Bridge Blog – 19th November 2026

As your new Bridge Chair, I will do my best to fulfil everyone's wishes and am very open to looking at suggestions with the Committee. Malcolm has left the bridge section in a very good place so many thanks to him for his last three years as Bridge Chair.

The AGM on 12th October was constructive with suggestions as to how to rework Wednesday evenings which seem to be ill attended. It was agreed to do alternate afternoon and evenings but that was later put to bed. We will try to promote Thursday Chicago afternoons and plan to do a further afternoon session either on alternate Fridays or Wednesdays for the winter months. But we will discuss with the committee and inform you all if and when, it is arranged.



The No Fears bridge on Thursday 15th October was won by Pat Crowe and Margaret Harrop with a huge 64.44%. Well done to them. They will get their names on the board and a glass at the bridge dinner.



On Monday 9th November we had the handicap trophy won by Ron Wood and Sue Gabriel with a massive 66.86%. congratulations to them. Another 2 names to go on the board!

On Sunday 18th October Belinda hosted our annual Swiss Teams event which had 26 teams competing. It was excellently run by Belinda, also Steve and Gitte who directed the boards and movements. The carvery was extremely good and the staff were congratulated for handling it all so well.

The MCC team, which included Nigel Clayton, Gary Diamond, Norman Agran and Alan Bannatyne, won the cup and a 125 Rose Bowl each to take home.
Our Roehampton Club team, Peter Hardyment, Malcolm Bricknell, Peter Bonnor-Moris and Ralph Evers won the chocolates and the visitors wine was won by Ned Paul with the Tomkins and Chantal Girardin.







The following Monday we hosted a farewell party for Maria who has done so much for the bridge section over the years. A lot of her friends came to wish her well. We will all miss her smiling face in the Bridge Room and hope for a good future for her in Mauritius. This is the view from her chair!

On 6th November we had the practice teams session kindly run by Julie. We played 18 hands as we had to be out of the club by 4.30pm for the fireworks. There were seven teams and Julie's team won. This is open to all bridge players and is a very friendly room.

We have played a few matches since Malcolm's last blog. We played at the All England venue and won. We took three teams to Hurlingham and had a friendly draw. We played away at RAC Woodcote Park and won that match too. We have the centenary cup at All England this year on 15th November.

Roehampton Club came third with Queens winning and Hurlingham coming second.
Linda has fixed our last match of the year at Home vs Royal Wimbledon on 17th November.

There is a Swiss Teams event at Hurlingham on Saturday 30th January. It is £220 per team and the details for registration are on the bridge noticeboard. If you want to enter a team please do so reasonably quickly as it is a popular event.

News for anyone playing online bridge, you probably already know that BBO are now charging about £5 per month for players to set up games and play, doubling in price next year.

There is something called BridgeClubLive which Fiona is using for her team matches. Which is free! IntoBridge is also free and quite similar.

Ellie Elliott, Bridge Chair