

Bridging SCBA



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Upcoming Events

HS Ho Preliminary
Sat/Sun, 4-5 Nov, SCBA
(1000)

Deepavali Holiday Special Game
Mon, 13 Nov, SCBA (0930)

Singapore National Handicap Teams
Sat/Sun, 18-19 Nov, SCBA
(1000)

South East Asia Bridge Championships 2023
Mon-Fri, 11-15 Dec, York
Hotel (1000)

Christmas Pairs 2023
Mon, 18 Dec, SCBA (1930)

Christmas Day Holiday Special Game
Mon, 25 Dec, SCBA (0930)

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2 Editor's Note

Good day everyone!

Warmest greetings and welcome to our Nov 2023 issue of our SCBA Newsletter.

With a blink of eye, we are already left with last 2 months of this year 2023 but rest assured we are still very much thrilled in bringing you the most anticipated newsletter in this “BRIDGE’ world.

Life is just like a game of Bridge, the hand you are dealt with represents determinism, the way you play it is free will, only dummy puts all her cards on the table. Bridge is also a social game that attracts a substantial number of “ANTISOCIAL” people together where it separates the men from the boys as well as husbands and wives in the game. The winner always listens to his partner’s point of view and the loser just waits until it’s time to express his own, a pretty interesting game indeed. Lets wait no more, start a game or two if you have yet to do so, it is always better to be late than never. Always be a Warrior and not a worrier. Do enjoy BRIDGE!

With this issue, we are also thrilled to announce that we had successfully concluded our Annual National Bridge League 2023, Mixed Teams Championships 2023 as well as Double 8 Pairs Championships 2023 with overwhelming response of participation. We sincerely would like to thank everyone for their kind participation with warmest congratulation to all winners at these GREAT events. Cheers!

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

With warmest thanks / Gerald Cheo
geraldcheo@scba.org.sg

3 Committee's Message

Dear Bridge friends and members of SCBA,

It has been close to a month since the most recent AGM and I reflected upon the mission that our committee is set for this term. Before I kick off any agenda, I like to let everyone know five principles of which I intend to run the association:

- 1) Transparency.** - As there are many external factors that will affect the way we operate, this will inevitably have an impact on business-as-usual activities for our playing community. I intend to be more transparent with both my team and yourselves on our team's plans moving forward, such that everyone can ease in on the transition.
- 2) Integrity.** - Good corporate governance is key to ensuing a strong reputation and that the association runs for everyone without having any vested interests. I expect my team, including myself, to declare all conflicts of interest before participating in decision making, and to recuse themselves if they are conflicted.
- 3) High performance.** - All of us are volunteers with differing capacities to contribute. However, when we do contribute, I believe we can be both effective and efficient in everything we do. This involves having the right strategy and tactics in our key areas of focus. I have roughly organised the team to look after various aspects of the association.
- 4) Inclusiveness.** - Despite our small player base size relative to other sports, we have many players willing to contribute both their ideas and/or their resources as part of giving back to the community. We welcome ideas and will try to facilitate their execution if they are of strategic value. We are also rolling out a survey for all players to provide their feedback on both present and past matters. Please keep a look out for it by the next newsletter.
- 5) Having fun.** - I believe that our team will put their best effort in the initiatives they find meaningful. As the President, this is a personal responsibility of mine, and I wish to develop a virtuous cycle of fun and meaning within my team.

I hope this message provides you with some useful insights into how things might develop over time. Change does not happen overnight, and I hope that you can give the team patience and your utmost support as we navigate through even more challenges. Thank you.

Luwen Koh, President, SCBA
president@scba.org.sg

1. Singapore National Mixed Teams Championships 2023

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

Champion : X-men

(Team Members : Chan Yiu Lin, Rajendra Krishnan, Christopher Gregory, Greta Chai, Marvin Lai & Gemma Tan)

1st Runner-up : Give Chance Please

(Team Members : Yeo Hui Teng, Kho Jie Min, Kelvin Ong, Edmund Chay, Xu Jiening & Xu Nuoyi)

2nd Runner-up : Amanda

(Team Members : Lam Zeying, Ng Chun Tat, Tan Yoke Lan, Alan Sia, Tan Sock Ngin & Fong Kien Hoong)

Warmest Congratulations to all our winners.
Cheers!

2. Singapore Double 8 Pairs Championships 2023

The annual Singapore Double 8 Pairs Championships 2023 had been concluded and append herewith the top winners placements for all events.

Champion : Grace Moshi & Rajendra Krishnan

1st Runners-up : Koh Luwen & Ke Jia

2nd Runners-up : Foo Yoke Lan & Alan Sia

Warmest Congratulations to all our winners. Cheers!

3. HS Ho Preliminary Round 2023/2024

The annual HS Ho Preliminary Round 2023/2024 games will be held from 4th – 5th Nov 2023 at SCBA on Sat from 1000 hrs.

4. Deepavali Special Holiday Game

The Deepavali Special Holiday Game will be held on 13th Nov 2023, Mon at SCBA from 0930 hrs.

5. National Handicap Teams Championships 2023

The annual National Handicap Teams Championships 2023 will be held from 18th Nov to 19th Nov 2023 Sat/Sun at SCBA from 1000hrs.

6. National Youth Teams Championships 2023

The annual National Youth Teams Championships 2023 will be incorporate together with the South East Asia Bridge Championships 2023 to be held at York Hotel Singapore from 11th Dec 2023 to 15th Dec 2023.

7. South East Asia Bridge Championships 2023

This year SCBA will be the host for the prestigious South East Asia Bridge Championships 2023 events where it will be held from 11th Dec 2023 to 15th Dec 2023 Mon-Fri at York Hotel Singapore.

8. Christmas Pairs Championships 2023

The annual Christmas Pairs Championships 2023 will be held on 18th Dec 2023, Mon at SCBA from 1930 hrs. Buffet will be provided. Lots of prizes will be won.

9. Christmas Day Special Holiday Game

The Christmas Day Special Holiday Game will be held on 25th Dec 2023, Mon at SCBA from 0930

10. 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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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>

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

Singapore National Mixed Teams 2023



Champion Team : X-men

Singapore National Mixed Teams 2023



1st Runners-up Team : Give Chance Please

Singapore National Mixed Teams 2023



2nd Runner-up Team : Amanda

Singapore Double “8” Pairs Championships 2023



A very BIG thank you to our main sponsor Dr Catherine Ang for her generosity in sponsoring this great event

Singapore Double “8” Pairs Championships 2023



Champion Pair : Grace Moshi & Rajendra Krishnan

Singapore Double “8” Pairs Championships 2023



1st Runners-up Pair : Ke Jia & Koh Luwen

Singapore Double “8” Pairs Championships 2023



2nd Runners-up Pair ; Foo Yoke Lan & Alan Sia

16 Nov Events Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	HS Ho Preliminary 2023/2024
HS Ho Preliminary 2023/2024	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	Deepavali Holiday Special Game	14	15	16	17	National Handicap Teams
National Handicap Teams	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

17 Dec Events Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	South East Asia Bridge Championships	South East Asia Bridge Championships	South East Asia Bridge Championships	South East Asia Bridge Championships	South East Asia Bridge Championships	16
17	Christmas Pairs	19	20	21	22	23
24	Christmas Holiday Special Game	26	27	28	29	30

18 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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Director Roster

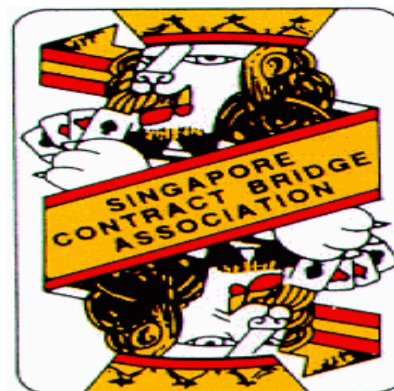
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 Siew Kheng Hun
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 Kelvin Ong
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 Romulus Tham
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 Leong Hung Rey
 Perumal Ramanathan
 Raj Jayaram
 Amy Starling

SINGAPORE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION Local and Regional Calendar of Events 2023 (caa 29 Aug 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
	29	Hari Raya Haji Special Game	SCBA
JUL	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
	31-7 Aug	World Youth Bridge Team Championships	Veldhoven, NL
AUG	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
SEP	2	IMP Pairs	SCBA
	9	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #7	SCBA
	9, 10	Selangor Congress @ Royal Lake Club	KL, MY
	16	Matchpoint Teams	SCBA
	23-8 Oct	Asian Games	Hangzhou, CN
	23	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #8	SCBA
OCT	14	33rd Singapore National Bridge League Open House #9	SCBA
	15	SCBA AGM (Election Year)	SCBA
	21, 22	Singapore Mixed Teams	SCBA
	28	Double 8 Pairs	SCBA
NOV	4, 5	H S Ho Preliminary	SCBA
	13	Deepavali Special Game	SCBA
	18, 19	National Handicap Teams Championship	SCBA
DEC	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



6TH SOUTH EAST ASIA BRIDGE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

11-15 Dec 2023

York Hotel, Singapore

11 Dec	Open Pairs	US\$150/pair
12 Dec	Mixed Teams	US\$150/team
13-15 Dec	Open Teams	US\$400/team
	Ladies Teams	US\$400/team
	Senior Teams	US\$400/team
	Youth Teams	US\$150/team

Registration/Information





NUS

National University
of Singapore



OPEN PAIRS 2024

Save the date!

Date: 13 January (Sat)

Time: 1400 - 1830

Location: MPSH4

Participation Fees

NUS students - \$3 per person

Other youth players - \$6 per person

Public - \$12 per person

Note: Definition of youth is 26 y.o. as of 31 Dec 2024.

Prizes

Top Performing Pairs

Best Youth Pair

Best NUS Pair

Other Info

Registration link and
payment avenue will be
provided later

Light refreshments
provided

Contact: NUS IGC Bridge Division @
<https://t.me/+ji0xixEUv1kZGE1> (Official Telegram Group)