

# Bridging SCBA



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## Upcoming Events

<b>Singapore Mixed Pairs 2023</b> Sat, 8 Jul, SCBA	<b>Singapore National Bridge League Open House #6</b> Sat, 19 Aug, SCBA (1430)
<b>H S Ho Finals</b> Sat, Sun, 15-16 Jul, SCBA	<b>World Bridge Teams 2023</b> 20 Aug – 3 Sep, Morocco
<b>Pesta Sukan Congress Championships 2023</b> Fri-Sun, 21-23 Jul, SCBA	<b>Singapore IMP Pairs 2023</b> Sat, 2 Sep, SCBA (1000)
<b>Singapore National Bridge League Open House #5</b> Sat, 29 Jul, SCBA (1430)	<b>Singapore National Bridge League Open House #7</b> Sat, 9 Sep, SCBA (1430)
<b>National Day Special Game</b> Wed, 9 Aug, SCBA (0930)	<b>Selangor Congress 2023 @ Royal Lake Club</b> Sat/Sun, 9-10 Sep, Malaysia

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## 2 Editor's Note

Good day everyone!

Greetings and a warmest welcome to our Jul 2023 issue of our SCBA Newsletter.

With a blink of eyes, we are moving into the 2nd half of the year and we are still very much thrilled in bringing you the most anticipated newsletter in this “BRIDGE’ world. Our goal is to provide the highest quality with most relevant content applicable in today’s environment, delivered with high integrity and ethics where we strive to make every edition better than the one before. Hence please do take a little time off to get to know this wonderful newsletter and feel free to leave any comments on the articles to share your thoughts, we would be deeply appreciated.

As we often say, good, better, best, never let it rest till your good is better and your better is BEST! Let’s all stay positive, work hard and make it happen. The best preparation for tomorrow is always doing our best today. Let’s do our part and **HOPE** (**H**old **O**n, **P**ain **E**nds) for a better tomorrow!

Starting with this issue, we are thrilled to announce that we had successfully concluded our National School Teams Championships 2023 during the school holidays here as well as the annual APBF Championships 2023 which was held in Hong Kong where all our National Teams (Men, Ladies & Mixed Teams) did remarkably well in all Categories especially our Mixed Team which made us proud by finishing 2nd out of 12 teams, and came home with a Silver Medal. This achievement marked the highest finish by a Singapore Mixed Team since its inception in 2019. Triple Cheers to all our National Teams ! Congratulations !

Last but not least, we do also appreciate your warmest continuous supports and we are always happy to have you as a reader of our wonderful newsletter. Do enjoy !

With warmest thanks / Gerald Cheo  
[geraldcheo@scba.org.sg](mailto:geraldcheo@scba.org.sg)

# 3 Committee's Message

Dear Bridge friends and members of SCBA,

I hope this message finds you well. As we enter the month of July, things have slightly calmed down after the a very busy June. I would like to update you on a few important events and developments within our community.

Pesta Sukan has been rescheduled and will now take place from 21st to 23rd July. This adjustment was made to accommodate the various World events happening in August and September. We are excited to see our teams compete and represent Singapore in the World Youth Bridge Team Championships held in Veldhoven, the Netherlands. We have three teams participating:

U21 team: Wu Xinyue + Goh Youyi, Pong Yizhen + Oh Liwei, Tioh Jing Kai + Russell Siew

U26 team: Teo Xue Heng + Timothy Wu, Linus Lee + Bryan Yang, Xu Nuoyi + Gao Heng

U31 team: Jazlene Ong + Sean Teo, Siew Kheng Hun + Derek Lee, Li Lan + Low Siok Hui

Let us wish all the teams the best of luck and hope they return with medals, bringing glory to our country.

In other news, the Esports Olympics concluded successfully on 25th June 2023. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who took the time to visit the event. A special thanks goes to our dedicated volunteers who played a crucial role in making the event a success. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. I apologize if I inadvertently missed anyone in the list of volunteers: Ang Shen Ting, Koh Luwen, Ai Yucheng, Joesph Kang, Ong Jin Xiang, Yeo Hui Teng, Lim Jing Xuan, Tioh Jing Kai, Wu Xinyue. Once again, thank you all for your support and dedication.

# 4 Committee's Message

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Looking ahead, the Southeast Asia Bridge Federation (SEABF) Championships will be held in York Hotel from 11th to 15th December. We highly encourage all players to participate and compete against the best that Southeast Asia has to offer. Stay tuned for more details as we will provide updates in due course.

Also, I have great news for our loyal supporters of the Royal Lake Club Congress! Your long-awaited tournament is finally scheduled to take place on the 9th and 10th of September. We understand your anticipation and are excited to provide you with further details as we finalize the arrangements. Please stay tuned for upcoming announcements and information.

Thank you for your attention, and as always, if you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kelvin Ong, President, SCBA  
[president@scba.org.sg](mailto:president@scba.org.sg)



## 1. Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Champions 2023

The Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Championships 2023 was held in Hong Kong from 9<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Jun 2023. Append herewith our National Teams placements for all events.

Open Team : 7<sup>th</sup> - Fong Kien Hoong, Luo Cheng, Zhang Yukun, Lam Cheng Yen, Teo Xue Heng, and Timothy Wu. Although they finished 7th out of 13 teams, they managed to secure a spot in the Bermuda Bowl World Championships 2023

Mixed Team : 2<sup>nd</sup> – Loo Choon Chou, Lam Zeying, Gideon Tan, Tan Sock Ngin, Toh Zhen Huai, and Kho Jiemin. Finishing 2nd out of 12 teams, and came home with a Silver Medal and qualify for the Wuhan Cup (Mixed Bowl). This achievement marks the highest finish by a Singapore Mixed Team since its inception in 2019.

Ladies Team : 5<sup>th</sup> - Chan Yiu Lin, Yeo Hui Teng, Lim Jing Xuan, Low Siok Hui, Leong Jiamin and Jazlene Ong, whom finished 5th out of 11 teams.

Warmest Congratulations to all winners. Cheers!

## 2. National School Teams Championships 2023

The annual National School Teams Championships 2023 had been concluded and append herewith the top winners placements for all events.

Champion : Hwa Chong Institution Team C

(Members : Ong Zhi Jie, Oh Li Wei, Loi Kai Jun, Lim Chern Rui & Ng Ya Xuen)

1st Runners-up : Raffles Institution Team 2

(Members : Ma Xingjian, Tay Jih Hwang, Liu Zihan & Lim Rui Ze)

2nd Runners-up : Hwa Chong Institution Team B

(Members : Lim Sze Tong, Amber Tng Kai Enn, Tin Jingshun, Lin Xin Yao, Heok Xu'en & Lin Yuxin)

Warmest Congratulations to all winners. Cheers!

### **3. HS Ho Championship 2023 Round#9 Final**

The HS Ho Championships 2023 Round ##9 Final games will be held on 15 – 16 Jul 2023 at SCBA on Sat/Sun from 1000 hrs.

### **4. National Bridge League Round #5 to #9**

The National Bridge League Round #5 to Round #9 games will be held as follow on 29<sup>th</sup> Jul 2023, 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023, 9<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023, 23 Sep 2023 and 14 Oct 2023 respectively at SCBA on Sat from 1430 hrs.

### **5. Singapore Mixed Pairs 2023**

The Singapore Mixed Pairs Championships 2023 will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> Jul 2023, Sat at SCBA from 1000 hrs. Please do join us for GREAT fun !

### **6. Pesta Sukan Bridge Championships 2023**

The annual Pesta Sukan Bridge Championships 2023 will be held from 21st – 23rd Jul 2023 from Fri till Sun at SCBA tentatively. Confirmed venue will be informed at due course.

Please do join us for utmost GREAT fun in Bridging the WORLD !

### **7. World Youth Bridge Teams Championships 2023**

The annual World Youth Bridge Teams Championships 2023 will be held from 31<sup>st</sup> Jul – 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023 in Veldhoven, Netherland.

### **8. National Day Special Holiday Game**

The National Day Special Holiday Game will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023, Wed at SCBA from 0930 hrs.

### **9. World Bridge Teams Championships 2023**

The annual World Bridge Teams Championships 2023 will be held from 28<sup>th</sup> Aug to 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep 2023 in Marrakech, Morocco.

Please do join us in wishing all our National elite athletes all the best and good luck in their participation.

### **10. Singapore IMP Pairs 2023**

The Singapore IMP Pairs Championships 2023 will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep 2023, Sat at SCBA from 1000 hrs.

Please do join us for utmost GREAT fun in Bridging the WORLD !

## 11. Beginner / Intermediate Course

If you have a friend who wants to learn and enjoy on how to play Bridge, do drop an e-mail to our following colleague address:

[kelvin@scba.org.sg](mailto:kelvin@scba.org.sg)

## 12. Bridge Column

All readers are strongly encouraged to continue posing any questions through the editor account with any burning questions they may have.

In additionally, other columnists are also welcome to provide valuable input to the column. Please do send all relevant information to [editor@scba.org.sg](mailto:editor@scba.org.sg).

## 13. Sale of Logistics

With our past of hosting multiple Local and International BIG events, we do have some lightly-used logistics remained that we will make available to all our members at a much discounted price. Please do approach our club manager for full details of pricing and arrangement.

Do refer to the appendix for full price list details.

## 14. Membership Prices

Similar to the past years arrangement though we had been absorbing the costs of general inflation as well as providing you with an improved experience during and after all games. We will still maintain our membership prices as before, as for NOW, for the benefits of all members. Our annual membership prices are as follow : Ordinary Member at \$70, Student Member at \$30 and Corporate Member at \$200 per annual.

Do join us for utmost GREAT fun in Bridging the WORLD !

## Donations to SCBA

**Enjoy a 250% deduction on taxable income by donating to SCBA.  
Qualification for tax deduction is valid until further notice.**

### Types of Tax Deductible Donations Available

1. Unrestricted donation to one of our three funds: General Fund, Bridge Development Fund, National Bridge League Fund
2. Restricted donation to set up a new fund for purposes dictated by the donor (SCBA will inform and seek the donor's opinion if the fund cannot be used)
3. Donations to name SCBA's events or programmes;
4. Donations where SCBA or its approved beneficiary acknowledges the donation by including the donor's name or logo in the SCBA's collaterals (e.g. banners, publications, advertisements). Examples would be Pesta Sukan Bridge Championships and future iterations of SEABCC and APBF if they are held in Singapore.

### Claiming Tax Deductible Donations

Tax deduction is given for donations made in the preceding year. For example, if an individual makes a donation in 2023, tax deduction will be allowed in his tax assessment for the Year of Assessment (YA) 2024. The tax deductions for qualifying donations will be automatically reflected in the donor's tax assessments based on the information from the IPC (such as the donor's name, date and amount of donation on the tax deduction receipt).

**To donate to SCBA, please approach our club manager for more details.**



## Bridgemate Scoring

for weekly games is now in full implementation

- Automatic player name entry via player numbers
  - No name errors
  - Know who you are playing against the next round
  - Reduce instances of wrong seatings
  - Personal analysis available on Bridgewebs
  - Linkage to online Masterpoint system (coming soon)
  - Implementation in Teams Events (coming soon)
  - Your player number in other clubs should work here too
- If you need a player number, drop a mail to <[competition@scba.org.sg](mailto:competition@scba.org.sg)>

## We are on Pianola Webs!

Online portal for all things Bridge

- Latest news and upcoming events
- Newsletter and tournament forms download
- Weekly game results immediately available after the games end
- Click on your own pair for personal analysis
- Review your bidding, play and defence online – anytime with your smartphone



## National School Teams Championships 2023



Singapore National School Teams Championships 2023 : Champion – Hwa Chong Institution Team C

## National School Teams Championships 2023



Singapore National School Teams Championships 2023 : 1<sup>st</sup> Runners-up – Raffles Institution Team 2



## National School Teams Championships 2023



Singapore National School Teams Championships 2023 : 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners-up – Hwa Chong Institution Team B



# 13 Jul Events Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	World Youth Bridge Teams 2023					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	Singapore Mixed pairs
9	10	11	12	13	14	HS Ho Finals
HS Ho Finals	17	18	19	20	Pesta Sukan Congress	Pesta Sukan Congress
Pesta Sukan Congress	24	25	26	27	28	National League Round #5





# 16 Corporate Clubs, Officials and Directors

**SCBA Weekly Games**  
 Monday – 9.30am  
 Thursday – 9.30am  
 Friday – 7.30pm  
 Saturday – 10.00am (depends on availability)  
 Sunday – 10.00am (depends on availability)

**AMERICAN WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION**

Mon 1.00pm

**KAMPONG KEMBANGAN CC, 5 Lengkong Tiga**  
 Mon, Thurs 7.00pm

**NUS SPORTS & RECREATION CENTRE, Kent Ridge**  
 Crescent, MP SH 4. Mon, Thu 7.00pm

**NUSS The Graduate Club, 1F Cluny Road.**

Every Wed 7.30pm at Bukit Timah Guild House  
 Please contact Dr Siak at 9376 8816 to register in advance.

**SINGAPORE ISLAND COUNTRY CLUB, 240 Sime Road**  
 Bridge @ The Niblick.  
 Mon & Thurs 7.30pm. Wed 1.00pm

**SINGAPORE JAPAN CLUB BRIDGE LEAGUE, 120 Adam**  
 Road. Tues 9.00 am

**TANGLIN CLUB, 5 Stevens Road.**  
 Mon, Wed & Fri at 1pm

**SINGAPORE CRICKET CLUB, Connaught Drive.**  
 Mon & Thurs at 7.00pm

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- Derrick Heng
- Wong Chee Wai
- Franciska Ho
- Greta Chai
- Ang Shen Ting
- Tan Wen Yuan
- Joseph Kang
- Koh Luwen
- Kenneth Chan
- Peter Haw
- Gan Wei Kang
- Yeo Hui Teng
- Antoine Wong
- Siew Kheng Hun
- Koh Han Wei
- Kwok Jun Kiat

SINGAPORE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION Local and Regional Calendar of Events 2023 (caa 12 Jun 2023)			
Month	Date	Event	Venue
<b>JAN</b>	2	New Year Charity Pairs	SCBA
	15	H S Ho Match 1	SCBA
	30	Hongbao Pairs	SCBA
<b>FEB</b>	11, 12, 18, 19	Mixed/Youth Trials (U25, U20, Girls)	SCBA
	25, 26	Mixed/Youth Trials Reserve Week	SCBA
<b>MAR</b>	4, 5, 11, 12	Open/Ladies/Seniors Trials	SCBA
	18, 19	Open/Ladies/Seniors Trials Reserve Week	SCBA
	19	H S Ho Match 2	SCBA
	25	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #1	SCBA
<b>APR</b>	2	H S Ho Match 3	SCBA
	7-9	Easter Congress	SCBA
	15	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #2	SCBA
	23	H S Ho Match 4	SCBA
	29, 30	Singapore Open Pairs	SCBA
<b>MAY</b>	1	Labour Day Special Game	SCBA
	6	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #3	SCBA
	7	H S Ho Match 5	SCBA
	13, 14	Singapore Open Teams Qualifying	SCBA
	20, 21	Singapore Open Teams Championship Finals / Finals B	SCBA
	27	National Youth Pairs	SCBA
	28	H S Ho Match 6	SCBA
<b>JUN</b>	2	Vesak Day Special Game	SCBA
	6, 7	National Schools Teams	SCBA
	11	H S Ho Match 7	SCBA
	9-18	APBF Championships	Hong Kong
	24	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #4	SCBA
	25	H S Ho Match 8	SCBA
<b>JUL</b>	29	Hari Raya Haji Special Game	SCBA
	8	Singapore Mixed Pairs	SCBA
	15, 16	H S Ho Finals	SCBA
	21-23	Pesta Sukan Congress	SCBA
	29	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #5	SCBA
<b>AUG</b>	31-7 Aug	World Youth Bridge Team Championships	Veldhoven, NL
	9	National Day Special Game	SCBA
	19	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #6	SCBA
<b>SEP</b>	20-3 Sep	World Bridge Team Championships	Marrakech, MA
	2	IMP Pairs	SCBA
	9	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #7	SCBA
	9, 10	Selangor Congress @ Royal Lake Club	KL, MY
	11	<b>SCBA AGM (Election Year)</b>	<b>SCBA</b>
	16	Matchpoint Teams	SCBA
	23-8 Oct	Asian Games	Hangzhou, CN
<b>OCT</b>	23	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #8	SCBA
	7	Double 8 Pairs	SCBA
	14	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #9	SCBA
<b>NOV</b>	21, 22	Singapore Mixed Teams	SCBA
	4, 5	H S Ho Preliminary	SCBA
	13	Deepavali Special Game	SCBA
<b>DEC</b>	18, 19	National Handicap Teams Championship	SCBA
	2, 3	National Youth Teams Championship	SCBA
	11-15	South East Asia Bridge Championships	Singapore
	18	Christmas Pairs	SCBA
	25	Christmas Day Special Game	SCBA





# PESTA SUKAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

Dates: 21-23 July 2023

Location: SCBA Clubhouse, Bishan CC

Events: Open Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Open Teams

## SCHEDULE

21 JUL 1930-2300: MIXED PAIRS

22 JUL 1000-2200: OPEN TEAMS

23 JUL 1000-1900: OPEN TEAMS/OPEN PAIRS

ORGANIZED BY THE SINGAPORE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Register at: <http://linktr.ee/sgbridge>





SINGAPORE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



# **6TH SOUTH EAST ASIA BRIDGE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**11-15 Dec 2023**

**York Hotel, Singapore**

**Events:**

**Open Team  
Ladies Team  
Mixed Team  
Senior Team  
Youth Team  
Open Pairs**

**Registration and further details  
coming soon**



# Singapore Contract Bridge Association

## Bridge Equipment For Sale

- With effective from 01 May 2023



### Preowned Items For Sale

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total in SGD</u>
1 Bridge Cards	1 deck of 52 cards	1.00
2 Bridge Board in a set of 24 pieces with 24 deck of preowned cards	1 set of 24 boards with cards	96.00
3 Bridge Board in a set of 32 pieces with 32 deck of preowned cards	1 set of 32 boards with cards	128.00

### Brand New Items For Sale

1 Bridge Cards	1 deck of 52 cards	3.00
2 Individual Bridge Board without sticker number	1 Board	10.00
3 Bridge Board in set of 24 pieces with 24 deck brand new cards	1 set of 24 boards with cards	240.00
4 Bridge Board in set of 32 pieces with 32 deck of brand new cards	1 set of 32 boards with cards	320.00
5 Bidding Cards with Box	Set of 4 boxes	50.00
6 Sticker Number for Bridge Board	1 pcs from No 1 to 16	5.00
7 Sticker Number for Bridge Board	1 pcs from No 16 to 32	5.00
8 SCBA Official Pens	1 Pen	1.00