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EDITORIAL

To be runners-up in both the Olympiad and the Bermuda Bowl would, for almost anybody, represent an achievement of the highest order. That it should represent a major reverse for Italy is merely an acknowledgement of their record over the past twenty years, a record that is probably without parallel in any game or sport. Since 1956 the Blue Team (now the Lancia Team) had lost only one international contest, the 1960 Olympiad, and on that one occasion they had included a substitute pair.

It is good for the game that their monopoly of success should have been broken. It is especially good that a new zone, South America, should produce the new Olympic champions ; it is good that the new champions, Brazil, should be a team of young players and an added bonus that they are a team who bring a sense of fun to the table.

Good because other countries can now look to win, not least Great Britain who can look for the highest honours if they can maintain the standards they achieved in Monte Carlo. For almost two decades we have accepted the inevitability of Italian victory. And now some of the great Italian champions may decide that the time has come to take a well-earned retirement from the strain of championship bridge.

It is a fitting time therefore to acknowledge their enormous contribution to the game over the past twenty years. It is doubtful whether there is any top international team that has not borrowed extensively from methods that the Italians have developed both in bidding and in defensive play. It is almost certain that some of their methods have become part of the game of most average club and tournament players in this country, though the source may not always be recognised.

The Blue Team will still continue to play bridge, largely for fun and perhaps, occasionally, they will be unable to resist the challenge of top international competition. At the end of this month Benito Garozzo, possibly the greatest Roman of them all, will pay a rare visit to London when he and Omar Sharif will help a Charity Congress by their presence. It seems probable that some of them will take part in the Sunday Times Pairs Championship in late January. Whatever the occasion they know that our bridge world, like so many others, will deem it a privilege to receive them.

E.B.U. ROUND-UP

Members of the **E.B.U. Selection Committee** for the next twelve months were elected as follows :—
G. L. Butler, J. C. H. Marx, E. C. Milnes, W. J. Pencharz, R. A. Priday, H. Scully, K. Stanley.

Delegates to the British Bridge League were elected as follows :—
M. Blank, J. G. Faulkner, R. A. Priday, H. Scully, K. Stanley.

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The Second Cutty Sark Festival of Bridge.

The new-look Eastbourne Autumn Congress which was so well received last year will follow a similar form, with a few added features. Terence Reese and Jeremy Flint will act as the British Caledonian expert panel. On the Friday and Saturday evening sessions the same boards will be played in every event and the panel will conduct a discussion on the hands at the end of the session.

Terence Reese and Jeremy Flint will discuss new ideas on bidding and play in morning seminars on Saturday and Sunday. And on Thursday evening Cutty Sark will host a cocktail and discussion group, led by Terence Reese : for reasons of accommodation this last named function will be restricted to residents of the Grand Hotel.

A Daily Bulletin will be produced on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Amongst other features there will be a daily article of an instructive nature by Terence Reese.

Members who are unable to attend the Congress can subscribe to the Bulletin. The Bulletin will be of six pages : it will be provided without charge to members of the Congress and for those not present the subscription charge, including postage, is £1.00.

Those wishing to subscribe should send their subscription to :—
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In addition to the normal prize list special prizes will be awarded to :— (a) the two players gaining the largest number of Master Points over the whole tournament ; (b) to the two players of the rank of Regional Master scoring the largest number of Master Points over the whole tournament : (c) to the two players of the rank of Star Master and below scoring the largest number of Master Points over the whole tournament.

For the purpose of the above awards, players in category (c) may partner players in category (b) but may not partner players above that category. Save that in a team of four it is permitted to have one player in any category.

The prizes—two invitations to the Thirteenth International Tournament at Las Palmas, a nine day bridge festival to be held in late October, 1977. The invitations will comprise accommodation, demi-pension, at the Five Star Santa Catalina Hotel and return schedule flight by British Caledonian Airways.

Four invitations to the famous Del Duca Bridge Championship in Paris, July 1977, a tournament which offers some £20,000 in prize money. The invitation will include return air travel, schedule flights, again by courtesy of British Caledonian Airways, first class hotel accommodation in Paris for the week-end, room and breakfast and free entry to the Del Duca Tournament.

A final word—following the increased attendance at last year's event a limit of 480 has been placed on the year's Festival. Entry forms are included in this issue of the Quarterly.

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Helena Rubinstein Women's Team Championship (formerly the Whitelaw Cup) will again be run on the same lines as last year. At last year's event the competitors voiced unanimous approval of the changed format.

Last year's provisions guaranteeing a place in any selection trials to the winners, if British, and stipulating that the most successful team containing at least three members under the age of 35, provided that they reached the quarter-final stage, would represent England in the Lady Milne, will again apply.

As a result of the latter provision the E.B.U. was represented in the Lady Milne earlier this year by Mrs. S. W. Thomas, Mrs. S. C. Pike, Miss S. Eggett, Mrs. A. P. Sowter, Mrs. D. J. M. Carpenter and Miss P. Davies. They justified the selectors' confidence by winning convincingly against all three opposing countries to retain the trophy.

The Harpers & Queen–Philip Morris National Simultaneous Pairs.

The English Bridge Union is happy to be associated with two interests who have done so much to encourage bridge in England. Harpers & Queen has been associated with a successful end of the year tournament for several years. Philip Morris are now in the third year of the highly successful European Cup but are probably better known in this country by way of the E.B.U. convention card and their playing cards which are now a permanent feature of our national competitions. They are therefore most welcome sponsors of our National Simultaneous Pairs Championship, an event for which the " green point " rating has been substantially increased.

Heats of the Simultaneous Pairs will be held in London (Europa Hotel), Coventry (Esso Motel) and Newcastle (Europa Lodge). The London heat will be the centre-piece of a Harpers & Queen–Philip Morris Christmas Tournament. A Swiss teams event will be played on the evenings of December 26th and 27th at all three centres and in London only, on the 28th, declared a Public Holiday, for the first time ever, a Swiss Pairs Tournament. This will consist of six matches of five boards, match-pointed over the field, with instant scoring and, after round 2, matches allocated in accordance with the over-all ranking, just as in the popular Swiss teams movement.

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The competition brochure sets out certain changes and innovations in the special Master Points awards. Possibly the most interesting of these is a scheme which is to come into effect from the beginning of October and which will be set out in detail in the November Quarterly.

Prizes will be awarded to each county at two levels :—

(i) Masters and Star Masters.
(ii) County Masters and below.

Prizes will be for the largest number of points gained in club and county events, excluding all Open Congresses.

RULES AND ETHICS

Alerting.

Unless specifically requested not to do so, players are required to alert all conventional bids made by their partners. They do so by tapping on the table. They must not offer explanations unless requested to do so.

Alerts or explanations offered by the player making the bid may be deemed to be " improper information ".

The fact that a convention is properly described on the convention card in no way removes the obligation to alert.

The player on lead may, if he wishes, ask for explanations before making the opening lead face down. While the opening lead is still face down the partner may ask for explanations.

A pair may require opponents **not to alert.** In exercising that privilege, they do not forgo the right to ask for explanations of bids. However should they do so and in so doing draw attention to a particular bid, they do so at their own risk.

Example. Pair A require Pair B **not to alert.** At some point in the auction a member of Pair A asks about a certain bid, say in hearts. If his partner were subsequently to lead hearts and the lead were less than an obvious one on his holding, he may be judged to have been influenced by his partner's question. The same principle may be extended to questions asked by a defender during the play of the hand.

The Committee feels that it makes for the smoother running of the game that players should NOT ask the opponents **not** to alert.

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Opening No Trump Range.

In reply to correspondence arising from the announcement in the May Quarterly relating to No Trump ranges the Committee decided as follows :—

The range of 17-20 which is part of the structure of the **Roman Club** system is approved when that system is being played.

Precision Club No Trump has a maximum range of 15. Many players felt a reluctance to pass with 12 point hands. The Committee took the view that two courses were open to them :—

(1) A player could exercise his personal judgement in valuing a 12 point hand

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as 13 when it was rich in intermediate cards; his partner of course should respond on the basis of a 13 point minimum.
(2) The system does provide for a flat 12 to be opened with a bid of One Diamond, albeit on a doubleton diamond.

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Licensed Conventions.

In the wake of a full license being granted to the multi-coloured Two Diamonds there have been a number of suggestions for further developments of the Two Diamond bid. Full licences until the 31st December, 1977 have been granted to three, as follows:—

Rainbow Two Bids modifications.

Multi-purpose opening bids of 2 D, 2 H and 2 Sp with the accent on the constructive rather than the obstructive.
Application from R. J. Fleet.
Revised Rainbow Two Bids 2 D* 2 H* 2 S* = forcing bids.

1. 2 D* Partner bids 2 H unless wishing to try for game opposite weak 2 H (2 Sp bid).

	Opener holds	He bids over 2 H	He bids over 2 S
A.	Weak 2 H (5-9)	No Bid	3/4 H; 3 N.T. (2 hons)
B.	Acol 2 in spades	2 Sp*	3 Sp*
C.	Acol 2 in diamonds	3 D; 3 H/Sp*; 3 N.T. solid suit	3 D*
D.	17-20 4-4-4-1 Blue Club	2 N.T.	2 N.T.*
E.	17-20 4-4-1-4 style	3 Cl	3 Cl*

2. 2 H* Partner bids 2Sp unless wishing to try for game opposite weak 2 Sp.

	Opener holds	He bids over 2 S	He bids over 2 NT
A.	Weak 2 Sp (5-9)	No Bid	3/4 S
B.	Acol 2 in hearts	3 H; 3 S* (side suit)	3 H*
C.	Acol 2 in clubs	3 Cl	3 Cl*
D.	Strong major 2 suiter (3-4 losers)	3 D*	3 D*
E.	Strong minor 2 suiter (3-4 losers)	2 N.T.*	3 N.T.

Should partner wish to play 3 N.T. opposite maximum weak 2 H, without two top honours, or opposite any maximum weak 2 S, he should bid 2 N.T.* or 3 Cl* respectively; in this case 3 Cl* over 2 N.T.* will show either singleton with 3 D* relay (3 H = single Cl etc.) and an Acol 2 in clubs must bid 4 Cl*, with 4 D* showing the minor 2 suiter.

3. 2 Sp* Partner bids 2 N.T.*.

A.	21-24	4-4-4-1	3 Sp*
B.	21-24	4-4-1-4	3 N.T.
C.	21-24	4-1-4-4	3 D*
D.	21-24	1-4-4-4	3 H*
E.	Strong S/C two-suiter (3-4 losers)		Opener bids 3 Cl*; 3 D is now a relay;
F.	Strong S/D two-suiter (3-4 losers)		opener bids 3 N.T. with E, 3 Sp* with F
G.	Strong H/C two suiter (3-4 losers)		and 3 H* with either G or H; over this
H.	Strong H/D two-suiter (3-4 losers)		3 Sp* asks for 3 N.T. with H/D or 4 Cl*; 3 N.T. over 3 H asks for pass with H/C, or 4 Cl* otherwise.

Acol-type multi Two Diamonds.

This too abandons the balanced " power-house " feature of the multi-coloured in favour of hand patterns with a greater frequency.
Application from P. Law. Multi-colour Two Diamond the Acol way.
An opening 2 D is used to show a weak two in either major, a Blue Club 2 D of 17-22, or a normal Acol strong two in diamonds. This is similar to the Precision Multi-coloured 2 D (already with a full licence) with the flat 23-24 replaced by the Acol 2 D.

Responses.

Responder assumes the weak 2 type of hand for the moment and usually bids 2 H if there is no chance of game, wishing to play there if that is opener's suit (who converts with spades).

A 2 S response shows willingness to play there, but in 3 H (lat least) if that is opener's suit.

If responder wishes to explore for game, he bids 2 N.T. (forcing).

Rebids.

After 2 D-2 H ; Pass—weak 2 H.
2 Sp—weak 2 Sp.
2 N.T.—Blue Club 2 D with 19-19 points ; 3 Cl by responder now asks for the suit below the singleton.
3 Cl—Acol 2 D opener.
3 D—Blue Club 2 D with 20-22 points either 4-1-4-4 or 4-4-4-1 3 H by responder now asks which.
3 S—Blue Club 2 D with 20-22 points and 4-4-1-4.
3 N.T.—Blue Club 2 D with 20-22 points and 1-4-4-4.

Rebids after 2 D-2 Sp are exactly the same except when the opener has a weak 2 H.

After 2 D-2 N.T. ; 3 C—Acol 2 D opener.
3 D—maximum weak two in either major.
3 H—minimum weak 2 H.
3 Sp—minimum weak 2 S.
3 N.T.—Blue Club 2 D with 17-19 points ; 4 Cl now asks for the suit below the singleton.
4 Cl, D, H, Sp—each shows Blue Club 2 D with 20-22 points with a singleton in the suit above the one actually bid.

Motley Two Diamonds.

The object of this convention is to substitute Acol Two type hands for the 4-4-4-1 type catered for in the multi-coloured Two Diamonds. The Two Diamond opening bid covers :—

(i) A weak Two in a major.
(ii) An Acol Two bid in a minor.
(iii) An old-fashioned Acol 3 N.T. opening.
(iv) A strong minor 2-suiter (5/5 at least) which would be described at Acol by a Two Diamond opening followed by a rebid in clubs.

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On application from P. Austwick a full license was granted for an immediate raise of an opening bid in a major suit (Precision Club) to be a trump asking bid.

Hirst Two Spade Opening.

Application from J. R. Hirst.

An opening bid of Two Spades to show a long near solid minor suit with one or two outside guards. Responses :—

2 N.T. Relay with interest in 3 N.T. Opener rebids as follows :—

3 Cl = solid club suit—auction proceeds as after Blue Club opening of Three Clubs.

3 D = solid diamonds with club guard.

3 H = solid diamonds with heart guard. Denies club guard.

3 Sp = solid diamonds with spade guard. Denies guard in clubs or hearts.

After these responses a bid below Three No Trumps shows a guard in the suit bid, except that 3 Sp after the 3 H rebid shows a club guard. Any suit at the four level (except opener's minor) is a cue-bid.

3 Clubs. A response of Three Clubs is a sign-off. The opener passes or converts to Three Diamonds.

The convention is designed to be used with Precision or Blue Club when the multi-coloured Two Diamonds is being used.

"A" license granted until 31-12-1977.

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THE OLYMPIAD—LADIES' SERIES

Final Ranking : Italy 318, Great Britain 289, U.S.A. 284, Canada 261, France 248, Spain 241, Australia 240, Denmark 237, Brazil 236, Switzerland 235, Ireland 214, South Africa 210, Netherlands 195, Germany 192, Belgium 191, Sweden 179, Greece 167, Israel 156, Mexico 147, Monaco 82, Finland 43.

The British ladies beat Spain 20-minus 4, Brazil 12-8, Israel 19-1, France 11-9, Mexico 19-1, Denmark 13-7, Greece 15-5, Finland 20-0, South Africa 20-minus 4, Germany 13-7, Belgium 20-minus 3, Sweden 12-7, Switzerland 19-1, Monaco 20-minus 5.

They drew with Italy, Canada and Australia.

They lost to U.S.A. 20-minus 1, Ireland 12-8 and Netherlands 13-7.

All in all an impressive performance and one which, combined with the result in the Open series left Great Britain in second place to Italy in all round performance.

The British men's performance would have been good enough to have won a European Championship. The British women would have needed to do no more than reproduce their form in the last European Championship to have gone one better in Monaco.

While the 16 board matches of the Open series made every match a potential hazard, the ladies series was played over 32 board matches and Italy, worthy winners, time and again recovered from half-way deficits to win convincingly.

At the half-way stage of the tournament we met the U.S.A. team which had amongst its number two of the three pairs who had comprehensively defeated our ladies in the Venice Cup, one week earlier. A captain's decision in such a situation is never an easy one and the two junior pairs, Miss Gardener and Mrs. Landy, Mrs. Esterson and Mrs. Oldroyd, had staged a splendid second half recovery against the Italian champions earlier in the week, a fact which doubtless influenced the captain's decision to rely on them for this second vital encounter. The result of this match put us more than one whole match behind Italy and there was no real chance of making up so much ground.

Both before and after this match we averaged just under 15 points a match while Italy averaged just under 15½ throughout the tournament. Although there was a tiny element of disappointment since this was a Championship we had hoped to win, we can fairly be said to have resumed our position at the head of women's bridge. Europeaan champions, Olympic silver-medallists and, through Mrs. Markus and Mrs. Gordon, women's World Pairs champions.

GREAT BRITAIN IN THE 5th WORLD TEAM OLYMPIAD

Italy's twenty year reign came to an end when they were successively runners-up in the Bermuda Bowl to North America, and in the Olympiad to Brazil. Before all else one should pay tribute to their record and to the extent to which it has been responsible for raising the standards of bridge world-wide.

The Open series of the Olympiad was decided on virtually the last hand. Italy had to draw their final match, against Greece, 10-10 to share the title with Brazil, who had ended their programme with a 20-0 win against Canada. In a thrilling match Greece stayed narrowly ahead and finally won 17-3. Brazil, the new champions, served notice of intent in the Pairs Olympiad two years ago, when they had three pairs in the first eight. They are young and will be amongst the front runners for years to come, but other countries, including our own, will compete more hopefully in the future.

The Open Series—Final Table.

Brazil 654, Italy 648, Great Britain 646, Poland 621, Sweden 615, France 594, U.S.A. 584, Israel 566, Denmark 547, Switzerland 543, Germany 541, Belgium 530, Canada 529, Indonesia 522, Taiwan 511, Ireland 502, Argentina 493, Norway 488, Australia 484, Iceland 474, Morocco 470, Netherlands 469, Greece 467, Austria 460, Japan 460, Yugoslavia 458, Jamaica 425, Hungary 423, Turkey 421, South Africa 416, New Zealand 403, Spain 395, Finland 390, Thailand 358, Panama 349, Monaco 332, Colombia 331, Iran 280, Bermuda 224, Dutch Antilles 174, Venezuela 140, Bahamas 138, Mexico 124, New Guinea 122, Philippines 35.

With the possible exception of our performance in the 1964 Olympiad this was the best showing by a British team in international bridge for the past twenty years. The British team was always in contention and can consider themselves extremely unfortunate not to have been placed higher. On the day when Morocco were due to play Israel and Great Britain in their two early matches five of the Moroccan players were stranded in Italy after an early morning shopping excursion which ended with an unfortunate car accident. Israel and Great Britain, in accordance with the rules, received either 12 points or their own average for the tournament, whichever was the higher. Great Britain received their own average, 14.3, and their true final score was therefore 646.3. Anything might have happened had their match been played, but at least they would have had the opportunity to score 20.

The two teams ahead of Great Britain, Brazil and Italy, did not meet. Or rather, when they did meet, each team sat in the same direction at both tables. They declined the opportunity to replay the match, understandably in view of the crowded programme. The match was scored 10-10 and subsequently changed to 12-12. Had only twenty points been divided between the two teams, Great Britain would have finished ahead of Italy by virtue of the fraction credited to them for their match against Morocco. Had Italy and Brazil replayed, the probability is that one or other would have ended behind Great Britain.

Against the nine other teams who made up the top ten Great Britain lost narrowly to Sweden (12-8), drew with Italy (10-10), and won the remaining matches for a total of 117 and an average of 65%. Priday and Rodrigue, Flint and Rose, were the front line in the early days and did so well that it was logical to leave them with the main burden. Both pairs emerged from the tournament with their already high reputations considerably enhanced. With a programme made up largely of four matches a day and a playing day which began at 12-30 and ended at 01-00 nothing less than an effective team of six had any chance of surviving, and Sheehan and Coyle's contribution was of immense value. And now some hands.

The Dutch liqueur firm, Bols, offered a prize for the report of the most brilliantly played hand of the Olympiad. The "Brilliancy" prize finally went to Ron Klinger, a member of the Australian team, but Irving Rose of Great Britain came very close. This was the entry submitted by Terence Reese, non-playing captain of the British team.

When Britain played Israel in the 15th round of the Olympiad, the scores were dead level after 9 boards. This was Board 10:
E/B

North
♠ Q J 7 2
♡ A K 10 6
◇ A Q 9 6
♣ K

West
♠ A 6 5 4
♡ J 8 7 2
◇ 10 8 5 2
♣ 10

East
♠ 9 3
♡ 5
◇ K 7 4 3
♣ Q 9 8 6 5 2

South
♠ K 10 8
♡ Q 9 4 3
◇ J
♣ A J 7 4 3

Jeremy Flint held the North cards and he opened in fourth position with 2◇. This was the Multicoloured 2◇, which is usually a weak two bid in one of the majors but may be a strong balanced hand or a strong 3-suiter including both majors.

East passed, and as he was willing to advance in either major Irving Rose responded 2NT. North's rebid of 4◇ signified the strong 3-suiter type with a shortage in clubs. 'Stand not upon the order of thy going, But go at once', said Macbeth to the messenger, and Irving went to 6♡; four bids in four seconds.

With little to go on, Lev opened with ace and another spade, his partner playing high-low. Assuming that there is no trump loser, the declarer can count four hearts, three spades, one diamond and two clubs; so, two ruffs are needed. Many players would take two rounds of trumps early on, but Rose's play was more accurate.

He won the second spade with the king, crossed to◇A, and led a low diamond from the table. Romik gave this a brief look, then played low. Irving ruffed, cashed ♡Q, played a club to the king and ruffed another diamond with ♡9. The position was:

North
♠ Q J
♡ A K 10
◇ Q
♣ —

West
♠ 6 5
♡ J 8 7
◇ 10
♣ —

East
♠ —
♡ —
◇ K
♣ Q 9 8 6 2

South
♠ 10
♡ 3
◇ —
♣ A J 7 4

Declarer led the ace of clubs and Lev did the best he could by discarding his diamond. (If West ruffs, South overruffs, trumps the diamond, and enters dummy with a spade.) Confident now that East was down to five clubs and the king of diamonds, Rose discarded ◇Q, led a heart and finessed the 10. The slam was mainly responsible for Britain's win by 14 victory points to 6.

Jeremy Flint is a top class technician, which explains in part the inverted satisfaction he found in the following hand:—

West	East
♠ K Q 5	♠ 8 6 3
♡ K Q 7 4	♡ J
◇ J 8 2	◇ A Q 6
♣ A Q 7	♣ J 10 9 6 5 2

North led a spade against Flint's contract of Three No Trumps and South played the jack. Flint played low and when South led a second spade he was allowed to hold the trick with the queen. At this point a lazy declarer might stake his all on both minor suit kings being well placed, but Flint thought he could learn more about the hand before committing himself. He would clearly need the club finesse : if South held three clubs to the king he would need two entries in dummy, while if the clubs divided 2-2 one entry would suffice.

After winning a spade Flint led a heart to the jack. South won with the ace and returned a spade, and North cashed the thirteenth spade, while Flint discarded a diamond from the table and a heart from hand. North now returned a low diamond, and declarer was faced with the moment of truth.

North had led from a four card spade suit and therefore it was safe to assume that he had no five card suit. That being so, his possible distributions were 4-4-3-2, 4-3-3-3, or 4-4-4-1, with the odds heavily against the last. Flint therefore was able to reason that he should play South for no more than two clubs. He rose with the ace of diamonds and successfully ran the jack of clubs, overtaking with the queen when South failed to cover. He continued with the ace of clubs only to learn that, the odds notwithstanding, North did have a 4-4-4-1 pattern, and, further, that he held the king of diamonds. The penalty for working out the hand too well was that Flint was possibly the only declarer in the tournament to go down in Three No Trumps. As was to be expected, Flint's technical efficiency paid handsome dividends in the long term.

Priday too tells a story against himself. When Great Britain met Switzerland in round 31, they were lying in second place, one point behind the leaders, Italy. On the first board Priday was declarer in Four Hearts on the following :—

West	East
♠ 10 8 4	♠ 9 3 2
♡ K J 9 8 6 5	♡ A Q
◇ Q 10 8	◇ A J 3
♣ 8	♣ A K 10 9 6

North led the seven of clubs for the ace from dummy and the three from South. Both opponents followed to the ace and queen of hearts. Priday could now make sure of ten tricks by ruffing a club high, drawing the outstanding trump, and crossing to the ace of diamonds to take a spade discard on the king of clubs. He remembered however that on several occasions one IMP had cost one V.P., and there seemed to be little risk in taking one spade discard first, then ruffing a club so that he could take the diamond finesse for an overtrick. Inevitably North had led a second club and North did have the outstanding trump.

Today Priday and Rodrigue are probably the most practised partnership in the country, Rodrigue's confidence in his partner's play earned a game swing on the following hand from the match against Australia :—

East-West game. Dealer East.

	North	
	♠ A K 10 9	
	♡ 9 4	
	◇ K Q 6 5	
	♣ A Q 2	
West		East
♠ J 6		♠ 7
♡ J 7 3		♡ A K Q 8 6 5
◇ A 10 8 4 2		◇ 9 3
♣ J 6 3		♣ K 9 7 4
	South	
	♠ Q 8 5 4 3 2	
	♡ 10 2	
	◇ J 6	
	♣ 10 8 5	

At both tables South was declarer in Four Spades after East had bid hearts strongly. Against Rose, East switched to the nine of diamonds after cashing two hearts. West won with the ace and returned a diamond, and declarer was able to park two clubs on dummy's high diamonds. Priday also switched to the nine of diamonds after taking two heart tricks. Rodrigue shrewdly judged that had his partner held a singleton diamond he would have clarified the position by switching at trick 2. He therefore held up the ace and restricted declarer to one discard, and one was not enough.

Rob Sheehan too was in self-critical mood when he presented the following hand :—

Love all. Dealer West.

	North ♠ A J 7 5 ♡ A 5 ◇ A 10 6 ♣ Q 9 4 2	
West ♠ Q 3 ♡ K Q J 10 7 2 ◇ Q 4 2 ♣ 6 3		East ♠ K 8 6 2 ♡ 8 6 3 ◇ J ♣ K J 10 7 5
	South ♠ 10 9 4 ♡ 9 4 ◇ K 9 8 7 5 3 ♣ A 8	

West	North (Coyle)	East	South (Sheehan)
2 H	Double	4 H	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	5 D
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the king of hearts and Sheehan followed what appeared to be a normal line when he played for a 2-2 diamond break, and when this failed he had no chance. Sheehan was the only one to find fault with his line of play: East's raise to Four Hearts with only three hearts and with limited high-card strength must have been based upon a singleton, and the singleton could only be in diamonds. This is how Sheehan thinks the hand should be played, with a little co-operation from the defence.

Duck the king of hearts and hope that West can do no better than continue with the suit. Now the king of diamonds, carefully unblocking the ten from dummy, followed by the nine of diamonds. If East declines to cover, the ten of spades comes next, covered by the queen and ace. The last trump is drawn and a low spade led from dummy. If East plays low, declarer wins with the nine and plays all his trumps, discarding spades from dummy. East, who must reduce to two clubs and one spade, is thrown in with the third spade. If East goes up with the king on the second spade lead, declarer unblocks the nine and still arrives at a winning position. You may share my view that Sheehan did well to improve his chances in the post-mortem.

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Open Pairs, Ladies' Pairs, Junior Pairs—13th/18th December

There will be 10 sessions for the Ladies and the Juniors, without a final, and five sessions elimination for the Open Pairs with a final of five sessions. A consolation event will be held during the five sessions of the final of the Open Pairs. Mixed Pairs can enter this consolation (additional fee of 50 F.F. per session for those pairs).

The entry fees will be :

Open and Ladies' Pairs	500 French Francs per pair
Junior Pairs (born 1/1/51 or later) ...	250 French Francs per pair
Mixed Pairs	150 French Francs per pair

Entries allocated to Great Britain—Open 9, Ladies 6, Junior 4, 5 or 6.

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COMPETITIONS

Conditions.

1. All competitions will be played under the Rules of Duplicate Bridge.
2. No player may enter or play for more than one team or pair in any competition or play in more than one heat of the same competition.
3. In teams-of-four events teams may consist of 4, 5 or 6 players. At least four members must be nominated at the time of entry, and additional members **must be nominated** before taking part in the competition. In no case may more than six persons be members of any team. Furthermore, in order to qualify for a prize or for inclusion in a subsequent publication each member must pay a full entry fee and play in at least two rounds of the competition.
4. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to take such action as it may deem appropriate against any E.B.U. member who may, in the opinion of the committee, fail to act with reasonable care or courtesy in relation to arrangements for or attendance at competitions. It also reserves the right to refuse admittance to any competitor who does not meet its required standards of dress.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Table Money** will be charged at all events other than the National Pairs Final, Crockford's Cup Final, and Congresses. The E.B.U. makes no profit out of Table Money, which is levied to make events self-supporting: a substantial amount of this charge is a per diem payment to the hotel.
   Note: At all events extending over more than one day the table money charged to non-residents will be less than that charged to residents.
2. **Prizes** will be provided for all players in winning and runners-up teams who have played at least two rounds, and for at least the first three places in Pairs events.
3. **Trophies.** Winners of Challenge Trophies are responsible for having them engraved and sending the E.B.U. the bill. They are also responsible for having them at the venue of the Final the following year, polished and ready for presentation.
4. **Systems.** The following systems may be played in all E.B.U. Competitions and Congresses:
   Acol; Austrian (Vienna); Baron; Beasley; Benjaminised Acol with Weak Twos; Blue Club (English version but excluding Gardener 1 NT overcall); C.A.B.; Culbertson Forcing Two; Flint Pender; Goren; Kaplan-Sheinwold (excluding regulated psyches); Kempson; Macfarlane; Modern Vienna; Nottingham Club; One Club with one diamond negative reply; Precision Club; Roman Club; Shenken Big Club (English); Stayman; Teague (modified Vienna); Two Clubs (utility); Two-Way Approach; Vanderbilt Club. Other systems with "A" licences may be played in teams-of-four matches of not less than 20 boards with at least one week's notice and full particulars to the opposing captain.
   "A" licences may be played (without notice) in the following national events.
   Gold Cup—all rounds; Crockford's Cup—excluding the first qualifying round; Spring, Northern and North Easter Foursomes; Tollemache Cup—areas and final; Helena Rubinstein Women's Teams, quarter-finals onwards; Life Masters; National Masters; Camrose Pre-Trials and Trials.
   All forms of Swiss Teams are excluded.
   A list of conventions which may be played with any of these systems can be obtained from Mrs. Fleming, 12 Frant Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
5. **Local Points Prizes.**
   As from the current season a new structure of Local Points prizes will come into being. Final details, yet to be approved, will be given in November, but subject to Council approval the scheme will operate as follows:—
   (a) All prizes and awards will be given in respect of Local Points earned between October 1st, 1976 and June 30th, 1977. The qualifying rank

will be that held in respect of points earned (not registered) on or before September 30th, 1976 (**excluding** those earned in the 1976/7 Gold Cup).

(b) **County Prizes.**
Prizes will be awarded in each County to players within each of two categories who win the highest number of Local Points in Club and County events alone (excluding licensed Congresses). The recommended categories are (i) County Masters and below; (ii) Masters and Star Masters, but a final decision has yet to be taken by Council.

(c) **National Prizes.**
Prizes will be awarded at the National level to players within each of two categories—(i) Regional Masters; (ii) National, Life and Grand Masters—who win the highest number of Local Points in Club, County, **and** Congress events alone.

(d) **Sunday Telegraph Salver** (Holder: R. J. GRANVILLE).
This trophy will in future be awarded to the player who held the rank of Regional Master or **higher** rank on September 30th, 1976 and who wins the highest number of Local Points in Club, County and Congress events between October 1st, 1976 and June 30th, 1977. It will be presented at the Cutty Sark Festival, where the winner will be the guest of the E.B.U.

TEAM EVENTS

Crockford's Cup (1)

(E.B.U. Open Teams Championship)

Holders: R. BUTLAND, M. DILKS, Miss N. GARDENER, Mrs. P. LANDY, D. RIMINGTON, R. J. ROWLANDS

Dates

Qualifying Heats:	October 24th, 1976.
	October 31st, 1976.
	(Corby and second London heat only).
Rounds I-IV	Knock-Out.
Final	April 30th–May 1st, 1977.

Starting Time: (Heats and Final): 2.0 p.m. A Sunday morning session in the Final may be necessary.

Venues (Heats):

Pennine, Derby—Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire.
Civic Centre, Corby—Bedfordshire, Berks. & Bucks., Cambs. & Hunts., Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire.
Ivanhoe and Kenilworth, Great Russell Street, London—Essex, London, Middlesex.
Spa Hotel, Tunbridge Wells—Kent, Southern Counties, Surrey, Sussex.
Grand, Bristol—Berks. & Bucks., Gloucestershire, Somerset, Southern Counties.
Raven Hotel, Droitwich—Oxfordshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire.
Europa Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne—N.E.B.A., Yorkshire.
San Remo Hotel, Torquay—Devon and Cornwall.
Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool—Cumberland, N.W.C.B.A., Westmorland, Yorkshire.

Any team may opt to play in London.

Teams from Southern Counties C.B.A. may opt to play in either Bristol or Tunbridge Wells. Teams from Berks. & Bucks. C.B.A. may opt to play in either Bristol or Corby. Teams from Yorkshire may opt to play in either Liverpool or Newcastle.

Teams consisting of an equal number of players from two areas may opt to play at the venue appropriate to either; but, where the members of the team are drawn from different areas in unequal proportions, the venue will be determined at the discretion of the Secretary.

Final : Lord Leycester Hotel, Warwick.

Entry Fee : £2.00 per player. Table money will be charged at the Heats.

Note : At Corby this will include a charge for substantial refreshments **unless** competitors inform the E.B.U. when entering that they intend to make their own arrangements.

Closing Date : October 1st, 1976.

The Heats will be run as multiple events to reduce the field to 128 teams. Four rounds of knock-out will then reduce the field to an 8-team Final.

The first three rounds of knock-out will be of 32 boards ; the fourth round will be of 48, unless both captains agree before the start of play to restrict the match to 40 or 32 boards.

MASTER POINT AWARDS :

Player awards to each competitor who plays not less than one-fifth of the boards, or 10 boards, whichever is the greater :

Heats—	
For finishing in the top quarter of a section	2 National M.P.s
For finishing in the second quarter of a section	1 National M.P.
Round I-III	2 National M.P.s
Round IV	3 National M.P.s
Final (for each match won)	3 National M.P.s

Hubert Phillips Bowl (2)

(E.B.U. Championship for Mixed Teams-of-Four)

Holders :

Entry Fee : £2.00 per player.

Closing Date : October 1st, 1976.

Knock-out throughout.

Teams must include at least one man and one woman, and all members playing in a match must play in partnership with at least three other members of the team. At no time is it permitted for an all-male or all-female team to be playing.

MASTER POINT AWARDS :

Player awards to each member of team winning a match in which he/she plays not less than one-fifth of the boards, or 10 boards, whichever is the greater.

Early Rounds	1 Master Point
Round immediately preceding Quarter-Final	2 Master Points
Quarter-Final	3 Master Points
Semi-Final	5 Master Points
Final	10 Master Points

ALL AWARDS CUMULATIVE

Pachabo Cup (3)

(County Championship for Teams-of-Four)

Holders : NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Date : June 11th-12th, 1977.

Starting Time : 1.0 p.m. A Sunday morning session may be necessary.

Venue : Pennine Hotel, Derby.

Entry Fee : £10 per team. Table money will be charged.

Closing Date : May 13th, 1977.

Entry is open only to the 1976/77 holders of the Teams-of-Four Championships of each County Association of the E.B.U.

No player may represent more than one County at National level in the E.B.U. season, which runs from October 1st-September 30th in any year.

MASTER POINT AWARDS :

A top team award of a number of National M.P.s equal to three times the number of County Associations represented.
Constant reductions to half-way.
All awards to be divided equally between all team members who play at least one-third of the boards.

Tollemache Cup (4)

Inter-Regional Championship—Teams of Eight

Holders : STAFFORDSHIRE

Date : Heats—December 11th-12th, 1976.

Final—January 29th-30th, 1977.

Starting Time (Heats and Final) : 2.0 p.m. A Sunday morning session may be necessary.

Venues—Heats :

Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley (NORTH—open to Cumberland, Lincolnshire, North-East, North-West, Westmorland, Yorkshire).

Red Horse Hotel, Stratford-on-Avon (MIDLANDS—open to Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Northants., Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire)

Royal Hotel, Bristol (SOUTH-WEST—open to Devon and Cornwall, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Somerset, Southern Counties, Worcestershire).

Eccentric Club, London (SOUTH-EAST A—open to Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Channel Isles, Middlesex, London).

University Arms, Cambridge (SOUTH-EAST B—open to Cambs. & Hunts., Essex, Herts., Norfolk, Bedfordshire, Berks. & Bucks.).

Final : Lord Leycester Hotel, Warwick.

Entry Fee : £12 per team. Table money will be charged at Heats and Final.

Closing Date : November 10th, 1976.

Entry is open only to County Associations of the E.B.U., which should submit their entry to the Competition Department of the English Bridge Union.

No player may represent more than one County at a National level in the E.B.U. season, which runs from October 1st-September 30th in any year.

The winners of each Area Heat only will qualify to play in the Final. Teams must be limited to 12 playing members, though not necessarily the same 12, in the Heat and the Final.

MASTER POINT AWARDS :

Team awards as follows :—

Heats—	No. of teams :	5	6
Winners		4,500	5,000
Runners-up		3,250	3,800
3rd		2,000	2,600
4th		—	1,400

Final—

Winners: 10,000 Local Points, of which each player will receive 3 Master Points.
Runners-up: 6,250 Local Points, of which each player will receive 2 Master Points.
Third Team: 2,500 Local Points, of which each player will receive 1 Master Point.

All awards to be divided equally between all members of the team who play not less than one-third of the boards.

Harrison-Gray Salver (5)

Junior Teams of Four

Holders : M. D. GRAHAM, P. A. E. NICHOLLS, I. K. MOSS, P. L. LINDON.

Date : Heats—November 28th, 1976.

Final—January 22nd-23rd, 1977.

Starting Time : 2.0 p.m. A Sunday morning session may be necessary in the Final.

Venues—Heats :

Bradford Bridge Club.
Moseley Bridge Club, Birmingham.
Civil Service Bridge Club, Cornwall House, Stamford Street, London S.E.1.

Final : Eccentric Club, London.

Entry Fee : £1.50 per player. Table money will be charged.

Closing Date : Entries would be appreciated in advance but will be accepted up to the end of play at the Junior Pairs Championship on November 27th.

A multiple-team event open only to players under the age of 26 on October 1st, 1976.

MASTER POINT AWARDS :

Heats: Basic scale x 2.

Final: Top team award of number of teams entered x 80, or 4,000 L.P.s, whichever is the less. Constant reductions to half-way.
Each member of the winning team will be awarded 2 National M.P.s ; each member of the runners-up team will be awarded 1 National M.P.

National Swiss Teams Championship 1977 (6)

Heats will be held on June 4th, 1977 at the Europa Hotel, London ; on June 5th, 1977 at the Raven Hotel, Droitwich ; the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool ; and the Royal Station Hotel, York ; and on June 6th, 1977 at Corby Civic Centre ; and the Spa Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.

Finals at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool on September 3rd-4th, 1977. Entry forms will be enclosed with the February issue of the Quarterly.

Daily Mail Schools Cup (7)

Holders : EALING GREEN HIGH SCHOOL

All enquiries should be sent to English Bridge Union, 15B High Street, Thame, Oxon.

PAIRS EVENTS

National Pairs Championship of England (8)

Holders : A. J. PHILPOTT and R. J. ROWLANDS

(a) **North of England Pairs Championship.**
Holders : A. A. KRISTALL and Miss S. T. BINNS.

(b) **Midland Pairs Championship.**
Holders : C. S. GORE and R. D. GREEN.

(c) **South-East Pairs Championship.**
Holders : R. D. BRETHERTON and E. W. CROWHURST.

(d) **South-West Pairs Championship.**
Holders : I. A. McWHINNEY and D. C. SHARP.

Dates—Heats : to be arranged locally **before** March 5th, 1977.
Regional Finals : April 23rd-24th, 1977.
Final—May 7th-8th, 1977.

Starting Time : 2.0 p.m. A Sunday morning session may be necessary at all centres.

Venues—Regional Finals :
Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley (open to players in Cheshire, Cumberland, Durham, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Westmorland, Yorkshire).
Hotel Leofric, Coventry (open to players in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire, Herefordshire, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Rutland, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire).
Royal Hotel, Bristol (open to players in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cornwall, Devon, Dorsetshire, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Oxfordshire, Somerset, Wiltshire, Worcestershire, Channel Isles).
World Trade Centre, London (open to players in Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, London, Middlesex, Suffolk, Surrey and Sussex).

Lincolnshire and Worcestershire players have a choice of venue. Any pair may opt to play in London. Pairs consisting of players from two areas may opt to play in either. In all cases where there is a choice to be exercised, or where a pair from another area opt to play in the London final, the venue **must** be named to the Tournament Director on the day of the heat. Requests for a change of venue cannot be entertained after March 8th, 1977.

FINAL: Pennine Hotel, Derby.

ENTRY FEES: At the discretion of the Heat organizers, who are required to remit 50p per pair to the English Bridge Union. Table money will be charged at the Regional Finals.

CLOSING DATE (for submission of qualifiers): March 8th, 1977.
(Entries received from Club or County Associations after this date will be accepted only at the discretion of the E.B.U. and only if accompanied by a surcharge of £1 per qualifying pair.)

1. No player may compete in more than one heat.
2. Any affiliated club may run a heat, provided that it has obtained approval from the County Association; but, subject to the ultimate sanction of the County Association or club, such heats should be open to all members of the E.B.U. and all players competing should be bona fide entrants for the competition. (A maximum of one pair may be brought in to make up numbers.)
3. The method of playing the first round heats will be left to the discretion of County Associations, but the number to be qualified for the next round will be strictly in accordance with the following scale :

For an event of 6 to 11 pairs	2 pairs qualify
For an event of 12 to 15 pairs	3 pairs qualify
For an event of 16 to 19 pairs	4 pairs qualify
For an event of 20 to 23 pairs	5 pairs qualify
For an event of 24 to 27 pairs	6 pairs qualify
For an event of 28 to 31 pairs	7 pairs qualify

and so on.

4. The number of pairs qualifying for the Final from each of the Regional Finals will be approximately proportional to the total number of pairs in each of these Championships—40 or 42 in all.
5. County or Club Secretaries should ensure that entry fees and the recapitulation charts for all heats are accompanied by (i) details of the venue of each heat and the date on which it was played, (ii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers (if any) of one member of each qualifying pair and of at least two reserve pairs, (iii) the individual choice of final venue, where applicable.
6. If any qualifying pairs declare themselves unable to compete in the final, pairs from the same heat who finished next in the ranking order will normally be accepted to play in their place, provided : (a) that such pairs finished above half-way in the heat and (b) that notification is made to the English Bridge Union before March 8th, 1977.

MASTER POINT AWARDS :
Heats: Basic scale x 3.
Regional Finals: A top award of a number of National M.P.s equal to one-tenth of the number of pairs competing at this stage, reducing by 1 M.P. for each successive place (maximum top award—15 M.P.s). Local Points to half-way.
Final: A top award of 20 National M.P.s reducing by 1 M.P. to 20th place.

National Women's Pairs Championship (9)

Holders : Mrs. G. T. CURTIS and Miss J. HENRIKSEN

Date : Wednesday and Thursday, March 16th-17th, 1977.

Starting Time : 5.0 p.m.

Venue : Penta Hotel, London.

Entry Fee : £2.50 per player. Table money will be charged.

Closing Date : March 1st, 1977.

Two extended sessions of approximately 32 boards will be played on each of two successive evenings. Duplicated boards will be used, and the event will be scored over the field.

MASTER POINT AWARDS :
Top award of 10 National Master Points reducing by 1 to 10th place. Local Points to half-way.

Harpers & Queen

PHILIP MORRIS NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS Championship (10)

Date : December 26th-27th, 1976.
Venues : Europa, London ; Esso, Coventry ; Europa Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Starting Time : 1.30 p.m.
Entry Fee : £3 per player **inclusive** of table money.

Two sessions of 30 boards will be played on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons and the event will be scored over the three centres.

This year the Master Points awards for this event have been appreciably upgraded.

Note : At all three centres competitors will have the opportunity of playing in the HARPER QUEEN SWISS TEAMS on the Saturday and Sunday evenings. This is an E.B.U. licensed event for which there will be a separate entry fee.

MASTER POINT AWARDS :

A top award of 10 National Master Points reducing by 1 M.P. to sixth place and then ½ M.P. to twelfth place. Thereafter competitors in the top 10% of the field receive an award of 2 M.P.s, 1½ M.P.s, or 1 M.P. according to position.

Life Masters Pairs (Waddington Cup) (11)

Holders : I. PANTO and C. P. LESTER

Date : March 4th-6th, 1977.
Starting Time : 7.30 p.m. (Friday). Morning sessions may be necessary.
Venue : Esso Hotel, Walsgrave, Coventry (on M.6).
Entry Fee : £5 per player. No table money will be charged.
Closing Date : January 31st, 1977.

Open to all members who have attained the rank of Life Master by virtue of points **earned** before October 1st, 1976, excluding points earned in the 1976/7 Gold Cup.

The event will be played over five sessions with a cut after three sessions which will effectively reduce the field to between 33% and 50% of its original size. Pairs who survive will carry forward a proportion of their scores to the final two sessions on the Sunday.

MASTER POINT AWARDS :

A top award of 20 National Master Points reducing by 1 M.P. to half-way.

National Masters Pairs (Bridge Magazine Cup) (12)

Holders : P. J. FRANKLIN and D. GRITT

Date : March 5th-6th, 1977.
Start : 2.0 p.m. A Sunday morning session may be necessary.
Venue : Esso Hotel, Walsgrave, Coventry (on M.6).
Entry Fee : £2.50 per player. Table money will be charged.
Closing Date : January 31st, 1977.

Open to all members who have attained the rank of National Master and no higher rank by virtue of points **earned** before October 1st, 1976, excluding points earned in the 1976/7 Gold Cup. Note that players who hold unregistered points at this date which would have promoted them to a higher rank are not eligible to compete.

MASTER POINT AWARDS :

A top award of 16 National M.P.s reducing by 1 M.P. to 16th place. Local Points to half-way.

Regional Master Pairs (13)

Holders : E. WILKINSON and K. ROBINSON

Date : March 5th-6th, 1977.

Starting Time : 2.0 p.m. A Sunday morning session may be necessary.

Venue : Strathmore Hotel, Luton.

Entry Fee : £2.50. Table money will be charged.

Closing Date : January 31st, 1977.

Open to all members who have attained the rank of Regional Master and no higher rank by virtue of points **earned** before October 1st, 1976, excluding points earned in the 1976/7 Gold Cup. Note that players who hold unregistered points at this date which would have promoted them to a higher rank are not eligible to compete.

MASTER POINT AWARDS :

A top award of 12 National M.P.s reducing by 1 M.P. to 16th place. Local Points to half-way.

Star Masters and Masters Pairs (14)

Holders : B. A. L. HART and S. J. WADE

Date : March 5th-6th, 1977.

Start : 2.0 p.m. A Sunday morning session may be necessary.

Venues : Raven Hotel, Droitwich.
Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley.
Ivanhoe and Kenilworth Hotels, London.

Entry Fee : £2 per player. Table money will be charged.

Closing Date : January 31st, 1977.

Open to all members who have attained the rank of Star Master and no higher rank by virtue of points **earned** before October 1st, 1976, excluding points earned in the 1976/7 Gold Cup. Note that players who hold unregistered points at this date which would have promoted them to a higher rank are not eligible to compete.

The event will be played with duplicated hands and scored overall.

MASTER POINT AWARDS :

A top award of 8 National M.P.s reducing by ½ M.P. to 16th place. Local Points to half-way.

Field Cup (15)

(Provisional)

Holders : M. J. NARDIN and S. J. LODGE
EALING GREEN HIGH SCHOOL

Date : Saturday, May 21st, 1977.

If this event is to be held, details will appear on a separate entry form to be despatched with the February Quarterly.

Portland Club Cup (16)

B.B.L. Championship for Mixed Pairs

Holders : A. A. BAILEY anad Miss J. HENRIKSEN

Date : March 26th-27th, 1977.

Start : 2.0 p.m.

Venues : Raven Hotel, Droitwich.
Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley.
Ivanhoe and Kenilworth Hotels, London.

Entry Fees : £3.00 per player. A uniform table charge will be made to cover the expenses of all three venues.

Closing Date : March 1st, 1977.

This event for Mixed Pairs will be played over three sessions and is open to all members of any of the Home Unions. It will be played with duplicated boards and scored overall.

MASTER POINT AWARDS :

A top award of 10 National M.P.s reducing by 1 M.P. to sixth place and a further ½ M.P. to 12th place. Then Pairs 12-20—2 M.P.s. Pairs 21-30 1½ M.P.s. Pairs 31-40 1 M.P. Local points to half-way.

Junior Pairs Championship (17)

For Cutty Sark Challenge Trophy

Holders: M. A. M. DAVIES and G. E. OSBORNE

Date: November 27th, 1976.

Starting Time: 2.0 p.m.

Venues: Bradford Bridge Club;
Moseley Bridge Club, Moseley, and Balsall Heath Institute, Birmingham;
Civil Service Bridge Club, Cornwall House, Stamford Street, S.E.1.

Entry Fee: £1.50 per player. Table money will be charged.

Closing Date: November 8th, 1976.

This two-session event will be played with duplicated boards and scored overall. It is open only to players who are under the age of 26 on October 1st, 1976.

MASTER POINTS AWARDS:

A top award of Local Points equal to eight times the number of pairs competing (maximum 800). Constant reductions to half-way.

CONGRESS EVENTS

Helena Rubinstein Women's Teams Championship (18)

(formerly Whitelaw Cup)

Holders: Miss I. ASHCROFT, Mrs. A. HIRST, Mrs. G. C. H. FOX, Mrs. P. WILLIAMS

Date: December 3rd-5th, 1976.

Starting Time: 2.0 p.m. (Friday).

Venue: Grand Hotel, Eastbourne.

Entry Fee: £5 per player.

Closing Date: November 15th, 1976.

The entry will be divided into four pools within which each team will play over three sessions in matches against each of the others. The two teams from each pool which emerge with the highest number of V.P.s will proceed to the Quarter-Finals, which will be played over 32 boards on Saturday evening. The Semi-Finals and Final will be played on Sunday.

All teams which fail to qualify for the Quarter-Final will compete in a Swiss Teams event for the Whitelaw Plate. Three matches will be played on Saturday evening and an extended session of five matches will be played on Sunday.

Note:

1. If a British team wins the main event, it will automatically be awarded a place in the B.B.L. Women's Trials (if any).
2. The team of English young players (at least three members must be under 35) with the best performance in the main event will be invited to represent England in the Lady Milne Cup. (N.B.—to qualify a team must reach the Quarter-Final stage.)

MASTER POINT AWARDS (Main Event):

Player awards to each member of a team playing not less than one-fifth of the boards in the pools and not less than 10 boards in a straight match:

Final—8 National Master Points.
Semi-Final—4 National Master Points.
Quarter-Final—2 National Master Points.
Earlier stages—each Mini-match won—½ National Master Point.

Spring Foursomes (19)

Holders of Provost Cup: R. PALMER, Mrs. R. A. PRIDAY, M. HOFFMAN, J. MOSKAL, M. ATA-ULLAH, Z. MAHMOOD

Date: February 11th-14th, 1977.

Starting Time: 2.0 p.m. (Friday).

Venue: Grand Hotel, Eastbourne.

Entry Fee : £6 per player (residents) ; £8 per player (non-residents).
Closing Date : as soon as 64 entries have been received.
Provost Cup : This is a knock-out team event in which no team is eliminated until it has been twice beaten.
Punch Bowl : A subsidiary knock-out event played on the **single** elimination principle and open to all teams eliminated from the Provost Cup on Friday. The event will start on Friday evening and will end with a 3-team Final on Sunday evening.
Hamilton Cup : A Swiss Teams event open to teams eliminated from the Provost Cup and Punch Bowl before Sunday evening. 10 matches will be played starting on Saturday evening and ending on Sunday evening.

MASTER POINT AWARDS :

Provost Cup: Player awards to each member of a team winning a match in which he plays at least 10 boards.
Final : 12 National Master Points.
Semi-Final : 8 National Master Points.
Quarter-Final : 4 National Master Points.
Rounds 5 and 6 : 2 National Master Points.
Rounds 3 and 4 : 1 National Master Point.
Rounds 1 and 2 : ½ National Master Point.

Northern Foursomes (20)

Holders : P. E. MORLEY, S. ZYCHLINSKI, A. S. MONCKTON, J. BIEGANSKI

Date : March 11th-13th, 1977.
Starting Time : 2.0 p.m. (Friday).
Venue : Royal Station Hotel, York.
Entry Fee : £5.50 per player (residents) : £7.50 per player (non-residents).
Closing Date : as soon as 64 entries have been received.

The principal event will be played by straight knock-out throughout over matches of 32 boards.

The secondary event will also be played by straight knock-out and will be open to all teams eliminated from the principal event on Friday afternoon.

Teams eliminated on Friday evening and on Saturday will compete in a Swiss Teams event which will end at approximately 7.0 p.m. on Sunday evening.

MASTER POINT AWARDS :

Principal Event		**Secondary Event**	
Round 1	1 M.P.	Rounds 1 & 2	1 M.P.
Rounds 2 & 3	2 M.P.s	Quarter-Finals	1 M.P.
Quarter-Finals	4 M.P.s	Semi-Finals	2 M.P.s
Semi-Finals	8 M.P.s	Final	3 M.P.s
Final	12 M.P.s		

Cutty Sark Festival (21)

(E.B.U. Autumn Congress)

Date : October 8th-11th, 1976.
Starting Time : 2.0 p.m. (Friday).
Venue : Grand Hotel, Eastbourne.
Entry Fee : £6 per player (residents) ; £9 per player (non-residents).
Details on separate brochure included with this issue.

E.B.U. Northern Congress (22)

Date : November 12th-14th, 1976.
Starting Time : 2.0 p.m. (Friday).
Venue : Palace Hotel, Buxton.
Entry Fee : £5.50 per player (residents) ; £7.50 per player (non-residents).
Details on separate brochure included with this issue.

E.B.U. SWISS TEAMS CONGRESS (23)

Date : January 14th-16th, 1977.

Starting Time : 2.0 p.m. (Friday) for Mixed Pairs ; 8.30 p.m. for Swiss Teams.

Venue : Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.

Entry Fee : £5 per player (residents) ; £7 per player (non-residents).
Details on separate brochure included with this issue.

E.B.U. Summer Congress (24)

Date : August 12th-21st, 1977.

Starting Time : 8.30 p.m. (Friday).

Venue : Metropole Hotel, Brighton.

Entry Fees : to be determined.

Details on separate brochure to be included in the **May** issue of the Quarterly.

E.B.U. Northern Knock-out Teams Congress (25)

Date : February 4th-6th, 1977.

Starting Time : 8.30 p.m.

Venue : Europa Lodge Hotel, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Entry Fee : £5 per player (residents) ; £6 per player (non-residents).
Details on separate brochure included with this issue.

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CALENDAR 1976/77

Aug.	8	Rayleigh B.C. One-Day Swiss Teams ..... Rayleigh, Essex
	6-15	E.B.U. SUMMER CONGRESS ..... Metropole, Brighton
	21	Freudenburg Cup ..... Lutterworth
	22-Sept. 5	Canberra Cruise, P & O
	27-30	Evening Standard Charity Congress ..... London
	27-30	St. Ann's Week-end ..... Buxton
	29	Sheffield One-Day event ..... Sheffield
Sept.	4-5	NATIONAL SWISS TEAMS FINAL ..... Adelphi, Liverpool
	5	Ashford and District One-Day Congress ..... Ashford
	10-12	N.E.B.A. Congress .... Zetland, Saltburn
	11-12	Camrose Pre-Trials ..... Adelphi, Liverpool
	11-12	Herts. Two-Day event ..... St. Albans
	17-19	Queen's Week-end ..... Hastings
	18-19	GOLD CUP, ROUNDS I and II—Basildon, Cambridge, Doncaster, Droitwich, Bristol, Liverpool, Maidenhead, York
	24-26	Derbyshire Congress ..... New Bath, Matlock
	24-26	St. Ann's Week-end ..... Buxton
	25-26	GOLD CUP, ROUNDS I AND II ..... Luton and Hastings
Oct.	1-3	Kent Congress ..... Folkestone
	2	N.E.B.A. Open Pairs ..... Y.M.C.A., Stockton
	3	N.W.C.B.A. One-Day event ..... Manchester
	8-11	CUTTY SARK FESTIVAL ..... Grand, Eastbourne
	13	B.B.L. Simultaneous Pairs ..... Clubs
	14-17	Welsh Bridge Union Congress ..... Seabank, Porthcawl
	17	Baby Tollemache Cup ..... Corby
	15-18	Queen's Week-end ..... Hastings
	23	Camden Town Council Congress L.C.C.B.A. Camden Town, London
	24	CROCKFORD'S CUP HEATS–Bristol, Derby, Droitwich, Liverpool, London, Torquay, Tunbridge Wells, Newcastle
	29-31	St. Ann's Week-end ..... Buxton
	29-31	N.W.C.B.A. Congress ..... Norbreck, Blackpool
	31	CROCKFORD'S CUP HEATS ..... Corby, London
Nov.	4-7	Somerset Congress ..... Dragonara, Bristol
	9-11	Coombe Cross Hotel ..... Bovey Tracey, Devon
	12-14	E.B.U. NORTHERN CONGRESS ..... Palace, Buxton
	12-14	Coombe Cross Hotel Week-end ..... Bovey Tracey, Devon
	12-15	Queen's Week-end ..... Hastings
	16	E.B.U. SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS ..... Clubs
	19-21	St. Ann's Week-end ..... Buxton
	19-21	Camrose Final Trial ..... Lord Leycester, Warwick
	19-21	Devon and Cornwall Sponsored Congress ..... Palace, Torquay
	26-28	Coombe Cross Hotel ..... Bovey Tracey, Devon
	27	JUNIOR PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP ..... Birmingham, Bradford, London
	28	HARRISON-GRAY SALVER QUALIFYING ..... Birmingham, Bradford, London
	28	European Bridge League Simultaneous Pairs
Dec.	3-5	HELENA RUBINSTEIN WOMEN'S TEAMS...Grand, Eastbourne
	3-6	Queen's Week-end ..... Hastings
	4	Southgate Technical College Charity Congress ..... London
	4-5	Lederer Memorial Trophy ..... London
	11-12	Tollemache Cup Heats ..... Bristol, Cambridge, Ilkley, London, Stratford-on-Avon
	11-12	Cutty Sark Junior International ..... Scotland

	19	Santa Claus Pairs ..... Manchester
	26-28	Harpers & Queen–Philip Morris Christmas Tournaments ..... Europa, London
	26-27	NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS ..... Coventry, London, Newcastle
	30-Jan 2	St. Ann's Week-end ..... Buxton
Jan.	1-3	London Foursomes ..... London
	7-9	Midlands Congress ..... Droitwich
	14-16	E.B.U. SWISS TEAMS CONGRESS ..... Adelphi, Liverpool
	15-16	Camrose Match v. Wales ..... Devon
	21-22	Daily Telegraph Cup Final ..... London
	21-23	St. Ann's Week-end ..... Buxton
	21-24	Queen's Week-end ..... Hastings
	22	N.E.B.A. Open Teams ..... Y.M.C.A. Stockton
	22-23	HARRISON-GRAY SALVER FINAL ..... London
	22-23	B.B.L. Trials
	22-23	University Open Teams-of-Four Congress ..... Oxford
	28-30	Sunday Times International Championship ..... London
	29-30	TOLLEMACHE FINAL ..... Lord Leycester, Warwick
Feb.	3	Junior International Simultaneous Pairs (Oxford University)
	4-6	E.B.U. NORTHERN KNOCK-OUT FOURS ..... Europa Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne
	4-6	Croydon Congress ..... Fairfield Halls, Croydon
	5-6	B.B.L. Trials
	11-14	E.B.U. SPRING FOURSOMES ..... Grand, Eastbourne
	18-20	Stratford-upon-Avon Waddingtons Congress Hilton Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon
	18-21	Queen's Week-end ..... Hastings
	19-20	Camrose Match v. Scotland ..... Newcastle
	25-26	St. Ann's Week-end ..... Buxton
	26-27	B.B.L. Trials
	26-27	24 Hour Marathon : Oxford University ..... Oxford
	27	Cambs. & Hunts. Swiss Teams ..... Maltings, Ely
Mar.	4-6	LIFE MASTERS PAIRS ..... Esso, Coventry
	5-6	NATIONAL MASTERS PAIRS ..... Esso, Coventry
	5-6	REGIONAL MASTERS PAIRS ..... Strathmore, Luton
	5-6	STAR AND MASTERS PAIRS ..... Droitwich, Ilkley, London
	10	Charity Challenge Cup ..... Clubs
	11-13	Clacton Congress ..... Clacton
	12-14	E.B.U. NORTHERN FOURSOMES ..... Royal Station, York
	16-17	WOMEN'S NATIONAL PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP—Penta, London
	18-20	London Congress ..... London
	18-20	St. Ann's Week-end ..... Buxton
	18-21	Queen's Week-end ..... Hastings
	19-20	Camrose Match v. N. Ireland ..... Away
	20	N.E.B.A. One-Day event ..... Hurworth
	20	N.W.C.B.A. One-Day event ..... Manchester
	26-27	B.B.L. Portland Club Cup ..... Droitwich, Ilkley, London
	31-Apr. 3	Devon and Cornwall Congress ..... Palace, Torquay
April	1-3	Cumbria Congress ..... Old England, Bowness
	3	N.E.B.A. Open Swiss Teams ..... Y.M.C.A., Stockton
	8-10	Guardian Tournament ..... London
	8-11	St. Ann's Week-end ..... Buxton
	12-17	Welsh Bridge Union Congress ..... Llandudno
	15-17	Doncaster Congress ..... Earl of Doncaster
	16-17	Harrison-Gray Open Swiss Teams (Middlesex C.B.A.) ..... Berners. London
	22-25	Queen's Week-end ..... Hastings
	23-24	Teachers' Association Training Course. 1st week-end — All areas
	23-24	NATIONAL PAIRS—REGIONAL FINALS — Bristol, Coventry, Ilkley, London

29-May 1	Norfolk Congress	King's Lynn
30-May 1	CROCKFORD'S CUP FINAL	Lord Leycester, Warwick
30-May 1	Teachers' Association Training Course, 2nd week-end—	outside London
May 6-8	York Congress	York
6-8	Deva Bridge Club Congress	Chester
7-8	NATIONAL PAIRS FINAL	Pennine, Derby
7-8	Teachers' Association Training Course, 2nd week-end—London area	
8	Ipswich One-Day Congress	Ipswich
11	B.B.L. Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
13-15	Gloucestershire Congress	Carlton, Cheltenham
13-16	St. Ann's Week-end	Buxton
13-16	Queen's Week-end	Hastings
14-15	Lady Milne Cup	
14-15	Daily Mail Schools Cup Final	Esso, Wembley
15	Bridlington One-Day event	Bridlington
15	Steel Trophy: Northants. C.B.A.	Corby
20-22	B.B.L. Congress	Douglas
21	Teachers' Association Diploma Examinations	All areas
21	Field Cup (provisional)	
27-29	Yorkshire Congress	Scarborough
29	Heath Congress Heats	Weybridge
June 3-6	St. Ann's Week-end	Buxton
4	NATIONAL SWISS TEAMS QUALIFYING	London
5	NATIONAL SWISS TEAMS QUALIFYING	Droitwich, Liverpool, York
5-6	London Festival	London
(Spring 6 Holiday)	NATIONAL SWISS TEAMS QUALIFYING	Corby, Tunbridge Wells
11-12	PACHABO CUP	Pennine, Derby
12	Heath Congress Heats	Weybridge
12	Chiltern Congress	Town Hall, High Wycombe
17-19	St. Ann's Week-end	Buxton
17-19	N.W.C.B.A. Foursomes	Blackpool
17-19	GOLD CUP FINALS	
18-19	Heath Congress Finals	Weybridge
19	Oxford One-Day Congress	Town Hall, Oxford
25	Ealing Bridge Club Congress	Ealing
24-26	Beds. & Northants. Congress	County, Bedford
July 1-3	Derbyshire Congress	Buxton
2-16	EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	Copenhagen
8-10	Middlesex Open Congress	Berners, London
15-17	Notts. C.B.A. Congress	University, Nottingham
22-24	St. Ann's Week-end	Buxton

Some Important Dates for 1977/78 Season:

1977			
August	12-21	E.B.U. SUMMER CONGRESS	Brighton
September	3-4	NATIONAL SWISS TEAMS FINAL	Liverpool
	24-25	GOLD CUP—ROUNDS I AND II	
October	7-9	E.B.U. NORTHERN CONGRESS	Buxton
November	4-7	CUTTY SARK FESTIVAL	Eastbourne
1978			
January	13-15	E.B.U. SWISS TEAMS CONGRESS	Liverpool
February	10-13	E.B.U. SPRING FOURSOMES	Eastbourne
March	10-12	E.B.U. NORTHERN FOURSOMES	York

ENTRIES

Submission of Entries and Entry Fees.

1. Entries (except in the case of the Spring and Northern Foursomes) should be sent on the enclosed forms to the Competition Department, English Bridge Union, 15B High Street, Thame, Oxon.

2. All competitors must be members of the E.B.U. for 1976/77 at the time of entry, and the individual who submits an entry will be held responsible for ensuring that all subscriptions have been paid. Where it is found that a subscription had not been paid before the time of entry, the player concerned will be disqualified.

3. All cheques should be made payable to the E.B.U.

4. Entries will not normally be acknowledged, and no receipts will be issued unless they are specifically requested.

5. No entry fees will be refunded after the closing date for entries has passed.

6. LATE ENTRIES.

   Entries will be accepted at the normal rate provided that they bear a postmark of the day preceding the advertised closing date for the competition concerned. Entries posted later will be accepted only at the discretion of the Secretary and **only if accompanied by a surcharge of £1 per pair or team in respect of each competition. Any would-be competitor who submits a late entry which is not accompanied by a surcharge will automatically have his fee returned and will lose absolutely his entitlement to submit any further entry for the same event.**

7. WITHDRAWALS.

   Notification of withdrawals must be sent to the English Bridge Union (Tel. Thame 2221 & 3650) at the earliest opportunity. Last-minute withdrawals **must** be notified to the Tournament Director at the venue.

Hotel Reservation Applications.

As a service to members, hotel reservation applications have been printed on the reverse of entry forms for all events of two days or more (except at London venues). Details are given of concessionary terms agreed with the hotel at the time of publication, and space is provided for competitors to list their particular accommodation requirements at the time of entry.

Competitors who wish to take advantage of concessionary rates and who wish the E.B.U. to make a reservation on their behalf should fill in the appropriate details when submitting their entry. Confirmation will be sent in all cases not later than one week after the closing date for entering the competition in question.

Please note :

1. The E.B.U. is acting solely as a booking agency. No money should be sent, and all accounts should be settled with the hotel in the normal way.

2. Although the E.B.U. has been given a firm quotation, it can accept no responsibility for any decision on the part of the hotel management to vary its charges.

3. Any complaints concerning the hotel should be taken up with the hotel management and not with the E.B.U.

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Date of Heats: October 24th, 1976

October 31st, 1976 (Corby & second London venue)

(Entries close October 1st, 1976)

ENTRY FORM

Note: Players under 30 years of age should be marked thus †.

1. CAPTAIN _____
(Block Capitals)

County _____

Captain's Address _____

_____

Tel. No. _____

2. _____

County _____

3. _____

County _____

4. _____

County _____

5. _____

County _____

6. _____

County _____

Choice of Date and Venue (where applicable) _____

Entry Fee: £2.00 per player. Table money will be charged at the Heats.

Remittance enclosed: _____

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DERBYSHIRE CUP

Date of Heats: October 24th, 1976

October 31st, 1976 (Derby & second London venue)

HUBERT PHILLIPS BOWL (2)

(Entries close October 1st, 1976)

ENTRY FORM

1. CAPTAIN _____
(Block Capitals)

County _____

Captain's Address _____

Tel. No. _____

2. _____

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Entry Fee : £2.00 per player.

Remittance enclosed : _____

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HUBERT PHILLIPS BOWL (2)

(Entries close October 1st, 1976)

ENTRY FORM

1. CAPTAIN
(Block Capitals)

County

Captain's Address

Tel. No.

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Entry Fee: £2.00 per player

Remittance enclosed:

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HARRISON-GRAY SALVER (5)

ENTRY FORM

1. CAPTAIN _____
(Block Capitals)

Address of Captain _____

_____

Tel. No. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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6. _____

Choice of Venue (where applicable) _____

Entry Fee : £1.50 per player. Table money will be charged.

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HARRISON-GRAY SALVER (S)

NATIONAL WOMEN'S PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP (9)

PENTA HOTEL, LONDON

March 16th-17th, 1977

ENTRY FORM

1. _____

2. _____

Address of (1) _____

_____

Tel. No. _____

Entry Fee: £2.50 per player. Table money will be charged.

Remittance enclosed: _____

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP (3)

PENTA HOTEL, LONDON

March 16th-17th, 1977

ENTRY FORM

1. _____

2. _____

Address of (1) _____

_____

Tel. No. _____

Entry Fee: £2.50 per player. Table money will be charged.

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Harpers & Queen

Philip Morris

SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP (10)

EUROPA HOTEL, LONDON
ESSO HOTEL, WALSGRAVE, COVENTRY
EUROPA LODGE HOTEL, Newcastle-on-Tyne

December 26th-27th, 1976

ENTRY FORM

1. _____

2. _____

Address of (1) _____

_____

Tel. No. _____

Entry Fee : £3 per player **inclusive** of table money.

Remittance enclosed : _____

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APPLICATION FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

HARPERS & QUEEN – PHILIP MORRIS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

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Coventry—
Bed and Breakfast £6.75 (single) ; £5.75 (twin).

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Bed and Breakfast £6.00 inclusive of service and V.A.T.

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Please reserve accommodation as detailed below :

Number of persons _____

Room requirements—Number _____ Type _____

Number of nights _____ Dates _____

Names of persons _____

_____

Address to which confirmation should be sent :

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Harpers & Queen

MASTER POINTS RANKED EVENTS (11-14)

(a) Life Masters

ESSO HOTEL, WALSGRAVE, COVENTRY
MARCH 4th–6th, 1977

(b) National Masters

ESSO HOTEL, WALSGRAVE, COVENTRY
MARCH 5th & 6th, 1977

(c) Regional Masters

STRATHMORE HOTEL, LUTON
MARCH 5th & 6th, 1977

(d) Star and Masters

RAVEN HOTEL, DROITWICH
CRAIGLANDS HOTEL, ILKLEY
IVANHOE and KENILWORTH HOTELS, LONDON
MARCH 5th & 6th, 1977

ENTRY FORM

1. _____

2. _____

Address of (1) _____

_____

Tel. No. _____

Rank _____

Choice of Venue (when applicable) _____

LIFE MASTERS
Entry Fee : £5 per player. No table money will be charged.

NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND STAR AND MASTERS PAIRS
Entry Fee : £2.50 per player. Table money will be charged.

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APPLICATION FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

FOR MASTER POINTS RANKED EVENTS

The hotel(s) has/have quoted concessionary rates for all competitors as follows :—

Luton—

Overnight accommodation—£9 per room inclusive of service charge (whether occupied by one or two persons).

Coventry—

Bed and Breakfast—£6.75 (single) ; £5.75 (twin).

Droitwich (liable to cost of living increase)—

Bed and Breakfast—£11 (single) ; £7.50 (twin).
Full Board (for 2 full days)—£24 (single) ; £20 (twin).

These rates are inclusive of V.A.T. and service.

Ilkley—

Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch—£14 (single) ; £13 (twin).

These rates include V.A.T. and service and will be reduced to £12 for rooms without a private bathroom.

London—

Bed and Continental Breakfast—£5.75 (single) ; £8.25 (twin).
Inclusive of service. Bathroom surcharge : £2.50 (single) ; £3.00 (twin).

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Please reserve accommodation as detailed below :

Number of persons _____

Room requirements—Number _____ Type _____

Number of nights _____ Dates _____

Names of persons _____

_____

Address to which confirmation should be sent :

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PORTLAND PAIRS (16)

RAVEN HOTEL, DROITWICH
CRAIGLANDS HOTEL, ILKLEY
IVANHOE and KENILWORTH HOTELS
LONDON

March 26th-27th, 1977

ENTRY FORM

1. _____

2. _____

Address of (1) _____

_____

Tel. No. _____

Choice of Venue (when applicable) _____

Entry Fee : £2.50 per player. A uniform table charge will be made at all centres.

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APPLICATION FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

FOR PORTLAND PAIRS

The hotel(s) has/have quoted concessionary rates for all competitors as follows :—

Droitwich—

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Full Board (for 2 full days)—£24 (single) ; £20 (twin).

These rates are inclusive of V.A.T. and service.

Ilkley—

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast—£12.00 with bathroom surcharge of £1 (twin) or £2 (single)

These rates are inclusive of V.A.T. and service.

London—

Bed and Breakfast—£5.75 (single) ; £8.25 (twin).
Bathroom surcharges—£2.50 (single) ; £3.00 (twin).

These rates include service but not V.A.T.

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Please reserve accommodation as detailed below :

Number of persons ____ ____

Room requirements—Number _____ Type _____

Number of nights _____ Dates _____

Names of persons _____

_____

Address to which confirmation should be sent :

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JUNIOR (17) PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

BRADFORD BRIDGE CLUB

MOSELEY BRIDGE CLUB, BIRMINGHAM

CIVIL SERVICE BRIDGE CLUB, S.E.1

November 27th, 1976

ENTRY FORM

1. _____

2. _____

Address of (1) _____

_____

Tel. No. _____

Entry Fee : £1.50 per player. Table money will be charged.

Remittance enclosed : _____

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(17) APPLICATION FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

FOR PORTLAND PAIRS

BRADFORD BRIDGE CLUB

MOSELEY BRIDGE CLUB, BIRMINGHAM

CIVIL SERVICE BRIDGE CLUB, S.E.1

November 27th, 1976

ENTRY FORM

Bed and Breakfast—£3.25 (single); £4.25 (twin).
Balcony surcharge—£1.50 (single); £2.00 (twin).
These rates include service but not V.A.T.

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Please receive accommodation as detailed below:

Number of persons .....

Tel. No. .....

Room requirements—Number ..... Type .....

Entry Fee: £1.50 per player. Table money will be charged.

Number of nights ..... Date .....

Remittance enclosed: £.....

This form, when completed, should be sent with fee to: Competitions Department, English Bridge Union, 15B High Street, Thame, Oxon.

Address to which confirmation should be sent:

Helena Rubinstein
the science of beauty

WOMEN'S TEAMS (18)

GRAND HOTEL, EASTBOURNE

December 3rd-5th, 1976

ENTRY FORM

1. CAPTAIN _____
(Block Capitals)

Address of Captain _____

_____

Tel. No. _____

Put cross in box if under 35 ☐

2. _____

Put cross in box if under 35 ☐

3. _____

Put cross in box if under 35 ☐

4. _____

Put cross in box if under 35 ☐

5. _____

Put cross in box if under 35 ☐

6. _____

Put cross in box if under 35 ☐

Entry Fee : £5 per player.

Remittance enclosed : _____

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APPLICATION FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

FOR HELENA RUBINSTEIN WOMEN'S TEAMS

The hotel(s) has/have quoted concessionary rates for all competitors as follows :—

	Full board	Half board
Inland rooms	£10.00 per day	£7.50 per day
Sea view rooms	£11.00 per day	£8.50 per day
Sitting rooms	£12.50 per day	

(inclusive of service but excluding V.A.T.)

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Please reserve accommodation as detailed below :

Number of persons _____

Room requirements—Number _____ Type _____

Number of nights _____ Dates _____

Names of persons _____

_____

Address to which confirmation should be sent :

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_____

Helena Rubinstein
the science of beauty

SPRING FOURSOMES (19)

GRAND HOTEL, EASTBOURNE

February 11th-14th, 1977

ENTRY FORM

1. CAPTAIN _____
(Block Capitals)

Address of Captain _____

_____

Tel. No. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Entry Fee : £6 per player (residents) ; £8 per player (non-residents).

Remittance enclosed : _____

This form, when completed, should be sent with fees to Mrs. A. Cartwright, 170 Sewerby Road, Bridlington, North Humberside.

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APPLICATION FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

FOR SPRING FOURSOMES

The hotel(s) has/have quoted concessionary rates for all competitors as follows :—

	Full board	Half board
Inland rooms	£11.50 per day	£9.00 per day
Sea view rooms	£12.50 per day	£10.00 per day
Sitting rooms	£14.00 per day	

If you and/or your partner wish the E.B.U. to make such a reservation on your behalf, please fill in and return this form with your entry. Confirmation of booking will be sent within one week of the closing date for the event.

Please reserve accommodation as detailed below :

Number of persons _____

Room requirements—Number _____ Type _____

Number of nights _____ Dates _____

Names of persons _____

_____

Address to which confirmation should be sent :

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NORTHERN FOURSOMES (20)

ROYAL STATION HOTEL, YORK

March 11th-13th, 1977

ENTRY FORM

1. CAPTAIN _____
(Block Capitals)

Address of Captain _____

_____

Tel. No. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Entry Fee : £5.50 per player (residents) ; £7.50 per player (non-residents).

Remittance enclosed : _____

This form, when completed, should be sent with fees to Mrs. A. Cartwright, 170 Sewerby Road, Bridlington, North Humberside.

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APPLICATION FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

FOR NORTHERN FOURSOMES

The hotel(s) has/have quoted concessionary rates for all competitors as follows :—

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Number of persons _____

Room requirements—Number _____ Type _____

Number of nights _____ Dates _____

Names of persons _____

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Address to which confirmation should be sent :

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TOURNAMENT REPORT

THE GOLD CUP

For two of the three pairs in the winning team the Gold Cup final was a fitting climax to an outstanding season. The best British performance in the first half of the bridge year was that of Barnet Shenkin and Michael Rosenberg of Scotland when they won the Sunday Times International Pairs Championship at their first attempt. Tony Priday and Claude Rodrigue, both past winners of the event, took third place and more recently added to their already high reputation with a splendid performance in the Olympiad.

The Quarter-Finals.

R. A. Priday (C. Rodrigue, M. Rosenberg, B. Shenkin, V Goldberg, P. Jourdain) beat **R. D. Bretherton** (R. Morrish, E. Crowhurst, A. Wardman, M. Esterson, R. J. Rowlands) 154-90. The favourites led from the outset and were able to cruise home with a lead of 60 points after forty boards.

Mrs. S. Landy (P. W. Poulter, T. E. D. Quibell, R. H. Broadhurst, C. Summers, J. Elliott) beat **Dr. M. Rockfelt** (J. Sharples, R. Sharples, R. Swimer, R. Preston, A. Manch) 137-127. An outstanding performance by the Sussex team who earlier in the competition had eliminated the holders. At the half-way stage they trailed 43-84, recovered 25 IMP's in the first eight boards of the evening session, and after fifty-six boards had levelled the scores. They kept their nerves well in the final eight boards to earn their semi-final place.

J. MacLaren's Scottish team beat **J. Bloomberg** (Mrs. R. Oldroyd, A. Finlay, E. Newman, A. Forrester, R. Smolski) 180-124. MacLaren led 89-74 after a closely contested first half, but the Scottish team drew away from the beginning of the evening session and came to the final eight boards with a lead of forty-one points.

B. Posner (G. Breskal, J. D. R. Collings, J. Amsbury, J. Nunes, D. Smerdon) beat **G. Endicott** (Dr. J. H. Hill, A. E. Reveley, R. Churney, S. H. Jackson) 194-108. The Londoners carried a little too much experience for the North-Western team and led 117-57 at the half-way stage. Thereafter they gave their opponents no real chance to get into the match.

The Semi-Finals.

Priday beat **Mrs. Landy** 157-50. After sixteen boards the favourites led by 37 IMP's, at the half-way stage by 59, and showed no sign of relaxing their effort in the second half.

Posner beat **MacLaren** 156-89. This was a match of changing fortunes. The Scottish team was off to a flying start, leading 49-5 after eight boards. At the half-way stage, after thirty-two boards, the Londoners were in front 61-55, and with sixteen boards to play the Scots led 82-78. In the next set of eight boards the London team scored 45 points against 6, with the largest contribution coming from the following hand :—

North-South game. Dealer West.

North
♠ Q J 10 8 5
♡ J 10 7
◇ A J 9 5 2
♣ None

West
♠ 6 3
♡ K
◇ Q 8 6 3
♣ A K 10 7 6 4

East
♠ None
♡ A 8 5 4 2
◇ 10 7 4
♣ 9 8 5 3 2

South
♠ A K 9 7 4 2
♡ Q 9 6 3
◇ K
♣ Q J

When MacLaren's team held the North-South cards they were well pleased to be allowed to play in Four Spades, making eleven tricks. East-West have an obvious sacrifice, since West can make eleven tricks in clubs save possibly

against the unlikely opening lead of a low diamond. On a spade lead he ruffs in dummy, plays a heart to the king, ruffs a second spade in dummy and ruffs a low heart in hand before drawing two rounds of trumps. A low diamond from hand will now restrict his losers to two, for South will be obliged either to give him a ruff and discard or to help him establish the thirteenth heart for a second diamond discard.

At the other table, with Nunes and Smerdon South and North for the Londoners, the Scottish pair got to Five Clubs in quick time but were not allowed to stay there.

West	North	East	South
2 Cl	Pass	5 Cl	5 Sp
Pass	6 Sp	Double	All Pass

In spades as in clubs the blank red king was to prove an embarrassment. West could see no good reason to lead a heart, and after a club lead Nunes dealt with the hand competently. Ruff in dummy, a diamond to the king and a second club ruff. A diamond ruff followed by the ace of spades and a spade to the queen. The ace of diamonds, and when the queen failed to fall a further diamond ruffed in hand. A low heart from hand to give declarer his last chance —the blank king or ace of hearts in either hand.

Faced with the task of recovering 35 IMP's in the last eight boards MacLaren had to try to produce swings and, predictably, suffered further losses, to produce a final score which failed to reflect the closeness of the contest.

Posner made a good start to the final and led 40-20 after 16 boards. In the next set of eight Friday went into the lead after making Two Hearts doubled and Three Hearts doubled in quick succession when both contracts might have been defeated, costly mistakes against the top-seeded team. Friday and Rodrigue added further points with a more successful double :—

Love all. Dealer South.

North
♠ 9 6 4 2
♡ 10 8 5 3
◇ K 10 6
♣ 8 2

West
♠ A Q J 10 8
♡ Q J 4
◇ Q J 4
♣ 9 6

East
♠ None
♡ A 9 7 2
◇ 8 3 2
♣ A Q J 10 5 3

South
♠ K 7 5 3
♡ K 6
◇ A 9 7 5
♣ K 7 4

South opened One Spade and North raised to Two Spades. East, Rodrigue, doubled and West, Priday, was content to pass. He found the best lead of the ace of spades followed by the queen of spades. South led a diamond to the king and followed with a club from the table. Rodrigue, who had discarded one club and one diamond, did well to play one of his club equals. South won with the king and played a second club. West was able to win with the nine, and the defence ended with four trump tricks, four club tricks, and the ace of hearts, for 700. At the other table Jourdain and Goldberg lost 50 in Four Clubs ; Three No Trumps would have been unlikely to fare better since North-South would be likely to find their diamond tricks.

Priday ended the first half with a lead of 12 IMP's. In the next eight he advanced the lead to 32. Posner rallied briefly and was 16 points behind with sixteen boards to play, but Priday finished strongly for a final score-line :— Priday 168, Posner 121.

FIELD CUP 1976

1.	S. J. Lodge, M. J. Nardin (Ealing Green School)	1950
2.	J. A. H. Petrie, J. L. Reardon (St. John's, Cambridge)	1781
3.	B. P. Hope, A. R. Forrester (Manchester University Maths)	1757
4.	R. C. Ferrari, J. A. Hudson (Manchester University Econ.)	1755
5.	G. K. Stanley, E. B. Cummings (Lancaster University, Furness)	1720
6.	G. T. Kirby, D. A. Burn (Calus, Cambridge)	1716
7.	P. A. Harvey, J. A. Williamson (Queen Mary College)	1702
8.	F. Tutchings, E. Kilmurry (John Gulson, Coventry)	1685
9.	P. N. Lee, C. Leigh (Exeter College, Oxford)	1669
10.	A. Putley, R. J. Granville (Kings, Cambridge)	1651

PACHABO CUP

1.	NOTTS. (Dr. & Mrs. A. P. Sowter, M. F. Walsh, R. Sharpe, W. P. Crook)	163½
2.	LONDON (R. J. O'Reilly, C. Duckworth, T. Cope, H. Christie)	158½
3.	NORTH-WEST (G. Wilson, Mrs. O. J. Martin, P. Hepworth, J. Dutton)	158
4.	MIDDLESEX (D. Edwin, D. J. Smerdon, R. Swimer, R. Preston)	157½
5.	SUSSEX (I. Panto, R. Franses, F. North, C. P. Lester, C. J. Elliott, C. Summers)	156½
6.	ESSEX (J. W. Tait, B. R. Cowley, L. J. Burtt, A. J. Philpott)	154½
7.	DERBY (E. Burston, S. Bailey, J. G. Griffin, A. R. Smedley)	
8.	WORCS. (G. Rosser, G. K. Thompson, J. W. Dalman, J. R. Turner, D. Beavon, D. Hughes)	
9.	CUMBRIA (J. Brunskill, J. L. Boardman, H. R. Brooks, J. Y. Martin)	
10.	LEICS. (B. E. Seabrook, J. D. Beattie, A. N. Odams, P. A. Harvey)	

Twenty-eight of the twenty-nine county associations were represented in this end-of-the-season competition which provided one of the most lively contests of the year. At the end of the first day, when eighteen of the twenty-seven matches had been played, Notts had established a clear lead of two whole matches, and the interest seemed to revolve on the struggle for second place. When the last round began, seven teams were in with a chance to win, with their scores as follows : —

Notts	154½	London	150
North-West	154½	Essex	148½
Sussex	152½	Derby	145½
Middlesex	151		

Although they had seen their massive lead whittled away, Notts kept their nerves and set a target that was within the range of only one of their challengers when they won their final match 9-1, and the North-West were unable to equal this.

All four players, Tony and Sally Sowter, Mike Walsh and Rob Sharpe, lived up to the reputation which they have already established for themselves.

The Pachabo is the one event in the E.B.U's calendar with point-a-board scoring, which means that hands are sometimes even more keenly contested than at Pairs scoring. As in this hand between the winners and close challengers Middlesex :—

Game all. Dealer South.

North
♠ A 8 2
♡ A 9
◇ Q 8 5 3
♣ 8 6 5 3

West
♠ 10
♡ K Q 7 3
◇ A J 10 7 2
♣ K J 10

East
♠ K Q J 9 4
♡ 6 4
◇ 9 6 4
♣ 7 4 2

South
♠ 7 6 5 3
♡ J 10 8 5 2
◇ K
♣ A Q 9

South	West	North	East
(Sowter)	(Edwin)	(Mrs. Sowter)	(Smerdon)
Pass	1 D	Pass	1 Sp
Pass	2 D	Pass	Pass
2 H	Double	All Pass	

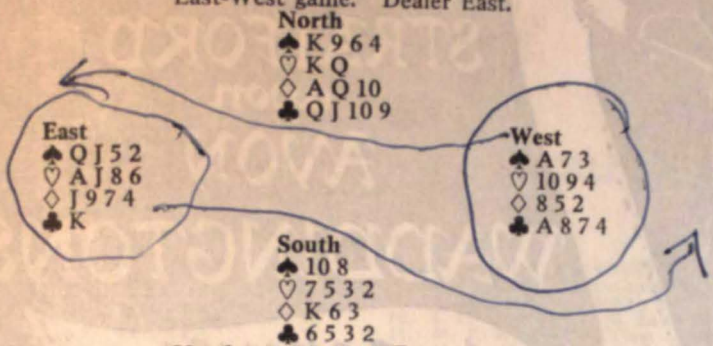
Neither South nor West were prepared to surrender the board lightly. East was perhaps optimistic in expecting to find sufficient defence with a partner who had limited his hand by a rebid of Two Diamonds : the more so since there would not be much danger in retreating from the double to Two Spades.

The declarer's prospects were not too bright after the lead of the ten of spades. He won with the ace and led a diamond for the king and ace: when West was unable to return a diamond the prospects brightened. If West returns a diamond, declarer wins with the queen, discarding a spade, and ruffs a diamond in hand. A heart to the queen and ace (or the nine if West fails to split his equals) and a second heart. Declarer is assured of four trumps tricks, a diamond, and a spade, and if he is put on lead in the end-game he can make sure of two club tricks by leading the nine from hand.

In fact West tried a club at trick 3 to ease declarer's major problem, and when he failed to split his trump honours declarer won with the nine in dummy and took two diamond ruffs in hand to make sure of his four trump tricks.

Everybody knows that one is expected to pass partner's double of One No Trump with strength. It is not generally recognised that it might be wise to pass from weakness since in the absence of a long suit it may be more costly to remove the double. Notts charged their opponents heavily for removing the double on the following hand:—

East-West game. Dealer East.



West	North	East	South
—	—	1 H	Pass
1 N.T.	Double	Pass	2 Cl
2 H	3 Cl	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

East won the heart lead and returned a heart. Declarer took three rounds of diamonds, ending in hand, and led the ten of spades, playing low from dummy—and that proved a costly mistake. East played a third heart, and dummy ruffed, and exited with a trump. East won and played a fourth heart on which West discarded a spade while dummy ruffed again. West was now left with ♠ A ♣ A 8 7 and all of them good, to give East-West 500.

When declarer played a spade he should have gone up with the king in dummy, and had he done so he would have escaped for one down. But North-South would have done even better had they defended One No Trump accurately. After a club attack they would have two club tricks and three diamonds on top, and the declarer would have to concede a trick in each major suit before he could come to seven tricks.

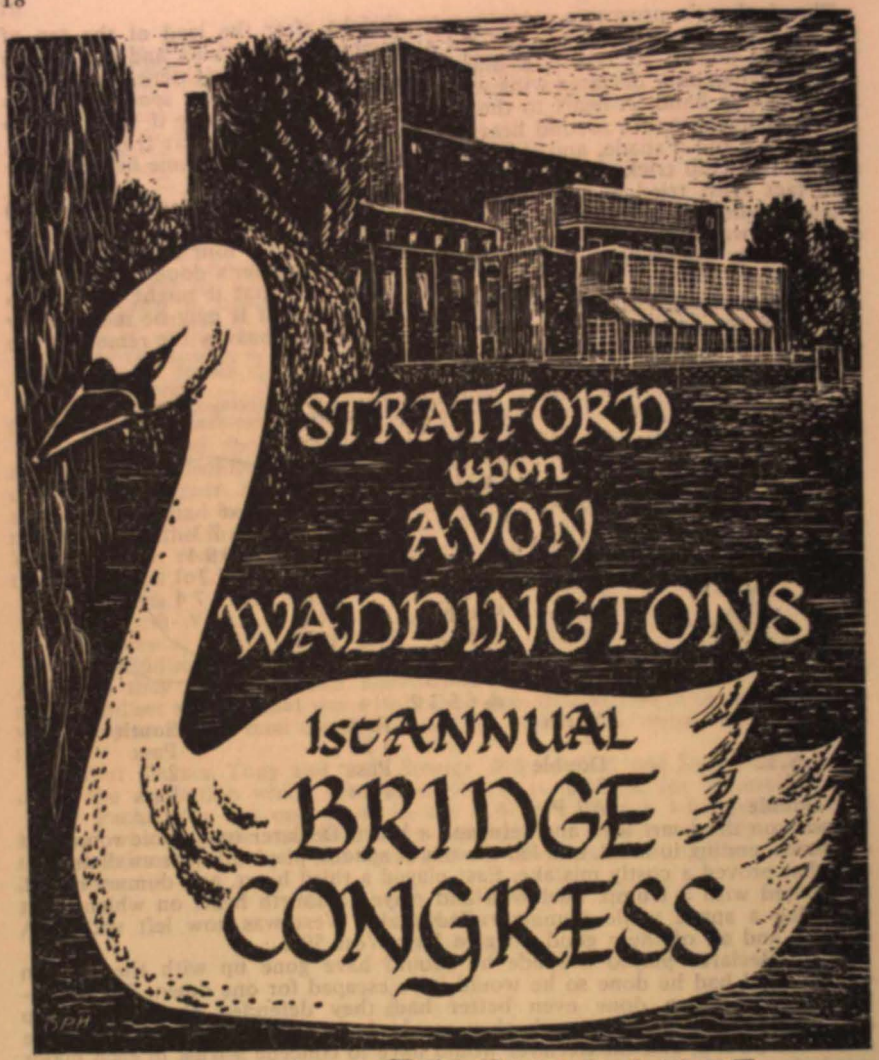
HUBERT PHILLIPS BOWL 1976

Round 5

Mrs. J. Walker bt G. Wilson 200
A. J. Benn bt D. W. Stevenson 2760
M. H. Airey bt B. Patel 3730
Mrs. Woodhouse bt Mrs. C. Kirkby w/o
S. Barnfield bt W. H. Cook 100
W. J. Pencharz bt Mrs. M. Betts ... 2920
Mrs. P. Williams bt R. P. Simpson ... 910
Mrs. D. Absalom bt Mrs. C. Bottone 340

NATIONAL PAIRS FINAL—MAY 1976

1. R. J. Rowlands, A. J. Philpott 1681
2. C. S. Gore, R. D. Green 1668
3. R. C. Ferrari, A. Dinnen 1664
4.=M. S. Perkins, R. A. Harris 1649
4.=B. G. Smith, Mrs. P. Bloomer ... 1649
6. R. W. Sharpe, M. F. Walsh 1620
7. A. G. Jeffery, W. J. Langiert ... 1610
8. E. W. Crowhurst, R. D. Bretherton 1595
9. I. A. N. Swanson, P. A. Shawdon 1579
10. G. W. R. Cowpland, H. S. Robinson 1577
11. K. W. Littler, G. Maloney 1566
12. J. M. Woodhouse, K. Sharples... 1561
13. R. B. Alexander, K. Woodward 1559
14.=P. J. Evans, B. Sims 1558
14.=C. G. Bottone, S. Russell 1558
16. A. A. Kristall, Miss S. T. Binns 1541
17. S. N. J. Murphy, S. Preston 1532
18. G. B. Dixon, E. H. Pudsey 1525
19. J. C. Beard, D. M. Howard 1521
20. R. G. A. Knott, H. T. Gisborne 1497



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LIFE AND NATIONAL MASTERS	1.	Dr. A. P. Sowter (N)	16,252	£12
	2.	C. E. A. Samuels (Sm)	10,699	£8
	3.	A. R. Forrester (Y)	10,443	£5
REGIONAL MASTERS	1.	R. J. Granville (CH)	12,448	£12
	2.	G. T. Kirby (CH)	10,923	£8
	3.	D. J. Cairns (Sm)	8,130	£5
STAR MASTERS	1.	Mrs. A. P. Sowter (N)	10,937	£12
	2.	M. R. Hamblin (N)	9,293	£8
	3.	P. J. Bailey (CH)	8,531	£5
MASTERS	1.	B. R. Senior (Y)	8,751	£12
	2.	M. H. Horton (N)	7,296	£8
	3.	A. T. Wells (N)	6,048	£5
COUNTY MASTERS	1.	D. C. Sharp (DC)	6,191	£12
	2.	P. M. Wrigley (Y)	3,965	£8
	3.	Mrs. P. Aspinall (S)	3,849	£5
LOCAL MASTERS	1.	P. A. Jackson (CH)	6,549	£12
	2.	I. R. Lancaster (Sx)	5,466	£8
	3.	P. Bowyer (Sm)	4,387	£5
CLUB MASTERS	1.=	M. J. Nardin (M)	5,510	£10
	1.=	S. J. Lodge (M)	5,510	£10
	3.	P. Scott (E)	5,454	£5

Note—Local Points won in National Competitions or in nation-wide Simultaneous Pairs events are not valid for these prizes and have not therefore been included in the totals.

JUNIOR TRIAL

1.	J. A. Fulton, A. R. Forrester ...	77	
2.	R. Granville, G. Kirby	75	
3.=	P. Shields, R. Upton (Wales)	58	
3.=	J. Reardon, R. J. A. Butland	58	
5.	J. W. A. Smith, J. Dhondy	56	
6.	M. Rosenberg, D. J. Greenwood...	53	
7.=	N. Franklin, I. De Harley (Scotland)	52	
7.=	E. N. Wilde, G. S. Gore	52	
9.	M. McGinlay, J. McNab (Scotland)	51	
10.	I. L. Snape, P. D. G. Law	50	
11.	M. F. Walsh, R. J. Fleet	43	
12.	M. A. M. Davies, G. E. Osborne	35	

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