

Newsletter

July 2025

I think it's true to say there's a fair amount going on at Somerset Contract Bridge Association and this newsletter is to bring members squarely up-to-date.

Committee

First and foremost, after one year of operating without a Chair we were blessed (after some arm-twisting) with securing a new Chair, **Sally Stuttard**, who brought along a new Vice-Chair, **Davina Lord**, both of whom are refreshing and welcome additions. Contact details for all members of the Committee are available on the SCBA website, and all contact no matter how small or large is always appreciated. Both Davina and Sally are located in Minehead/Taunton, an area largely neglected in recent years, and it is hoped we can stimulate interest in those areas to participate in County events.

Sadly **Frank Coltman**, after eight very busy and productive years, has decided to hang up his Committee boots, but only partially, and he will still undertake one of the toughest County tasks, that of organising and running the West of England Congress. Frank has been an important and valuable member of the Committee and he spent much of lockdown directing online for many County clubs. He has always helped out with the Congress. Prior to lockdown he taught fast-track bridge, and latterly created and ran the tournament programme. The Committee are going to miss his regular input, expertise, knowledge and experience

West of England Congress 2025

You may have seen the poster for the Congress but here it is for those who haven't:



Entries can be made here:

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwx/bw.cgi?club=somerset&pid=display_page85

In previous years entrants have visited from across the UK and possibly beyond. We are hoping to continue the success of the event.

Once again we are including a 9 High event. Do please consider joining us; many new players or less experienced players may wish to join an event that will be devoid of the dreaded experts!

County Events

9 High Competition – Cossington EBU National Corwen Cup

SCBA are also planning to enter several pairs in the 9 High Corwen Cup. The first qualifying competition will be held at Cossington Village Hall hosted by Cossington Bridge Club on **10th August**. Please consider joining us; entry can be made here:

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwx/bw.cgi?club=somerset&pid=display_page52



Somerset Contract Bridge Association

Presents a

Nine High Competition

(NO NGS - NO PROBLEM - EVERYONE WELCOME)

Come join us for an afternoon of fun, good company, light tea, and a bit of Bridge. 😊

Details:

Date: **Sunday 10th August**

Time: **1pm start**

Venue: **Cossington Village Hall, TA7 8JN**

Price: **£10**

Entry details: **See SCBA website**

NB:

Anyone wishing to play and does not have a partner, needs help entering or just has a question please email annieholder50@hotmail.com

They call it "bridge" because it makes you want to shove your partner off one.



Please check the SCBA website for the following other 9 High dates:

- 30th November @ **Iminster**, hosted by Iminster Bridge Club.
- 25th January 2026 @ **Kingston Seymour**, hosted by Kingston Seymour Bridge Club.
- 14th March 2026 @ **Frome**, hosted by Frome Bridge Club.

At each event we will play 32 boards with a tea break part way through.

Paul Jones Teams (pivot), 24th August

The next event on the tournament Programme is the Paul Jones Teams tournament, a team event with a difference in that you will get to partner all your team-mates. Entries can be made via the County website.

The County League

The League is due to recommence in September, and the dates can be found on the SCBA Calendar, if your club does not have a team entering the league can we please ask you to consider getting a team together? Teams may include members from more than one club.

And finally...

The Committee are always open to suggestions, and if you or your club wish to raise anything, again no matter how small or large, we would certainly consider this. SCBA exists to represent Somerset bridge players and seeks guidance on how best to do this.

Don't Forget...

Calendar

The regularly updated Calendar of Somerset events is on our website at www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwor/bw.cgi?club=somerset&pid=display_future

EBU Master Point Promotions

These are published monthly in the second week after month-end, so about 9th August for July promotions, and those for Somerset members will appear on our homepage.

www.bridgewebs.com/somerset/