

## Bridge Blog– 23 June 2022

### Bridge Summer Barbecue Party

We had a lovely evening on Saturday at our summer party which this year was a barbecue, but unfortunately due to the sudden change in the weather with a drop of 16 degrees from Friday, had to be moved inside. However, this didn't detract from a fun time with approximately 50 people enjoying a barbecue supper followed by Chicago bridge. There were prizes awarded for the highest and lowest score, a slam bid and made, and a random score. There were also lucky dip prizes for winning a trick with the two of clubs or two of diamonds.

Thanks go to Felicity Irlam for her help in the organisation and to the staff who were as accommodating as ever, in moving us at short notice inside. It was lovely to see a full and buzzy bridge room and a selection of photos from the evening can be found [here](#). The winners, receiving their prizes also feature below.



**The away bridge match vs RAC club** had to be moved from 21<sup>st</sup> June (due to the train/tube strike) and is now scheduled for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 6pm start.

The cost for the match including dinner is £20

If you are interested in playing in this match, please either sign the list on the bridge board in Reception or e-mail Simon Lucas, [simonhlucas@gmail.com](mailto:simonhlucas@gmail.com)

### Ladies Golf/Bridge match vs Wimbledon Ladies (Home)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am start.

The cost for the match to include lunch is £15

Four pairs needed

Please either sign up on the bridge board in Reception or contact Simon Lucas, [simonhlucas@gmail.com](mailto:simonhlucas@gmail.com)

### A friendly, social introduction to Duplicate Bridge, 11<sup>th</sup> July 7pm

This session is specifically aimed at those who have recently attended a series of beginners/improvers bridge lessons or for our social bridge players who haven't played Duplicate Bridge before but would like to try it. Please see posters on the bridge notice board and contact [julie@juliebacon.plus.com](mailto:julie@juliebacon.plus.com) or [fiona@datefamily.com](mailto:fiona@datefamily.com) to sign up or for more information.

**Other Dates to Note for July - Further details will follow.**

15th	Fri	Team Practice	1.30pm
21st	Thurs	RAC Woodcote match (Away)	4.30pm
22nd	Fri	Hurlingham Croquet & Bridge (Away)	10am
26th	Tues	Hurlingham Tennis & Bridge (Away)	11am

**Devonshire Cup (Report by Malcolm Bricknell)**

I am happy to report a solid win by Roehampton Blue in the semi-final of the Devonshire Cup on 7<sup>th</sup> June. We beat RAC Rolls Royce by a margin of 1440 points, after some lively bidding in the second half succeeded in consolidating our modest first half lead of 540 points. Our team was Peter Hardymont and Philip Howard, Ralph Evers and myself (Peter BM being away).

No slams were bid and made by either side although several thin games were made. One of the most interesting boards was Board 8 (below) where four Spades was easily bid and made at both tables by NS. East has a difficult call to make over a three Spade pre-emptive opening by North. If they can find a frisky four Heart overcall, then EW will surely find the good five Heart sacrifice which goes one down and could even make against the wrong defence. It was a double double fit hand with games makeable both ways showing that rules such as 'never bid on to the five level' are there to be broken. Hard to find though against pre-emptive bidding and in the end a flat board.

The image displays a grid of 24 bridge board cards, numbered 1 through 24. Each card contains the following information:

- Board Number:** The board number (e.g., Board: 1, Board: 2, etc.).
- Dealer:** The dealer for that board (e.g., Dealer: N, Dealer: W, Dealer: S, Dealer: E).
- Hand:** The cards held by North and South, including suits and ranks (e.g., ♠AQT, ♥T6, ♦KQ65, ♣K853).
- Score:** The score for the board, including the number of tricks taken and the result (e.g., N 11, S 11, W 10, E 10).

Board 8 is highlighted in the original image, showing a hand where North and South have a 4-4 Spade fit and East and West have a 3-3 Heart fit. The hand is:

- North:** ♠AKQJ, ♥AK, ♦AK, ♣AK
- South:** ♠AKQJ, ♥AK, ♦AK, ♣AK
- East:** ♠AKQJ, ♥AK, ♦AK, ♣AK
- West:** ♠AKQJ, ♥AK, ♦AK, ♣AK

Well done Roehampton Blue and good luck in the final vs RAC Morgan on 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**Julie Bacon, Bridge Chair**