

Bridging SCBA



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Upcoming Events

Labour Day Special Game Mon, 1 May, SCBA (0930)	National Youth Pairs Sat, 27 May, SCBA
Singapore National Bridge League Open House #3 Sat, 6 May, SCBA (1430)	H S Ho Match 6 Sun, 28 May, SCBA
H S Ho Match 5 Sun, 7 May, SCBA	Vesak Day Special Game Fri, 2 Jun, SCBA
Singapore Open Teams Qualifying Sat, Sun 13-14 May, SCBA	National Schools Teams Championships 2023 Mon, Tue, 5 -6 Jun, SCBA
Singapore Open Teams Final / Consolation Sat, Sun 20-21 May, SCBA	H S Ho Match 7 Sun, 11 Jun, SCBA

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2 Editor's Note

Good day everyone!

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

Yes indeed, we are back with our monthly 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.

As with most said, always change the changeable, accept the unchangeable and remove yourself from the unacceptable as our mission is always making ourselves very much busy loving our life that we have NO time for hate, regret, worry, fret or fear. After all, life isn't just waiting for the storm to pass, but rather it's about learning to dance in the rains, so please do not **F.E.A.R**, Face Everything And Rise and not Forget Everything And Run ! Choice is pretty obvious, who like to be a "fugitive" and keep on running !

Begin with this first issue after the Covid pandemic, we are pleased to announce that we had successfully concluded our annual prestigious 2023 Easter Congress Championships which saw much healthy increase in all participation rates across all events with whelming turnouts in almost everyday. We would like to thank everyone for their kind participation as well as the Tournament Directors and the Event Manager. A BIG thank you to all. Cheers !

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

3 Committee's Message

Dear Bridge friends and members of SCBA,

We are thrilled to announce the return of our newsletter! With so much happening within our community, we believe it is crucial to provide you with an extra avenue to stay informed.

This year, Singapore has been given the honor of hosting the South East Asian Bridge Federation (SEABF) Championships. The event will take place from December 11th-15th at York Hotel. We will be sharing more information about the championship in due course. In the meantime, please mark your calendars and consider forming a team or partnership to test your mettle against Southeast Asia's best. It is worth noting that Singapore finished first in the Open and Mixed categories and second in the Ladies category in the previous year's SEABF held in Bangkok, Thailand.

We are also excited to announce that Singapore will be represented in the upcoming APBF Youth Championships to be held in Ningbo, China from May 14th-19th, 2023. We will be participating in the U30, U25, U20, and U25 mixed categories, the latter of which is a new pilot category by China. Similarly, Singapore will also be represented in the Open, Ladies, and Mixed categories at the APBF championships in Hong Kong, China, scheduled for June 9th-17th, 2023.

To ensure that you stay up-to-date with the latest developments, we will be providing links to live results on our Facebook page and, if possible, our Pianola webpage.

Lastly, for the first time ever, bridge will be part of the virtual Olympic Series to be held in Suntec City, from the 21st-25th of June, if you happen to be in the vicinity please do drop by and say hi! WBF will be fronting the event and SCBA will be helping out with it. We are also looking for volunteers to help out if you are interested to help promote our game, please do drop me an email at kelvin@scba.org.sg.

We look forward to keeping you informed and engaged as we continue to grow our community.

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

1. Easter Congress 2023

The annual Easter Congress Championships 2023 had been concluded and append herewith the top winners placements for all events.

Mixed Pairs : 1st - Jazlene Ong & Sean Teo

2nd - Flora Wong & Bubble Ho

Joint 2nd – Tan Sock Ngin & Fong KH

Open Pairs : 1st – Ong Jin Xiang & Xu Jie Ning

2nd – Jazlene Ong & Sean Teo

3rd – Derrick Heng & Phang SK

Teams Consolation : 1st – Djarum Bridge Club

2nd – Insert Team Name

Open Teams Finals : 1st – Coup de Grace

2nd – Hong Kong Elite

3rd – Egg-Xtras

4th – Garuda Bridge Club

Warmest Congratulations to all winners. Cheers!

2. National Bridge League Round #4 to Round #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.

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

The HS Ho Championships 2023 Round #6 to Round #9 Final games will be held as follow on 28th May 2023, 11th Jun 2023, 25th Jun 2023, and Final 8th-9th Jul 2023 respectively at SCBA on Sun from 1000 hrs.

4. Singapore Open Teams Championships 2023

The annual Singapore Open Teams Championships 2023 will be held on 2 weekends starting from 13th – 14th May 2023 for qualifying rounds and 20th – 21st May 2023 for final/consolation.

Do join us for GREAT fun in Bridging the WORLD !

5. Singapore National Youth Pairs 2023

The annual Singapore National Youth Pairs Championships 2023 will be held on 27 May 2023, Sat at SCBA from 1000 hrs. Please do join us for the fun!

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 5th to 6th Jun 2023 Mon/Tue 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 15th 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 4th – 6th 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

<https://www.scba.org.sg>

- 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

Easter Congress 2023



Mixed Pairs : 1st Jazlene Ong & Sean Teo (Absent with apologies)



Mixed Pairs : 2nd Bubble Ho & Flora Wong

Easter Congress 2023



Open Pairs : 1st Ong Jin Xiang & Xu Jie Ning

Open Pairs : 2nd Jazlene Ong & Sean Teo (Absent with apologies)

Open Pairs : 3rd Derrick Heng & Phang SK

Easter Congress 2023 - OPEN TEAMS FINAL



Open Teams Champion : Coup De Grace



Open Teams Runner-Up : Hong Kong Elite

Easter Congress 2023 - OPEN TEAMS



Open Teams 3rd : Egg-Xtras



Open Teams 4th : Garuda Bridge Club

Easter Congress 2023 - OPEN TEAMS CONSOLATION



Open Teams Consolation Winner : Djarum Bridge Club



Open Teams Consolation Runner-up : Insert Team Name

14 May Events Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Labor Day Special Games	2	3	4	5	National League Round #3
HS Ho Round #5	8	9	10	11	12	Singapore Open Teams Qualifying
Singapore Open Teams Qualifying	15	16	17	18	19	Singapore Open Teams Consol/Final
Singapore Open Teams Consol/Final	22	23	24	25	26	National Youth Pairs
HS Ho Round #6	29	30	31			

15 Jun Events Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	Vesak day Special Game	3
4	National School Teams	National School Teams	7	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	

16 Jul Events Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31					1
2	SCBA AGM Election Year	4	5	6	7	HS Ho Finals
HS Ho Finals	10	11	12	13	14	Singapore Mixed Pairs
16	17	18	19	20	21	National League Round #5
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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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- 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 18 Apr 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
	5, 6	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	3	SCBA AGM (Election Year)	SCBA
	8-9	H S Ho Finals	SCBA
	15	Singapore Mixed Pairs	SCBA
	22	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #5	SCBA
AUG	4-6	Pesta Sukan Congress	TBC
	9	National Day Special Game	SCBA
	19	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #6	SCBA
	20-3 Sep	World Bridge Team Championships	Marrakech, MA
	?	Kepri Cup	Batam, ID
SEP	2	IMP Pairs	SCBA
	9	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #7	SCBA
	16	Matchpoint Teams	SCBA
	23-8 Oct	Asian Games	Hangzhou, CN
OCT	7	Double 8 Pairs	SCBA
	14	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #9	SCBA
	21, 22	Singapore Mixed Teams	SCBA
NOV	4, 5	H S Ho Preliminary	SCBA
	13	Deepavali Special Game	SCBA
	18, 19	National Handicap Teams Championship	SCBA
DEC	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