



PRESS RELEASE

SURREY MAN WINS PRESTIGIOUS SERVICE AWARD FOR TEACHING BRIDGE

DR BOMI KAVARANA, age 75, from Tadworth, Surrey has been awarded the Tom Bradley Award for services to the teaching of bridge in his county for 2008 by the English Bridge Union. The award was presented to Bomi by Christine Duckworth on behalf of the EBU.

Bomi has been interested in card play since his early days in Mumbai, playing rummy with his Zoroastrian aunts and uncles. He studied at Sheffield University where he first started to play whist and then bridge without much knowledge of the ACOL system after he watched it being played during the lunch hour.

After graduating with a BSc and a PhD, Bomi joined Watson House (British Gas R & D) in London, and took the game more seriously. He played in the Hammersmith & District and London Business Houses Leagues with a fair amount of success and occasionally in open EBU events. Bomi was later secretary/treasurer of the Hammersmith District League for over 20 years until he retired in 1993. Presently, he is chairman of the H & D League.

In 1997, Bomi applied to become Surrey County Youth Officer for bridge, because as he says: "I wanted to be able to give something back to a game that I have enjoyed for so long and so much. This seemed the best way." During the 12 years that he has been the CYO, Surrey has had 10 annual bridge events for schools, and in 2008 he introduced the first one-day bridge teach-in for young people (photos can be seen [here](#)). Presently, Bomi teaches three times a week at schools across Surrey.

In his free time, Bomi enjoys rowing which he takes very seriously, wines, travelling and painting.

For further information on this press release and interviews with the teams, please contact Matt Betts, Communications Officer on 01296 317 200 or by email, Matt@ebu.co.uk.

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About Bridge

Bridge is one of the most enduring and popular games in the world; for over 100 years, people of all types and from all walks of life have been fascinated by the game. It is one of the most popular leisure activities in Britain, with around 300,000 people playing on a regular basis. Bridge is a trick-taking card game of skill and chance. It is played by four players who form two partnerships (sides); the partners sit opposite each other at a table. The game consists of the auction (often called bidding) and play, after which the hand is scored. Please click here for more information on bridge.

Bridge is good for the mind

Bridge has been proven to be very good for the mind, and each game played offers a unique challenge of problems and solutions. Every single deal is different; every deal poses a new problem and can taunt the players to find the solution! It won't come as a surprise to know that bridge players soon develop special skills in problem solving.

About the English Bridge Union

The English Bridge Union was formed on 23 May 1936 and is a membership-funded organisation committed to promoting the game of duplicate bridge. It is also a National Bridge Organisation in its own right affiliated to the European Bridge League and the World Bridge Federation. New players are the lifeblood of the game and the EBU are keen to encourage them. For more information on the English Bridge Union please visit: www.ebu.co.uk

