Congratulations to the following Somerset players on their Master Point promotions.**

### **September:**

<b>Master</b>	<b>John Edhouse Joan Macdonald</b>
<b>County Master</b>	<b>Margaret Donkin</b>
<b>District Master</b>	<b>James Macdonald</b>
<b>Area Master</b>	<b>Sheila Bowman, Marlise Kirkpatrick Maggie Morgan, Marilyn Ollis Roger Skinner</b>
<b>Local Master</b>	<b>Guy Arnoux, David Carstairs Mary Carstairs, Sue Chapman, Alf Lewis Sharon Maddock, Carol Sanders Sara Villiers</b>

### **October:**

**Premier Tournament Master: Bridget Thorn**

**1 Star Master: Julia Morgan, Kathleen Senior**

**Advanced Master: Nell Dillistone, Dee Goodfellow**

**County Master: Julia Hailes, Natasha Smith**

**District Master:** **Sheila Bowman, Amanda Campbell  
David Carstairs, Mary Carstairs,  
Joanna Hemmings, Jonathan Hoskyns,  
Malcolm Hubbard**

**Area Master:** **Andrew Campbell, Jane Darby  
Bob Dean, Tom Rees, Janette Tuckwell**

**Club Master :** **Rosie Gallagher, Hilary Lawrence  
Judith Minter, Tony Newman**

**Local Master:** **Sarah Bird, Maurice Perl**

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**Remember – bridge lessons are available at Coxley, Frome  
and Winscombe – details on the club website or SCBA  
website.**

**A great introduction to a great game and a course of  
lessons could be a perfect gift for a friend or relative.**

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**A couple of hands from Vugraph to finish with:**

♠ **K Q 6 4 3**  
♥ **A 3**  
♦ **K 4 3**  
♣ **Q J 10**

♠ **A J 9 8 7 5 2**  
♥ -  
♦ **A 8 2**  
♣ **7 5 2**

♠ -  
♥ **Q J 10 8 7 6 4 2**  
♦ **9 7 6**  
♣ **6 4**

♠ **10**  
♥ **K 9 5**  
♦ **Q J 10 5**  
♣ **A K 9 8 3**

**Two contrasting styles from international players with both Easts assessing that their hand justified an opening 1S:**

**West dealt and opened 1S – P - 4H – three off for -300**

**At the other table things went a little slower – 1S – P – 1NT (forcing 2/1) – P - 2S – 3H – P – P – X all pass. Only 1 off for -200.**

**Chances for both sides to make a big gain but in the end a slim victory for the non-punting West...**

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**And finally one featuring the best team in the world....**

♠ **A 6 2**  
♥ **A J 8 7 5**  
♦ **10 9 8 4 3**  
♣ -

♠ **10 7 3**  
♥ **Q**  
♦ **K Q 5**  
♣ **A K Q 9 5 2**

♠ **K J 9 8 5**  
♥ **K**  
♦ **A 2**  
♣ **J 10 8 6 3**

♠ **Q 4**  
♥ **10 9 6 4 3 2**  
♦ **J 7 6**  
♣ **7 4**

**Zimmerman's bidding went as follows:**

**2H (Hearts and a minor) – 2S - 5H (!) - 6S (!) - X – P – 7H (!!)**  
**- X all pass. Three off... (and could have been worse).**

**With their team mates ending up in 6Cx -1 the board resulted in a swing of 12 imps.**

**Heroic stuff....**

**Don't forget** – Somerset games are played on Bridge Base Online on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1pm. Play with friendly faces for only \$3 for 18 boards.