



Surrey County Bridge Association

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Introduction

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Welcome to our July newsletter. As well as our usual mix of articles, news and puzzles, you can read about the coming season's [leagues and Lady Rose Cup](#), where - following the success of last year's experiment - we're again running a preliminary competition open exclusively to less experienced players.

We also have news of [initiatives in Surrey](#) to promote junior bridge:



Firstly, as part of the Bridge - It's a Big Deal festival, Douglas Wright and Three Counties BC are offering to run MiniBridge Taster Sessions in schools with the aim of starting a club.



Secondly, for many years Surrey has worked in tandem with Kent and Sussex to put on Junior Bridge Camps for youngsters in the south-east region. Catering for everyone from beginners to junior internationals, these camps are great fun, with many activities beyond simply bridge. Up to now, our input has been mainly financial, but this year SCBA are running the Autumn Junior Bridge Camp, as well as financially supporting it.



More generally, you may have heard that there have been significant changes at English Bridge Education & Development (EBED), the charity that seeks to promote bridge, with a particular emphasis on those in full-time education. We've worked hand-in-hand with EBED for many years to support bridge, particularly for youngsters, and I'm pleased that a member of the Surrey committee, Tony Cherrett, has joined EBED as a new trustee. We remain keen to find ways of supporting bridge in line with EBED national direction.

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Calendar

Sept 21 st	Green Pointed Teams	Oxted School
Sept 22 nd	Green Pointed Pairs	Richmond
Nov 10 th	Mixed Pairs	Wimbledon

We have all done it – making a bid below the level of the last bid made by the opponents or partner. In many cases we may notice our mistake straightaway and attempt to correct it – but life isn't that simple!

First of all there is a big difference between:

- i. A “mechanical error” – pulling the wrong (insufficient or otherwise) bid out of the bidding box, maybe due to a lack of dexterity or poor eyesight. Your hands did not do what the brain was telling them! This can be corrected (even if the next opponent has called but before your partner calls), but call the TD to help you organise this properly.
- ii. An insufficient bid – at the moment of making the bid your hands were doing what the brain was telling them, the mistake being a lack of attention. In this case Law 27 applies. The offender can't just change their mind afterwards. The TD should always be called.

The next player in rotation is always entitled to accept an insufficient bid – either consciously or if they call without noticing the mistake. In this case the bidding proceeds as normal from that point, with that being the legal level of the auction. There is no penalty. An insufficient bid can't just be replaced by a sufficient one – without giving the next player the chance to accept it.

If the insufficient bid is not accepted then it can be replaced by any legal call (including pass) subject to the following:

- a) If it is replaced by the lowest sufficient bid which specifies the same suit(s) as the original insufficient bid the auction continues as normal without penalty (this is often known as “making the bid good”).
- b) If it is replaced by what's known as a “comparable call” (i.e. one with a substantially similar meaning) the auction continues as normal without penalty. This is a rarer scenario applicable usually in the case of conventional bids.
- c) An insufficient bid cannot be replaced by a double or redouble (unless the TD deems them to be “comparable calls”).
- d) If the insufficient bid is replaced by any other call (e.g. by a pass) then the offender's partner will be silenced for the rest of the auction. In addition, if the offending side then become defenders, declarer will be entitled to impose a lead restriction on the offender's partner at the first time they gain the lead. Declarer is entitled to prohibit the lead of any one suit not otherwise bid by the offender in the legal auction (i.e. not necessarily the suit shown by the insufficient bid etc).

If the insufficient bid is replaced as in (a) or (b) above the TD is further entitled to adjust the score at the end of play if they feel that the non-offending side has been damaged as a consequence.

Entrees for the 2024-25 Surrey leagues and Lady Rose are now open! This is your opportunity to play against both new and familiar opposition at a time that suits you, and I hope that you will consider entering one or both of these county-wide competitions.

A summary of both of these teams-of-four events can be found below:

- **Surrey Leagues** - A round-robin tournament played between September and May. Matches are roughly once a month, with teams split into divisions according to NGS and experience.
- **Lady Rose** - A **green pointed** knock-out tournament starting from September. Matches are roughly every six weeks, with a Plate competition for losers in the early rounds. The winners of this event are also eligible to represent Surrey in the Pachabo Cup.

Entry for both competitions will close towards the end of August; however, please note that there is also a limit of 29 teams (plus three qualifiers) for entry to the Lady Rose. The entry fee for each competition is £20 per event per team (just £5 per player for the majority of teams).

To find out more and to register, please [click here](#)! You can also email me (email link at the top of this section) or any other member of the committee if you have any questions.

Finally, having looked at our 2024-25 teams events above, don't forget that you can also sign up for Surrey's face-to-face **Green Point** weekend (to be played over 21st/22nd September). You can find both of the events on the [Surrey homepage here](#).

I hope you continue to enjoy the summer months and I look forward to seeing many of you at the start of the new season!

Junior Bridge Initiatives

As part of the **Bridge - It's a Big Deal festival**, Douglas Wright and Three Counties Bridge Club are offering to run MiniBridge Taster Sessions in schools with the aim of starting a Club.

Douglas is asking all Surrey bridge players to help identify schools who would like to have such a taster session. Do you have a contact in a school, perhaps via a child/grandchild there, who you can sound out? Please RSVP to douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com. In order to run taster sessions in Sep/Oct, we hope to identify 5 or more schools as soon as possible.

He would also like to recruit some more helpers, and expects to run a "How to Teach MiniBridge in Schools" course. If you might be interested, again please contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com.

Autumn Bridge Camp 1st-3rd November

Tony Cherrett

This year the Autumn bridge Camp is to be held Woldingham School, Caterham. The event is aimed at those aged 9-21. No bridge or even card experience is required. There will be all levels of young players at the camp. There will be a full programme for accompanying adults.

Last year I attended the Autumn Bridge Camp with my 8-year-old daughter, who knew nothing about Bridge. She had a great time and learnt a little about bridge. She won her first masterpoints at Caterham in December when we were one short. When I suggested we might go again this year she made me book the same day.

For this fun weekend, the cost is £150 including two nights' accommodation, all meals, bridge tuition and competitions and other activities. **Bookings made and paid before 30th August will be charged reduced price of £120.** The cost for non-residents is £70. To book, please contact Lisa Miller 01296 317 217, lisa@ebedcio.org.uk. Lisa's working hours are 8am-3pm, Monday – Wednesday.

Any questions? Contact Mark Humphris on mark@ebedcio.org.uk, 01296 317218, www.ebedcio.org.uk.

This month's Competition puzzle is below. Please send your answers to me at johnmanches74@gmail.com. I would rate it as tricky.

The Deadline Date is 28th July. As usual, the winner will be drawn from all those with a clear, full, correct-first-time solution. The prize, which is open to all Surrey members, will be free entry to one of our county competitions for the winner and partner of choice.

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

South to make 6♥

Lead ♠3

Director's training in Richmond

Richard Banbury

Day 0 – Sept 8th (“Essentials” – i.e. Introduction)

Day 1 – Sept 15th (Revokes, Leads out of turn, penalty cards, etc)

Day 2 – Oct 6th (Insufficient Bids, Calls out of turn, Judgement Rulings)

Day 3 – Oct 20th (Assessment Day)

Booking is via the EBED website <https://www.ebedcio.org.uk/td-training>

DD No 21 received an active response. Thanks to all those who submitted solutions, and welcome to new solver Dominic Cooke. Correct first-time solutions were received from Frances Hinden, Gerard Thompson, Graham Sadie, Ian Swanson, John Dagnall, Lorne Anderson, Dominic Cooke, Simon Foale and Steve Bourton. Congratulations to Graham Sadie whose name was drawn out of the hat and who wins free entry to one of our county competitions for himself and partner of choice.

As shown below there are, there are two routes to making 5C depending on the play to T2 and it was interesting to see that solutions were divided roughly equally between the two. Both involve a red suit squeeze on East, both involve losing a second trick to correct the count and both end up with dummy's Ace of Spades playing the executioner role.

SOLUTION

	♠ A Q 3 2	
	♥ J 9 7 2	
	♦ 10 3 2	
♠ K J 10 9 6 5	♣ Q 8	♠ 7
♥ K 3		♥ A Q 10 8 6 5
♦ 6		♦ Q J 8 7
♣ 9 7 6 4		♣ 5 2
	♠ 8 4	
	♥ 4	
	♦ A K 9 5 4	
	♣ A K J 10 3	

Contract : 5C by South

Lead = KH, followed by 3H

Solution 1 : ruff at T2:

T1 : KH

T2 : ruff the heart continuation

T3 : QC

T4 : 10D to J and A (this is one of the keys – 10D can otherwise end up blocking the diamond suit if left unsupported in dummy)

T5-7 : draw trumps – North discards 2D and 2S; East discards 6H and 10H

T8 : 8S and duck if West covers (if 8S wins, continue with 4S to QS and make an overtrick); West wins and has only spades to return.

T9 : QS (successful finesse). East discards H10

At this point: Dummy holds S)A H)J9 D)3

East holds H)A D)Q87

South holds D)K954

T10 : AS discarding 4D and East is squeezed

If East discards AH, then JH followed by the diamond finesse

If East discards 7D, then the diamond finesse gives South 3 winning diamonds.

Solution 2 : discard 4D at T2:

T1 : KH

T2 : Discard 4D on the heart continuation. East covers dummy's heart and wins. Returns QH say.

T3 : 10C

T4 : 3C to Q in dummy

T5 : 10D to J and A

T6-8 : draw trumps – North discards 2D and 2S; East discards 6 and 10 of hearts

T9 : Spade to Q. East now reduced to H)A D)Q87 South has S)4 D)A95

T10 : AS and East is squeezed as above

Congratulations

Surrey

County Pairs Cup

Roger Pratt & Henryk Klocek

County Pairs Plate

Andrew Bannock & John Dagnall

Mary Edwards

Roehampton



Peter Hardyment & Malcolm Bricknell

Wanborough Cup

Mayfield



Andrew Southwell & Peter Lee, Arun Suri & Paul Chapman

Victor Ludorum

Elisabeth Bingham

Surrey Schools Cup

St Pauls Red Team

Henry Huang & Gijs Van Angeren
Adavya Goyal & Anango Prabhat



Surrey Schools Salver

Haberdashers D Team

Alex James & Samuel Robinson
Adhith Padiyar & James Cowan



Surrey Schools Crystal **Cardinal Newman**
Joshua Budiongan & Tom Curtayne
Liam Benwell & Finn Aggarwal



Surrey Schools Minibridge
Chalfont St Peters
Girpeet Birring & Dhiani Dosanjh



Taster Sessions for Working People

We in the Bridge world have the opportunity to rejuvenate the game of bridge by inviting younger players to enjoy the game.

We in the Bridge world can ensure that every Bridge Club puts this invitation on its website

We in the Bridge world can invite all those younger people who we know to meet up with their friends and have a fun evening.

Fun Evenings with a Glass of Wine

Now is the time to Learn & Play Bridge, to take up a new hobby and to have lots of fun with your friends. All you need is a laptop, and a drink in your hand.

Yes Learn and Play Bridge whilst you are staying at home, having just finished work or relaxing after the children are sorted, either fed or in bed.

This Free **Taster Session** is specifically focused for those very busy people in their 20s, 30s, and 40s

Contact Douglas at 3countiesbridge@gmail.com or call 07801989630

Club News

Tudor & Guildford

“FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE” NEWS FROM TUDOR & GUILDFORD BC

Tudor & Guildford Bridge Club will be holding a raffle during their Wednesday and Thursday club sessions in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Then on Friday, 13th September – for the first time – the club will run a complimentary Supervised Play Session from 14:00 to 16:30 with voluntary donations to Cancer Research UK.

The session is aimed at players who have completed 1 or 2 years of bridge tuition and who would like the experience of playing with others in a club setting. We are also happy for people who have played socially to come to see what a club is like. It will be a fun, relaxed and social event with plenty of helpers to give assistance.

There will be a refreshment break mid-way for tea/coffee and most importantly cake.

Partners can be found for single players.

Location: Shalford Village Hall, Kings Rd, Shalford, Guildford GU4 8BQ. Plenty of Parking.

For further information and to book a place, please email Amanda

Can your Club run a Taster Session?

3 Counties Bridge is offering to help all Bridge Clubs to hold a Taster Session in your Bridge Club.

Tudor and Guildford have the expertise in house to hold their own fun Supervised Play session for beginners and improvers on Friday 13 September.

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/tudorguildford/home.html>

Bordon are holding a Free No Fears Duplicate Bridge Evening on 14 August with the help of 3 Counties Bridge.

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/bordon/>

Petersfield are holding an invitation to Beginners and Improvers Evening on 29 August with the help of 3 Counties Bridge.

If any Bridge Club wishes to hold a Face to Face Taster Session for Beginners and / or Improvers and make a difference to the EBU Festival of Bridge, please contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com or phone Douglas 07801 989630

FREE BRIDGE TASTER SESSION

Please encourage one or more of your friends, relatives and neighbours to attend a

FREE BRIDGE TASTER SESSION

We are now recruiting for our next series of courses both

Online and / or Face to Face

Interest can be registered by using the links below

[Beginner Taster](#)

[Beginner Online Taster](#)

[Improver Taster](#)

Each booking will be confirmed by email.

Any questions please refer to Douglas Wright at :

3countiesbridge@gmail.com

01428 717869

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Charity Golf and Bridge event

Hampton Court Palace Golf Club

Monday 15th July

This is an afternoon and evening event.

9 holes of Golf (handicaps required), 16 boards of Duplicate Bridge, in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

Mixed, Ladies or Gents Pairs

Tee times from 3 pm

Buggies available

Entries in pairs

Cost £55 per head, meal included.

Contact Barbara Beaumont (bb@thebeaumonts.net).

Only space for 2 more pairs, get in touch NOW

And finally.....

The next newsletter will come out towards the end of September. So, please send me any club news, personal stories and photographs for the next edition. Is your club having a charity event you would like to tell people about? Let me know. Are you planning any club celebrations? Send me pictures. What did your club do for 'Bridge It's a Big Deal'?

[Julia Brough](#)

Editor