

BRIDGE

Join us
for a
game!

at Roehampton Club



Teaching and supervised play
Matches, leagues and social calendar

Bridge Section

The Bridge Section offers a range of bridge classes, practice sessions and competitive play for the development and growth of players from beginner to experienced. We have a strong reputation among other clubs in the London area with excellent performance and competition results over the years.



The dedicated Bridge Room was fully refurbished in 2025 and offers a pleasant ambience in which to play along with access to a dealing machine and Pianola software allowing players in-depth analysis of their performance as well as hand records.

Bridgemates is used for scoring at duplicate sessions, and the Club is affiliated with the English Bridge Union (EBU) and the Surrey County Bridge Association (SCBA). Bridgewebs can be accessed via the Members' website and provides a detailed source of information about the section's activities along with the noticeboard.

The Bridge Section holds its annual meeting each October, preceded by voting for the committee which manages the section's activities with the support of the Club's Sports Office.

Teaching and Supervised Play

Niall Igoe, our Club Professional, runs regular intermediate courses on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings as well as a practice session on Friday mornings. Niall also runs a monthly introductory duplicate session aimed at helping less experienced players adapt to duplicate.

Bridge professional James Thrower runs a beginners' course throughout the year on Tuesday mornings following the course created by the EBU for beginners and also occasional revision courses.

A supervised play session held on Tuesday afternoons (except during the summer months) is run by experienced members of the section as a coaching/practice session for less experienced players.



A supervised practice session held on Tuesday evenings is aimed to support beginners taking lessons and allow them to develop skills needed to play in other club sessions.

A typical weekly programme of regular activities in the Bridge Room is:

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday		Duplicate 1.30-5pm	Teaching Intermediate 7-9.30pm
Tuesday	Teaching Beginners 10-12pm	Supervised 2-4.30pm	Beginners' Bridge 7-9 pm
Wednesday	Teaching Intermediate 10-12pm		Duplicate 7.30-10.30pm
Thursday		Chicago 1-4pm	Social Duplicate 7.30-10.15pm
Friday	Teaching Intermediate 10-12pm	Teams Practice 1.30-5pm	
Weekend	Free	Free	Free

Regular Sessions and Social Calendar

Three regular sessions of duplicate bridge each week are run by professional Bridge Tournament directors Steve Foster (Monday afternoon and Wednesday evenings), and the Social Duplicate on Thursday evenings is run by Gitte Hecht-Johansen.

Chicago Bridge on Thursday afternoons is managed by Members and is a relaxed session for all standards. Members of the section organise Teams of Four sessions on Friday afternoons throughout the year. The three largest and most popular social events for the section are the Annual Dinner, the Summer Garden Party and the Christmas Eve Party. The Social Bridge Christmas Special is another very popular event.

The Roehampton Club Swiss Teams Challenge Cup is an Annual event for Teams of Four to which we invite teams we play matches against. It allows us to offer reciprocal hospitality for similar prestigious competitions being run by some other large clubs.



Scan here for more information including classes, teachers, calendar and the Bridge Committee



Matches and Leagues

Matches against other clubs are primarily relaxed social occasions with a lunch or dinner as part of the fixture. All Members are welcome, within the constraint of fielding teams of a standard appropriate to the opposing club. There are a few 'trophy matches' which are played competitively.

We currently compete in a number of external events including the Queen's Centenary Cup and the Duke of Devonshire Cup, and we field teams in a number of leagues including the London Business Houses League, the Home Palace League, the Wimbledon Golf Club Ladies Bridge League and the Surrey Lawn Tennis Club League.

Six Club trophies are competed for each year: The Miller Cup – an individual competition, the Founder's Trophy

– a duplicate pairs competition, a Teams' Trophy and a Winter Knock-Out rubber bridge competition. Two further events are handicapped – the Handicap Trophy and the No Fears Cup.

We have three internal annual competitions which require participants to play both bridge and one of the Club's other main sports golf, tennis or croquet.



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