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Upcoming Events

National Schools Teams Championships 2023 Tue, Wed, 6 -7 Jun, SCBA	Hari Raya Haji Special Game Thu, 29 Jun, SCBA
H S Ho Match 7 Sun, 11 Jun, SCBA	Singapore Mixed Pairs 2023 Sat, 8 Jul, SCBA
APBF Championships 2023 9-18 Jun 2023, Hong Kong	H S Ho Finals Sat, Sun, 15-16 Jul, SCBA
Singapore National Bridge League Open House #4 Sat, 24 Jun, SCBA (1430)	Pesta Sukan Congress 2023 Fri-Sun, 21-23 Jul, SCBA
H S Ho Match 8 Sun, 25 Jun, SCBA	Singapore National Bridge League Open House #5 Sat, 29 Jul, SCBA (1430)

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2 Editor's Note

Good day everyone!

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

We couldn't be more excited than anyone whom we are tasked to produce the most anticipated newsletter in this "BRIDGE" world. Please do take some 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.

Just before we commence, a little gentle Daily Reminders to all before your start your good day – You can do anything, little by littles, day by days, what is meant for you, will find its way. A bad day doesn't equal a bad life, always remember that you are not alone. When you feel like quitting...think about why you started it. You are what you believe yourself to be, be yourself, be original, its so much better than a copy. Be proud of who you are and not ashamed of how someone else sees you. Good Day !

Begin with this issue, we are very pleased to announce that all our Singapore National Youth Teams – U31, U26, U26 Mixed and U21 teams have been performing tremendously very well in the recent Asia Pacific Youth Bridge Championships 2023 held in Ningbo, China from 14th to 19th May 2023. Particularly for our Singapore's U26 Team, against all odd and facing traditional Bridge powerhouse China as the underdog in the finals, our Singapore's U26 Team emerged victorious as The New Champions, at the Asia Pacific Youth Bridge Championships held in Ningbo China on 19 May 2023. Three Cheers to all our National Youth Teams !

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

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3 Committee's Message

Dear Bridge friends and members of SCBA,

I apologize for the delay in the newsletter. June is an exciting month for bridge enthusiasts, and I would like to highlight a few important updates.

Firstly, due to the World Bridge Youth Team Championships clashing with our annual Pesta Sukan teams event, we have made the decision to reschedule Pesta Sukan. Please refer to the updated calendar of events for more information.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Team Singapore on their remarkable achievements at the recently concluded APBF Championships. Our Open Team, comprised of 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 by doing it the hard way and winning two playoff matches against Indonesia and Chinese Taipei.

Our Mixed Team, consisting of Loo Choon Chou, Lam Zeying, Gideon Tan, Tan Sock Ngin, Toh Zhen Huai, and Kho Jiemin, also made us proud by finishing 2nd out of 12 teams, and coming home with a Silver Medal. In a thrilling finale, they edged out Chinese Taipei to qualify for the Wuhan Cup (Mixed Bowl). This achievement marks the highest finish by a Singapore Mixed Team since its inception in 2019.

I would also like to acknowledge our Ladies Team, consisting of Chan Yiu Lin, Yeo Hui Teng, Lim Jing Xuan, Low Siok Hui, Leong Jiamin and Jazlene Ong, whom finished 5th out of 11 teams. Despite facing challenges, including three players being down with COVID, they displayed great resilience with 1 pair having to play throughout the entire event. Although they did not qualify for the Venice Cup as they had to forfeit the last 2 matches in the RR as well as the playoffs, their performance was a testament to their skill and dedication, and I would like to commend them for their efforts.

4 Committee's Message

In Zone 6, we are represented by the following teams:

Open: China, China Hong Kong, and Singapore

Mixed: China, Singapore, and Chinese Taipei

Ladies: China, Chinese Taipei, and China Hong Kong

Seniors: China, China Hong Kong, and Chinese Taipei

SCBA will be looking to hold some form of fund raising event(s) for our national teams so do stay tuned for more information.

Lastly, I am pleased to announce that bridge will be part of the E-Sports Olympics from June 22-25. We have a pavilion in the Free-To-Play-Zone (FTPZ), where we will showcase the game on various platforms such as Funbridge, BBO, and Lovebridge. I encourage you to drop by and learn more about this exciting event. There will also be a series of online competitions on Funbridge and BBO starting today (June 19th). Please refer to the flyer below for more information. The winner will earn a free trip to Marrakech to participate in the transnational weekend. Let us all participate and support this event to the best of our abilities!

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the bridge community.

Kelvin Ong, President, SCBA
president@scba.org.sg

1. Asia Pacific Youth Bridge Champions 2023

The Asia Pacific Youth Bridge Championships 2023 was held in Ningbo, China from 14th-19th May 2023. Append herewith our National Youth Teams placements for all events.

U26 Open Team : 1st – Teo Xue Heng, Timothy Wu, Linus Lee, Bryan Yang, Gao Heng & Guan Xin

U26 Mixed Team : 2nd – Wu Xinyue, Goh Youyi, Tioh Jing Kai, Wang Xinyun, Pong Yi Zhen & Albert Hermanto

U21 Open Team : 4th – Ai Yucheng, Li Yalan, Xu Nuoyi, Arthur Ke, Ong Zhi Jie & Loi Kai Jun

U31 Open Team : 4th – Sean Teo, Jazlene Ong, Siew Kheng Hun, Derek Lee, Ryan Chan & Soh Jay Min.

Warmest Congratulations to all winners. Cheers!

2. Singapore Open Teams Championships 2023

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

1st – SG Mixed – Gideon Tan, Loo Choon Chou, Tan Sock Ngin, Lam Ze Yin, Kho Jie Min, Toh Zhen Huai Seet Choon Cheng & Luo Cheng

2nd – Carry The Fish – Ong Jin Xiang, Lam Cheng Yen, Zhang Yukun, Fong Kien Hoong, Zhou Min Yang & Liu Yuchen

3rd – X-men – Rajendra Krishnan, Ng Chun Tat, Chris Gregory, Edwin Lau, Marvin Lai, Steve Robinson & Tan Wei Teck.

3. National Youth Pairs Championships 2023

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

Youth Pairs : 1st – Alvin Leung & Leong Hung Rey

2nd – Xu Nuoyi & Ai Yucheng

3rd – Linus Lee & Ong Zhi Jie

4. HS Ho Championship 2023 Round#6 to #9

The HS Ho Championships 2023 Round #6 to Round #9 Final games will be held as follow on, 11th Jun 2023, 25th Jun 2023, and Final 8th-9th Jul 2023 respectively at SCBA on Sun from 1000 hrs.

5. National Bridge League Round #4 to #9

The National Bridge League Round #4 to Round #9 games will be held as follow on 24th Jun 2023, 22nd Jul 2023, 19th Aug 2023, 9th Sep 2023, 23 Sep 2023 and 14 Oct 2023 respectively at SCBA on Sat from 1430 hrs.

6. Vesak Day Special Holiday Game

The Vesak Day Special Holiday Game will be held on 2 Jun, Mon at SCBA from 0930 hrs. Please do join us for GREAT fun !

7. Singapore National School Teams 2023

The annual Singapore National School Teams Championships 2023 will be held on 1 weekend starting from 6th to 7th Jun 2023 Tue/Wed at SCBA from 1000hrs. Please do join us for the fun!

8. Hari Raya Haji Special Holiday Game

The Hari Raya Haji Special Holiday Game will be held on 29th Jun 2023, Thu at SCBA from 0930 hrs.

9. Asia Pacific Bridge Federation 2023

The annual Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Championships 2023 will be held from 9th to 18th Jun 2023 in Hong Kong.

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

10. Singapore Mixed Pairs 2023

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

11. 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 !

12. 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

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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 luwen@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

APBF Youth Championships 2023



Singapore National Youth Teams : U31 Open Team, U26 Open Team, U26 Mixed Team & U20 Open Team

APBF Youth Championships 2023



Singapore National Youth U26 Open Team



Singapore National Youth U26 Mixed Team

APBF Youth Championships 2023



Singapore National Youth U31 Team



Singapore National Youth U21 Team

Singapore Open Teams 2023



Open Teams : 1st SG Mixed



Open Teams : 2nd Carry the Fish

Singapore Open Teams 2023



Open Teams : 3rd Xmen



Open Teams : 4th Rainbow

Singapore Open Pairs 2023



Youth Pairs : 2nd Ai Yuchen & Xu Nuoyi



Youth Pairs : 1st Alvin Leung & Leong Hung Rey



Youth Pairs : 3rd Linus Lee & Ong Zhi Jie

16 Jun Events Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	Vesak day Special Game	3
4	5	National School Teams	National School Teams	8	APBF 2023 Hong Kong	APBF 2023 Hong Kong
HS Ho Round #7	APBF 2023 Hong Kong	APBF 2023 Hong Kong	APBF 2023 Hong Kong	APBF 2023 Hong Kong	APBF 2023 Hong Kong	APBF 2023 Hong Kong
APBF 2023 Hong Kong	19	20	21	22	23	National League Round #4
HS Ho Round #8	26	27	28	Hari Raya Haji Special Game	30	

17 Jul Events Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31					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

19 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, MPSH 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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- Gan Wei Kang
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- Antoine Wong
- Siew Kheng Hun
- Koh Han Wei
- Kwok Jun Kiat



World Bridge Federation
an International Sports Federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee

PRESS RELEASE



You may have heard that the World Bridge Federation has been invited to the Olympic Esports Week ("OEW") in Singapore, June 19-25, organized by the International Olympic Committee.

The WBF, together with the platform providers BBO and Funbridge, will have a pavilion at the Free-To-Play Zone ("FTPZ") the IOC is providing, June 22-25, for a limited number (10-15) of its recognised "International Federations" during the OEW. It is a great achievement and honour for Bridge to have been selected as one of them, to showcase our progress and activities in the field of electronic sports.

The FTPZ will be a large exposition at the Suntec Convention Centre, and tens of thousands of visitors are expected. It is an important opportunity for all of us, NBOs as well as the WBF, to showcase Bridge as a modern sport - adopting the latest technology, including Artificial Intelligence.

At our pavilion we will live-stream tournaments on both platforms with both local and international competitors, provide "Minibrige" demonstrations, show play on Lovebridge tablets on site and various other promotional activities. Many activities can be followed online on YouTube, and possibly Twitch.

Leading up to the tournaments in Singapore we are arranging qualification events on both BBO and Funbridge and would appreciate it if you would promote these through all your channels of communication including social media, NBO bulletins and website, event flyers and direct mailings. Attached you will find the detailed format of these qualifying events. The overall winner on each platform will be invited (travel and accommodation) to the Transnational week (August 28 - September 2) during the World Championships in Marrakech, and there will be a ranking by country with prizes in the form of the platforms' "currencies".

You may also be aware that Bridge is an official sport in the upcoming Asian Games.

We thank you for your cooperation in this effort, which we believe can bring substantial benefits to the whole bridge community. However, nothing will be gained if we don't actively make use of all these promotional tools at all levels.

Jan Kamras
President, World Bridge Federation

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WBF President Emeritus



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Programme for Online Bridge Olympic Esports Week, June 19/25

Qualification phase

19/21, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - Tournaments of 6 boards (100 tournaments available)
(0.50 Babydollars BB\$ on BBO) (25 diamonds on Funbridge) per tournament

Best five tournaments to qualify with a minimum average of 55 %

Thursday off

Final

23/25 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, free of charge, 8 Tournaments of 6 boards (50 tournaments available)

Ranking according to the average of the best five.

Players should register on the sites and may play on either one or both. They should follow the online instructions, stating which Federation they belong to.

Registration implies complete acceptance of the BBO, Funbridge and WBF rules.

More Information

Additional information about this event will be available on the BBO and Funbridge websites:

<https://www.bridgebase.com/>

<https://www.funbridge.com/>

SINGAPORE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION Local and Regional Calendar of Events 2023 (caa 12 Jun 2023)			
Month	Date	Event	Venue
JAN	2	New Year Charity Pairs	SCBA
	15	H S Ho Match 1	SCBA
	30	Hongbao Pairs	SCBA
FEB	11, 12, 18, 19	Mixed/Youth Trials (U25, U20, Girls)	SCBA
	25, 26	Mixed/Youth Trials Reserve Week	SCBA
MAR	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
APR	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
MAY	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
JUN	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
JUL	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
AUG	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
SEP	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	SCBA AGM (Election Year)	SCBA
	16	Matchpoint Teams	SCBA
	23-8 Oct	Asian Games	Hangzhou, CN
OCT	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
NOV	21, 22	Singapore Mixed Teams	SCBA
	4, 5	H S Ho Preliminary	SCBA
	13	Deepavali Special Game	SCBA
DEC	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

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