

Bridge Blog – 19th March 2026



Devonshire Cup

We had three teams entered for the Devonshire Cup in February and it is great to be able to report an outstanding double success for Roehampton Club.

Peter Bonnor Moris, Malcolm Bricknell, Ralph Evers and Philip Howard winning the Cup against a strong Hurlingham team whilst Abteen Sai, Garth Taljard, Marion Tamblyn and Loulou Van Geuns won the plate against another good team from Queens Club.



Club Competitions

On Monday 16th and Monday 23rd February we had the annual club pairs competition for the Founders Trophy. Malcolm Bricknell and Peter Hardyment narrowly won with a combined average 62.61, thereby edging out Henryka Bonnor Moris and Abteen Sai who were second on 61.67 with Julie Bacon and Kate Blake a good third with 59.02.



Matches

We had a very enjoyable match against Hurlingham on 10th March. Our team managed to navigate their way through some difficult hands, playing against good opposition to achieve a solid 49 imp trophy. This has allowed us to hold on to the Hurlingham Cup for another year.



Club Sessions

On Monday 13th April we will be running the club Teams competition. It will be at the usual 1.30pm start time. Players wishing to play in this session will obviously need to join as a team of four.

As a reminder, the introductory Duplicate Bridge sessions will continue to be held on the second Fridays of the month. These are run by Niall and take place between 10am and 12pm. They are a really good way for less experienced players to improve their capabilities to play in duplicate sessions.

Outside events

The RAC is running a Swiss Teams event for the Ross Cope Cup on Thursday 19th March to which Roehampton Club Teams have been invited to participate.

Wimbledon Bridge Club is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. There are a series of events from 12th to 18th April that may be of interest to some Members.

Upcoming events

We are planning a number of special events as the bridge section's contribution to the Club's 125th anniversary celebrations.

On Monday 20th April we plan to hold a new Internal Mixed Pairs Competition with a Rose Bowl as the prize. It will have the normal start time of 1.30pm and be run like a normal duplicate session. Players who wish to compete for this trophy will obviously need to enter as a mixed pair. Others are welcome to play as a non-mixed pair, but if they choose to do that, will be ineligible to win the trophy.

On Wednesday 22nd April we will be holding a special 125th Anniversary Duplicate Invitation Tournament. We will be inviting a small number of representatives from other clubs we play matches against to join us, and there will be some prizes to compete for. It will have the start time of 1.30pm and there will be a drinks reception afterwards in the Bridge Room to which everyone is invited.

On Friday 19th June we will be having an event with Zia Mahmood. There will be a bridge session with some prepared hands, drinks and a lunch during which Zia will give a short speech. There will also be a book signing, for anyone interested to buy an autographed copy of his book. It should be a very special occasion. Timings and other details to follow.

For the events on Wednesday 22nd April and Friday 19th June details on how to sign up will be announced in due course.

Malcolm Bricknell, Bridge Chair