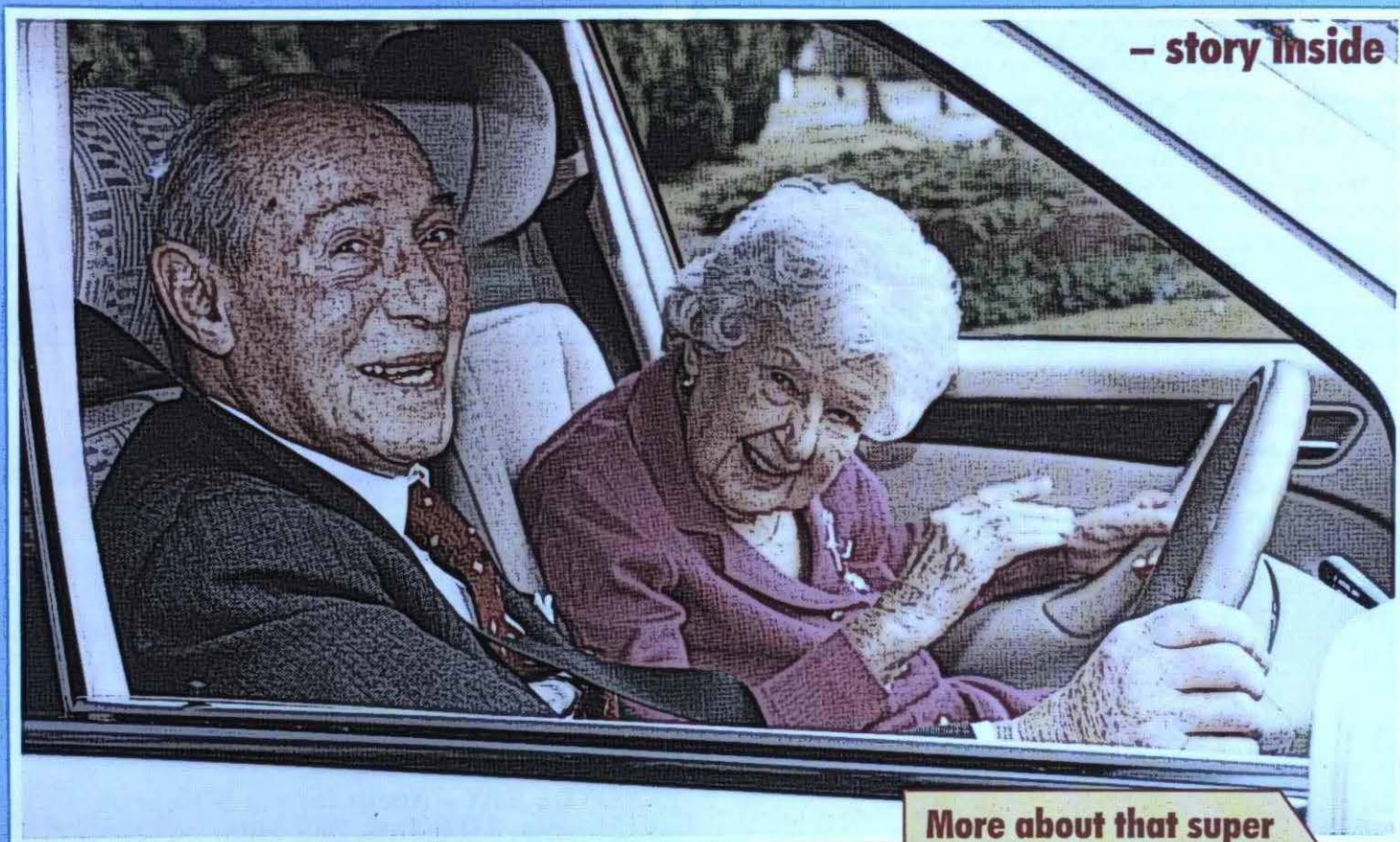


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Triumph in Tenerife for the England ladies' team and these are the players who lifted the European title: Heather Dhondy, Sally Brock, Michelle Brunner, Nicola Smith, Margaret Courtney and Rhona Goldenfield (with captain Jimmie Arthur and coach Alan Mould).

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## Proud of them all!

WHICH is the greater achievement: our top women players winning the European Championship in Tenerife or a player reaching his 100th birthday who still drives his car and is quite capable of giving a lift to a fellow centenarian who plays club bridge up to five times a week?

Well, I reckon there's nothing in it. In their different ways they are both outstanding performances and I'm sure every bridge player in the land would want to join in the all-round congratulations.

Of course, it made choosing front cover illustration a tricky decision. I had Teddy Woolf and his friend Bobby Price lined up for it (are they not a smashing looking pair?) until our wonderful women came along and swept aside the opposition in Tenerife.

Was there any choice but to use them both?

It should be remembered that the victory in Tenerife was the first for an England team (previous victories were in the name of Great Britain), so the result is even more remarkable and EBU chairman David Harris fittingly led the tributes. He labelled it a brilliant success. Like the rest of us he was mightily impressed that they kept their nerve – not easy when you are a long-time front-runner.

On another tack my thanks to the counties for their support. Please keep the news (and the pictures!) coming in.

BRIAN COOK

## NEW GENERAL MANAGER

AS we go to press it has been announced that a new general manager of the EBU has been appointed. He is Terry Collier, 51, whose career has been largely in the sport and leisure industry. His last job was general manager of the Amateur Boxing Association. He takes up the reins at Aylesbury as from August 1. More about him in the October issue of *English Bridge*.

## Yet more cash!

STILL the cheques roll in! The EBU effort for Save The Children Fund, supported by clubs and individuals throughout the land, has received yet another boost. The £250 contributed by the Norfolk CBA from a simultaneous pairs event has taken the total to £39,464.69.

## Ton-up Teddy is an inspiration

THIS year's Reith Lecture touched on it: bridge is good for you. Experts have dwelt on it: bridge can give you a longer life.

Now the Heathercroft Bridge Club in Birmingham is producing compelling evidence, with two 100-year-olds in its ranks and one of them still a keen car driver.

Teddy Woolf, retired Midlands businessman, was 100 on July 7 and celebrated by playing bridge at two local clubs, Heathercroft and Moseley.

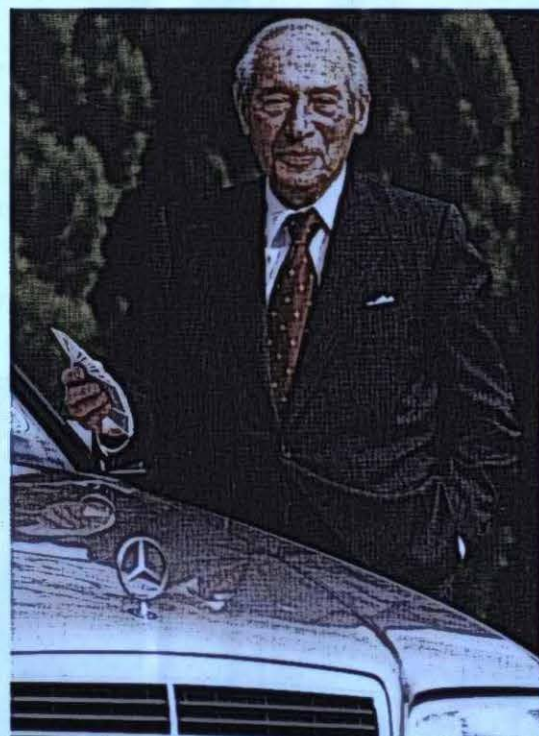
A great raconteur, Teddy will readily tell the story of how he turned to bridge in 1930 after taking a costly pasting at poker.

He might also tell you how he insisted on a Mercedes as his latest car because he wanted something that would last!

One of Teddy's partners is Bobby Price, pictured with him on the front cover. Bobby was 100 last November and remains a bridge addict, playing up to five times a week.

There were birthday celebrations for Teddy at Heathercroft and Moseley, with champagne the order of the day.

One thing Teddy has forgotten to do. He is not yet an EBU member. Tut, tut, Teddy!



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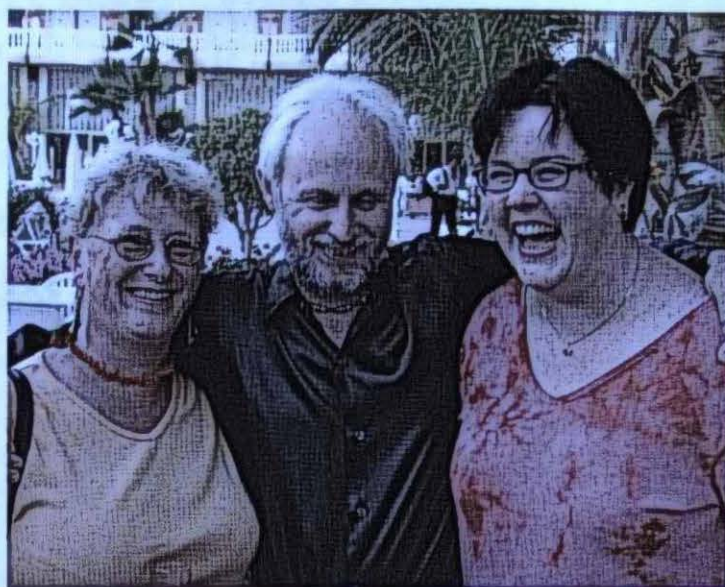
# Tenerife triumph

HATS off to our England ladies team of Heather Dhondy and Nicola Smith, Michelle Brunner and Rhona Goldenfield, Sally Brock and Margaret Courtney, plus captain Jimmie Arthur and coach Alan Mould, for becoming European ladies' team champions in the contest held at Mare Nostrum Resort, Arona, Tenerife.

These were the first European Championships since devolution of the BBL. Heather Dhondy and Nicola Smith were double defending champions, having won (with previous partners) in 1997 and 1999, representing Great Britain. For Jimmie Arthur the win also completed a hat trick. Sally Brock and Michelle Brunner had also won for Great Britain before, but Margaret Courtney and Rhona Goldenfield are European Champions for the first time.

Michelle and Rhona headed the Butler comparison of individual pairs' performances and Heather and Nicola were fifth.

'Didn't we do well!' The faces say it all. A hug for Sally Brock and Margaret Courtney from coach Alan Mould. Margaret is the newest England player on the international scene

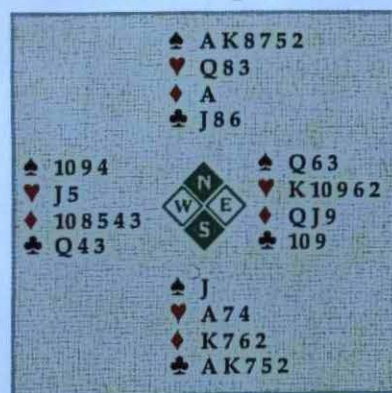


## A hand that set us on the path to victory

By Heather Dhondy

THERE were two goals to aim for in Tenerife: to finish in the top five and qualify for the World Championships – and, of course, to win the event.

We led from the third round, but about halfway through the event we came up against the old enemy Scotland. Michelle Brunner and Rhona Goldenfield bid to a thin 6♣ on the following deal:



West's lead was a diamond, which left Michelle with an awkward problem. She needed to set up the spades to discard her red suit losers, but even if the spades were three-three she had the problem of re-entering dummy to cash them.

If the ♠Q was coming down doubleton she could get to dummy with the jack, but Michelle saw a better chance than that. She cashed the AK of spades and ruffed a third one. So far so good. She cashed the Ace of trumps and noted the fall of the 10 from East. She now decided to play a low trump, figuring that if the queen was doubleton with East she could afford to duck the trick to East and still make the

contract, but if the layout was as it was above, West might play the queen, or even if she didn't, declarer could guess to go up with the jack and play on spades.

When West hesitated momentarily before playing low, Michelle drew the correct inference and went up with the jack, bringing home her contract. Note that the contract can be made on a heart lead as well, by cashing AK of spades throwing a heart, cashing AK of trumps and entering dummy with the Ace of diamonds and discarding the last heart on a fourth spade. West can ruff, but all the heart losers have gone away.

We went on to beat Scotland 25-4 and never looked back, winning the gold medal by 15vps. The World Championships are in Bali in October.

## THE FINAL RANKINGS

LADIES: 1 England 393vps, 2 Netherlands 378, 3 Germany 363, 4 Austria 361, 5 Italy 359.

These five teams have qualified to represent Europe in the Venice Cup World Teams Championships held in Bali, Indonesia, on October 20 – November 2.

England's open team final ranking was 14th (552), out of 35 teams. The five top teams qualify for the Bermuda Bowl in Bali. They are: Italy (first with 647), 2 Norway (638), 3 Poland (624), 4 Russia (616), 5 Israel (594).

Senior teams final ranking: 1 Poland 1 (519.75), 2 France 2 (506), 3 France 1 (480vps), 4 Sweden 471, 5 England 2 (Stanley – 468), 8 England 1 (Hackett – 453).

## Bridge at the pub boosts foot and mouth support effort

FOLLOWING the suggestion of Fownhope BC's Vic Bosson, bridge clubs were asked by Herefordshire CBA to devote a night's table money to the Rural Stress Support Group, which was aiding all people, not just farmers, in Herefordshire who were affected by the foot and mouth epidemic.

Vic himself organised a Swiss teams event with the landlord of the Green

Man Hotel, Fownhope, who gave generous support in the shape of a free venue and a subsidised price for the meal.

Altogether £1,220.50 was raised for the charity as a result of these efforts. 'It was an excellent result and I thank all clubs for supporting this effort,' said John Griffiths, the Herefordshire chairman.

Vic Bosson was also pleased with the result. 'It

all started in the Green Man really,' he said. 'I was hearing about the work of the Rural Stress Support Group and thought I would make a donation, but then I thought the county's bridge players may also like to help if the matter was brought to their attention. I raised it with the county organisation and it just took off. I'm delighted it has worked out so well.'



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## – AND WHITTAKER WILLIE HAS A LOT TO ANSWER FOR

### Williams John reports on the other England team in Tenerife

IN case you're puzzled I should explain that all the name badges at the European Championships put the surname first and the forename second. There were high hopes for the lads in blue blazers and we knew all about the importance of a fast start.

Our first match in a wonderfully testing marathon of 35 was against Belgium, who we knew had been waiting nine months for revenge after the way we mugged them famously in Maastricht. They bravely lined up with the same two pairs who had succumbed in the final shoot-out on that occasion and, given the choice, we put in the same two of ours against them.

To their great credit the Belgians played out of their skins for a 25-2 win. We were not caught cold, just beaten, but there's no doubt that this set the tone for a depressing three days when none of our pairs could settle into their best form and no luck whatsoever came our way.

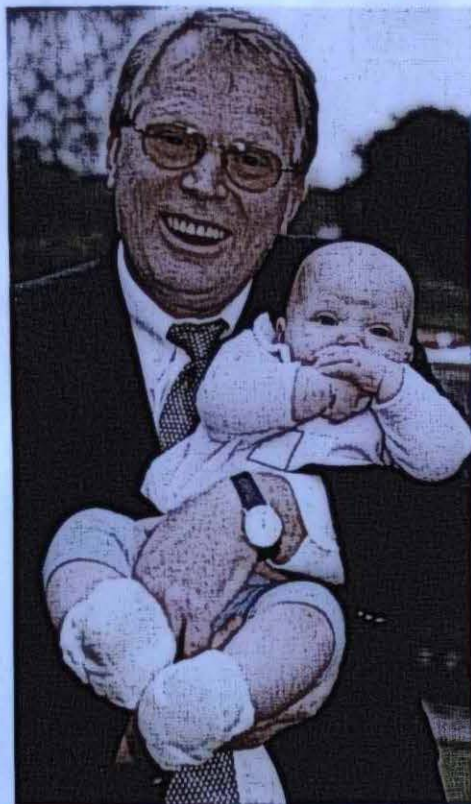
After 10 rounds we were 27th. Then, to the players' great credit, came a climb back, which saw us lying 10th after 29 rounds, with just six to play. A medal was out of sight, but 5th place – the last qualifying spot for Bali – remained a realistic target. During this period we had scored 14-16 v eventual gold medal winners Italy, 16-14 v silver medallists Norway and 14-16 v bronze medallists Poland, not to mention 18-12 v France and 25-2 v Sweden. (Hallberg, our very own shambling Swede, told his daughter all about it, but at eight months it's difficult to appreciate the finer points). It hadn't all been plain sailing, however: plain bad luck resurfaced at regular intervals to peg us back.

In the most important match of the tournament (v Scotland of course) a mad highlander whose badge described him as Whittaker Willie (he lost the badge early on) rushed out of the heather screaming 6NT – a contract which, a finesse and a three-three break later, changed a 20-10 England win to 15-15. And a little earlier Hallberg Gunnar had held as West ♠Q97 ♥AQ10854 ♦109 ♣42 opposite a dummy consisting of ♠none ♥3 ♦AQJ832 ♣AKQ965. The contract was 6♣, South having opened 3♠. He ruffed the opening spade lead in dummy, cashed ♠A (♣J falling from South) and crossed to ♥A to take a losing diamond finesse. He then came to hand with a diamond to lead a trump to the 9. What was unlucky about that? Only that the South player who had dropped ♠J from J10x came from Liechtenstein – indicating that there really are no easy matches at this level.

In round 30 we met Israel, who were on a similar score to ourselves. Burn David (we've tried, but there's too much liquid) found himself in 6♦ holding ♠J109 ♥Q4 ♦K2 ♣AKJ1085 opposite ♠K4 ♥AKJ7 ♦AQ9643 ♣4. He was playing from the short side due to the vagaries of a strong club system and partner, Callaghan Brian, didn't have enough information to convert with confidence to 6NT. A low spade was led and when declarer ducked in dummy, RHO won with the queen and returned a spade to the Ace. Well played Israel and we were effectively out of contention.

As an indication, Israel went on from there to reach fifth place. Had we reversed the result, who knows? – we may have sustained sufficient impetus to duplicate their run-in.

Well done the girls: we're all proud of them, as I am of Burn David, Callaghan Brian, Fawcett Joe (like it?), Liggins Glyn, Hallberg Gunnar and Simpson Colin, not forgetting Bakhshi David (coach).



Happy to at least get the better of his home country, England's Swede, Gunnar Hallberg, was eager to explain it all to his daughter, who was in Tenerife more to keep an eye on her dad than to take a serious interest in the bridge

## Competition to hot up for England senior places

A NEW feature of the European scene is the extra focus on the seniors' events. In Bali, alongside the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup, the winning seniors from each zone will contest the Senior World Cup.

While this year each country could have more than one team, from 2002 onwards there can be only one official team, so competition among players to represent their country will be as fierce as in the other events.

At Tenerife there were 20 countries represented and 28 teams competing. Many of them included past champions, England among them. The England 1 team, which comprised Paul Hackett, Bernard Goldenfield, Ian

### By Maureen Dennison

Panto, Ross Harper, Bill Hirst and Tony Waterlow, finished eighth, while the England 2 team of Keith Stanley, Derek Rue, John Collings, David Jones, Tony Sowter and Bill Townsend, came fifth.

For much of the event it seemed as if France would retain the gold they won in Malta, but Poland were hard on their heels and at the tape it was Poland 1 that took the gold, with the two French teams second and third.

Bidding and play of the 6♣ hand reported on this page by John Williams

was duplicated in the match between Scotland (declarer Irving 'Haggis' Gordon) and England 1, where Bill Hirst was defending.

You might have some sympathy for Gunnar, but Haggis should have known better. His only card of re-entry was the ♦9, which is known as The Curse of Scotland and that nothing good could come of it!

In the other room, where Waterlow was sitting East, South opened with 1♠, raised by North to the two level. He bid 2NT and South bid 4♠. This was passed back to Waterlow and he tried again with 4NT and passed partner's 5♦. Who can blame him for giving up on a slam?



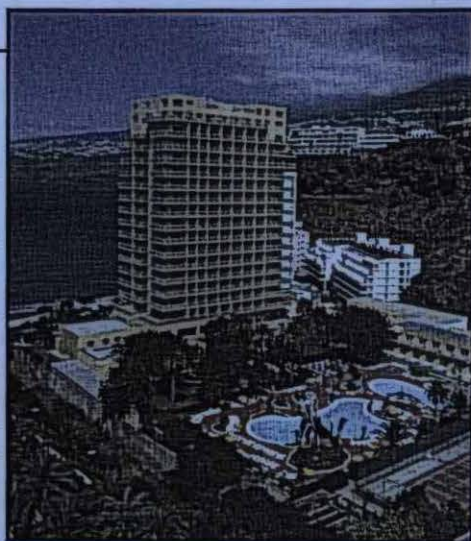


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# Bessant investigates

ON his return to bridge after 35 years away from the game Dave Bessant was interested to discover that the five card major version of a 'short club', with which players had been successfully experimenting, seemed to have fallen by the wayside.

It led the behavioural research scientist turned musician to wonder why this had happened and why the four-card system had been adopted.

So Dave, semi-retired, became a researcher again and from his home at Brading on the Isle of Wight he has spent much of the last three years delving into bridge statistics.

First he had to prove to himself that he could confidently use samples drawn from a computer deal generator. Did the machine genuinely produce a random deal?

Finally satisfied that it did, Dave was able to concentrate on his investigation into the merits of the four-card system, fully expecting to learn why the five-card system had been abandoned in its favour. Suffice to say that so far this has not happened.

In general Dave has been looking at the frequency of the various hand shapes and HCP strengths produced from random deals and he has come up

## MP president



SHORTLY after retaining his seat in the General Election Andrew Lansley, Shadow Cabinet Minister and Conservative MP for Cambridgeshire South, was unanimously voted in as president of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Bridge Association. Mr Lansley, who lists bridge as one of his interests in *Who's Who*, follows in the footsteps of MP Clement Freud, a previous holder of the post. See county news page 40.

## Taking a scientific look at hand shapes and their frequencies

with results which, among other things, seriously question the value of some standard conventional bids.

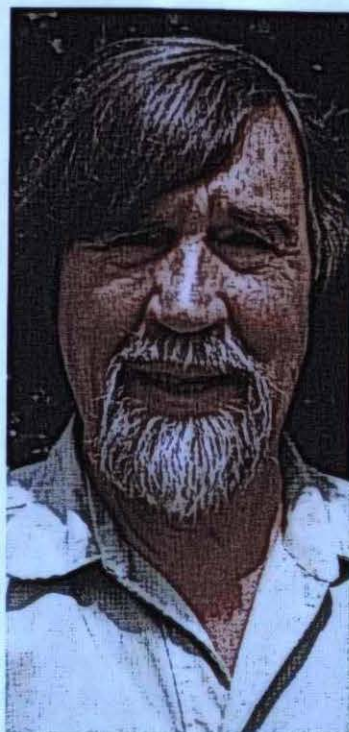
So is a five-three fit in trumps likely, on average, to produce a better result than 4-4? Do hands that lend themselves to use of the Stayman convention occur frequently enough to justify using the bid for that purpose?

Dave insists he is not setting out to pronounce on the value of various conventions. He says his aim is to supply facts on the frequency of particular card holdings and bridge players can, if they wish, use the results to help decide their playing style.

In forthcoming issues we hope to publish some of his findings and conclusions.

Dave, who is a member of Ryde Bridge Club, is particularly keen to link with other figures buffs to delve into the intricacies of bridge statistics. All his studies to date can be replicated by others, who may well wish to argue over any interpretation he has drawn from the results.

Anyone interested is invited to get in touch with him at Woodlands Way, Morton Road, Brading, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 0BH (tel: 01983 401452, e-mail [daveb.brad@btinternet.com](mailto:daveb.brad@btinternet.com))



Dave Bessant



## FISHING THE NET

WWW  
with  
Ken Rowe

ONE of the delights of bridge browsing on the internet is that we can now watch what is going on in an international event, wherever it is being played. It was possible to sit at the keyboard and follow the recent European Championships in Tenerife – and even watch some of the action, card-by-card as a hand was played. We could share in the excitement as it became clear that the England women were headed for gold.

It has always been a matter for regret that the mass of bridge players take no interest in internationals. This is mainly because only a few newspapers report the results (tucked away in some grey area), and by the time reports can appear in bridge magazines a lot of the excitement has evaporated.

Will the internet change all that?

I looked at three sites where the European Championships were being featured. The Swiss Bridge Federation site merely provided results. A better service was to be found at [bridgeplaza.com](http://bridgeplaza.com), with free, easy access. However the number of matches where play could be followed was restricted and the play of the cards had to be watched by cards being highlighted.

Without doubt the best site was [e.bridgemaster](http://e.bridgemaster). I looked at two complete matches where the English open team was in action against Israel and against Italy, the eventual winners. You can see the play of the cards at both tables and if you're not astute enough to see why one pair made the contract and the other didn't you can play through the hands again at both tables.

There were even pictures of the players (although England's Colin Simpson and Brian Callaghan were transposed).

Of course, many of the players are playing

unfamiliar systems, but that is not a problem. If you go to [ecatsbridge.com](http://ecatsbridge.com), the site run by Anna Gudge and Mark Newton from an old railway station in Suffolk, you can download the convention cards of all the players. You might even find a few good ideas for you and your partner!

England's Michelle Brunner is an advocate of traditional Acol. So what was she playing? Four card majors; weak twos (including diamonds), but eight playing tricks in fourth position; sound overcalls at two level; sound pre-emptive vul; 1NT 12-14, but 11-13 in fourth; fourth best leads, or second best with no honour; psychic bids rare. All that sounds fairly normal, but of course there were some more twiddly bits. Have a look for yourself.

While at the site you can find out about the players by looking at their biographies, beginning with the man who will always come first in any directory, the Norwegian Aa (first name Terje). For many of the players there are pictures and contact numbers.

The Hackett father and twins are there, offering to play with you as professionals anywhere in the world, with 'rates negotiable'.

The number of bridge sites continues to proliferate. When the American Contract Bridge League recently started to draw up a list they quickly received 3,000 contacts.

Inevitably many of the sites are becoming more commercial. Everybody wants to sell something! For example the e-bridge site already mentioned can only be explored after signing up, though everything is free for seven days.

But if you're jaded with too much bridge go to Richard Pavlicek's site, [rpbridge.net](http://rpbridge.net) and you can download the music of Bridge over Troubled Waters for light relief!



# Super Cyprus



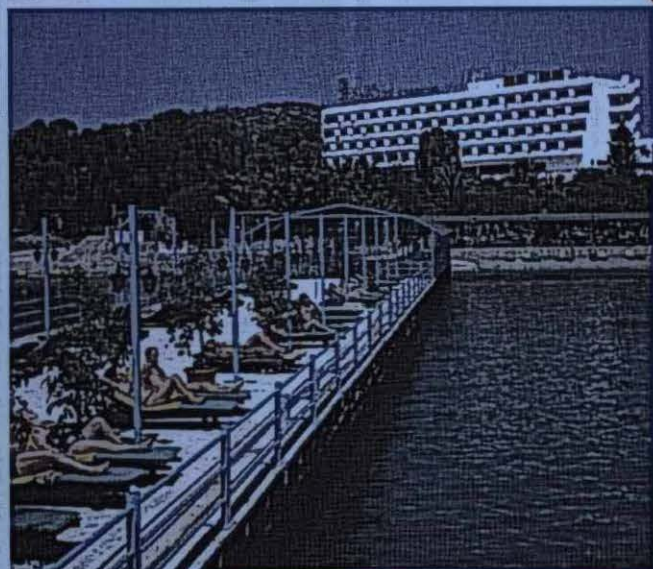
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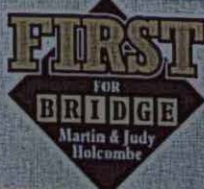
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Although the official closing date for entries was July 6, late applications may be accommodated. Pairs seeking team mates will be put in touch with any others who are in a similar situation.

Women's trials will be held on a similar basis. There are two stages: stage one (qualifying round robin) February 9,10 and 23,24; stage two (final) April 6,7.

The winners will be selected for the Lady Milne Trophy in June next year and offered funding towards playing in the McConnell Cup in Montreal in August.

A single entry fee of £200 per team covers all stages (no charge for junior teams).

Closing date for entries is October 5. Pairs seeking team mates will be put in touch with any others who are in a similar situation.

Junior trials will be held at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, London, from August 24-27, in two age groups, under 25 and under 20. The results will be used in the formation of a squad of players to lead to selection for the European Youth Championships, which are likely to be played in Torquay in July next year, and for the selection for the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer trophies in January.

Closing date for entries is August 17. It may be possible to accommodate players seeking partners. There is no entry fee.

Further details and application forms (where applicable) are available from Nick Doe, English Bridge Union, Broadfields, Bicester Road, Aylesbury HP19 8AZ; 01296-317208; nick@ebu.co.uk

## PRIZE

## BIDDING

*Solution to the June competition.*

Which Hand should West have for these sequences?

### HAND 1. Game all.

West	East	(a) ♠ AKQ73	(b) ♠ KQ43	(c) ♠ KQJ87
1♠	3♠	♥ 87	♥ Q87	♥ AQ
4♦		♦ A6	♦ AQ8	♦ AK82
		♣ AK87	♣ KQ5	♣ 98

With (a) West should cue bid 4♣, his cheapest first round control. If he cue bids 4♦ he will leave East worried that he has no club control.

With (b) West should bid 4♠ over 3♠. His hand has nothing like sufficient strength to envisage a slam.

Remember, a cue bid is a show of enthusiasm for slam, not just a device to pinpoint specific cards.

(c) is correct. If East bids 4♠ then West will continue with 5♥, showing first round heart control and drawing partner's attention to the lack of a club control.

### HAND 2. Love all.

West	East	(a) ♠ KQJ632	(b) ♠ KQJ632	(c) ♠ KJ973
1♠	3♠	♥ 5	♥ Q7	♥ Q2
4♣	4♦	♦ Q7	♦ 5	♦ K8
4♠		♣ AKQ8	♣ AKQ8	♣ AK87

With (a) West can bid 4NT after he hears of East's diamond control, bidding 6♠ unless two aces are missing.

(b) is correct. West has made a slam try with 4♣. After hearing 4♦ he has two choices. He can either continue with 5♣, showing second round club control, or he can bid 4♠. Either method should focus East's attention

on the heart suit. With this hand it is reasonable not to force the bidding above 4♠ as even 5♠ may be in jeopardy in the (rather unlikely) event that the ♠A and ♥AK are missing.

With (c) West was not strong enough to start cue bidding over 3♠. He should have signed off in 4♠.

### HAND 3. Love all.

West	East	(a) ♠ K87	(b) ♠ Q87	(c) ♠ KQ76
1NT	3♠	♥ 432	♥ KJ9	♥ 98
4♠		♦ A76	♦ KJ9	♦ 985
		♣ KQ43	♣ K1098	♣ AKQ4

(a) is correct. It is normal for opener to bid 4♠ with three-card support.

With (b) 4♠ would not be wrong, but this is a case where West has reason to believe that nine tricks in 3NT may be easier than 10 tricks in spades, even though there is an eight-card spade fit. In particular, West's holdings in the other suits might need

protecting from the opening lead.

With (c) West should show his maximum hand with four-card spade support by cue bidding 4♣ over 3♠. If East has no slam ambitions he will sign off in 4♠, which West will pass. If East has a borderline slam hand 4♣ might be just what he wants to hear.

### HAND 4. Game all.

West	East	(a) ♠ QJ10876	(b) ♠ AJ10872	(c) ♠ AKQ874
2♣	2♦	♥ AK	♥ AK	♥ AK
2♠	3♠	♦ AKQ73	♦ AKQJ3	♦ AQJ108
4♣		♣ -	♣ -	♣ -

With hands (a) and (b) cue bidding is pointless because West's only worry lies in the trump suit.

With (a) West should jump to 5♠ over 3♠, inviting East to raise one level for each top trump that he holds.

With (b) West should bid 5NT over 3♠ – the grand slam force. If East bids 6♠ (0 or 1 top trump) West will pass. If East has two of the top three trumps he will jump to 7♠. Note that West is content to be in 6♠ even if East has three small spades because the combined chances of a two-two spade break and a three-one break with a

singleton honour come to well over 50 per cent.

(c) is correct. West will continue cue bidding, intent on reaching at least 6♠ and hoping that a second round diamond cue bid from East will let West bid the grand slam.

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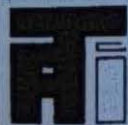
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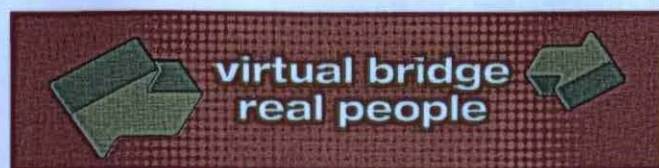
# Racing to be Online Masters

THE Online Master Point scheme, and how it ties in with the EBU Master Point scheme, was announced in the April issue of *English Bridge*. However, quite a number of our players are unable to earn ordinary Master Points very often by attending a local club in England, perhaps due to infirmity or disability, or because they live overseas. We have started an Online ranking scheme, which is separate from the National Master Point scheme.

My thanks to Philip Mason, EBU tournament committee chairman, for suggesting the structure of the scheme, which is simplicity itself: you become a One Star Online Master with 1000 Online Master Points and for every further thousand Online Master Points, you earn a further star.

Already, John Simm of Bolton has become the first member to cross the halfway point of 500 Online Master Points towards becoming a One Star Online Master!

Dieter Laidig of Germany and Velizar Petroff of Bulgaria continue to dominate the Butler pairs room. Dieter won the April competition with +876imps, just ahead of Velizar and Tiberius Kintch (The Dolphin), also from Germany, each with +860imps. Fourth was Peter Millar of Sark, who not only had a higher average rate of imps per board played, but also prides himself on partnering as many different players as possible. His present



By Barrie Partridge

count exceeds 240 different partners and he plays a very simple bidding system!

Another close score at the top saw Velizar retake the crown in May with +1094imps, with Dieter on +1043imps. By the time you receive this issue, Dieter will have visited England and a group of online players have planned a surprise party for him!

Steve Foster of Hertfordshire and Paddy Murphy of Bangor University have won the second Swiss pairs event organised by Tony Philpott in Wensleydale, despite losing their last match to second-placed Eric Nolf (Life Monster) of Fife, Scotland and Neil Prebble of Haslemere, Surrey. Six 12-board matches were played, one per week.

This board occurred in the first round of the competition when I played against Eric and Neil.

Board 7	♠ 9 8 4
Game all	♥ -
Dealer W	♦ A K Q 8 4 3
	♣ K 10 8 4
♠ A K J	♠ Q 10 2
♥ A 7 6	♥ 10 9 8 5 4 3
♦ J 7 6 2	♦ -
♣ A J 3	♣ 7 6 5 2
	♠ 7 6 5 3
	♥ K Q J 2
	♦ 10 9 5
	♣ Q 9

West usually opened 1♦. Most Norths passed and that left East with a difficult choice. At four tables, East passed. This left West in an ugly 1♦ contract that went four off at three tables for an equally ugly result. Where I was East, I bid 1♥. My partner, Phyll Norris (Pandora) of

Loughborough, rebid 2NT and raised my 3♥ to 4♥, which doesn't look a bad contract if you can't see the trump split!

Most in hearts were making eight tricks, but at my table Neil was after blood and doubled with the South hand and led ♦10. This was ducked in dummy and Eric ducked too. I ruffed and led ♥4. It was not at all obvious that South needed to cover this until I played the ♥6 from table, the deepest finesse I think I have ever taken!

I returned to ♠Q and finessed ♠J, which lost. I ruffed the diamond return and led another club to the queen and ace and gave up a club. Eventually I could get to the position where I could ruff a club in dummy if South didn't use a boss trump to ruff in front of me. The double allowed me to escape for -200 and a middle score, the same as if there had not been a double! The best East-West scores were where North-South intervened. One North doubled the 1♦ and ended in 3♦ himself, which just made for what should have been a deserved awful score, had not West doubled!

Alison Grimley of Bath has continued to organise multiple teams evenings, winning the most recent event with me, Victor Ridding from Manchester and Daniel Miller from Salisbury. Previous event winners were Linda MacFarlane and Andy Humberstone (Bug Eyes) of Leicester-shire, with Frances Oestreicher (Frisky Fish) of London and Dieter Laidig.

The most recent new event was a knockout teams evening won by Victor Ridding and Daniel Miller, with David Iorns (I give Up) of Cumbria and Bob Bradbury (I give In) of Derbyshire.

## Come and join us

If you have not yet tried playing bridge on the Internet, why not join us soon? All you have to do is go to our web site, [www.ebuonline.co.uk](http://www.ebuonline.co.uk), to find all information about the EBU Online Bridge Club, including how to register and get started playing; lots of help, tips, features and photos; details of the competitions and scoring, plus all the results archives. If there is anything that you can't find, or if you need any help, just email me at [Barrie@ebuonline.co.uk](mailto:Barrie@ebuonline.co.uk)

Online Master Points are now awarded for online play and are directly credited to your EBU Master Points account at one-third of normal Master Point value. Full details are on our web site.

The standard of play in the Online BC very much reflects the full range of players that you would find at your local bridge club!

In addition to our ongoing Match Pointed and Butler scored pairs, where you can drop in and out at any time, we have many special events such as Swiss pairs and multiple teams, which take place at fixed times. These events are announced in the emailed newsletter to members.

## A burning house is no excuse for slow play

ABOUT 100 members of the club participate in an email discussion group. Discussion is usually about interesting hands, online bridge and TD decisions, but we have much amusement, such as the following recent exchange:

From David Green (Luigi), Leicester: 'Last night opponent seemed to hesitate - then played - then said "brb" (be right back). So we waited and his

next message was "Sorry, the house was on fire!"

'That really is NO excuse! I think Barrie should fine the opponents for slow play.'

From Linda MacFarlane: 'I agree. The computer was still working as he/she typed in that excuse for the slow play. Those of us who go to the bother of ensuring our houses don't burn down while we play should not be inconvenienced by those who don't.'

From Steve Lee, Marlow, Bucks: 'I bet your opponent disconnected just so as he could phone the fire brigade. Some people have no consideration for others.'

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# A Beacon in the West

By GARETH EVANS  
a champion of the  
cause for juniors



It all started in a small town near Bristol when I began teaching Catherine, my elder daughter (then around nine years old) to play bridge at home, with her little sister playing the dummy. We gradually moved on to the local bridge club, where I was previously the 'junior' member by some margin. I was delighted, however, at how welcoming the members of Tudor Bridge Club in Yate were to the youngsters.

About four years ago a friend recommended that I take Catherine along to the West of England Bridge Club in Bristol on a Tuesday, where they have a Simple Systems night. We went along, won on the first visit, and were charmed by the friendly atmosphere. While the average age of the club was substantially lower, juniors were still a rarity.

However, it did not take long for some other members of the club to take notice of Catherine and Claire playing and over the next year or so a number of children of other members began appearing in the club's regular classes and soon moved on to playing at varying regularities on club evenings.

The membership at WoE has from the outset been very supportive of the junior activity, with many of the stronger players regularly offering youngsters a game. For some years a small group of members at WoE have operated a rota system to play with each other on Monday evenings. A new rota was established for some members to play with the juniors more regularly.

Several years ago I was approached by Alan Williams,

then general manager of EBU, asking if I would like to become regional youth officer for the South West. This led me to being involved with EBU's youth working party and generally looking at ways in which young bridge activity could be promoted and encouraged.

We realised that the traditional approach of directing activity through schools had a number of drawbacks. The increasing pressure on teachers and school curriculums, limited time (often school bridge is two hands per week during a lunchtime) and the lack of continuity when pupils move on to the next stage of education, which means youngsters are often lost to the game.

While we wanted to continue our efforts with schools we were looking for an additional way forward. Our conclusion was that activity based on bridge clubs may be worthwhile and we decided to pilot the idea of Youth Beacon Clubs – centres where junior bridge could be promoted and supported.

Returning to Bristol I approached the WoE committee with the proposal that the club become one of the first

Beacon Clubs. Not only did the committee welcome the opportunity, but promptly co-opted me to organise it!

Since that time we have been running regular junior bridge days one Sunday a month at which a number of members assist. These days are advertised to local schools and on the club's web site. Their format varies, being a combination of teaching, coaching and play.

Often we have complete beginners turning up whom we introduce to the game through MiniBridge. This coming weekend I am running some MiniBridge teaching, plus a challenge match between WoE and King Edward's School, Bath and, later in the year, hope to conduct another challenge match including a team from London. The main issue with these events is that they must be fun. They are typically a bit noisier and more hectic than your average club night and the teaching/coaching does not major on rules and formulas, but on playing as much as possible.

I believe it is important to integrate juniors into main club activity as soon as possible and

it is now rare to attend any club night at WoE when a junior is not in attendance (with the possible exception of Saturdays!).

Monday is the club's strongest night and the Monday rotas have now been refocused and automated by our resident computer genius. Six of the 20 people taking part in the rota are under 19. Playing with more experienced partners is a great way of bringing on the youngsters.

The club has also been very supportive to juniors in other ways. Last year the club paid for a minibus to take a number of young players to EBU's junior teach-in in Nottingham and more recently covered the costs in entering a team in the Young Bridge Challenge in Loughborough (coming third out of 31 teams). I am now working also with the county committee, which agreed to run a county under 19 pairs tournament from last year and sponsored an entry to the London junior inter-county teams.

Our game needs new blood and I believe that junior bridge is vital for our future. EBU is doing what it can to promote this, but we really need volunteers in clubs around the country to take up the challenge and start junior activities. My own experience suggests that teaching and play conditions should initially be quite informal, but the sooner youngsters can be integrated into the main club activities the better.

Bridge has a place in education, it aids numeracy and strategic thinking and encourages social development.

Anyone wanting more information about junior activities in the South West please contact me on [gareth@gsevens.freemove.co.uk](mailto:gareth@gsevens.freemove.co.uk) or via EBU education department.

## Young player(s) of the year

EBU's youth working party is pleased to announce the award of the title Young Player of the Year for 2000. This award is in recognition of great performance by a player under 21 during the year in question. Two outstanding candidates presented themselves for 2000 and the youth working party was unable to choose between them, so the award is made jointly to Oliver Burgess and Ben Handley-Pritchard.

Oliver, aged 17, and usually known as Ollie, comes from

Lytham St Annes in Lancashire. In partnership with Jeneiv Shah he came third in the under 25s trials (though he was clearly qualified to play in the under 20s!) and the pair went on to help England win the Junior Camrose Trophy convincingly.

Playing with Andrew Woodcock in the Channel Trophy, again for the under 25s team, he came a close second to the strong Dutch juniors. Ollie also did well in many open events during the year, crowned by his win-

ning the Great Northern Swiss pairs in partnership with John Holland.

Ben is 19 years old. He played with John Atthey in the under 20s trials, which they won (finishing just behind Ollie in the overall rankings) and the partnership went on to win handsomely both the Peggy Bayer Trophy and the under 20s section of the Channel Trophy. John, who is only 16, is looking a likely contender for this award in the future!

Ben, like Ollie, has played with success in

many open events, his big achievement being victory in the Eastbourne Bowl, the main teams event in the Autumn Congress.

Both players were also commended for their demeanour at the table. The youth working party is keen that standards of table behaviour are maintained and that the holders of this award set a good example to their peers.

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# When revoke penalty becomes a poor deal

QUITE often a revoke cannot possibly affect the play or outcome, yet one or two tricks are transferred to the non-offending side. I suppose the offenders deserve a penalty for their lack of concentration, but why should the non-offenders get an outrageous 'top' because someone has pulled out the wrong card? And what about the rest of the field, who will all be affected?

A classic example occurs in a 6♥ contract, with one of the defenders holding the ace and king of hearts. If his partner revokes before trumps have been played one trick will be transferred to the declarer. Thus, a contract that was certain to go down is made!

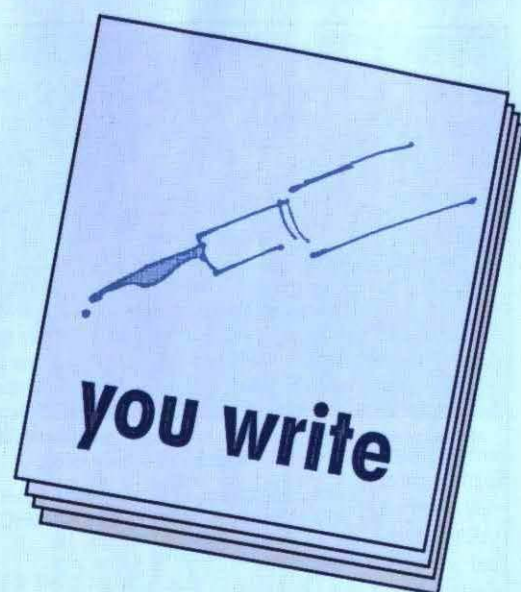
Here is another example from the recent Bournemouth congress:

The contract was 6NT and the lead was in dummy, which held ♠K J 10 3 2 (the ace and queen had already been played and the defence already

had one trick). The defender sitting over the dummy held ♠9 8 7 4 and ♦K (the ♦A had been played previously).

Quite clearly the contract was destined to go two off. Defender followed a club to the ninth trick, but plonked his ♦K on a club at the 10th. He then followed a club to the 11th and claimed the last two club tricks! The ♦K was a revoke so two tricks were transferred and a result of two down, which declarer deserved, was changed to a small slam bid and made. What a travesty of justice for the rest of the field!

Tournament directors have discretion to award more than two tricks if the non-offenders have been severely damaged. Surely they should also be permitted to exercise discretion in allowing an obvious result to stand where a revoke cannot have affected the play. – *George Pilcher, Deal, Kent*



## In search of best cards

'THESE cards are sticky, you must order some new ones.'

How often have you heard that? And the club official responsible orders either the type of cards that are in current use, or whatever is cheapest, or something that is plastic coated and might last a little longer.

Not many clubs seem to be aware that many bridge players have poor sight and could be helped by the purchase of cards with clearer symbols on them. At Patcham, at the moment, we are using Kentucky cards, which are the best we have been able to find, compromising between cost, clarity and longevity.

I am currently endeavouring to do a *Which*-style report on cards suitable for duplicate bridge and would be grateful for any information. Could you grade your cards on a scale of one to five for each of the three headings, with one being the lowest score, and adding any information that you think might be relevant.

I hope to have the results compiled ready for publication in an autumn issue of this magazine. – *Martin L Haigh, Brighton, Sussex*

## PODI not DOPI

IF one's LHO bids a suit over my 4NT Blackwood and my partner has no aces DOPI (Dble with none, Pass with one) calls for partner to double. The result of this, if the opposition's suit is higher than ours, is that I either have to leave in the double, which may give them a huge score, or I have to bid a slam, which I don't really want to do if partner has no aces.

The answer? Use PODI (Pass with none, Dble with one).

I'm grateful to two of my partners for so forcefully pointing out to me the superiority of PODI. – *Bill Medd, Woking, Surrey*

## What should these five conventional bids mean?

I WONDER if one of your experts could be minded to write briefly on the following:

A possible bidding situation is to be fourth in hand, with the opponents having shown two suits at the one level, partner silent, and oneself having the strength to enter the bidding, but either no suitable suit to declare or a preference for speaking in some other fashion.

Say the sequence is 1♣-Pass-1♥: then you have available four bids, which can only be conventional, ie 2♣, 2♥, 2NT and Dble – and some might want to add INT to the list. What does/should each of these bids show? – *R H Bird, Sevenoaks, Kent*

*Jeremy Dhondy suggests: Dble is take-out, usually with full opening bid values and not great shape; a 4-2-4-3 13 count would be typical.*

*1NT is strong and balanced; perhaps 17-19 to allow for the greater risk in bidding when both opponents have shown values and partner will have very little.*

*2♣ shows five or six cards in the other minor and four spades.*

*2♥ is often natural, as the major is important. The responder might have only xxxx in hearts and you already have a number of ways of showing two-suited.*

*2NT shows at least five-five in the other two suits and is similar in strength to a Michaels cue bid.*

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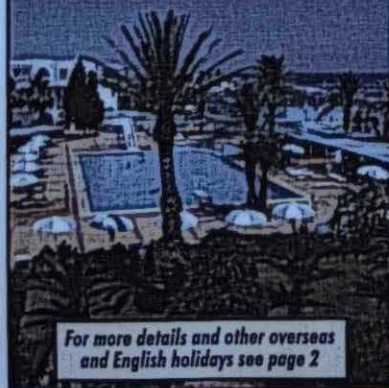
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♥ A73  
♦ Q52  
♣ K8

♠ Q965  
♥ K62  
♦ J  
♣ QJ1053

The key here is to recognise that although you seem to have plenty of winners, there is the prospect of losing a trick in each suit. Given time you would like to draw trumps and set up dummy's clubs for discards, but if you immediately tackle trumps the defenders will continue the attack on your heart stoppers. To succeed in this contract you will need to tackle clubs immediately, hoping that the suit breaks three-three. Win the heart lead in your hand with your ♥A, preserving the ♥K as an entry to dummy's clubs, and play the ♠K.

Note that if you wrongly win trick one with dummy's ♥K the defender with the ♠A can hold it up for one round, leaving you without a quick entry to dummy.

In the next hand you are also in 4♠, with North leading the ♠3. You have only three obvious losers and you have 10 obvious winners (five spades in your hand, two hearts, a heart ruff and two clubs). What can go wrong?

♠ AKQ98  
♥ AK74  
♦ J9  
♣ QJ

♠ J107  
♥ 86  
♦ 8543  
♣ K754

Suppose you win, play the ♥A K and ruff a heart. You cannot return to your hand quickly to ruff your last heart, so you must play clubs, but now an opponent can win the ♠A and revert to trumps, leaving you with the clubs blocked and with no way of avoiding a heart loser.

Correct timing is to play the ♠Q at trick two. Suppose a defender wins this, cashes two diamonds and plays another trump. You can unblock the ♠J, cash the ♥A K, ruff a heart in dummy and throw your other losing heart on dummy's ♠K.

The desire to get rid of losers quickly is strong and understandable, but declarer

didn't think things through on the next hand. The contract was 4♥ and the lead was the ♠Q.

♠ AK43  
♥ KQJ10  
♦ Q7  
♣ K105

♠ 5  
♥ 9865  
♦ AJ10965  
♣ 64

It seemed natural to win the ♠A and throw a club on the ♠K, but this was an illusion. After the ♠A K declarer tried drawing trumps, but North won the ♥A and played a third spade. Declarer ruffed in dummy, returned to his hand with the ♥Q and ran the ♦Q. When this held the trick he drew the last trump and confidently continued with a low diamond to dummy's ♦J. His complacent thoughts were rudely interrupted when South produced the ♦K, leaving declarer with black suit losers and no way of disposing of them. He had failed in his contract even though trumps were three-two with South holding the ♠A.

Declarer should have realised that the greatest priority was to preserve an entry in the trump suit to dummy's diamonds. The contract cannot be made if North has the ♠A and South has the ♦K, so declarer should attack trumps at trick two. Now, providing trumps break three-two, the fourth trump is an entry to dummy's diamonds if South is inconsiderate enough to hold up his ♦K.

How do you play the next hand in 4♠ on the lead of the ♥Q? Try counting your winners.

♠ A9743  
♥ 8  
♦ AK5  
♣ J764

♠ K852  
♥ A63  
♦ 7432  
♣ A9

If trumps break two-two you have 11 winners: five trumps in your hand, four side-suit top cards and two ruffs in dummy. It would be easy to assume that if trumps break less favourably (3-1) that you have 10 winners, but that is not necessarily the case. Suppose you win the ♥A and cash the ♠A K. Before you can cross ruff you need to concede a club trick, but South wins this and cashes the ♠Q, drawing two of your trumps and leaving you with only nine tricks.

On this hand you must not allow the defenders to cash a third trump, so you cannot afford to draw two rounds of trumps before establishing your communications. To retain control of the hand win the ♥A, draw just one round of trumps with the ♠K and immediately duck a club. On regaining the lead you can draw a second round of trumps with your ♠A before cross ruffing.

In the next hand you have been pushed to 5♠, doubled by North, in a competitive auction. The ♦K is led. Rather to your surprise you see that if spades break one-one a spade slam is lay down, but you must concentrate on the task of making 11 tricks if North has ♠K 6.

♠ AQ7432  
♥ 108743  
♦ 9  
♣ 8

♠ J10985  
♥ 2  
♦ A843  
♣ A65

It would be a serious error to cash the ♠A at trick two. You would then have to concede a heart, allowing North to draw two of your trumps with the ♠K and leaving you with only 10 tricks if hearts break five-two.

Once again you must concentrate on establishing the communications between your hand and dummy before touching trumps. At trick two concede a heart. When you regain the lead at trick three you can now safely cash the ♠A before embarking on a cross ruff. North will have opportunities to ruff in with his master ♠K but that will be the last defensive trick because North cannot draw two of your trumps at the same time.

In the previous two hands we saw that with a timing convenient to you it is usually right to draw losing enemy trumps with your big trumps. It tends to be correct to leave alone their winning trumps, but in some hands that policy can also damage your communications. In my last hand you are in 4♥ and the defence starts with three rounds of clubs. You ruff the third club and cash the ♥A K, breathing a sigh of relief when the suit breaks three-two. What now?

♠ AQ3  
♥ AK7542  
♦ K7  
♣ 74

♠ 965  
♥ 103  
♦ AQJ105  
♣ J65

The contract is now safe, but you must exercise care. Suppose you start cashing diamonds, intending to discard spades. North ruffs the third round of diamonds with his master trump and exits with a club, leaving you with no re-entry to dummy to cash diamonds. You now have a losing spade, and to add insult to injury you cannot even take the spade finesse.

A little care would have prevented this embarrassing outcome. You should have ensured your contract by giving North his trump winner before starting on diamonds.



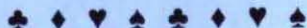
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# BE COMPETITIVE

When you started learning your teacher kindly gave you deals where the opposition did not bid. It's hard enough to get to the right contract without opposition bidding to put you off. But real life is not like that; opponents want to join in, too. We want to bid for lots of reasons:

- To show a good suit so that partner finds the best lead if our side defends.
- To win the contract – even if we get a minus score it can be a good result.
- To make life difficult for the opening side – why should they have it easy?
- To win the contract for our side. We can have a making contract even if they have opened.

Bridge allows us to overcall an opening bid of 1♣ with any call from 1♦ to 7NT.

♠ A  
♥ A  
♦ AKQJ1098765  
♣ A

Thirteen unbeatable tricks, you can overcall 7NT (dream on).

♠ KQJ109  
♥ 42  
♦ 8765  
♣ K6

Back to reality – you are more likely to hold this nine-point hand with five good spades. If you bid 1♠ over 1♣ you will take away some space from opponents' bidding. If you defend you want partner to lead a spade and maybe partner will have a hand good enough to raise your spades. Bid 1♠.

We open the bidding with about 13+ HCP because the deal is likely to belong to our side, but we often do so on a weakish suit. We can overcall with fewer high cards, but we will have a stronger, longer suit. Both hands will have about four or five tricks to take, but



Standard English  
by Sandra Landy

opening bids are more often based on high card tricks, whereas overcalls are based on long suit tricks.

♠ KQJ1087  
♥ AJ2  
♦ 6  
♣ K109

Fourteen good points, six good spades. Now you will want to show partner you have a hand with a six-card suit where game is possible. You are not just bidding to interfere, you really want to bid. Bid 2♠ showing opening bid values, say 12-16 HCP, and a six-card suit with about six or seven playing tricks.

♠ KQJ108732  
♥ 42  
♦ 64  
♣ 2

This hand has an eight-card suit, worth seven tricks even if partner has nothing. You must bid. But you would mislead partner if you bid 2♠, which shows high cards as well as a strong suit. Bid 3♠ if you are vulnerable – it's just like a 3♠ opening bid. You won't go more than two down. Not vulnerable bid 4♠.

Sometimes we get dealt a hand that is strong in points. Our having 17 HCP does not stop the opponents having an opening bid, too. We want to tell our partner about our strong values because the deal could belong to our side. Overcall 1♣ with 1NT on this hand, showing 16-18 HCP.

*What should the overcaller's partner do when partner overcalls?*

- With a fit give a limit raise as you would over an opening bid.
- Pass without a fit unless you have a strong hand, in which case a no trump bid may be best. Imagine partner has 10 points when deciding how many no trumps to bid, so proceed with caution.
- If you have a good long suit and values, then bid it. If you can't support partner, maybe partner can support you.

*Overcalls are exciting – don't be afraid to bid even with fewer than 10 points.*

All you need is a suit worth bidding.

## Competitive bidding when opponents open with one of a suit

HAND SHAPE	POINTS	POSSIBLE ACTION	TAKE NOTE
<b>Competing with balanced hands</b>			
Balanced, with no five-card suit	0-13	Pass	A balanced 12-14 may open 1NT, but it is best to pass with this hand as overcaller
Balanced with a five-card suit that can be bid at the one level	8-15	Overcall if the suit has two or more honours	With 13+ HCP the suit quality may be not so good, but with 10 points or less you should have a good suit
Balanced with stop in opponents' suit	16-18	Bid 1NT	Respond to a 1NT overcall as if 1NT was opened
Balanced, but too good for 1NT overcall	19+	Double first	Doubler bids no trumps next round
<b>Competing with unbalanced hands</b>			
Shortage in opener's suit	13 up	Double for takeout	This bid asks partner to bid their best suit from the other three
One long suit of six-plus cards	8-12	Overcall the suit if it has at least one honour	
One long suit of six-plus cards	13-16	Jump bid in your suit	
One long suit of six-plus cards	17 up	Just bid game in the suit or double first and then bid your suit	Sometimes just bidding game in a major is best. If you double, you must bid again on the next round. This shows a strong hand
Very good hand of any shape	21+	Double	Jump bid on next round

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# A disaster waiting to happen

NO matter how many auctions you discuss with your regular partner, this fascinating game still seems to throw up situations that you have somehow overlooked. What do you make of the following auction, which occurred at the hotly contested Spring Foursomes in Stratford?

As West you deal, with both sides vulnerable. Your hand is:

♠ Q73	West	North	East	South
♥ -	1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
♦ KJ974	2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
♣ KQ965	?			

What do you make of partner's 2♥ bid?

I polled a large number of players in Stratford. Everyone agreed that East had hearts. The question, of course, is whether his bid is forcing. The surprising result of my poll was that opinion was divided roughly 50-50.

Make up your mind what you think and then ask your regular partner. You may find that this situation was a disaster waiting to happen for you, too.

This was the full hand:

Dealer S,	♠ J964		
NS Vul	♥ A K J 7 3		
	♦ Q 8 6		
	♣ 7		
♠ Q73		♠ A K 5	
♥ -		♥ Q 10 9 6 4 2	
♦ K J 9 7 4		♦ -	
♣ K Q 9 6 5		♣ A J 10 2	
	♠ 10 8 2		
	♥ 8 5		
	♦ A 10 5 3 2		
	♣ 8 4 3		

Clearly, both East players intended their 2♥ bid as forcing.

I am/was of the opinion that it should be non-forcing, showing a hand such as:

♠ x x x
♥ K Q J 9 x x x
♦ x
♣ K x

So, I passed, leaving partner to play 2♥.

At the other table Scottish international and current World Senior Pairs champion Irving Gordon held the West hand. He thought 2♥ was forcing so he rebid 3♣. This was greeted by a raise to 6♣ by East.

As you can see, 6♣ was not a great contract either. Not only do you need spades four-three, but you also need a non-trump lead. At the table, North opened the defence with ♥K, so declarer ruffed, cashed his three spade winners and quickly cross-ruffed his way to 12 tricks for a significant pick-up.

Time now to test your declarer play. Many contracts hinge on guessing a two-way finesse for a queen and it is often right to delay the guess until as late as possible.

## What would you and your partner do?

Marc Smith looks at two fascinating deals from the Spring Foursomes

On our second offering from Stratford both declarers opted to take the guess early, with mixed results.

Take a look at the problem faced by both declarers: Vul None; Dealer North

♠ 10 6 3	
♥ K 7 2	
♦ K 6 4 2	
♣ A J 5	
	♠ A K J 7 2
	♥ Q 8
	♦ A J 10
	♣ K 9 3

The auction was similar at both tables:

West	North	East	South
-	1♦	Pass	1♣
3♥	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The opening lead was the ♣7 at both tables. Declarer played low from dummy and captured East's ♣10 with the king. When the ♠A was cashed at trick two West discarded a heart. How would you have continued?

At one table declarer was former English international and European Union junior champion Peter Crouch.

Crouch reasoned that West probably held six hearts, which left him with seven minor suit cards. It also looked as if he had led a short club suit, so he appeared to hold the diamond length. Crouch therefore led the ♦J from his hand and ran it when West did not cover.

Although declarer's reasoning proved to be flawed (in that West did not hold short clubs), his line of play worked like a dream. This was the full hand:

Vul None	♠ 10 6 3		
Dealer North	♥ K 7 2		
	♦ K 6 4 2		
	♣ A J 5		
♠ -		♠ Q 9 8 5 4	
♥ A J 10 6 5 3		♥ 9 4	
♦ Q 9		♦ 8 7 5 3	
♣ 8 7 6 4 2		♣ Q 10	
	♠ A K J 7 2		
	♥ Q 8		
	♦ A J 10		
	♣ K 9 3		

When the ♦J held Crouch cashed the ♦A (dropping West's queen) and then the ♦10. Next came a heart towards dummy. West could have risen with the ♥A to save the second overtrick now, but when he did not do so Crouch won with the ♥K, cashed the ♦K to discard his ♥Q, and ruffed a heart. Next came a club to the ace and a third heart, ruffed by East and over ruffed with the ♠J. When declarer then exited with a club, East had to ruff and then lead away from his ♠Q at trick 12.

A 'routine' 12 tricks: N/S plus 480.

You might think that declarer's play was worth only an overtrick imp or two, but that's not how things worked out...

Declarer at the other table, who has greased my palm in exchange for anonymity, took a slightly different line of play, with disastrous consequences. After cashing the ♠A to get the bad news in trumps, he played a heart to the king and then a diamond to the jack and West's queen.

He correctly rose with the ace on the club continuation, dropping East's queen. These cards remained:

♠ 10 6			
♥ 7 2			
♦ K 6 4			
♣ J			
♠ -		♠ Q 9 8 5	
♥ A J 10 6		♥ 9	
♦ 9		♦ 8 7 5	
♣ 6 4 2		♣ -	
	♠ K J 7 2		
	♥ Q		
	♦ A 10		
	♣ 9		

Declarer has made four tricks so far. Can you see how he must play to bring home his contract?

At the table, declarer cashed the ♦A and ♦10 and then led a club to the jack. East ruffed and led a heart to his partner's ace. East still had to make a trump trick at the end - one down.

Neither does it help declarer to exit with a heart rather than a club.

The contract can still be made, though. Declarer must remove all of East's safe exits before relinquishing the lead. After winning the ace of clubs, he must therefore play a diamond to the ace, overtake his winning ♦10 with dummy's king and ruff the fourth round of diamonds. When he then exits with a heart it matters not whether West plays a heart or a club. East is down to all trumps and declarer will play the club from his hand when East ruffs.

In the three-card ending, East must lead a trump away from his queen. Dummy's 10 will score, to take the finesse against the ♠Q at trick 12.

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Board 1

♠ A Q	♠ 7 4 3
♥ A Q 5 3 2	♥ K J 7 6
♦ 7 6 5 4	♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ J 6	♣ K 10

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North leads the ♦K. South overtakes this with the ♦A and returns the ♦J. North in turn overtakes this with the ♦Q and cashes the ♦10 before switching to a low club. Which club should you play from dummy?

Board 2

♠ A Q	♠ 7 4 3
♥ A Q 5 3 2	♥ K J 7 6
♦ 7 6 5 4	♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ J 6	♣ K 10

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	3♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North leads the ♦K. South overtakes this with the ♦A and returns the ♦J. North in turn overtakes this with the ♦Q and cashes the ♦10 before switching to a low club. Which club should you play from dummy?

Board 3

♠ K Q J 10 2	♠ 6 5 4
♥ A 7 6 2	♥ 8 4
♦ A	♦ K Q J 10 9
♣ Q 5 3	♣ K 7 4

West	North	East	South
2♠	2♥*	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble

\* 2♥ is a weak bid showing five-nine points and (usually) a six-card suit.

North leads the ♥K to South's ♥3, taken by West's ♥A. West cashes the ♦A and exits with the ♠10. South wins the ♠A (North following suit with the ♠3) and continues with the ♠7. West takes the ♠K, North discarding a heart. What next?

Board 4

♠ A J 9 7 6 5 4	♠ 10 3 2
♥ -	♥ J 4 3
♦ A K 4	♦ Q 6
♣ Q 8 5	♣ K 7 6 4 2

West	North	East	South
4♣	Dble	Pass	4♥
Pass			Pass

North leads the ♥K, which is ruffed by declarer. Assuming that North has all three trumps how should South continue?

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## My best hand ever...

DAVE Workman, of Crowthorne BC, Berks and Bucks, was playing a friendly, but serious lunchtime game of bridge when he was dealt the best hand he has ever had:

♠ A K Q J 9 4 2  
♥ A K J 10 8 6  
♦ -  
♣ -

'After brief consideration I felt I could not identify if partner held the ♥Q and that the odds were

thus against 7♥,' he said. So I opened as dealer with 6♠, which became the final contract.'

Dave's partner held:

♠ 10 x x  
♥ Q 9  
♦ K 10 x x  
♣ x x x x

'Clearly 7♠ is cold, but might partner raise to 7♣ after the following Acob auction?,' asks Dave:

2♣ - 2♦ - 2♠ - 2NT - 3♥ - 3♠ - 6♥ - ?

Dave is aware that in practice this would have allowed the opposition the chance to mention their seven-card club and diamond suits, so the auction might not have been so smooth. However, given his precipitous action we will never know.

Final lament from Dave: 'Bridge will never be the same as I can't conceive getting a better hand!'

\* The editor asks: Does any other reader have a best hand to report?

## Club Master, aged 14, seeks partner



Richard Grimshaw

You are never too old to play bridge, as our front-page picture and page three story make clear. But we should not forget that you can also start on this game at a very early age and that players widely apart in years can make up effective partnerships.

Richard Grimshaw, aged 14, was taught Acob by his gran, Wendy Brown, a stalwart of Cornish bridge, when he was 11. Now a Club Master, one of Richard's latest competitive appearances was in Cornwall's mixed pairs contest, in which he proudly played opposite gran and displayed not only sound playing skills, but a pleasant table manner, too.

When he stays with gran in Cornwall Richard plays bridge three times a week. He also found a player to partner on a weekly basis at the Isca Centre in Exeter.

Now he has moved with his family to West Hanney, near Abingdon, where his parents run The Plough Inn. Very keen to advance as a bridge player he is looking round to extend his horizons. He plays online with EBU, but would love to find a partner willing to play with him on a Friday or Saturday evening at a club in the Abingdon area.

Someone who, like Richard, is a Manchester United fan would do nicely!

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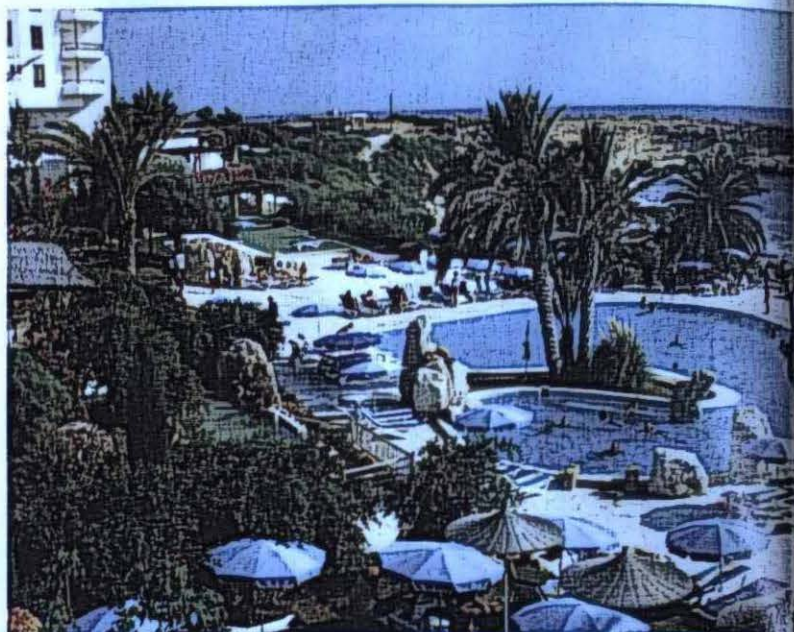
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- 10-19 Brighton Summer Congress
- 24-27 Junior trials, London
- 31-Sept 2 Junior teach-in, Loughborough

### • SEPTEMBER •

- 1 One day event: Surrey
- 8-9 Open trials stage IA (teams qualifier)
- 13-16 Isle of Man Congress
- 17-18 EBU Autumn Sim Pairs
- 22-23 Open trials stage IB (teams qualifier)
- 22-30 Guernsey Congress and Seniors Congress
- 29 One day events: Derby/Leicester, Gloucester
- 30 One day events: Cornwall, Herts, Leicester/Derby,  
Worcester, Yorkshire

### • OCTOBER •

- 6-7 Great Northern Swiss Pairs, Warrington
- 6-7 Open trials stage IIA (round robin)
- 10-11 BGB Autumn Sim Pairs
- 13-14 Open trials stage IIB (round robin)
- 19-21 Autumn Congress, Bournemouth
- 20-Nov 2 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup, Ball
- 26-28 Bridge for All weekend, Stratford



## Club Director Training

A number of courses have been scheduled across the country for the new training season and more are in the pipeline. This year all the club director courses have been revamped and relaunched with new names. Full details will be found in club and county newsletters and the October issue of *English Bridge*. For more details now, contact Paul. Write to him at Aylesbury or at paul@ebu.co.uk tel 01296 317206.



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## Tournament Diary

### BRIGHTON CONGRESS

THERE is still time to enter the biggest congress of the year, from Friday, August 10 until Sunday, August 19. There is bridge throughout this period, with the main competitions being the Swiss pairs (first weekend), the Swiss teams (second weekend) and the seniors' congress (Monday to Thursday – please note the revised schedule).

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### GUERNSEY CONGRESS

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### ISLE OF MAN CONGRESS

The Isle of Man is a popular destination for a major Green Point event. The congress takes place at the Empress Hotel on Douglas Central Promenade from September 14 to 16 and will feature three sessions of Swiss pairs in the evenings for the Keys Cup and two sessions of Swiss teams in the afternoons for the Tynwald Trophy. The long weekend draws to a close with a wine reception generously hosted by the Manx Bridge Union before the final session. Those attending the congress would be well advised to take a few extra days to experience this beautiful island.

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### AUTUMN CONGRESS

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### SENIORS CONGRESS

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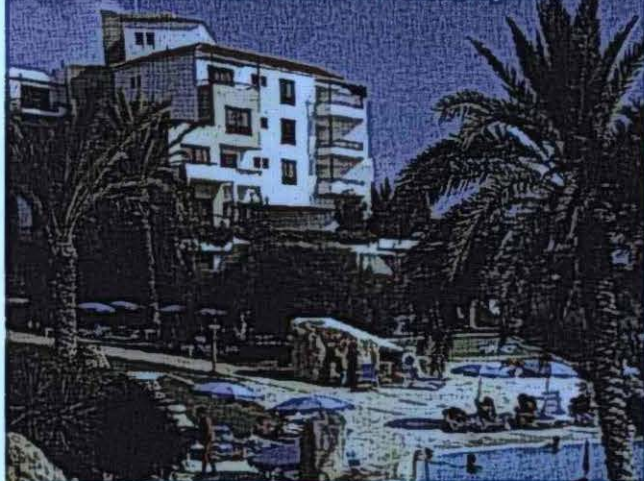
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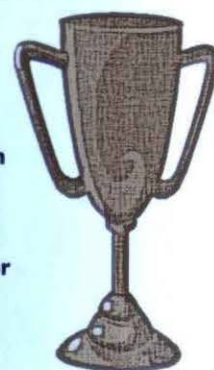
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# Sometimes an auction can fall to pieces!

OUR first deal comes from the 1998 McConnell Cup, the women's world championship. Judy Radin and Hjordis Eythorsdottir (formerly of Iceland, now resident in the US) have a tricky slam deal to bid.

1. Game All. Dealer East.

♠ A K 6 4	♠ Q J 10 8 3
♥ A K J 8	♥ 4
♦ 6	♦ K J 10 9 7 2
♣ A K 7 2	♣ 6

West Radin	North	East Eythorsdottir	South
-	-	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdble	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

East elected to give a positive response and to show her second suit thereafter. West's 5♣ was a cue bid, with spades agreed, and East's 5♦ was surely questionable. She held a minimum hand for her bidding so far and the king of diamonds instead of the ace. Partner continued with a cue bid in hearts, redoubling North's double to confirm first-round control. Now the auction fell apart. East intended her 5NT as 'pick a slam'. West interpreted it as a grand slam force (reasonably enough, since spades had been agreed by the 5♣ bid). A pair in a world championship should surely have sorted out the meaning of a 5NT bid!

Incredibly the crack German pair at the other table, Auken and von Arnim, had a similar misunderstanding. East opened 2♦ (showing hearts, or spades and a minor). West relayed with 2NT and East rebid 4♦ to show a maximum spade-diamond hand. Now 4♥ by West was intended as Roman key-card, but interpreted as a cue bid. East cue bid 5♣, an impossible Blackwood response, and West guessed to bid 6♣. A fortunate 17imps gained. What do we ordinary mortals learn from this? Know your system!

Awards: 6♣ - 10, games - 5.

Next we visit the quarter-finals of the 1998 Vivendi Rosenblum Trophy (the open world championship). Teams from Sweden and Brazil face each other in the quarter-finals and a potential slam hand awaits them.

2. Game All. Dealer East.

♠ K Q	♠ 6 5
♥ K Q 5 2	♥ A 6 3
♦ 9	♦ A Q 10 7 6
♣ K 10 8 7 5 4	♣ A Q 6

West Chagas	East Branco
-	1NT (15-17)
2♣	2♦
3♣	3♦
3♥	4♣
4♦	4♥
4♣	4NT
5♣	6♣

## Beat today's experts

By David Bird



How do you and your partner respond to 1NT when you have a strong hand, including a club suit of at least five cards? If you are playing minor-suit transfers, one good method is this:

- 3♣: shows a single-suited slam try hand,
- Transfer to 3♣, then bid another suit: shows 4-6 shape,
- Stayman, then 3♣: shows five clubs, possibly 4-5 shape.

The same idea applies when you hold diamond length. The Brazilians were not using this precise scheme, but they were playing that a new minor following Stayman is natural and forcing (much more useful than it being a limit bid or a sign-off). Several cue bids followed, including East's 4NT, which was played as a forward-going move, and the good slam was reached. Most unusually, the first eleven bids were identical at the other table, where Sylvan and Sundelin sat East-West. Over 4NT Sylvan (West) took the view that he had enough to bid 6♣ himself.

Awards: 6♣ - 10, 6NT (E) - 8, 6NT (W) - 6, games - 5, 6♥ - 3.

Here is another interesting deal from the very same match. East-West hold close to slam values, despite an adverse opening one-bid.

3. East-West Game. Dealer South.

♠ K 8 4 3	♠ 9 7 6 5 2
♥ A	♥ K 10 8 7 2
♦ A K 10	♦ 5 2
♣ A K 9 8 4	♣ 3

West Nilslund	North V.Boas	East Fallenius	South Campos
-	-	-	1♣
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠			

The West hand was too strong for a 'trap pass' and he entered with a takeout double, despite holding only one heart. Many players would overbid now when their partner responded in spades. (Indeed, a US player in another quarter-final did rebid 6♣ - albeit when East's 1♠ was a free bid after 1♥ by North).

Nilslund bid just 4♠, conscious that he might have some difficulty in disposing of his club losers, the suit having been bid on his right. South held A-Q-J of spades, so a slam could not be made. Even if you assume the spade ace must lie with the opening bidder, a slam is against the odds since it requires a two-two trump break. As it happens, even 5♣ proved too high at one table.

Awards: 4♠ - 10, 5♣ - 8, 6♣ - 5, 3NT - 3.

On now to the 2001 Austrian trials for the European Championship. How do you deal with intervention when you have a really great hand?

4. Love All. Dealer West.

♠ A K J 10	♠ Q 8 5 4
♥ -	♥ A 7 4
♦ A 4 3	♦ 10 7 6 2
♣ A K Q J 9 8	♣ 6 5

West Rohowski	North	East Babsch	South
1♣	3♥-	Dble	4♥
5♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Rohowski opened with a strong club (the intervention would be the same if you opened 2♣ instead) and Babsch showed some values with a negative double. Rohowski wanted to play at the slam level and therefore bid 5♥ at his next turn, rather than risking a double being passed out. When he heard of spades opposite, he bid 5NT - a grand slam force. Partner's 6♦ response showed one of the three top honours and the grand slam was reached. Note that the grand cannot be made with clubs as trumps.

This was the auction at the other table:

West Beider	North	East Schnitzer	South
1♣	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Not the best! Only two down for +300. Since West could reasonably undertake 5♣ on his own hand it was not a good idea to risk a double being passed out. Mind you, not many Easts would have passed. Since partner is likely to hold four spades and upwards of 18 points, East's hand looks like a 4♠ bid to me.

Awards: 7♣ - 10, 6NT/6♣ - 7, 6♣ - 6, games/4♥ doubled - 3.

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# Beat today's experts

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Our next deal comes from the semi-finals of the 2000 Olympiad, with USA facing Poland.

5. Love all. Dealer East.

♠ J 8 2	♠ K 3
♥ K Q 6	♥ A J 10 9 4
♦ K 7	♦ A 5
♣ A K Q J 10	♣ 7 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	Tuszynski	Cohen	Jassem
–	–	1♥	Pass
2♣	Dble	3♣	3♣
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Many Americans play that a two-level response is forcing to game, a method not seen much in Europe. This can result in missed games when 16 points face nine and the opener does not have a strong no-trump hand. On other deals it results in more relaxed auctions, where players do not have to jump to create a force.

Here Berkowitz could bid a simple 4♣, implying that he was not interested in 3NT and that a club slam might be possible. Since Cohen had limited his hand with the earlier 3♣ rebid, I don't see why he was unwilling to cue bid the diamond ace. West's 4NT was a general slam try with no spade control (as we saw on hand 2 there is little point in Blackwood when clubs are trumps). Holding the spade king, not to mention the diamond ace, Cohen was happy to accept.

Tuszynski gave declarer an anxious moment by leading a low spade. However, his earlier double had given away the situation and Berkowitz rose successfully with the king to make the slam. If you play in hearts or no-trumps, of course, you protect the spade king from attack.

Awards: 6NT/6♥ – 10, 6♣ – 7, games – 4.

We end in Bermuda at the 1999 World Championships (actually played in January 2000). USA1 face USA2 and the East-West pairs have yet another potential slam hand before them.

6. Game all. Dealer West.

♠ A J 10	♠ K Q 5
♥ A 9 6 4 2	♥ K Q 7
♦ –	♦ J 4 3 2
♣ A K 4 3 2	♣ 10 7 6

West	East
Martel	Stansby
1♥	1NT
2♣	3♥
6♣	6♥

As on the previous deal, the Americans were playing that a 2♦ response would be forcing to game. Stansby therefore had to respond with a forcing 1NT instead. His subsequent jump to 3♥ showed a limit raise in that suit. Judging that his hand was now worth a slam, Martel leapt to 6♣ to offer a choice of contracts. It seems

quite a punt to me, since East might have had values wasted in diamonds.

It is slightly better to play a small slam in clubs, because you may survive a 4-1 heart break. Playing in 6♥ you are likely to go down when either long suit breaks 4-1. At the other table Meckstroth and Rodwell bid brilliantly to 6♣, losing 2imps for their pains when all the suits broke evenly.

Awards: 6♣ – 10, 6♥ – 8, 5♥ – 7, 5♣ – 6, 3NT – 3.

Our experts scored 45 out of 60, their score blighted by the no-play grand on the first hand. How about you? If you beat their score, you did well.

The deals provided little by way of entertainment on this occasion, but they did contain several instructive points. Let's sum them up.

## Tips to remember

■ The advantage of playing bids such as 4♦ or 4♥ as Roman key-card in certain circumstances is marginal. Do not play such fancy methods if there is any chance that you will have a misunderstanding in unforeseen auctions.

■ When your cue-bidding style is to show aces or kings, you are entitled to refuse to cue bid a king-high suit when your hand is poor for slam purposes.

■ When you follow a Stayman 2♣ response with a minor-suit bid at the three-level, this is best played as forcing and showing a five-card suit. With 4-6 shape transfer to the minor, then show the side suit. With a strong single-suiter, jump directly to the three level.

■ When you have a very strong distributional hand do not risk a take-out double (which may be passed out for a poor return) unless your system leaves you with no other call. If a cue bid in the opponent's suit would be Michaels, or would have some other conventional meaning, it may be best to jump to game in the more solid of your two suits.

## CHANGES TO THE ORANGE BOOK

The EBU Laws & Ethics Committee has conducted its annual review of permitted conventions and agreements, and the following additions to the Orange Book 1998 will come into force on 1st September 2001:

- Main paragraph 12.2**  
**Sub-paragraph 12.2.3**  
**Level 2**

Add Note – additional distributional constraints (eg no four-card major) are permitted as treatments – see 9.4.2

**One of a Suit Opening Bids**  
**1♦ opening may be played as...**
- Main paragraph 13.1**  
**Sub-paragraph 13.1.1**  
**Level 3**

Add Special treatment: You may exclude a defined suit length from a natural opening bid (eg 1♥ = 4 cards or at least 6 but not precisely 5).

**One of a Suit Opening Bids**  
**Minimum opening bids**
- Main paragraph 13.1**  
**Sub-paragraph 13.1.2**  
**Level 3**

Add Note – additional distributional constraints (eg no four-card major) are permitted as treatments – see 9.4.2

**One of a Suit Opening Bids**  
**1♠ opening may be played as...**
- Main paragraph 14.3**  
**Sub-paragraph 14.3.3**  
**Level 4**

Add **Bowles**  
an opening 1NT shows precisely 5 Hearts and a maximum of 16 HCPs, Rule of 18. All continuations are allowed.

**One No trump Opening Bids**  
**Other permitted conventions**
- Main paragraph 14.4**  
**Sub-paragraph 14.4.4**  
**Level 4**

Add **Bowles**  
an opening 2♣ shows precisely 5 Spades and a maximum of 16 HCPs, Rule of 18. All continuations are allowed.

**Two of a Suit and Two No trump Opening Bids**  
**Other permitted convention**  
**(new sub-paragraph)**
- Main paragraph 14.9**

Add Amend heading to **Defence to One of a Suit Opening Bids**  
Note – defence to higher suit opening bids is covered by 12.1.1 (d)

**Defence to Other Suit Opening Bids**
- Main paragraph 14.9**  
**Sub-paragraph 14.9.4**  
**Level 4**

Add **Williams 1♦ overcall**  
An overcall of 1♦ over a natural 1♣ opening may be played as natural or balanced, any defined values (Note – a 1♦ overcall of a conventional 1♣ opening may have any agreed meaning – see 12.11.1).

**Defence to One of a Suit Opening Bids**  
**Other permitted conventions**





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## IMPROVE YOUR

# Which card to play in second seat?

WE have seen that, in general, third hand should play high, doing his best to either win the trick or ensure that declarer does not win a cheap trick to which he is not really entitled.

The situation for second hand, when the first play to the trick comes from either declarer or dummy, is rather different. To a considerable degree this is because second hand is playing in front of partner. In other words, he does not have to make quite such an all-or-nothing effort to win the trick because partner will still have an opportunity to win it.

There are many situations in which it is correct for second hand to play low. Take these suit combinations:



If South leads low towards the queen and West goes in with the king, South will make one trick in cases (a) and (b), and three tricks in cases (c) and (d). If, on the other hand, West plays low, South will make no trick in (a), has a guess for the 10 in (b) and will only make a trick if he guesses correctly, and will be held to two tricks in (d), though still making three in (c).

The general principle involved is that high cards are meant to beat other high cards and if they are played on a trick where the opposition only contribute small cards then they are not doing their job as effectively as they might do.

Although it will generally be correct to play low in each of the situations above, it is not quite certain that this will be

the winning strategy on any particular deal. Particularly when playing in a suit contract, if declarer holds, say, Qx opposite Axx in a side suit, he may well lead low towards the Qx on the first round and, if the defender does not take his king immediately, he may never get another chance as the third round will be ruffed. So there is a certain amount of judgement required and even the best player will occasionally make a losing decision.

In examples (a), (c) and (d) declarer has had no real option; if second hand played low, he would have gone up with North's honour. Another way in which playing low can win is when declarer does have a choice of plays and going up with your honour would save him from a guess. For example:



In (a) declarer has a choice of putting in dummy's jack or king, with either being equally



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likely to hold his losers to only one. If West goes up with his ace, declarer cannot guess wrongly and will never lose two tricks. Likewise in (b), if West plays low smoothly then declarer is as likely to put in the 10 as the queen and would then lose two tricks in the suit. If West plays the king, or hesitates noticeably before playing low, declarer will lose only one trick.

In (c), declarer can either finesse the jack or he can go up with the ace and run the jack on the next round. In the latter case West makes his queen, while if he plays it in front of the ace he always loses it. Likewise in (d), where declarer has a two-way finesse for the jack. If West plays the jack on the first round, the two-way guess becomes a certainty for declarer.

Where second hand's honour card is held only doubleton, the correct play may depend on whether he has an opportunity to actually win the trick.

(a)

♠ Q 7 5	♠ K 2	♠ 10 9 8 4
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(b)

♥ J 7 5	♥ Q 2	♥ 10 9 8 4
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In both cases, if South leads towards dummy's honour, it will often be correct to take West's honour now, though this is by no means certain to be correct. If, however, declarer leads up towards the king and second hand holds ace doubleton, it will usually still be correct to duck the ace.

Where the play of the doubleton honour cannot win the trick, it will usually be correct to play low.

(c)

♦ A Q 7 3 2	♦ K 5	♦ 10 9 8 4
	♦ J 6	

(d)

♣ A K 4 3 2	♣ Q 5	♣ 10 9 8 7
	♣ J 6	

In each case, if South leads the six, putting up West's honour allows him to make three tricks, while playing low holds him to just two tricks as



his jack falls on the second round at the same time as West's honour, rather than being cashed separately, as happens if West wastes his honour on the first trick.

If second hand holds two touching honours it may be correct to play one of them to ensure that declarer does not make a cheap trick.

(a)

♥ K 10 3	♥ Q J 4	♥ 10 9 8 4
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(b)

♥ Q 9 7	♥ J 10 4	♥ 10 9 8 4
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In each case there is some danger that if West plays low on South's lead of a small card, then declarer might put in the 10 and nine respectively from dummy and not lose a trick to West's holding. Splitting West's honours ensures that this cannot happen and that normally he will come to a trick in the suit.

Sometimes, however, splitting second hand's honours can only help declarer.

(c)

♦ A K 10 5	♦ Q J 4	♦ 10 9 8 4
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(d)

♠ K Q 9 5	♠ J 10 4	♠ 10 9 8 4
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In (c) declarer may intend to simply play off the ace and king from dummy. If West splits his honours on the first lead of the suit, declarer may change his mind and take a finesse against the remaining honour. In (d) declarer's normal play is low to an

honour and, if East holds the ace, that will mean that West has a trick on the third round of the suit. Putting in the 10 or jack on the first round will lead to declarer holding his losses in this suit to just one trick.

In the above examples there was some temptation to split West's honour holding because North held the nine or 10 and declarer might decide to play that card. When dummy's honour is backed up only by small cards this is no longer a worry.

(a)

♠ K 6 3	♠ Q J 4 2	♠ 10 9 8 4
	♠ A 10 9 5	

(b)

♥ K 6 2	♥ Q J 4 3	♥ A 8 7
	♥ 10 9 5	

In (a), when declarer leads the five towards dummy, there is no point in playing an honour. If West plays low, either North plays the king or East will win a cheap trick and West will have control of the fourth round of the suit. If West wastes an honour at this point declarer can take three tricks in the suit. In (b), if West plays an honour on the five, declarer's 10-nine become equals against his remaining honour and declarer comes to a trick in the suit. If West plays low, the king loses to the ace and the queen and jack are both winners for West. Of course, if declarer does not play the king, but instead plays low from the North hand, East wins a cheap trick with the seven and still has the ace to

beat the king when the suit is next played.

What about this one?

♥ A J 9	♥ K Q 6	♥ 10 9 8 4
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Should West split his honours when South leads low towards this holding in the North hand? Generally the answer is that West should play low. If South has only small cards the normal technique is for him to play low to the nine, as that leaves him with a winning finesse on the second round of the suit whenever West holds K10x(x) or Q10x(x) – roughly twice as likely as his holding KQx(x). If, however, West can see that one defensive winner from this suit will guarantee the defeat of the contract, then splitting his honours is the safer line of defence. After all, declarer may hold the 10 himself, or may have two small and simply need to avoid any loser in the suit to see him home.

I have talked in this article as though it was always declarer leading up towards an honour holding that second hand could see in dummy. In most cases, if he is instead leading from dummy towards a concealed holding in his own hand, the defender should assume the most likely honour holding in declarer's hand and defend as though that was the case.

Second hand play is often not a sure thing and only experience can lead a defender to a higher success rate but, in the meantime, following the suggestions above should minimise his errors and misjudgements.

## You'll never know unless you ask!

I WAS directing at the local bridge club in a pairs competition when I was called to a table where a novice pair from the bridge class was playing. North had called me because, she said, unauthorised information had been passed across the table. The bidding went:

W	N	E	S
-	Pass	1♠	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dbf	Pass
?			

At this point the novice West asked his partner if the double was for takeout or for penalties! 'Penalties,' came the reply. 'OK,' said West and passed.

For obvious reasons I had never come across this before!

David Conley, Keighley, Yorks.



HOW would you and your favourite partner bid these hands?

♠ J 7 2	♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ A J 10 6	♥ K 7 5 4
♦ Q 9 8 2	♦ A 3
♣ A 7	♣ Q J 8

A typical auction might go:

West	East
1NT	2♣
2♥	3♥
No	

In an analogous situation in the qualifying round six of the 2000 Bermuda Bowl world teams championships, the above auction was produced by France. Declarer lost to the ♥Q and went one down, minus 50. Not to worry, as Norway had the same auction and were also one down. No swing.

Are you irritated by results such as these? I was too, until I found a better way to deal with these situations.

What does one seek to achieve here?

- ♦ To locate a major suit fit
- ♦ To invite game

1NT-2♣ does the first part; raising to the three-level (or rebidding 2NT) does the second part. Wouldn't it be great if we could combine both features and still be able to stop at the two-level? One tends to take lots of our bidding system for granted, such as Stayman. Have you not wondered whether there could be something superior? Something which includes all the important aspects but can do it better, by stopping lower when game values are not present, or by discovering more?

I suggest that after 1NT, 2♣ should be a puppet, forcing opener to bid 2♦. Instead of asking opener for majors, responder can use this to give information to opener. With the above hands, the bidding would start 1NT-2♣; 2♦-2♥ where the 2♥ bid shows a heart suit and game invitational values. With support for hearts, opener passes because of the minimum values. Stopping at 2♥ has to be an improvement, whether the game is pairs or teams or rubber. With the same pattern and a maximum, opener would rebid 4♥.

This has a similar theme:

♠ 10 6 5 2	♠ A Q 7 4
♥ A K	♥ 6 4 3 2
♦ J 5 4	♦ 8 6 2
♣ A K 8 3	♣ Q 5

West	East
-	No
1NT*	2♣
2♣	3♣
No	

\* 15-17

Many might reproduce this simple Stayman sequence by Meckstroth & Rodwell from the 2000 Bermuda Bowl Final (Board 15). It was one level too high, eight tricks, minus 100. At the other table Chagas & Branco bid to 4♣ and were minus 300. Their auction went No-1♣; 1♣-2♣; 3♣-4♣. In the play-off for third place,

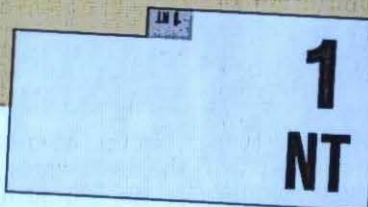
## by Ron Klinger

world famous bridge teacher and author

Wolfson-Silverman (USA 2) also had a simple Stayman auction, 1NT-2♣ (2♥ by South); 2♣-3♣; 4♣ for minus 200. Our auction would stop in 2♣.

Although the 1NT in the hand shown was 15-17, the methods apply just as well for 12-14, or any range 1NT. They can also be used effectively after a 1NT overcall or a re-opening 1NT. If your 1NT opening is allowed to include a 5-card major, that is covered as well.

## Klinger's new improved replies to



With enough for game and interested in opener's shape or major suit holdings, the bidding starts 1NT-2♣; 2♦-2NT. The 2NT rebid is game-forcing and opener describes the nature of his hand. This enables us to avoid the pitfall on this deal:

Dealer South. Love All.

♠ A Q 7 5	♠ K 8 4 3 2
♥ A K 6	♥ 10 9 8
♦ 6 4 2	♦ A K
♣ Q 7 6	♣ J 8 4

In the final of the 1992 World Olympiad Women's Teams, Great Britain and Austria reached 4♣. Austria had a normal transfer auction: 1NT (15-17)-2♥; 2♣-3NT; 4♣-No. The defence started with ♠A, ♠K and a club ruff. As there was a heart to lose that was one down. Playing our puppet methods with a game-force rebid of 2NT, we would land in the laydown 3NT.

There is a strong fringe benefit to the 2♣ puppet. It allows you to bail out into 2♦, a feat not available when playing Stayman and standard transfers. Witness this deal:

Dealer North:	♠ A Q 4
All Vul	♥ Q 8 5 4
	♦ Q 10 2
	♣ A 7 3

♠ J 7 3 2	♠ K 10 6
♥ J 9 3	♥ K 10 7 6 2
♦ K 5	♦ J 8
♣ K 9 4 2	♣ Q 10 5

♠ 9 8 5
♥ A
♦ A 9 7 6 4 3
♣ J 8 6

In the semi-finals of the 1998 Rosenblum world teams, the Italian North-South played 3♦ via 1NT (weak)-2NT (transfer to diamonds); 3♣ (some values in diamonds)-3♦; No. That went one down. Declarer lost two spades, two clubs and a diamond. No swing, since the USA also finished in 3♦ after a 1♣ opening.

Whatever the merits of 3♦, it must be better to play in 2♦, since there will also be days when there are two trump losers. Playing 2♣ puppet, we might buy the hand in 2♦, for the bidding would start:

West	North	East	South
-	1NT	No	2♣
No	2♦	No	No
?			

A strong West might compete with a takeout double (would you?) but in your regular club games, 2♦ is likely to buy the contract. If West does re-open the bidding, you can always push to 3♦ later.

One brief article is not enough to deal with all the aspects of this new approach but I have just published a book\* with more detail. Part 1 is *Better Bidding without Stayman*, Part 2 covers *Much Better Transfer Sequences* and Part 3 has *Advanced Methods*, which would eliminate this awful result:

Dealer East	♠ 5
N-S vul	♥ K J 10
	♦ 7 6 5 4
	♣ A K J 4 3

♠ Q 10 8 7 2	♠ K J 6
♥ 7 6 5 3	♥ 9 8 4
♦ A Q	♦ 9 8 2
♣ Q 7	♣ 10 9 8 5

♠ A 9 4 3
♥ A Q 2
♦ K J 10 3
♣ 6 2

In the 2000 World Olympiad Seniors Teams, Round 15, the English N-S bid 1NT-3NT, very bold, but not very becoming. Down three, minus 300, after a spade lead. Our 'advanced' sequences can locate the short suit, thus warning opener against 3NT, and reach 5♦, which can be made by careful play. As the datum (average) was E-W 70, it seems many pairs had problems with these North-South cards.

\* Bid Better, Much Better after your 1NT Opening (Gollancz) £8.99

## ZIA SAYS...

Zia Mahmood, the American Contract Bridge League's Player of the Year for the third time: 'I am not afraid to look stupid (if you do some of the things I often do some of them are bound to misfire). I am firmly of the opinion that the great players do not mind looking foolish, or inelegant. Too many players want to win the postmortem rather than to pick up points at the table.'



# The Lady Milne proves a perfect warm-up contest for England

THE Lady Milne is an annual event formerly fought out between ladies' teams of the home nations. In the last few years Eire have joined in the competition and, for the first time, were playing hosts. The venue was the lovely coastal town of Malahide just north of Dublin. The weather was agreeable and although the sea didn't look all that inviting, walking alongside it was a pleasure.


England went with high hopes, having won for the last five years, but with a rather different team than in recent times. Margaret Courtney was making her debut and four seasoned campaigners in Nicola Smith, Sally Brock, Michelle Brunner and Rhona Goldenfield were returning to the team after many years of absence.

It didn't take long for the action to start. On our very first board we were playing Eire and Nicola and I picked up these cards

Nicola	Heather
♠1096	♠AJ52
♥AK8	♥Q3
♦K986	♦AQ432
♣J72	♣AK
Pass	2NT
3♣	3♦
4NT	6♦
All Pass	

3♣ was five-card Stayman and 4NT was quantitative. Although I was minimum in high cards, the shape of the hand was strong. I was delighted with the dummy, especially on the king of spades lead, but the contract is very good in any case unless trumps are 4-0. Cash AQ diamonds and AK clubs, cross to the third round of trumps and ruff the club. Next cash three rounds of hearts and finesse a spade. South is endplayed.

Sally Brock got a chance to show her fine technique in a later match against Northern Ireland on the following deal:

Game All	♠ A Q J 9 8 7		
Dealer N	♥ 2		
	♦ 7 5 2		
	♣ K 3 2		
♠ 10 4	♠ K 6 5		
♥ A 7	♥ K Q J 8 3		
♦ A K J 10 8	♦ 9 3		
♣ A 7 5 4	♣ Q J 10		
	♠ 3 2		
	♥ 10 9 6 5 4		
	♦ Q 6 4		
	♣ 9 8 6		
			
West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	2♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

South led a spade, which was taken with the ace, and a spade returned. It

## Heather Dhondy, reports on the five nations event in Malahide

seemed quite likely that almost all the outstanding high cards were with North given the auction. Sally could see nine tricks unless the hearts didn't break, but decided to give herself an extra chance by cashing the AK of diamonds. If the queen comes down she has no further problem, but if it doesn't, and the hearts don't break either, she is almost certainly going to give North a problem on the run of the hearts.

She was right. North threw a club as her first discard, but was already in trouble on the second and released her diamond. On the third she threw a spade, which left Sally able to exit with her last spade to North, who had to concede the last two tricks in clubs.

It paid to defend passively on the following deal against Scotland.

Game All	♠ Q 10 6 4
Dealer N	♥ K J 5
	♦ A 10 9 4
	♣ 7 3
♠ J 9 5 2	♠ K 7 3
♥ Q 6 4	♥ 10 3
♦ Q 6	♦ 7 5 2
♣ K J 5 4	♣ A 10 8 6 2
	♠ A 8
	♥ A 9 8 7 2
	♦ K J 8 3
	♣ Q 9

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

I led a club to partner's ace and a club back to my king. Now what? Nothing looks very attractive, and at the other table they played a third club, allowing

Michelle to discard her spade. Even if she now misguessed the diamonds she was still bound for 10 tricks.

Back at our table I switched to a trump, being the least of all evils, I felt. Declarer, Vi Mitchell, put up the jack and drew trumps and I was thankful to see partner's 10. Declarer now played ace and another spade to the 10 and king and Nicola exited with a spade. This worked out better than what would look to be the normal club continuation because it forced declarer into committing herself in some way, either by guessing diamonds, or by ruffing away her potential spade menace. She felt that she had a full count on the hand and played the hand with three diamonds to hold the queen - very unlucky.

However, the unluckiest story about this hand came from the other match where West decided, from her unattractive collection, to lead a trump from her Q64. Declarer played low to the 10 and ace, and then confidently played a trump to the king! She also failed to find the queen of diamonds and went one down.

England won by a convincing margin and we finished the weekend in good spirits, having all got to know each other a lot better.

It proved an excellent preparation for the European Championships in Tenerife, for which we fielded the same team, but that thrilling event you have already read about on page five!

## A strong pass!

THIS is a true story. My wife and I were playing a game of friendly bridge with neighbours and the auction went as follows:

Pass-Pass-Pass-Double. After a moment of consternation, the husband of the player who had doubled tried to explain that you can only double if a suit has been bid.

However she insisted that her teacher had taught her that if you have 16 points, you must double! Alain Meath Evans, London

## Honour for Laurens Hoedemaker

LAURENS HOEDEMAKER has received a top honour from his country for outstanding achievements during his term of office as chairman of the Dutch Bridge Federation.

The order Ridder (Knight) in de Orde van Oranje Nassau was awarded to Mr

Hoedemaker by Benk Korthals, Dutch Minister of Justice, on behalf of Beatrix, Queen of the Netherlands.

Mr Hoedemaker was chairman of the federation for seven years and in that time enlarged its membership by 20 per cent to more than 110,000 members.

Several world championship titles were obtained and due to Mr Hoedemaker's efforts the Bridge Olympiad 2000 was assigned to Maastricht.

Armand Trippaers, who has been treasurer of the Dutch Bridge Federation, is elected as the new chairman.



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3\* Star Premier Regional  
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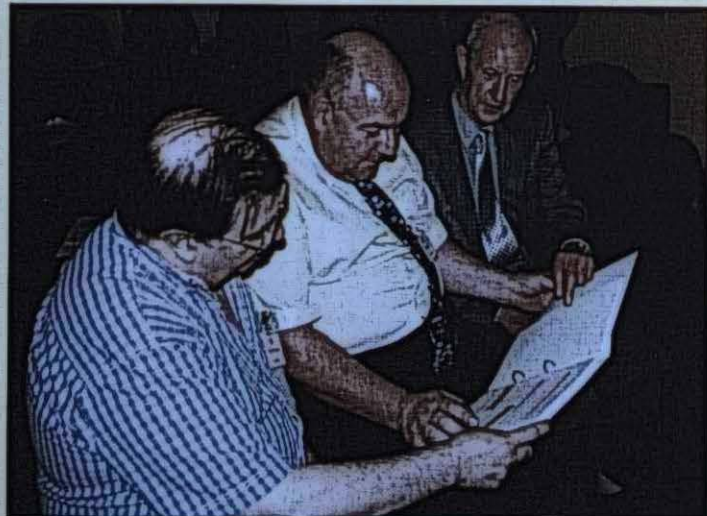
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John Pain, project manager of *Bridge for All*, explains some of the finer points to Robert Northage, of Leicestershire (left) and Geoffrey Bell, of Cumbria

## County secretaries at HQ for exchange of ideas

THE *Bridge for All* project, the EBU Online Bridge Club and the development of junior competitions were just some of the topics on the agenda when county secretaries from all round the country, including the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, converged on EBU headquarters at Aylesbury in June.

The varied programme was aimed at informing delegates as well as giving them the opportunity to contribute their own views and experience.

For some it was their first visit to the EBU offices and Philip Mason, board member and tournament committee chairman, who chaired the meeting, warmly welcomed them.

It proved a full day for the county officials. 'I think it was very worthwhile for both delegates and staff,' said Philip afterwards. 'Many interesting ideas were floated and there was a very useful exchange of ideas and information.'



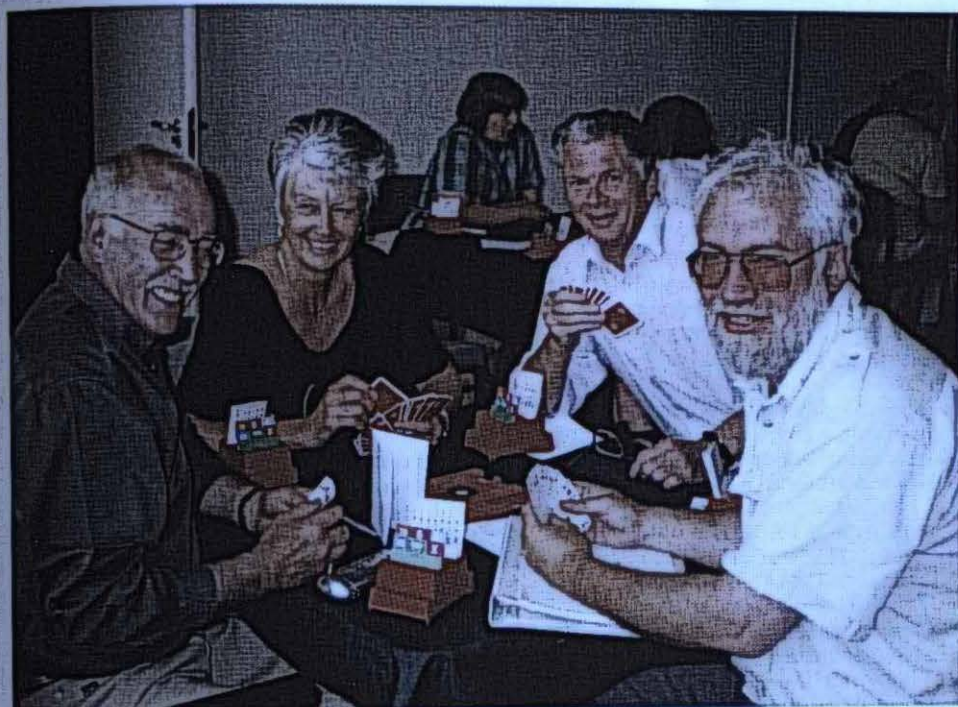


## Bedfordshire

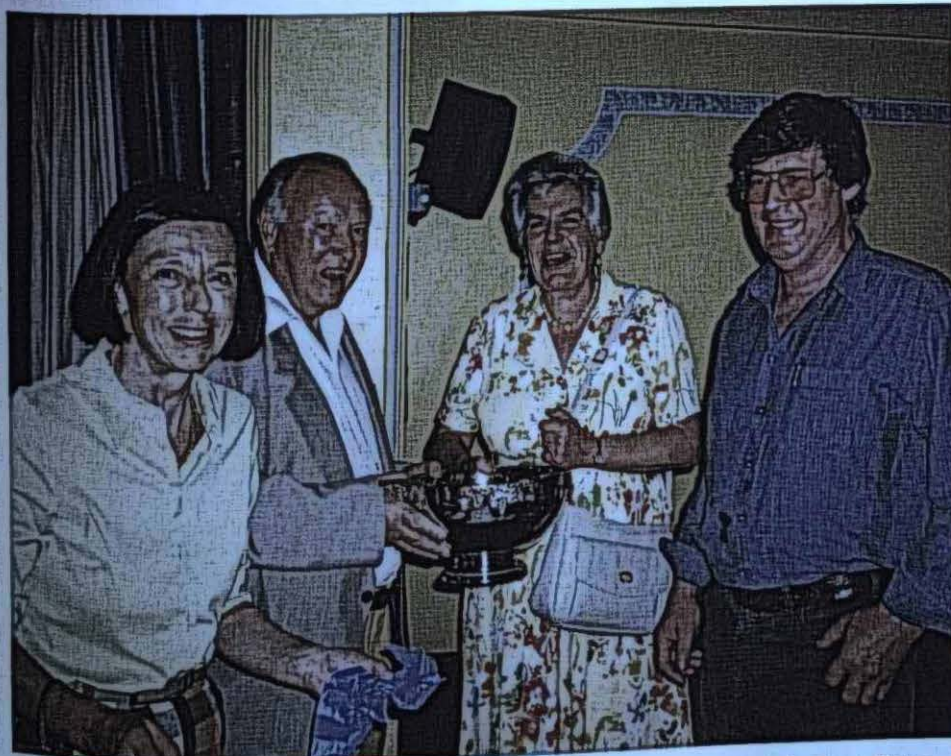
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THE AGM saw the committee returned en bloc with, however, two significant changes in responsibility. In order to devote his energies to his new role of county webmaster Alan Caves gave up his position as treasurer, to which post he had given six years. The county owes him a great debt of gratitude for his management of its finances. Taking over from Alan as county treasurer and membership secretary is Bedfordshire Bridge Association founder member Chris Parkin.

David Gilling, chairman, Monica Lucy, vice-chairman and John Neville, secretary, continue in their roles.



Post mortems were enjoyed as much as the rest of the play in Herefordshire's Pro-Am tournament, in which *Bridge for All* students paired up with established players. Pictured, from left, are Ron Rossi (BfA), Heather Brace (Pro), Brian Poole (BfA) and Nick Duberley. Read about this popular event in the Herefordshire report



David Brown, right, and Alison Kingsley receive the Clare Swiss pairs trophy from Clare BC president Basil Ambrose, with Adele Wayman adding her congratulations. See Suffolk report

The meeting was followed by a heat of EBU spring simultaneous pairs: 1 Ron Davis and Lynne Emmett 66.43%, 2 John Neville and Mike Bale 61.11, 3 Monica Lucy and Maggie Willis 57.26.

Clifton BC has moved to new premises at Bancroft Hall in Hitchin and full details may be obtained from the new *Local Bridge* brochure. Best wishes for a successful move!

In the cadet pairs Peter and Mary Hutton took the title for the third time in recent years by a narrow margin. Result: 1 Peter and Mary Hutton 57.97%, 2 Shirley and Derek Wright 57.69, 3 Dennis Ault and Annabel Nelms 57.42.

Restricted pairs: 1 Monica Lucy and Bryden Keenan 60.16%, 2 Anne and David Gilling 58.32, 3 Jane and David Jensen 57.45.

In the county league and knockout cup the double was performed by Tudor Rose – David Harris, Jon Williams, Greg Ward and Bertie Shiebert. Having won the division one title by 17vps over Pussycats they proceeded to win the cup final by defeating Team With No Name – Barry Dudley, David Alsford, Dave Brown and Neil Brearley. The score was 124-58.

In division two Acolytes – Roz Bavin, Perry Darwen, Marian Day, Roger Edmonds, George Summers and Steve Foster – secured a commanding lead of 50vps over Exiles.

An exciting finish to the season in division three saw GBH – Andrew Mason, Derek Marsh, Peter and Judi Malpass and Janet Marsh – win by 6vps, ahead of Méné à Quatre.

There was an even closer finish in division three, where Bedford Blazers – Jan and Doug Page, Anne and Frank Stark, and Wendy Beddoes – returned to the fray in style with a 3vps gap over Scratch Team.

Belated congratulations to Jon Williams and David Harris on winning the Boston Bowl and to the same pair for achieving eighth place in the Corwen.

PS: At the time of writing the calendar for 2001/2 has not been published. However, members will receive their county brochure during the summer and the website will carry full details of all county events. Make next season the one in which you resolve to take part in at least one event!

PPS: It may not be too late to enter the EBU/BBA joint event Swiss teams on Sunday August 5 at Stevenage, starting at 1pm. Details from Brian Keable on 01525-377906.

## Berks & Bucks

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THE AGM was held during the tea interval at the Perkins Cup (Swiss teams) event.

Chairman Addis Page, treasurer Roger Barrett and secretary Mike Ribbins continue as the officers for the coming year. Nick Doe retires from the committee, but continues as league-of-eight secretary. Raymond Brock and John Allen were elected to the committee and the other current members were all re-elected.

Results of county competitions:

Autofile Trophy (championship teams of four) 1 Pat Dowdeswell, Eric Crowhurst, Bob Dowdeswell, Ian Mackinder; 2 Peter Hawkes, Steve Eginton, David Mossop, Tim Rees.

Autofile Plate 1 Richard Bridgen, Elaine Taylor, Dory and Nigel Thompson; 2 Vlad and Blanka Peksa, Catherine and Malcolm Thompson.

Perkins Cup (Swiss teams) 1 Vic Savage, Paula Hopkinson, Chris Mooney, Kevin Elstow; 2 Pat Husband, Katherine Hooper, Ed Brennan, Nick Doe.

Waller Bowl (pairs from qualifying heats in clubs) 1 Ron Every and Paul Gibbons (Slough), 2 Alan Brown and Barry Reid (Bracknell).

Committee Cup Plate (teams from qualifying heats in clubs) 1 Stella Sutton, Marie Lawrence, Ed Brennan, Steve Gore (New Amersham); 2 Ruby and Robert Cheah, Gordon Bane, Nathan Piper (Crowthorne).



# COUNTY NEWS



Victor Ludorum (awarded to the individual with the best overall performance during the year in weekend events) 1 Carole Mueller (for the umpteenth time!) with 24 points, equal 2 Pat Dowdeswell and Vic Savage (19 points).

Berks v Bucks (an annual challenge match for the Phil Thornton Shield) resulted in a win for Berks by two matches to one to retain the shield.

League of eight winners were: division one New Amersham A, division two Reading C, division three Loddon Vale A, division four Burnham C, division five Risborough C, division six Loddon Vale B.

Team captains of league of four divisional winners were: division one David Perkins (his team wins the Brown Cup), division two Tony Boothroyd, division three Peter Cherrett, division four Hugh Gross.

Congratulations to Berks and Bucks members for their successes in outside events as follows:

In the Easter Festival in London Paul Gibbons and his Surrey partner won the championship pairs; Derek and Celia Oram were in the runners-up team for the Swiss teams, flight A; Paul Gibbons and his Middlesex partner were runners-up in the Swiss pairs, flight A.

In the Spring Bank Holiday Congress at Bourneham Phillip Lowry and Mike Ribbins were runners-up in the Swiss pairs; Peter Cherrett, Chris Cherrett, Eric Vickers and Gill Vickers were equal second in the Swiss teams, flight B.

In the Jersey Festival of Bridge John Thrower and Christopher Jones won the pre-congress pairs.

## News from clubs:

High Wycombe BC has reverted to Mondays for club night and has dropped the teams night.

Longmead BC has changed its venue to The Cricket and Hockey Club, Sonning.

Ascot BC is running a Swiss teams for The Rose Bowl on Sunday September 16 (not September 9 as we might previously have indicated).

## The coming season:

The Members Handbook for the coming season has been given a facelift and will be posted to all members shortly. It contains a wealth of interesting information, including details of all our competitions, and we hope you will all take a good look through it. The first competition of the new season will be The Jarrett Cup for pivot teams on September 23 at The South Bucks Bridge Centre.

## Cambs & Hunts

[www.cambsbridge.org.uk](http://www.cambsbridge.org.uk)

THE county welcomes Andrew Lansley CBE MP as president of the association. Earlier in the season Andrew attended and presented the prizes at the county's inaugural New Players Tournament as follows: 1 David Todd and Elaine Wilson, 2 Don Kyte and Alan Misson, 3 Sonia Holmes and Kathrin Peters.

Gown has generally had the better of town in the county knockout teams competitions this year. In the final of the county knockout Sonia Zakrezewski, Gareth Birdsall, Alastair Brodie and Don McFarlane beat Ian Greig, Michael Ashe, Hiroshi Kaku, Tony Kelly and Rachel

Wade. In the plate final Bryan Last, Peter Last, David Allen and Kiki Allen beat Andy De Souza, Michael Vine, Teymour Tahseen and David Collier. The Cambridge University team of eight reached the national final of the Garden Cities.

Gareth Birdsall and Rachel Wade were runners-up in the England under 25 trials and were selected for the teams, which finished second in the Channel Trophy and won the Junior Camrose by a spectacular margin. Victor Milman and Nadia Stelmashenko were also selected for the English county representative team in the friendly international against Sweden. They won the club / county / federation bracket.

David Kendrick and Roger Gibbons were among the defeated finalists in the Gold Cup. Other good results for the pair included winning the Satellite Pairs at the Autumn Congress, finishing runners-up in the Punchbowl at the Spring Foursomes and coming third in the National Swiss teams.

Cambridge BC (Catherine Jagger, Chris Jagger, Ed Linfield and John Young) won the NICKO. Chris and Catherine also won the Welwyn heat of the Portland Pairs. The luck of the draw meant they finished 16th nationally. They were also very unfortunate to be overtaken at the post in the National Pairs final, finishing 0.02% behind the leaders. Giles Woodruff and Julian Wightwick were sixth. In the Regional final the pairs had finished third and second respectively.

Matthew May and Neil Pimblett won the B flight Swiss pairs at the Easter Festival, while John Young was third in the National men's pairs (playing with John Collings).

Newmarket Swiss teams: 1 David Kendrick, Liz Kendrick, Pete Burrows, Myra Burrows; 2 Ann Curtin, John Turner, Peter Shawdon, Tapan Pal. This year's event will take place on November 4. Please make a note in your diary to support this popular event.

County pairs: 1 Ross Midgley and Neil Pimblett, 2 Kit Orde-Powlett and Fiske Warren, 3 Philip Wraight and Sally Wraight. The consolation final was won by Charles King and Len Scofield.

County individual: 1 David Carmichael, 2 Michael Soames, 3 Ken Jackson.

Jubilee pairs: 1 Rod Oakford and Jonathan Mestel, 2 Ann Curtin and J Turner.

Club Swiss teams challenge: 1 Derek Oxbrow, Kath Haddock, Frank Padgett, Peter Morgan; 2 Victor Milman, Nadia Stelmashenko, Philip Wraight, Sally Wraight. The Cambridge club won the teams of eight challenge.

Saffron Walden won the South Cambs League, while St Neots (K Dixon, I Hoyle, J Shaw, D Fordham) won the county heat of the Golfprint Trophy. Chris Jagger and John Young won the championship pairs at the Yorkshire congress.

Giles Woodruff won two green point Swiss teams events, one partnering Gerard Thompson in Hertfordshire and the other partnering Philip Wood in Essex. Team mates on both occasions were Andy Bowles and Shireen Mohandes.

Pete and Myra Burrows won the multiple teams at the Kings Lynn Congress. Nadia Stelmashenko, Victor Milman, John Young and Anne Catchpole were second in the Swiss teams.

Cynthia and Nicholas Bull were third in the Green Point Swiss teams at the Cumbria Congress.

## Channel Islands

THE main event in the last quarter was the Jersey Congress.

The first night of the congress is traditionally the Channel Island county mixed pairs and this was convincingly won by Marion Miles and David Hole of Jersey, with Margaret Allen and Andy Hall of Guernsey as runners up.

The congress itself saw some notable performances by Channel Islanders. In the Friday night Boston Laurels the pairing of Audrey Gee and Ann Burnett had a very creditable 15th overall.

In the Swiss pairs, played over the first weekend, the pairing of Robert Brouard and Gwyneth Fauvel did exceptionally well in attaining 19th out of 112, with good results achieved also by Susie Farnon and Robert Plumbeley, of Guernsey and Kay Johns and Sue Rankin of Jersey.

In midweek teams Jersey was well represented in the top section with the teams of Carl Harrison, Harry Harding, Sue Rankin and Kay Johns and Marion Miles, Katherine Hepburn, Meredith Case and Howard Basden-Smith both reaching the top flight, along with David Hole and David Friswell, who were playing with UK partners.

To have 10 Jersey players in the top division was a creditable performance.

The Wednesday Mary Ann Trophy and EBU simultaneous pairs proved again very successful for the Jersey pairing of Robert Brouard and Gwyneth Fauvel, who shone and ended up sixth out of a total of 79.

This pairing is going from strength to strength and one that is now beating a lot of the established partnerships.

The Thursday evening Collins Trophy for mixed pairs was the highlight of the Channel Island participation. This event was won by our own John and Pat Panter and it was won convincingly with a score of 967.2 points, 41 ahead of the runners-up.

John and Pat are really showing their strength and we are seeing them more and more at the top of the leader board: congratulations!

In the second weekend Swiss teams event the Channel Islands were not quite so successful. The first all Channel Islands team was Mike Allen, Jill Morgan, Andy Hall and Margaret Allen, who were 15th overall. There were several Channel Island players with UK partners and of those David Hole and Carl Harrison joined up with Harry Harding and Harry Peck and were a creditable fourth.

In both Islands the district individual championships were held. In Guernsey the winner was John Seymour, with Colin Tostevin second and Brenda Lihou and Cliff Drillot equal third. In Jersey Sue Rankin was way ahead of the field. Carl Harrison finished second and Robert Brouard third.

In Guernsey they participated in the World Wide Bridge Contest and this was won by Martin Jones and Hugh Bacon, followed by Pat Merriman and Brenda Walker, with Chris and Richard Ray third.

## Cornwall

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SADLY, John Justice lost his brave fight against cancer. The game we all love will be the poorer for the loss of such a great character. John did so much in support of his wife, June, and bridge in Bude. We extend our deepest sympathy to June and her family and to all John's partners and friends.

Godolphin Bridge Club also lost a faithful and long-standing member in Barbara Wormington. Our sympathy to her family and friends.

We also had to say goodbye to John Pain. Though delighted with his EBU appointment as manager of *Bridge for All*, his departure for pastures new is a real loss to our county and we will miss him and his expertise. For many years John served on our county committee and was a most popular and patient director, not only at the Bude and Newquay congress, but also at our Green Point Swiss teams, which he organised and directed. His wife Gill served as our county secretary before her move to Aylesbury.



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As a token of our esteem John was presented with four cut glass wine goblets. With apologies to G and S, he was the very model of a modern major influence. Our grateful thanks to both of them for all they have done for Cornish bridge over the years.

I have to correct a result in the Clarke Winmill mixed pairs championship. Third were Pat Meade and Mike Booth.

Congratulations also to Trevor Jones and Wally Heaton, who came second in the regional heat of the National Pairs in Bristol and to Janice and Ken Keast, who came 22nd in the BGB Spring simultaneous pairs.

National pairs qualifier: 1 B Cuff and D Mattos, 2 C Pote and M Booth, 3 J King and J Finch. John Perks final: 1 C Pote and M Booth, 2 Mr and Mrs R Putnam, 3 Mrs F Barker and D Daniel. County KO teams of four: SF Collings, H Livesey, Mrs E Wikinson and B Edwards.

League Div 1E: Mr and Mrs D Boxall, Mr and Mrs K Keast.

League Div 1W: Dr W Miller, Mrs W Thornton, J Bryant and G W Heaton.

League Div 2 E: Mr and Mrs M Kelsey and B Benfield and Mrs M Brinton.

League Div 2 W: Mr and Mrs J Stedman and Daphne Billingham and Mrs C Trezise.

Overall league winners Div 1: Dr W Miller, Mrs W Thornton, J Bryant and GW Heaton.

Overall league winners Div 2: Mr and Mrs M Kelsey, B Benfield and Mrs M Brinton

Once again Cornwall congress proved a very pleasant weekend, with numbers up on last year, with many friends, old and new, taking part. Our thanks to John King, who so ably organised this popular event; to Rod Bell and Jim Barker for directing with such competence, patience, courtesy and good humour; to Frances Barker, for all her assistance backstage, and to our chairman John Finch, for all his work in transporting tables and equipment, and finally to all those other unsung heroes, who assisted throughout the weekend.

Friday afternoon open pairs: 1 Mrs SP Mills and WJ Durden, 2 Mr and Mrs R Putman, 3 O Priot and J Vaughan.

Friday evening open pairs: 1 Ann Savery and Marion Lamont, 2 Ann Husk and Ted Beadell, 3 Jean Martin and Dulcie Kennedy.

Friday evening mixed pairs: 1 Wally Heaton and Mrs Wendy Thornton, 2 Mr and Mrs TR Mantle, 3 Andy Tooley and Val Manicom.

Cornwall congress pairs championship qualifier: 1 Robin and Margaret Mardlin, 2 Mrs E Horton and Mrs J Northmore, 3 Eros Lasillo and Colin Lee, 4 Nina Mayer and Carol Vinson.

Tregudda trophy: 1 Robin and Margaret Mardlin, 2 Margaret Warner and Wally Heaton, 3 Eros Lasillo and Colin Lee, 4 Andy Tooley and Mike Booth.

Fistral trophy: 1 Barrie Cantello and Robert Mabley, 2 Elaine Taylor and Richard Bridgen, 3 Ric and Julia Dearing, 4 Bill Adams and George Norman.

Collings cup: 1 Mr and Mrs TR Mantle, 2 Rosa Carter and Brian Edwards, 3 Pat Meade and Val Manicom, 4 Jimmy and Ann Miller.

Swiss teams: 1 Robin and Margaret Mardlin, Geoff and Babs Fogg; 2 Roger and Janet Putman, Colin Pote and Mike Booth; 3 Robert

Mabley and Barrie Cantello, Mrs Wendy Brown and Dr Robbie Bhonsle.

At the county AGM the committee was re-elected for another year. The only change was Mrs Laurie Burley (Falmouth Bridge Club), in place of Mrs Betty Ratcliffe, who stood down, after many years of service. Thank you, Betty.

Marian Holden again won the Norman Woodhouse county individual, Betty Hocking was second and Margaret Warner third.

Please keep the news coming in and we hope to see you all at the start of the new season at the Wadebridge BC charity Swiss teams at St Issey on September 16, in aid of the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

The county knock out teams of four draw will be made at this event, so please get your entries in by September 9. Do remember to enter for the Cornwall Green Point Swiss teams at Wadebridge on September 30. Teams from up country are always welcome, so telephone Mrs Janice Keast, on 01872 227133, for an entry form.

Congratulations to Wendy Brown and Mimi Falconar, playing with Mr and Mrs Otway, who came third in the Spring Bank Holiday Congress, Bournemouth A flight teams.

## Cumbria

THE three-way final in the Murray League was a close and enjoyable event. It was won by P Thompson, A Williamson, P Boardman and G Lloyd. Placed second were M Bamford, M Cooney, J Etchells and J Conway, with K Anderson, A Bartlett and Mr and Mrs G Bell in third spot.

Carlisle Swiss teams: 1 M Cooney, M Bamford, J Etchells and J Conway; 2 M Edgar, L Harrison and Mr and Mrs G Bell; 3 D Mullany, C Woods, B Matthews and D Strawbridge.

## Derbyshire

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ERIC White Cup, team of four, final group: 1 Roger Mallinson, Ian Hall, Alex Hogg, Peter Kelly; 2 Don Smedley, John Griffin, Brian Elliott, John Sowter.

Winter Plate, team of four, consolation: 1 Arnold Chandler, Sandra Smith, Bill Booth, John Shaw, Mick and Sheena Haytack; 2 Derek Povah, Derek Gale, Brian Fitchett and Ted Joy.

The following officers were elected at the AGM: president Ian Kayes (Belper BC), chairman David Knowles, vice-chairman Roger Mallinson, secretary Arnold Chandler, treasurer Colin Band, tournament director Don Smedley, competitions secretary Hazel Whinfrey, membership secretary Gill Winter, Master Points secretary Norman Toon, publicity officer Jim Tomlinson.

Don Smedley thanked Derek Brooks, the retiring chairman, for his efforts over the seven years he had served and presented him with an engraved tankard and a bouquet for his wife Margaret.

## Devon

THE holders comfortably retained the *Western Morning News* Cup (Devon's premier knock out teams). Congratulations to Bob Blackmore, David Sharp, Ruth Edmondson and Brigid McElroy.

Kevin and Anne Slee shared the Victor Ludorum for the umpteenth time.

Winners of the county Swiss teams were Kevin and Anne Slee, Ruth Edmonds and Brigid McElroy; runners-up Carole Ritzen, Richard Carter, Barbara Carr and Terry Bunn.

Diary dates: October 21 Kingsbridge BC Swiss teams at Dartmouth Golf and Country Club.

## Dorset

DORSET Swiss teams qualifying round for the Pachabo Cup: 1 MJ Organ, PPP Cheu, Dr HL

Wayne and Mrs AY Sharples; 2 RJW Grew, RA Corrick, WR Oddy and Mrs A Walters. Teams captained by Mrs M Harris and ML Cowling also qualified to play in the semi-finals.

Dorset pairs for the Simeon Cup: 1 Mrs HR Ackroyd and MJ Brook, 2 IF Smith and M Groom, 3 P Aubeck and D Brown.

Diary dates: August 5 and 26 Open Swiss teams at Wessex Bridge Centre (EBU licensed event); Dorset County Club team championship for the Weymouth Cup; September 2, 9 and 23 open Swiss teams at Wessex Bridge Centre (EBU licensed event); September 16 Dorset mixed Swiss teams at Bashley for the Flemmich Cup.

For Wessex Bridge Centre events contact Terry Udall on 01202 760934. For other Dorset events contact Jim Barlow on 01202 429268.

## Essex

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ESSEX Contract Bridge Association is pleased to announce that it is now on the web and the web site manager is J Tattersfield. Please contact the manager if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

On the national front A Shillitoe represented England for the last time as a junior in an under 25s competition in Holland.

At the Spring Bank Holiday congress D Baker was 10th in the main final of the pairs competition. In the Kent one day Green Point Swiss teams C Charlton, R Elliott, A Clark and T Clark came fourth and in the EBU Spring simultaneous pairs J Austjin and M Krimgoltz (Ilford) were 17th.

The Jersey Lambourne Festival has been a favourite of Essex bridge players for many years. Several players, pairs and teams make the trip by plane or ferry each year for part or all of the 10 days of competition. This year they did not have much success, the best being in the multi-teams. In the heats S Nelson and his team and P Spencer, A Spencer, A Hartley and D Baker qualified for the main final and R Tattersfield, J Tattersfield, G Day and J Day qualified for the consolation final, which they won.

At the 54th AGM of Essex Contract Bridge Association the chairman's wife, Mrs M Green, presented the trophies. It is at the AGM that the results of our knockout competitions and leagues are announced. They are: championship teams of four 1 M Chawner, P Spencer, B Kerr and C Kerr; 2 R Tattersfield, J Tattersfield, J Day and G Day; other semi-finalists A Green, R Cornell, S Nagpaul, D Clark and P Oake and S Prince, N Bardsley, A Philpott, B Cowley and M Curtis. Plate 1 M Smith, D Embleton, C Megahey, P O'Gorman and A Cundy; 2 A Cohen, A Greenstein, Y Dias and G Wilcox.

Essex switch teams: 1 S Prince, N Bardsley, A Philpott and M Curtis; 2 R Tattersfield, J Tattersfield, L Wells and A Cundy.

Essex has two leagues, Southeast and West (each divided into several divisions), plus a novice league. The winners and runners-up were as follows: Southeast division one Seeds Llama and Chelmsford Black, division two Chelmsford Green and Hutton Gold, division three Baintree Red and Hadleigh Castle, division four STC B and Castle Hamlet, division five Hamlet Court and Channels Gold. West: division one Redbridge and Loughton Collier, division two Optimists and Goodmayes Billinge, division three Loughton Powell and Hagamore, division four Loughton Forrest and Three and One; Novices Upminster Cardsharps and Spencer's Hopefuls.

The Eve Goblets were awarded to P Spencer and M Curtis as the best man and woman players giving allegiance to Essex. After the presentation of the trophies those present enjoyed an excellent cheese and wine buffet, followed



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by our traditional friendly teams-of-four game. Teams usually are formed at the meeting and this year the winners were M Curtis, A Spencer, P Spencer and A Hartley.

George Curtis Swiss Teams: 1 M Curtis, D Sherman, L Garcia and S Prince; 2 C Lovett, A Kitchin, T Beer and J Curley; 3 S Nagpaul, D Clark, A Green and E Green.

Summer club pairs, semi-final: 1 P Watson and J Mansfield, 2 C Fallon and F Stirland, 3 M Woolf and S Shupick.

ECBA/EBU Green Point Swiss teams: 1 S Mohandes, A Bowles, G Woodruff and P Wood; 2 D Kime, B Kime, B Blackman and G Freedman; 3 A Catchpole, N Freake, P Fegarty and P Langford.

Essex non-expert teams: 1 Sally Dawbarn, Brian Dawbarn, Sue Taylor and Chris Taylor; 2 Marion Cook, Richard Newson, Andrew Forrest and Linda Forrest; 3 June Marsh, Julie Renvoize, Fred Renvoize and Margaret Chandler.

**Diary Dates:** October 14 Fletcher Trophy and the cup for clubs competitions at Danbury Sports Hall starting at 2 pm.

## Gloucestershire

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PAIRS play-offs: division one John Stirrup and Norman Grieve; division two Paul Clark and Richard Hennell.

Knockout: 1 Tony Hill, Juanita Philp, Chris Philp and Noel Downes; 2 Joan and Geoff Peel, Peter Bird and Tony Davey. League: division one Richard Chamberlain, Paul Denning, Andrew Kambites, Martin Kane and Patrick Shields; division two Geoff Hardy, Barbara Janes, Cynthia Moore and Geoff Paterson; division three Daniel Bouvet, Norman Grieve, John Stirrup, George Thompson.

Mixed pairs: 1 Val and Ian Constable, 2 Barbara Janes and Derek Rue, 3 Joan and Geoff Peel (Flitch).

In the Welsh seniors event Norah Allen and Ray Foulds won the pairs and Wendy Angseising, Albert Sproston, Anne Swannell and Peter Walker came second in the teams, while at the Bournemouth congress Mr and Mrs Otway came third in the teams.

In the Herefordshire invitation Swiss teams Ron Carter, Mrs D Whittaker, A Lander and N Duberley came second.

Richard Chamberlain, Paul Denning, Martin Kane, Patrick Shields, Tony Hill, Graham Sadie, Chris Kinloch and Derek Rue won the Garden Cities regional final.

Congratulations to the Chalford Hill team of John Atthey, Andrew Kambites and Ian and Val Constable in reaching the sixth round of the national inter-club knockout.

The young Gloucestershire players continue to do well, with John Atthey and Roger Brown coming second in the National under 19 pairs and third at the EBU Easter Congress.

Greg Moss and Reigolde Jones were in the Oxford University team that won the Portland Bowl.

Finally, many congratulations to Ben Handley-Pritchard for being jointly awarded the EBU Young Player of the Year award.

## Hants & Isle of Wight

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OUR year ended as usual with the AGM, at

which our very hard working chairman and secretary agreed to carry on for another year. They do, however, wish to hand over to someone else after that, so members are asked to come up with offers or suggestions. New committee members welcomed were Claire Fearon and Sheena Lanham.

Brian Anderson and John Shergold attained an impressive second place in the recent international simultaneous pairs event, while Keith Bennett and Steve Tearle took second place in a simultaneous national pairs competition.

In the Candover mini Swiss teams the result was: 1 Pam Pottage, Julian Wall, Mac Lowcock, Chris Kinloch; 2 John Shergold, Graham Hedley, Berry Hedley, Brian Anderson; 3 Barbara and Bill Boswell, Celia Carter and Brian Stapleton.

Philip Graham Swiss teams: 1 John Moore, Leslie Lewis, Kathy Vaile, Guy Lawrenson; 2 Barbara and Bill Boswell, Celia Carter, Brian Stapleton; 3 Barry Tobutt, Ros Concanon, Jan Whitehouse, Marion Stevens.

Hillhead Swiss teams: 1 Barbara and Bill Boswell, Jacqui Biggs, David Hague; 2 Stuart Strachan, Phil Norman, Julian Wall, Dave Thornton; 3 Kathy Vaile, Paul Carter, Peter Aubeck, Sam Speed.

Final pairs – seniors: 1 Dave Thornton and Chris Bradley, 2 John Moore and Leslie Lewis, 3 Sheena Lanham and John Foulkes.

Intermediate: 1 Sue Hands and Alan Burroughs, 2 Peter Aubeck and Sam Speed, 3 Enid Trevasakis and Ken Emery.

Junior: 1 Mrs T Jerrard and B Foulkes, 2 A Wag and Mrs S Mundy.

League results: division one David Bird, Steve Lee, Julian Pottage, Graham Allan; division two P Norman, G Lawrenson, P Gurman, K Shaw; division three A Bennett, T Catchpole, R Cooke, J Jones, H Tuffell, D Reid.

Cahalan Cup: J Baker, A Hughes, F Hotchen, I Smith, D Huggett, J Moore. HICKO – IBM: N Harbour. Basingstoke Cup: Swanmore. Solent Cup: Southsea. Victor Ludorum: Barbara and Bill Boswell.

**Diary dates:** September 2 ladies' and men's pairs; September 16 Harrop Swiss teams; October 13 Petersfield open Swiss teams (entries Jill Wright 0239278 5248); October 14 Flitch and mixed pairs; October 28 Wessex teams; November 11 Jubilee teams of eight.

With the exception of the Petersfield event all the above will be held at Romsey at 2pm, entries to Kathy Vaile 01590 679673.

## Herefordshire

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TRIBUTES were paid at this year's AGM to Heather Brace, who was standing down as events secretary. The chairman, John Griffiths, said Heather had put in a tremendous amount of work for the county – so much so that three people were now covering the functions she performed – Pat Jenkins as coordinator, Gisela Ogden as competition entries promoter and Ben Britton as administrator.

Bridge for All has been much in the county's mind of late. Herefordshire came in for praise from Sandra Landy at the EBU Council meeting for the way it had progressed the project after being chosen as a pilot county. She especially praised the efforts of Barbara Forryan as coordinator for the county. This was followed by an invitation to Barbara to talk to the county secretaries' meeting about Herefordshire's experience and answer questions.

Barbara reports that 25 more students have become permanent members of EBU, which makes a total of 63 who have joined either via classes or direct entry at the BfA clubs.

Free sessions of MiniBridge are being run in the county under the new Bitesize scheme.

The county has just held its second Pro-Am bridge tournament where pairs of BfA students

are teamed randomly with club players. The event again proved popular. This year the Am entries were limited to current BfA students. BfA club members who were no longer students could enrol in the Pro section.

Pro-Am result: 1 Muriel and Gordon Jolliffe, Sue and Derryk Munday; 2 Brian Poole, Ron Rossi, Heather Brace and Nick Dubberley; 3 Anne Slater, Joan Walters, Mary Davies and Mary Moore.

Charity Swiss teams event, Fownhope: 1 Kate Neale, Elizabeth Drew, Kathy Chapple and Pat Berry; 2 Ken and Kay Perkins, Cicely Smith and Anne Cox; 3 Pat and Mel Phillips, Mo and John Dinnis.

County championship pairs: 1 Dr and Mrs S Munday, 2 Gisela Ogden and B Britton, 3 J Thacker and M Ralph.

Invitation Swiss teams: 1 J Thacker, M Ralph, Gill and B Goddard; 2 H Brace, D Tomlinson, K Nelson and L Bennett; 3 R Carter, A Lander, D Whittaker and N Duberley.

One day GP Swiss teams: 1 J Fishburn, Mrs J Skelton, Dr A and Mrs D Williams (105); equal 1 Mrs S Robson, M Theelke, G Weir and J Sansom (105); 3 P Baxter, S Tulip, Mrs P Scares and P Russell (96).

The county is considering an extension of the In-House League/KO competitions to accommodate *Bridge for All* students. Details are still being worked out, but it is hoped that the BfA League/KO competitions – in which BfA student teams will play the fixtures in each other's homes – will be ready to start in September. The idea is to introduce the students to competitive bridge in a social atmosphere.

## Hertfordshire

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FOLLOWING our AGM the meeting proposed that John Horsley be given honorary life membership of the county association in recognition of his services as president of Hertfordshire CBA for the past 13 years. This proposal was unanimously accepted.

For the first time we held our mixed teams championships after the AGM and the attendance was rather better than in previous years. The winners of the mixed teams were Karima Basse, Rick Irwin, Bill Thurl and Francis Eddleston, with Vel Howlett, Pat Barnett, Margaret and Bernard Eddleston second and Maria Budd, Malcolm Harrison, Maggie Dawson and Vernon Gaskell third. It was most certainly an enjoyable event and thanks go to John Horsley and his team for arranging the catering and to Gerald Everitt for his directing.

Francis Eddleston has joined the committee and wishes to revive our newsletter. He does, however, need assistance in the form of articles, news, interesting hands and even with desktop publishing. If anyone is willing and able to help, please contact Francis by email on [dfeddleston@excite.co.uk](mailto:dfeddleston@excite.co.uk) or by telephone on 01923 351618.

At the Bournemouth Congress Hertfordshire had great success in the B flight Swiss teams. The winners were Sheila Evans, Dennis Hoey, Keith Anderson and Barbara Fogg. Andy Fenn decided he wanted to play bridge and arrived at Bournemouth without partner or team mates, but accompanied by his delightful three-month old son and his wife, Marion (neither of whom was allowed to play!). He managed to be teamed up and came second. In sixth place were Barbara McKinnon, Joyce Totman, Gillian Fisher and Barbara Wallis.

Karima Basse's team was placed second at the Northants Swiss teams.

Simultaneous events had good results for Tugrul Kaban and Mike Wright – third overall on May 2 with 70.38% – and for Barbara Kime and John Halp – fourth overall on May 3 with 70.16%.



In the prestigious Spring Foursomes, Alan Kay, Roger Gibbons, Dave Kendrick and Jerry Cope reached the Punch Bowl final.

Finally, congratulations to Constance and Ernie Marriott, who were 25th overall in the World Simultaneous Pairs.

**Diary dates:** Sunday September 30 – Green Point Swiss teams at Stevenage Arts and Leisure Centre at 1pm. For more information contact Mike Minting on 01442 833247 or John Horsley on 01438 880036.

Saturday September 15 – Malcolm Robinson Trophy (including pitch and putt), 2pm Welwyn Bridge Centre. For more information contact Stan Harding on 01707 263914.

October 5 – Champions Cup. This competition is for winners and runners-up of club major championships. Please see your club secretary if you think you qualify.

## Isle of Man

ISLE OF MAN new committee was elected as follows: president John Clague, vice-president Elaine Clague, chairman Brian Lowe, hon treasurer John Whillis, hon secretary Erika Slatcher, committee members Neil Kelly, Peter Lees, Florence Whittaker, Pat Laski, John Large and Rosalia Black.

The Isle of Man congress Swiss pairs and teams will be from September 13 (pre-congress pairs) to September 16. Please do support your congress.

## Kent

CONGRATULATIONS to the Farnborough club on winning the Garden Cities Trophy in June. Having qualified by winning the Corbett Cup (the Kent inter-club teams of eight championship) they went on to win the SE regional final at Roehampton and then the national final (by one VP!) at Coventry.

The team comprised Phil Bailey (capt), Tony Clark, Stuart and Gerald Tredinnick, Neil and Anne Rosen and Ian and Catherine Draper.

Congratulations also to Christine Kempton and Phil Jones on finishing third in the Corwen Trophy. Other good performances by Kent players included that by Ian and Catherine Draper and Stuart and Gerald Tredinnick in finishing fifth in the Pachabo following their victory in the Arnold Cup (the Green-Point Kent teams-of-four championship) over Phil Bailey, Jeremy Williams, Paul Crosswell and Mark Bratley in the final.

For good measure, Ian and Catherine also won the pairs event at the Jersey Festival and, with team mates Colin Wilson and Diana Avis, the mid-week teams.

Kent area league results: Gill Cup, Division 1 – Don and Ann Mitchell, Ted Nesom, Henry Greenburg; Division 2 – Marie Horlock, Jack Hibberd, John Amos, John Herington, Jennifer Viles; Division 3 – Vivian Guenancia, Cicely Griffiths, Helen Prince, Helen Hogg, Jo Swann.

Thanet Cup – David McVey, Malcolm Lewis, Tim Wright, Stan and Nicky Adamson.

Aveling Trophy – Brian and Vi Barrett, Yvonne Penny, Joan de Leyser.

Pearson Cup – Mr and Mrs D Hillbourne, Tony and Margaret Waddington.

The end of season play-off for the Brook Shield (area league champions) was won by the North West Kent team captained by Don Mitchell.

Kent Green Point results: 1 Phil Bailey, Steve Burton, Mark and Barbara Howarth 112; 2 Colin Wilson, Diana Avis, Brian and Pat Crack 110; 3 Brian Evans, Angela Tompson, Norman Innis and Roy Linn 96.

Aces BC Swiss teams: 1 Ian Draper, Barbara Schultz, Ralph Skelton and Ron Stanton 73; 2 Liz Elliott, Jack London, Val Smith and Eth Nunn 70.

Bromley BC Swiss teams: 1 Sue Jury, Steve Larkin, Elaine Wilmot and Irene Thomas 84; 2

Jean Bell, Alison Burt, Desmond Reid and Jean Slater 76.

Farnborough BC Swiss pairs: 1 Brad Featherman and Marian Hunt 88; 2 Doreen Charteris and Delta Bentley 86.

The summer edition of the KCBA Newsletter and the Kent competitions 2001-2002 programme will be despatched to every member in August.

## Lancashire

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PLEASE note the new web site, although the old one is still operative. Lancashire now has a new secretary: Mr J B Brelsford, 13 Windsor Lodge, Windsor Road, Ansdell, Lytham St. Annes, FY8 1XU. Telephone 01253 738570; e-mail jbbexkes@globalnet.co.uk. The new chairman is Mr P A Evans of Bolton Bridge Club.

Lancashire players figured prominently in the Green Point events on the weekend of May 12/13, with Peter and Linda Smith coming second in the Merseyside and Cheshire Swiss pairs and Colin Bishop, Andrew Petrie, Colin Mitchell and Bill Alston winning the Manchester Swiss teams.

Congratulations go to Ollie Burgess, joint Young Player of the Year, who has represented England under 25 on several occasions this season. In July Lancashire and Cumbria played for the Pearse McNamara Trophy, which has been donated by Betty McNamara in memory of her late husband.

Results: Gazette and Herald Trophy 1 Dave Pendlebury, Judy Brearley, Dave Briggs, Edgar Lawrenson; 2 John Halliwell, Bill Winter, Les Hoy, John Whitaker; 3 Barry Brelsford, Guy Maslin, Tony and Pat Murphy. Bury Swiss teams 1 I and J. Blakey, B. and R. Goldenfield; 2 N. Ramsey, J. Pollard, V. Cole, M. Curry; 3 O. Burgess, D. Fazackerley, J. Brearley, P. Ashton. Witham Trophy 1 Peter Mollart, John Halliwell, Peter and Linda Smith; 2 Ewart Evans, Sue Hyman, Alan Whittam, John Morell; 3 Bill and Liz Wattleworth, Lyn Wallace, Harold Leach. Blackburn open Swiss pairs: 1 Peter Ashton and Dagmar Fazackerley, 2 Pat Crossley and Lollo Murthwaite, 3 Margaret McGregor and Janet Carse. Bolton Spring Bank Holiday Swiss teams 1 Michelle Brunner, Rhona Goldenfield, Alan Jones, David Barton; 2 Edgar Lawrenson, David Briggs, Ken Ilott, Eric Holden; equal 2 John Simm, Wynn Sutherland, Tony Potter, Wendy Blyth. Preece Trophy 1 Melanie Nicolaides and

John Carmichael, 2 Tony and Pat Murphy, 3 Marjorie Knowles and Margaret Vinten. LCBA Green Point multiple teams 1 Austin Barnes, Stuart Norris, Malcolm Robinson, Pauline Lang; 2 Jeff Smith, Jackie Pye, Irving and Joy Blakey; 3 Tracy and Steve Capal, David Barton, Alan Jones.

**Diary dates:** August 4/5 Lancashire and Merseyside Green Point Swiss weekend, Risley; August 12 Preston pairs; September 2 LCBA mixed pairs, Poulton; September 7-9 Bolton Congress; September 13-16 Isle of Man Congress; September 30 11th Pendle Witch pairs; October 6/7 Great Northern Swiss pairs, Risley; October 13 LCBA simple systems pairs, Brierfield; October 14 Poulton Swiss teams.

## Leicestershire

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CONGRATULATIONS first to our Josephs Bowl winners, Tony Odams and Jim Mason, Paul Bowyer and Peter Harvey and Mel and Megan Starkings, who went on to win the 2001 Pachabo Cup. This was the sixth win for Leicestershire in this event. The first three occasions were in the 1950s; the more recent ones were in 1979, when the six-man team included Tony Odams and Paul Bowyer, and in 1992, when just four players were used – these two plus Jim Mason and Peter Harvey. Congratulations, too, to Alan Langley and Dick Pathan, who finished seventh in the Corwen Trophy.

Josephs Bowl (teams championship): 1 Tony Odams, Paul Bowyer, Peter Harvey, Jim Mason, Mel and Megan Starkings; 2 Geoff Shaw, Hugh Cairns, Harry Gordon, Jim Taylor, Bob McCulloch; 3 Ramnik Samani, David Deane, Bill Hood, Pat Watson; 4 Irene Krantz, Sue Bowyer, Yasser Haider, Simon Stokes, David Green, Gary Duddle. Best non-expert Roger Westerman, Lawrence Thirlaway, Phil Dalloway, Jenny Hand, Lloyd Danvers.

Gimson Final (pairs championship): A final 1 Peter Harvey and Nick Stevens, 2 David Fletcher and Jean Wightman, 3 Gary Duddle and Bharat, 4 John Myles and Dennis Davis, 5 Alan Langley and Dick Pathan. Best non-expert Colin and Eileen Davies. B final 1 Bill Hood and Pat Watson, 2 Christine and Malcolm Jones.

The Gill Jones Memorial Charity Swiss teams this year raised another £430 for LOROS. Result 1 Mick Mahoney, Anne Moncrief, Christine and Malcolm Jones, 2 Geoff Shaw,



Everyone had a great time at the Jersey Congress (see Channel Islands report) and the banquet, of course, was one of the highlights. Pictured enjoying themselves at this function are congress organisers Ken and Hilary Wise, with tournament directors Barbara and Malcolm Carey, Wyn and Neil Morley and Mary Hart.



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Hugh Cairns, Harry Gordon, Bob McCulloch. The Loughborough Cup (non-expert) Susan Hardie, Jean Curd, Jo Northam, Bernard Reilly. Leicestershire Cup (aggregate teams) 1 Irene Krantz, Sue Bowyer, Yasser Haider, Jim Mason, Simon Stokes; 2 Geoff Shaw, Hugh Cairns, Harry Gordon, Jim Taylor.

LCBA Butler pairs heat three – N/S 1 Duncan Happer and Susan Stockdale, E/W 1 David Pollard and Robert Northage. Buckby Cup (men's pairs) 1 John Lawson and Steve Foster, 2 Peter Neville and Tim Glover, 3 Ramnik Samani and Bill Hood. Best non-expert Steve Francis and John Wilcox.

Olga Cup (ladies' pairs) 1 Anne Blackwell and Pat Emery, 2 Sylvia Horn and Marjorie Gilbertson, 3 Marjorie Boyd and Sue Northern. Best non-expert Pam Smith and Val Scott.

George Taylor Memorial simultaneous pairs 1 Tom Toom and George Turner (Glenfield), 2 Phyll Norris and Brian Stockdale (John Storer House), 3 Ian Chase and Ken Pearce (Blaby), 4 Mary Bayliss and Celia Pinkney (Glenfield), 5 Doreen Carden and Iris Walker (Hathern).

Jones Trophy (handicap pairs) 1 Dennis Yates and Dick Bell, 2 Linda MacFarlane and Barrie Partridge, 3 Pat Harrison and Peter Riley. Best non-expert John Wilcox and Steve Francis.

The 55th AGM approved a £1 reduction in the association subscription, to take effect in 2002. Treasurer Henry Cooklin had made this proposal, unique in LCBA history, in the light of the growth in reserves arising from the outstanding success of the annual September Green Point weekend.

The following were elected to serve for the year 2001-02: John Wilcox (chairman), Dick Pathan (immediate past chairman), Henry Cooklin (treasurer), Robert Northage (general secretary), Dennis Yates (league secretary), Neil Beasley (tournament secretary), Nick Stevens (fixtures secretary), Peter Halford (magazine secretary), Pat Beasley (membership secretary) and Steve Francis, Elizabeth Marlow and Ken Moore (additional committee members).

Guest of honour at the AGM was Joe Markham, brother of Harold. The committee had previously decided to commemorate Harold's great contribution to bridge in Leicestershire by dedicating a trophy for the new third teams division of the Midland League. It was most fitting that Joe was able to present The Markham Trophy to Jim Tomlinson, the league organiser, on behalf of the association.

**Diary dates:** August 23 second contest in Three Counties event (Leicestershire-Nottinghamshire-Derbyshire) at EMBC Spondon; August 29 heat two of Stanley Trophy (Butler pairs) at Loughborough Grammar School; September 16 third contest in Three Counties event at EMBC Spondon; September 16 youth training day at LGS; September 23 Midland League v Worcestershire at LGS; September 26 first league matches in new league season; September 29 Green Point Swiss pairs at Quorn Rawlins Community Centre; September 30 Green Point Swiss teams at Quorn Rawlins Community Centre; October 8 heat three of Stanley Trophy (Butler pairs) at Leicester

Bridge Centre; October 14 Midland League v Nottinghamshire at LGS; October 17 Mixed Pairs Cup at Barkby Bridge Club.

## Lincolnshire

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ALL members should by now have received their calendar, entry forms, newsletter, 2000 AGM minutes and the agenda for the 2001 AGM. Anyone who has not should notify the secretary.

Lincoln Gold final: Mike Grant, Tony Waine, Dave Pettengell and P Wokes beat Maurice Ladlow, Maureen Parsons, John Gaunt and Lawrence Taffinder. The winners represented Lincolnshire in the Pachabo Cup.

Davey Cup final: Roy Hughes, Dennis Mellor, Derrick Hickson and Mike Hirst beat Bill Parsons, Martin Sizer, Ann Painter and Brenda Bassford.

Diary dates: September 9 AGM, 2pm at Dunholme Village Hall, followed by AGM open pairs.

Lincoln Imp, 1.30pm Sept 23, Dunholme Village Hall.

## London

[www.metrobridge.co.uk](http://www.metrobridge.co.uk)

TOP of the list this time we say well done to David Price, a member of the winning team captained by David Mossop, in the Crockfords Cup final. There were lots of good results to report from the Jersey festival: Rob Cliffe and Nora Smith came second in the pre-congress pairs, the multiple teams championship and the Swiss teams championship, the latter two with Mike Fletcher also in the team. Olivia Woo was just behind this trio in each of the teams events and came second in the Swiss pairs, while in the Swiss teams she was joined by fellow London member Gordon Rainsford. Tony and Vivian Friday were third in the Swiss pairs.

In the Spring Bank Holiday congress Mike Fletcher featured again, this time achieving second place in the Swiss teams, just ahead of the fourth-placed team of Ned Paul, Tricia Gilham and Avril and David Rodney – all Londoners.

Last, but not least, in the Essex one-day Swiss teams in June, first place was taken by a team including Andy Bowles and Shireen Mohandes, while in the third-placed team were Anne Catchpole, Nigel Freake and Paul Lamford.

At the London Metropolitan Bridge Association AGM the four members due to stand down were re-elected to the committee. At the subsequent committee meeting Michael Hill stood down as LMBA chairman and David Martin was elected to this post. Secretary Chris Duckworth and treasurer Steve Eginton were re-elected.

Results: London teams of four championship Michael Hill, Roger Morton, David Ould, Ian Gardiner; *Bridge for All* day 1 Alan Soper playing with Sati McKenzie, 2 Gwyneth Davies and David Young, 3 Gordon Carr and Juliette White; London Trophy 1 Treasury TAP (R Westwater, T Pike, M McHugh, P Brook), 2 Limsfield LTC (P Whitehurst, R Lovelace, T Gifford, A Southwell); London Trophy Plate 1 Lewes GCA (R Buddery, N Sharples, F Hibberd, T Bird); Home Counties league 1 London Red, 2 Surrey; Schools league 1 St Paul's C (Michael Graham, Ivo Miller, Paul Simister, Jack Wellby), 2 Haberdashers' Aske's B (Philip Andrews, Zoso Davies, Adam Berlin, Alex Morton).

**Diary dates:** August 4, 5, Green Point Swiss congress in conjunction with Middlesex CBA at Brunel University, starting 1pm each day – contact Steve Eginton 01628 780862; September 16 mixed pairs championship, YCBC 1pm – contact Gerald James 020 8691 3835; October 1

entries close for London championship teams-of-four (Gerald James) and Home Counties league (Sati McKenzie 020 7627 0977); October 14 Champions Cup at YCBC 1pm (Sati McKenzie); November 3, 4 Lederer Memorial Trophy – a great spectator event – at YCBC 2 pm Saturday, 1pm Sunday (Chris Duckworth 020 7385 3534).

## Manchester

[www.manchesterbridge.co.uk](http://www.manchesterbridge.co.uk)

DENIS Robson has been appointed by the EBU Board to chair an organising committee for the Commonwealth Games Festival of Bridge Championship 2002, which is to be held between 15th July and 20th July 2002. The event will be an important part of the Festival of Friendship, which precedes the Commonwealth Games. Most of the leading Commonwealth countries have indicated that they would like to participate. In order to help with the funding of this event, Raymond Semp has prepared a par contest, which clubs can use as part of a fund raising evening. Clubs should contact Raymond Semp on 0161 434 1254 for further information.

Manchester Bridge Club B team, consisting of Howard Kay (captain), Bob Cooke, Steve Capal, Jeff Smith, Tracy Capal, Boris Ewart, Mark Halliwell and Mike Ardron, won the regional final of the Garden Cities Trophy at Bradford Bridge Club. The same team went on to compete in the eight team national final in Coventry and came within a whisker of retaining the trophy won last year by Manchester Bridge Club A. This was nevertheless a very impressive performance from a team playing in its first final of a national knockout competition.

Manchester briefly took the lead in the annual three-way event for the Huggill Trophy between Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside, but slumped badly in the final stages to finish well behind the winners, Merseyside. The Manchester team consisted of four separate teams of four: Alan and Kath Nelson, Alan Jones and Dave Barton; Steve and Tracy Capal, Sid Travers and Ed Levy; Jeff and Alex Morris, Maurice and Ann Super; Howard Kay, Bob Cooke, Joy and Irving Blakey.

Four Manchester-based teams have reached the last 32 of this year's Gold Cup. They are: Raymond Semp's team (Alan Nelson, Denis Robson, Ron Morrish); John Holland's team (Michelle Brunner, Howard Melbourne, John Hassett, Bill Hirst); Dave Debbage's team (Mike Byrne, Alex Morris, Ed Levy); Alan Purdy's team (Alec Smalley, John Athey, Roger Allison, Jeff Smith, Dave Adelman). Rhona and Bernard Goldenfield (members of Jim Luck's Welsh team) are also in the last 32.

Dave Debbage's young team of two students and a schoolboy have done particularly well, recording a huge upset in the previous round when they knocked out the number three seeds led by renowned international John Collings, who has won the Gold Cup twice in the last three years. They then went on to secure a place in the last 32 by beating the Angeseing team from Gloucestershire.

Manchester was deeply saddened by the news of the sudden death of Reuben Myers, a true gentleman of bridge. Reuben, born in 1919, represented England in the Camrose Trophy matches in 1957 and 1961. He won the National Pairs in 1957 when this event was the toughest pairs competition in Europe. He won Crockfords in 1965 and his name is on all the NWCBA trophies throughout the 1950s, 60s and 70s, but he will be best remembered for his table presence. Reuben was the perfect partner, polite, generous in his compliments and only critical of poor play of his own making, which was very rare.

It is with great sorrow that we announce the death in May of John Currie. John was a great



servant of bridge in Manchester, holding the post of treasurer of the association for 17 years until his retirement a couple of years ago because of ill health. He was always cheerful, hard working and a pleasure to work with on the committee.

Four players from Manchester, Mike Byrne, Alex Morris, Craig Fisher and Ed Levy, were in Poland in July for the World Junior Pairs Championship and the World Junior Bridge Camp. They went with our very best wishes and we will report their progress later.

Congratulations to Mike Byrne, Mike Newman, Nevena Senior and Alan Purdy, who finished second in the Manchester One Day Swiss teams, just one point behind the winners.

Congratulations to Alan Jones and David Barton, who won the Merseyside and Cheshire Swiss pairs, and to Adrian Kenworthy and Jason Hackett, who came third.

Two of Manchester's top women players, Eve Lighthill and Barbara Lewis, represented the club and England in Sweden. They played as club level representatives in a return of a friendly fixture against Sweden, first held in Manchester in 1999. They played well, winning their matches comfortably against teams of Swedish club players, officials and county standard players.

Congratulations to John Holland's team (Michelle Brunner, John Hassett, Bill Hirst and Howard Melbourne), which finished in fourth in the Crockfords Cup.

Manchester League final placings:

Premier division 1 Isolated Menaces (Michelle Brunner), 2 The Curry Eaters (Paul Hackett); division one (a) – these and all the following teams have been promoted – 1 Acolytes (Rita Jordan), 2 Manchester H (Mike Barlow); division one (b) D J JAM (David McDouall) 2 DASH (Ian Kane); division two (a) 1 Radbroke Bears (John Leibeschutz), 2 Hindsight Convention (Mike Beere); division two (b) 1 Finesse (Mary Costagliola), 2 Bridge Over Troubled Water (David Tobias); division three (a) 1 Red Bull (Terry McCaughey), 2 Cheadle Dummies (Kevin Guilfoyle); division three (b) 1 Waterloo (Gordon Rice), 2 Canute C (Rosalind Allday); division four (a) 1 Manchester Cardinals (Michael Noronha), 2 Brookdale Club (Graham Barker); division four (b) 1 Petersfield (David Lees), 2 The Odd Couples (Jeffrey Marks); division five (a) 1 Altrincham (Roy Higginbottom), 2 Mystical Machine Gun (Neil Thomas), division five (b) 1 Radbroke Hopefuls (Steve Reynolds), 2 Wockies Warriors (John Berry); division six 1 Brookdale A (Robbie Phillips), 2 Shine (Lesley Wright), 3 The Cheshire Pack (Alison Morgan), 4 The Spinning Tops (Michael Fox); Newcomers 1 The Dragons.

Congratulations to David Whyte and Sally Nagel on tying the knot. We wish them a long and happy marriage. Best man was Alan Mould and many Manchester bridge players past and present were among those who attended the reception in Birmingham. Some names of those present who no longer live in Manchester included Barry Myers, Steve Eginton, Margaret McCarthy and Sally Gingell, Ros Hunt and Mike Waller.

## Merseyside & Cheshire

[www.cavendish.demon.co.uk/mc/ba/](http://www.cavendish.demon.co.uk/mc/ba/)

CONGRATULATIONS to Bill Niccol, who in partnership with Tracy Capal of Manchester won the Swiss pairs at the Spring Bank Holiday Congress in Bournemouth.

Congratulations also to our county team that won the Huggill trophy. The scores were Merseyside and Cheshire 372vp, Manchester 323vp, Lancashire 265vp. Our team was Dave and Jean Keen, Ralph Churney and Ted Reveley, Alan Stephenson and Stu Matthews, Andy Prothero and Peter Garner-Gray, Sue

and Jon Fjortoft, Bob Pitts and Pete Broster, Tim Prior and Jamie Cameron, Geoff Cannon and Chris Wentworth.

The Andrew Rose Bowl (county mixed pairs) was won by C Whaley and J Pye with a score of 56.94%. Second were J Arnold and O Arya with 55.56%.

The annual match against Dublin was held during the first weekend in June, with Merseyside and Cheshire hosting the event at Merseyside Bridge Centre. Each side provided four teams to meet over 75 boards, which produced a narrow win for the visitors by 26imps. As usual the real winner was the sociable spirit that ran through the whole weekend.

The county open Swiss teams for the Eric Howarth Cup took place at the Deva BC. Result: 1 P Broster, S Edwards, P Garner-Gray, R Pitts; 2 D and J Keen, S Mattison, A Reveley; 3 O Brown, J Green, J Griffiths, J King.

Winners of this season's pivot teams event at Deva BC were M Borley, J and D Hillan, G Horton and M Pitts. Runners-up were D Broadbent, F Salt, G Stambidge and S Webster.

Diary dates: August 4,5 Green Point weekend, Risley; September 11 Liverpool BC mixed pairs; September 15,16 Wirral Vase, Merseyside BC; September 27 heat of Lady Connell, Merseyside BC; October 6,7 Great Northern Swiss pairs, Risley; October 9 heat of Lady Connell, Blundellsands BC; October 19 heat of Lady Connell, Deva BC.

## Middlesex

[www.bridgeuk.org/middlesex](http://www.bridgeuk.org/middlesex)

AT the Middlesex AGM Gary Cove was elected as tournament chair.

Recent Middlesex convert Andrew McIntosh was a member of the winning Crockfords team.

At the EBU Spring Congress Peter Kaufmann and Wasim Naqvi won the championship pairs, with Andrew McIntosh and Jack Meisels third. Andrew Thompson was third in the consolation final. Andrew and Jack then won the Swiss teams with David Bakhshi and Alex Allfrey (London), with Andrew Thompson in the second-placed team.

The age of Middlesex players is getting younger all the time, with eight-year-old Shivam Shah finishing 12th in the EBU Spring simultaneous pairs.

The Middlesex Cup was won by Jerry Harouni, David Edwin, Ray Robinson, Andrew Thompson and Mike Vail, who beat Margaret and Michael Courtney, Daffyd Jones and Gareth Birdsall in the final.

The Middlesex championship pairs was won by Jerry Harouni and Ray Robinson, with Wasim Naqvi and Steve Root second, Tony Golding and Francis Morton third and Gary Jones and Alan Lipton fourth. Wasim and Steve went on to retain the Corwen Trophy for Middlesex.

The Middlesex Masters teams was won by Paul Biscoe, Saleem Sachak and Anne and Cliff Short, with Jonathon Osgood, Phillip Town, John Vos and Vic Washtell second.

The Committee Cup was won by Jerry Harouni, Jacqui and Peter Tobias and Richard White, with Jayne Edwards, Martin Lerner, Ernest Schlesinger and Isobel Vardy in second place.

Uday Hegde's team (Peter Edelman, Jerry Harouni, Ivor Miller, Steve Root and Richard Bowdery) won the first division of the Middlesex League for the third year in a row, finishing just ahead of Harvey Bengen's team. Other divisional winners were teams captained by Sue Moss, Martin Lee, Oliver Keene and Jill Feldman. To enter next season call Peter Tobias on 020 8950 8185.

The new season starts at end of the month with heats of the Dorset Cup.

Diary dates: November 17 Middlesex Congress championship pairs, Watford Leisure Centre; November 18 Middlesex Congress Green Point Swiss teams, Watford Leisure Centre – contact Marilyn Bernstein 020 8202 3931.

## Norfolk

[www.btinternet.com/~ncba/](http://www.btinternet.com/~ncba/)

THE Green Point championship pairs at the Kings Lynn Congress was won by Malcolm Lewis and Michael Whiting.

Lowestoft Trophy teams: 1 N Fenwick, J Massey, P Reed, P Spratt; 2 N Block, C Buchanan, H Fox, L Taylor; 3 R Cortis, M and B Hamden, J Innes.

Dereham Trophy pairs: 1 R Amey and R Roberson, 2 C and D Ingham, 3 C and R Fuller.

Swaffham Trophy pairs: 1 M and B Hamden, 2 A Brown and M Connolly, 3 A D Brown and D Taylor.

Kings Lynn Trophy teams: 1 R Cortis, M and B Hamden, J Innes; 2 J and J Aspinall, A and S Warner.

## North East

[users.globalnet.co.uk/~richlons/](http://users.globalnet.co.uk/~richlons/)

KEMPSON Cup (Green Point knockout teams) Mr and Mrs Steve Ray, I Spoors and Baz Caygill. North East league (Pachabo qualification), M Oliver, Mrs E Muir, D Roberts, Mrs V Curran, W March and M Ferguson. Tyneside League, Captain Mrs B Cheetham. Club champions pairs 1 I Rankin and P Li-Ping, 2 S Purvis and C J Benneworth. Club champions teams Brunton BC – Mrs G Gold, R Green, S Purvis and A Deane. Swiss pairs 1 N Dykes and D Dawson, 2 I Gordon and D Wardill. Player of the year Mrs E Muir. Club of the year Brunton BC.

The NEBA/EBU Green Point Swiss teams attracted an entry of 24 teams to St. George's Bridge Centre and was won by Pauline Bell, Jill and Roger Hancock and Janet Angel. The runners-up were Margaret and Bob Watts, Clive Owen and Julian Gibson.

Congratulations are due to the students of Durham University, who came third in the Portland Bowl final.

We are sorry to report the death of Ingrid Flute. She and her husband Raymond, despite not residing in our area, were members of the association and attended many of our competitions. We shall miss seeing them in the future.

## Nottinghamshire

[www.nottsbridge.co.uk](http://www.nottsbridge.co.uk)

CONGRATULATIONS to Eric Nunn on winning the Friday Cup and to Gordon Fullerton, who came second.

The Retford Swiss teams was won by Brian Cornelius, Alan Mould, Paul Bowyer and Howard Melbourne, with a Nottingham team (Janine Ford, Fay Kirk, Bill Whalley and Clive Kaye) second.

In Nottinghamshire matches against Worcestershire Dawes lost 7-13, Porter lost 1-19 and the third team drew 10-10. Against Staffordshire and Shropshire Dawes lost 9-11, Porter won 18-2 and the third team lost 7-13.

Diary dates: August 4,5 Notts\Derbys\EBU Green Point Swiss events – for possible vacancies contact Arnold Chandler (01332 523002); September 9 Nottinghamshire County Bridge Association Swiss pairs at Nottingham BC – enquiries to David Burgess (0115 9372947).

## Staffs & Shropshire

WE are delighted to hear that Arthur Bloxham is recovering well after having a heart bypass operation. In the Corwen Trophy Arthur and Geoff Davies finished fourth. Our other two qualifiers, Paul Cutler and David Moir (ninth) and Arthur Ballham and Margaret Dash (36th) also finished in the top half of the field. These three pairs finished second, third and fourth



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respectively in The Bearn, which qualifies the pairs for the Corwen. The winners of the Bearn were Bob Beech and David Beavon, who were unable to go to the Corwen.

Our qualifiers for the Pachabo, Diane and John Mills, John Day and Roy Martin, who replaced Ian Webb, finished a respectable seventh.

Margaret Dash and Rita Jordan won the ladies' pairs, ahead of Pat Poxon and Gillian Allsop. Barbara Foster and Diane Mills finished third. Sue Crawford and John Hartley took the trophy in the mixed pairs, with Roy Edwards and Gillian Allsop second and Anne Edwards and Michael Seavers third.

On the international scene Brigitte Mavromichalis and Paul Hackett finished second in the mixed pairs at Juan-Les-Pins and Paul went on to win the Honeywell teams tournament at Amsterdam. Paul, with brother Justin as captain, represented England in the European senior teams at Tenerife and Jason successfully captained the English ladies when they won the Lady Milne.

## Somerset

<http://welcome.to/SCBA/>

THE Taunton Duplicate Bridge Circle came a creditable third (out of 10) in the Garden Cities regional final.

Result of the Percentage Pairs: 1 TE Girdlestone and G Heal, 2 Miss S Coda and Mrs J Waters, 3 M Whittaker and L Hewson, 4 Mrs J Jones and J Dilworth.

**Diary dates:** The west of England Congress will be held on October 5-7 and entry forms can be obtained from David Porter (tel 01275 463026).

## Suffolk

[www.suffolkbridge.org.uk](http://www.suffolkbridge.org.uk)

SADLY, Colin Spencer of Clare Bridge Club died in early June. His friendly face will be missed at Clare bridge evenings. Our condolences to his widow Elsie, also a member of Clare.

Many Suffolk members will remember Frank Money, who also has died. He was a keen Suffolk player, in partnership generally with Colin Bamberger, until he retired from banking and moved to Guernsey about 12 years ago, when he started to partner Pat Merriman regularly with a considerable degree of success in Channel Island events.

Frank was a premier life master and will be much missed. He was one of nature's gentlemen and his attitude at the table was always exemplary. If a lead out of turn was made, or some other infringement, Frank would quickly look the other way, tell the offender he hadn't seen it and to pick it up. In his mind it was bad form to call the director for such matters and he was sufficiently switched on to be able not to take advantage of such matters. Our condolences to his widow, June.

Since the last issue the final results of the 2000/01 league have been determined: Premier 1 David Morran, Julian Lang, Claude Stokes and Peter Markwell 95vps, 2 Peter Sutcliffe, Peter Gemmell, Maria Allnutt and Debby Marriott 78, 3 Andrew and Jane Moore, Alison

Kingsley and David Brown 77;

Regional (East) 1 Mike Bone, John Leigh, Bryan Sellick and Joe Marshall 104vps, 2 Joan Mayhew, Judy Birley, Anne Wilmer and Caroline Gemmell to follow 87, 3 Vince and Betty Alexander, John and Maureen Garbutt 82; Regional (West) 1 Norman Less, Alan Barnes, Ken Jordan and Marion Berry 108vps, 2 Billie Haighton, Mary Durcan, Graham Johnston and Mike Cheese 95, 3 Mike O'Reilly, Mick Spencer, Peter Warren and John Ridley 91.

The 2000/01 knockout teams for the Jim Pettit Cup was won, in a close final, by Julian Lang, David Morran, Claude Stokes and Peter Markwell, beating Peter Sutcliffe, Peter Gemmell, Debby Marriott, Maria Allnutt, Jonathan Green and Chris Chambers. The plate event was won by Bill Tweddell, Michael Sherer, John Wilmott and Eric Newman, beating Jane and Andrew Moore, Alison Kingsley and David Brown.

The Clare Swiss pairs was held at Clare Town Hall. Congratulations to the winners, Alison Kingsley and David Brown, with 98vps. Michael Sherer and Mike Malin were second with 88vps and Norman Less and Alan Barnes third with 85.

The Suffolk mixed pairs event for the Ringer Cup was held at Stoke by Nayland Golf Club, with 22 pairs competing. Result 1 Jane and Andrew Moore 60.29%, 2 Mary Durcan and Mike Cheese 58.23, 3 Pauline Hanson and Michael Sherer 58.15.

The Suffolk AGM was held at Stoke by Nayland Golf Club, with some 40 members in attendance. In addition to the routine business the following resolution proposed by Frinton-on-Sea DBC was passed unanimously by all present: 'The SCBA committee should make active representations to the Board of EBU, preferably with the support of neighbouring counties, to make a substantial reduction in the annual membership fee and, through the clubs, insist all members join the EBU. In this way all club members would belong to the EBU instead of the 30,000 members in year 2001. A movement in this direction would probably not reduce the total income to EBU, but would encourage more to support the county events and probably increase levels of membership.' Easier said than done, but a small number of Suffolk members are looking to meet with EBU officials at Aylesbury to explore possibilities.

After the AGM the AGM pairs were held, 17 pairs taking part. The winners were Rosemary Mascall and Norman Denny 58.72%, 2 Barbara and Malcolm Carey 57.92, 3 Ivy Armitage and Jane Moore 57.65.

**Diary dates:** August 5 Suffolk Green Point Swiss pairs at Ipswich Corn Exchange 2 pm - details from Alan Orchard 01473 61732 [alan.orchard@ukgateway.net](mailto:alan.orchard@ukgateway.net); September 5 Suffolk men's and ladies' pairs at Needham Market 7.15pm - details from Jane Moore 01206 263209 [janemoore@tesco.net](mailto:janemoore@tesco.net); October 5-8 Suffolk Congress at Felixstowe - details from Alan Orchard as above.

## Surrey

SURREY'S Green Point Swiss teams event is at Guildford Spectrum Leisure Complex on September 1, 2001. The date and location have both been changed from the original plan. It starts at 1pm (7x7 boards) and entry is £17.50 per player. Flight A is open to all, licence level four, and Flight B is open to teams below Premier Regional Master, with at least two players below Regional Master, licence level three. Entries to Malcolm Curtis, Fyndon Lea, Crawley Ridge, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 2AD (tel 01276 65236).

In county competitions a busy season saw the Kortright Cup final (for the winners of local teams-of-four leagues) won by Elmbridge

(Sheila and Wordy Price, Simon Tyrell and Ginette Brown). Epsom were second and Guildford third. The affiliated division one clubs league championship was won again by Farnham A (Don Fry, Penny Macleod, Keith Wilson and Russell Allen). Mayfield A were second and Pegasus C third. Leatherhead won the division two, three and four playoffs.

Selsdon won the affiliated teams of eight competition clearly from Mayfield A and Farnham A. Only a single vp separated the winners of the ladies' Swiss teams (Helen Beattie, Hazel Brown, Jen Morgan and Margaret James) from runners-up Maureen Dennison, Jean Fogg, Detta Bentley and Angela Macready in a 15-team tournament. The no fears Swiss teams was clearly won by Roger and Sylvia McDaniel and Alan and Felicity Crego-Bourne. The Dell club (Mary Street, Edith Smollett, Anne Chapple and Elizabeth Johnson) won the multiple teams Wanborough Cup, the inter-club teams champions play-offs.

Steve Scott and John England (Yateley and Hawley) took first place in the Jubilee pairs out of 33 pairs in the final playoff of the three-stage club competition. The inter-club pairs championship play-off, the Mary Edwards Cup, was won by John Durden and Mrs Mills of Pegasus, narrowly ahead of Charles and Robert Fellows (Selsdon).

The Lady Rose Cup team knockout was easily won by Graham Horsley's team, despite a heavy defeat in their last match against Penny Macleod's team, which finished tied second with both Rolf Alexander and Andrew Mann's teams. Graham's team goes on to represent Surrey in the Pachabo Cup.

The Victor Ludorum was won by Wendy Miller (18) ahead of Richard Currie (17) and Robert Cookson (16), all of the Farnham club. Two other Farnham players also ranked in the top eight.

The Hants and IOW Swiss teams, flight A, was won by the Surrey-Farnham team of Margaret and Paul Kirton, Shirley Roberts and Guy Neal. Angela McCready, Scott Mitchell, Malcolm Grimstone and John Williams came joint fourth. Selsdon reached the Garden Cities final, qualifying second in the South East region behind Farnborough of Kent. In the final, Farnborough won again, but by only 1vp from Selsdon in joint second place. Lorne Anderson and Paul Martin came second in the consolation final of the Spring Bank Holiday Congress at Bournemouth in May. Surrey, having won the Pachabo Cup last year, were a close third, represented by Frances Hinden, Tony Lunn, Jeffrey Allerton, Margaret and Peter Lee. Chris Stableford and Richard Derwent were third in flight A of the Sussex Green Point event, playing with Yateley members Alan Brown and John England.

Surrey's 2001-02 season begins with three rounds of mixed pairs qualifying: September 27 South Croydon, October 7 Yateley, October 14 Wimbledon.

At the Surrey AGM it was decided to continue free entry for no fear events at county competitions. John Flower (020 8668 6682) is running a restricted convention (no fears) event called Bridgmeet at the Croydon Gas Sports Club on October 20.

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## Sussex

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AS you read this a good number of our members will be involved with the Brighton Congress. I hope there will be some successes to report in the next issue.

Elizabeth North Trophy (for players under 25,000 Master Points): 1 Dagmar Charles, Muriel Folland, Jane Handley and Valerie



Cooke (Horsham); 2 Avril Light, Roger Pyart, Andrew Symons and Tilly Hennings (Worthing), who were runners-up for the third year in a row.

The Oathall Swiss teams raised £555 for the Oathall School Fund and was won by Mr and Mrs F North, Mrs M Oates and A Jeffery. Leading non-expert team was Sue Dyball, Mike Rounds, Avril Light and Andrew Symonds.

Bognor mini Swiss teams: 1 Mrs M Oates, A Jeffery, Mr and Mrs F North; 2 L and R Smith, E Connell and M Dufficy; 3 G Hayward, J Bellinger, J Garrard and I Griffin.

Worthing Club Weekend: mixed pairs 1 Mrs D Boorne and L Chiswell, 2 Mrs J Pink and G Kellett, 3 Mrs R Churchill and R Skelton; novelty pairs 1 R Davison and D Hughes, 2 P Warren and S Dyball, 3 K Hart and J Price; The Goblets 1 Mrs M Oates and Mrs P Gadsby, 2 S Dyball and M Rounds, 3 F Ghaleb and A Jeffery; The Salver 1 Mr and Mrs F North, A Jeffery and A Whiteway, 2 Mr and Mrs H Birch, T Bradley and R Poulter, 3 Mrs Oates, Mrs Gadsby, Mrs Thornton and L Chiswell; under 5000 Master Points 1 B Miles and T Lawson, 2 B Hogg and M Reilly, 3 J Raper and M Winn.

The Henfield Candles event was again very well supported, with 58 teams playing. Result: 1 Mr and Mrs F North, A Jeffery and Per Lindsten; 2 Moira and Keith Baker, Jerry Emery and Dennis Jevans; 3 J Gedge J Lavis, R Hitt and J Ward; 4 V Bingham, J Smallwood, A McGregor and N Osmer; 5 (Committee Cup for all Henfield members) J Pink, B Skimming and L and J Stanford; non-expert trophy D and E Cotton and V and J Clarkson.

EBU/SCCBA one day Swiss teams: A flight 1 Joan Pink, Geoffrey Kellett, Cecily and Harold Linfield; 2 M Hoffman, Matsumura, Pagan and Svendsen; 3 C Stableford, R Derwent, A Brown and J England; B flight 1 Jacqui Bellinger, Gerald Hayward, John Naylor and Andi Menzies; 2 B and D Cross and A and R Bitten; 3 B Cavell, C Dean and H and B Plani.

Ardingly was a wonderful venue for a Swiss pairs event and the comfortable and spacious surroundings attracted 96 pairs. Result: 1 Nigel Urban and Dave Franklin, 2 Nick Hills and Dave Armstrong, 3 G Hind and K Nadim, 4 F Ghaleb and A Woodford, equal 4 L Satow and D Sedlickas; non-expert T Roxburgh and Gavin Park.

Sussex Leagues: division four B Garrini, S Blunt, T Brogan and M Smith; division five R and G Wolfarth, D O'Sullivan and J Roberts; division six S Hall, D Johnstone, I Bayliss, P

Gannon, R Small and J Cattermole; division seven R Lyford, C Wigan, J Westcott, R Webster and E Bowes; division eight East E and P Pool, H and A Gimson; division eight West M Perle, D Byewater, J Griffiths, E and W Grace and B Hodgson.

**Diary of events:** September 14-16 Autumn Congress at Steyning Recreation Centre (for the first time); November 29 social evening and dinner at the Coral Greyhound Stadium, Hove, at which the Sussex County Contract Bridge SCCBA is sponsoring a race on the charity night in support of the National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease (more information from Val Chandler).

## Warwickshire

[www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk](http://www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk)

ALTHOUGH Leicester stole the scene on a split tie our congratulations go to Michael Allen, Roger Bryant, Steve Green and Graham Link for a magnificent performance in taking first equal place from 33 teams in the inter-county competition for the Pachabo Cup. Also congratulations to David Jones, Gary Watson, John Collins, Martin Jones, Steve Green and Graham Link for another fine display in taking third place in the Crockfords Cup. At the inter-club Garden Cities regional final at Peterborough, West Midlands A were less successful in fourth place.

Within the county this year's holders of the Goodman Cup knockout teams event are Steve Green, Graham Link, Mike Allen and Roger Bryant. The Cock o' the County pairs was won by Chris Potter and Ben Tarlow, with Martin and Sarah Jones in second place and Anne Crow and Roy Moore third.

The Warwickshire invitation pairs premier division was won by G Preece and G Cuthbertson, with L Reece and R Saines second and C Dean and M Summers-Smith third. Birmingham invitation pairs division one 1 M Lees and S Wood, 2 Mrs N McWhirter and A Sant; division two 1 D and S Rutter, 2 J and Mrs J Bennet. Coventry invitation pairs division one 1 D Berks and N Wain, 2 V Garrod and F Powell; division two 1 Mrs C Clarke and Mrs C Maher, 2 Mrs A Turner and Mrs D Oddy.

The sun set on this year's Warwickshire league with the following results: division one 1 West Midlands A (Margaret Armstrong, Pip Whitehouse, Roger Bowles, Roger Flood), 2 Coventry A, 3 Moseley A; division two 1 Griffins (Mrs S Galvin), 2 Arden (P Cotterill); division three 1 West Midlands E (W Lewis), 2 Moseley F (H Brown); division four 1 Moseley

G (J Wernick), 2 Silhill B (M Whitfield); division five 1 West Midlands H (Mrs B Latham), 2 JRSG (J Roberts). The Warwickshire handicap teams event was won by Julian Wernick, Sue Goldman, Liam Johnstone and Adrian Knight, with runners-up Harvey and Caroline Brown, Julian and Mary Shingler.

Steve Green's Coventry pairs league has proved to be a most popular innovation and this year's result is: division one 1 Rob Helle and Steve Green, 2 David Cass and Peter Edwards; division two 1 Keith Jordan and John Pyner, 2 Stephanie and Bob Galvin.

Other results from Coventry BC calling for congratulations are the arrival of daughter Megan to Sarah and Martin Jones; victory in the club men's pairs by Kevin New and Mike Sallis; winning of the Tony Balcerak Teams Trophy by Barbara Roberts, Tony Poole, Keith Jordan and Roy Moore; Kate Thomson charity pairs success for John Hopkinson and Jevine Shah; the John Kennedy Trophy taken by Lynn Kilton and Malcolm Dean; the Harry Weston Trophy seized by Bob Foster and Bob Thawley; the Tom Oliver Individual Trophy captured by Aileen Stockham; the Three Spires Trophy falling to Brian Cooper and Bob Foster and the Anglo-Polish Trophy awarded to Keith Jordan and John Pyner.

The Coventry League finished with division one winners Ma Brown, division two Courtauld, division three Warwick University A, division four Brookside and division five Warwick University B.

Following the AGM the elected officers of the county association are Michael Allen (chairman), John Pyner (vice-chairman), Roger Bowles (general secretary), Alan Pagett (treasurer), Pip Whitehouse (tournament secretary), Bob Galvin (match secretary and honorary points secretary), John Birch (membership secretary), Beryl Latham (minutes secretary), Steve Byrne (youth officer), John Robbins (publicity secretary) and committee members John and Jane Edwards, Jane Hall, Brian Holloway,

## You're Never too Old !



St GEORGES Bridge Centre, home of North East clubs Darlington, Hurworth and Long Newton, hosts the monthly meeting of the Macmillan Cancer Relief Social Bridge Club, organised by Mrs Christine Bainbridge.

The May winners were Frankie Pybus and Hardy Clarkson, pictured, who have an aggregate age of 180, Mr Clarkson being the senior of the two at 92. Both are regular competitors at St Georges club nights.

Mrs Pybus took up the game only in the last 20 years. As well as playing bridge two or three times a week she still has time to read seven or eight novels a week and complete her daily newspaper crossword.

Mr Clarkson is an old hand at the game, having started his playing career in the 1950s.



A special trophy night at Droitwich Spa BC, one of the oldest clubs in the Worcestershire CBA, saw two partnerships go up to collect the Lovatt Trophy, having tied for first place in the pairs championship. With town mayor Cllr Don Lawley are, from left, Glynis Coy and Peter Edwards (club chairman), Pam Moore and David Halford



# COUNTY NEWS



Peter Lake, Nanette McWhirter, Roy Moore, Hylda Townsend and Nick Woosnam. It was stressed that all clubs in the county area are entitled to have a representative on the committee and need only to make contact; further, we look to club secretaries to send in news from their clubs.

Hearty congratulations to our latest centenarian Teddy Woolf, a keen and regular participant at Moseley and Heathercroft.

**Diary dates:** September 5 Ladies and men's pairs at WMBC, 6.50pm; September 7-9 17th Coventry Bridge Congress (please contact Stephanie Galvin at 01675 442250); September 9 Ann Ormond pairs, 2 pm Moseley BC; September 13 Moseley Bowl teams, 7 pm Moseley BC; September 16 Midland Circle multi-teams, 2 pm Moseley BC.

## Westmorland

THE following trophies were presented at the annual meeting of Westmorland CBA:

County pairs (Holloway Cup) Mrs J Crawshaw and R Rose.

County teams (Eva Wilde Cup) Mrs B Matthews, T Matthews, D Stawbridge and Mrs P Downs.

Westmorland Individual Cup A Farmer.

Pivot teams (David Bramhall Trophy) A Farmer and Mrs C Farmer, S Platts and Mrs N Platts. Congratulations to all.

## Wiltshire

CONGRATULATIONS to premier league winners Betty Barclay, Phil Bennett, Danny Miller, Clive Ashton, Dave Hales and Peter Osborne with 105vps. Runners-up were Barry Kibble, Norman Lambert, David Lilley, Barbara Raven, Bernard Lloyd and Arthur Whittaker with 90vps.

Congratulations, too, to Alan White and Tim Brierley who came 10th in the Corwen trophy.

The Cliff Sibley mixed teams was won for the second year running by Martyn and Vera Kenyon and Jock and Sue Linsell. Runners-up were Ron King's team.

The final of the KO teams will be played on July 3 between Alan White's team and Gill Messer's team.

Jenny Gray and Gayle Webb have joined the county committee.

It is with sadness that we report that Liz Brinig has died. She had done much for Wiltshire bridge.

## Worcestershire

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WORCESTERSHIRE CBA has introduced new events and revamped others in order to make competitive bridge more attractive in the county. At our flagship county evening at Holt Fleet we will be introducing two handicap events based on scores achieved previously.

We are also embodying an event already successfully played in other counties, namely a rolling Swiss teams event over four months, beginning in January. It is envisaged that players who consider their standards too modest to compete at Holt Fleet will take the opportunity to play with others of similar ability.

On selected evenings we are allowing our more experienced players to play at level four to give them opportunity to practise these con-

ventions to prepare them to play against stronger opponents at national events. Level three will also be played, as usual.

The county simultaneous pairs will be held only once this season. Furthermore, it will be held on one night only (Monday November 26). This differs from the previous procedure where the same hands were played at Worcestershire clubs throughout the week. Curiously, on almost every occasion in the past when pairs had unwittingly played these hands twice, they did less well the second time. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing!

Alan Reid is now scoring the Monday evening event in situ, so you can enjoy a drink and get your result in half-an-hour, rather than wait a long time and get it next morning on the web page. So do roll up and play with us, both county EBU members and EBU members from neighbouring counties. We love you all madly!

We have also revamped the WICKO insofar as all the barracuda have been kicked out of it. Only non-EBU members and those EBU members ranked below Tournament Master can play. Let us see a lot of teams entering this event from Worcestershire clubs.

The Worcestershire B/A Cup for units one and two students was played at the Droitwich Working Men's Club. The six tables played a total of 16 boards and resulted in a shared win between two married pairs: Joy and Glyn Tomkinson from Stourbridge and Fiona and Bob Whittock from Droitwich.

The county senior pairs (aged 51 plus) was won by John Turner and Nigel Laville with a very rude score of 68.91%. In second place from 30 pairs with 62.34% were the two Monicas, Parker and Osborne.

Two Worcestershire teams did their county proud by sharing first place at the Hereford Green Point Swiss teams. They were Sharleen Robson with John Sansom and Mike Theelke with Grahame Weir. Their equally successful rivals were Diana Williams with Stewart Fishburne and Joyce Skelton with Arthur Williams. They each were 9vps ahead of the third-placed team.

Last chance to enter your team in any one of our leagues (open, no fear and beginners). Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Contact Sue Lane on 01684 561308.

Bridge classes will resume in mid-September. If you have a friend or an enemy (if the bridge bug has got you, why shouldn't it get them?) ring our *Bridge for All* co-ordinator, John Cattanach, on 01905 25265 for details and locations of classes. Improvers and supervised play are also catered for.

**Diary dates:** Enter the Charity Rubber Bridge KO by end August (John Cattanach 01905 25265); September 2 Healey Cup, Star Hotel, Worcester 2pm (John Turner 01905 351919); September 24, first pairs ladder of season, Holt Fleet 7.15pm; October 1 closed teams qualifier, Holt Fleet 7.15pm (full WCBA members); October 13 Irene Allen Swiss pairs, Stourbridge 2pm; October 14, Malvern Hills Bowl (Fred Rochelle 01905 351394); October 15 men's and ladies' pairs, Holt Fleet 7.15pm.

## Yorkshire

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CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Teshome and Richard Winter, who finished second in the Crockfords Cup, teamed with Georgia and Steve Ray from the North East. Also to Sandra Penfold (ladies) and Alex Hydes (juniors), who were in the England team which beat Sweden in the annual friendly.

Yorkshire's premier teams championship for the Waddington Shield was won by the Bradford team of Sandra Penfold, Sarah Teshome, Giles Foster, Richard Winter, Hugh McGann and Tony McNiff, with a convincing performance in the final against Geoff

Newman, Adrian Goulding, Brian Leggetter and Tony Murray (Wakefield).

Yorkshire Master pairs: grade one 1 David Lewis and Jim Proctor, 2 David Colley and Eric Pudsey; grade two 1 Pamela and Stuart Coggrave, 2 Cheryl and Dave Duddell; grade three 1 Margaret Oakes and Keith Franklin, 2 Dorothy and Chris Close, equal 2 June Dyal and Jean Rodgers.

Castle Swiss pairs: 1 David Colley and Eric Pudsey, 2 Agnes Blewitt and Stan Collins, equal 2 Carole Kelly and Geoff Kenyon.

Yorkshire mixed pairs: 1 Pamela Jackson and Rod Hose; 2 Shelagh Flett and Brian Snodgrass; 3 Janet Easter and Adrian Goulding.

Yorkshire individual: 1 John Kitteridge, 2 Jennifer Walker, 3 Peter Radley.

Waddington Cup: 1 Peter and Frank Littlewood, Raphael Grossman and Geoff Kenyon (Sheffield); 2 Roy Garthwaite, Heather Hobson, Pearl and Denis Murphy (Huddersfield).

Affiliated Clubs Trophy: 1 Ian Willmott, Pat Latham, Trevor and Margaret Kent (Sheffield BC); 2 Bill and Helga Pearson, Roy Briggs and Colin Riley (Guiseley BC).

Yorkshire simultaneous pairs: 1 Maureen Tebb and Anthony Swiers (York) 69.63%, 2 Frank Littlewood and David Ripley (Sheffield) 68.45, 3 Mike Marston and Paul Tempest (Bradford) 67.84, 4 M Booth and A Hasnip (Hull University) 65.87, 5 Diane Western and Keith Seiles (Bridlington) 65.87.

Yorkshire Congress: mixed pairs 1 Carole Kelly and Geoff Kenyon, 2 Bobbie Sissons and Dale Strawn; ladies' pairs 1 Judith Biles and Shelagh Flett, 2 Sheila Galloway and Janet Peevers; men's pairs 1 Roy Garthwaite and Philip Mason, 2 Alan Jarvis and Brian Yarker; pairs championship (Moortown Cup) 1 Chris Jagger and John Young, 2 Karen Bradley and Les Brown; York Mount Trophy 1 John Kimpton and Richard Philpott, 2 Heather Hobson and Roy Garthwaite; Chairman's Plate 1 Cedric Cockcroft and Alex Hogg, 2 Liz Reese and Alan Martindale; teams championship (Fell-Vincent Cup) 1 Mike Rich, David Adelman, Cedric Cockcroft and Alex Hogg, 2 Harry Hoyle, Elizabeth Wickens, Chris Gray and Ian Winterburn; John Colley Trophy 1 Mike Ingham, Steve Codling, Dorothy Rickaby and Peter Franks, 2 Julian Gibson, Clive Owen, Peter Littlewood and Bill Townsend; Scarborough Trophy 1 Liz Reese, Alan Martindale, John Kimpton and Mike Urnston, 2 Sarah Teshome, Catherine Jagger, Giles Foster and Richard Winter.

Sheffield Swiss Weekend: pairs 1 David Colley and Eric Pudsey, 2 Rosemary Johnson and Val Lowndes; teams 1 Simon Rush, Martin White, Richard Pike and David Robinson, 2 David Fletcher, Raphael Grossman, David Colley and David Waxman.

Bridlington Congress: championship pairs 1 Dinah and Jonathan Stocken, 2 Val and Fraser Bottom; consolation pairs 1 Derek Bland and Alan Johnson, 2 Sally Roberts and Ray Hutchinson; open pairs East/West 1 Wendy and Geoff Harrison, North/South 1 Phil Godfrey and Peter Stocken; Swiss teams 1 Sandy Davies, David Colley, David Fletcher and David Waxman, 2 Dennis and Audrey Simpson, Cynthia Robson and J Scott.

Malton Swiss teams: 1 Bobbie Sissons, Dale Strawn, Ruth Black and John Barnett; 2 Gordon Hiscoe, Fred Reid, Janet Bull and Eric Long.

**Diary Dates:** August 5 Harrogate Swiss teams, Harrogate; September 2 Examiner Rose Bowl teams, Huddersfield; September 23 Garforth Swiss teams, Garforth; September 27 Kath Grimoldby simultaneous pairs, clubs; September 30 Yorkshire/EBU Green Point Swiss pairs, Harrogate; October 14 Yorkshire league matches; October 18 Children in Need simultaneous pairs, clubs; October 21 Nelson Rose Bowl ladies' teams, Harrogate.





The county team, from left: Victor Milman and Nadia Stelmashenko (Cambs & Hunts), Angela Pullen and Marc Lee (Avon)



The club team, from left: Barbara Lewis and Eve Lighthill (Manchester), Pat Rhodes-Fisher and Peter Baxter (Oxfordshire)

# Bridge at 'dawn' in Sweden!

ABOUT two years ago the first friendly matches between England and Sweden took place in Manchester and 2001 brought the return fixture in Stockholm.

The form in these events is for the selectors to pick an open, a ladies and a junior team. They will then struggle but, if all goes according to the script, they will be rescued by the other three teams, the club, county and officials. This formula has worked well against Ireland, Holland and France in the past.

Overall English teams are marginally less successful in the away fixtures, usually because of the fine hospitality of their opponents.

The Swedes had clearly heard about this and provided food, drink and all manner of excellent and friendly hospitality.

Bridge players have a habit of visiting exotic venues and seeing no more than the playing rooms and the bar. Our hosts were making sure we did not do the same. Upon arrival in Stockholm a visit was made to see the Vasas ship. Many a host would take one to a symbol of national success if only to establish a psychological edge, but this particular boat made the Titanic look successful. It failed to reach the sea from its launch point in an estuary owing to some fairly fundamental design flaws.

The Swedes had organised not only our match, but another event to run simultaneously called the mini-Nordic challenge, to give some national teams a chance to practise before the European Championships in Tenerife. This event was won by that well-known Nordic country, Israel (if you pronounce it *Icrael* it makes their presence seem more legitimate!)

A standard English event does not start until the streets are properly aired. Players will moan if the start time is as outrageously early as 11am. To disorientate the English the start time was 10am on the Saturday and, to facilitate catching return flights, a shattering 9am on the Sunday – and this when the body clocks were on a time zone two hours in arrears.

The playing conditions were first class. We played in the main Stockholm club, right in the centre of the city, which had space for 60 tables, plus a teaching room and a sort of glass conservatory area for

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## We just had the edge despite the generosity of our friendly hosts

the smokers to retire to when in need. This was a satisfyingly small and breathless area, which had a strong flavour of stale smoke throughout.

The club would even seem a haven for any Brits out there on holiday. The quality of English spoken is better than at my local club and there is an Indian restaurant and Irish pub immediately outside the club. In one corner there was a computer permanently connected to the Internet (the Swedes having heard of broadband and not BT). There were some puzzled looks from the locals, as whenever they went to look at the machine it seemed to have been visited by the English and to be stuck on a page giving details of the latest Pakistani wicket to fall in the Test match.

After the first day England were comfortably in front. Our hosts had organised a cruise of the archipelago with wine and dinner – a perfect way to end the day.

On the second day England maintained their edge. The best of our teams by the end were the county team. The hand that follows was a typical example of imps flowing in from a fairly dull-looking hand:

Game all Dealer W		♠ Q J 3 2	
		♥ A 7 6 4	
		♦ A 3 2	
		♣ 10 5	
♠ K 10 4	♠ A 6 5		
♥ J 10 8	♥ K 9 2		
♦ Q J 6 4	♦ K 9		
♣ K 8 7	♣ Q 9 6 4 2		
		♠ 9 8 7	
		♥ Q 5 3	
		♦ 10 8 7 5	
		♣ A J 3	
West Victor Milman	North	East Nadia Stelmashenko	South
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1NT (12-14)	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Maybe North's re-opening after East-West showed limited strength and no interest in the majors had its merits, but vulnerability turned out to be a crucial factor for the score. West had a lot of points, but no particular shape or trump strength and did not particularly fancy a double so 2♥ became the final contract.

England had scored -90 defending 1NT in the other room, so the question was how much more would the county team be able to score in defence against a delicate 2♥ contract. On the surface there should be six easy defensive tricks (two spades, a heart, two diamonds and a club). The defence started with a small club from West to the queen and ace. Declarer immediately played a low club towards the table, hoping then to get to hand with the ♥Q and get a discard on the ♠J. West took the club and switched to a low diamond, which was taken with the ace, while East unblocked the king. On the next trick East rose with the king when declarer tried a low heart from the table, and returned her last diamond. Two more rounds of diamonds followed, with East discarding a spade on the third diamond. Declarer refused to ruff the fourth diamond high, but had no useful discard by this time. When he discarded a spade, East ruffed the fourth round of diamonds. This was followed by the ♠A and a low spade to the king, and another spade ruffed with the last trump in East's hand and +300 to England.

The abiding memories of the weekend were the endless efforts that the Swedes made to make our stay pleasant and the 2200 penalty that one opponent incurred after a small misunderstanding!

## Bridge even cheaper!

Leicestershire CBA has been so successful it is cutting its subscription rate by £1. See county bridge report page 44.



# RESULTS SERVICE

**Lady Milne Trophy** five nations women's international: 1 England (Michelle Brunner and Rhona Goldenfield, Heather Dhondy and Nicola Smith, Sally Brock and Margaret Courtney, npc Jason Hackett) 161, 2 Scotland 135, 3 N. Ireland 114, 4 Wales 108, 5 Republic of Ireland 81.

**Spring Foursomes** Provost Cup final: Krzysztof Martens, Martin Lesniewski, Jacek Poltyeo and Marek Wojcicki (Poland) beat Paul Hackett (Staffs and Shrops), Tony Waterlow (Middlesex), John Armstrong (Merseyside and Cheshire) and Danny Davies (Yorks) 70-52; Punchbowl (consolation) final Cameron Small (London), Graham Osborne (Surrey), Peter Czerniewski (London) and Marc Smith (Hants and IoW) beat Jerry Cope (Middlesex), Alan Kay (Herts), Roger Gibbons (Cambs and Hunts) and Dave Kendrick (Cambs and Hunts) 52-12; Hamilton Cup Swiss teams 1 Ian Monachan (Guernsey), Brian Senior (Notts), Unal Dermus (London), Boye Brogeland (Norway) and Espen Erichsen (London) 95vps, 2 Adrian Kenworthy (Manchester), Cedric Cockcroft (Yorks), Mike Goldsmith (Manchesters) and Mike Rich (Yorks) 89, 3 Tracy Capal, Steve Capal, Sid Travers and Jeff Smith (Manchester) 84.

**Corwen Trophy**, contested by the leading pair of each county: Steve Root and Wasim Naqvi (Middlesex) 58.44 %, 2 Pat Davies and Gwynn Davis (Avon) 57.58, 3 Christine Kempton and Phil Jones (Kent) 57.01.

**Pachabo Cup**, contested by the leading team-of-four of each county (33 entries): 1 Leicestershire - Tony Odams, Paul Bowyer, Peter Harvey, Jim Mason, Meg, Mel Starkings 202vps (winners on a split tie); 2 Warwickshire - Mike Allen, Roger Bryant, Graham Link, Steve Green 202vps; 3 Surrey - Frances Hinden, Jeffrey Allerton, Tony Lunn, Peter and Margaret Lee 198vps; 4 London - Michael Hill, Ian Gardiner, David Ould, Roger Morton 194vps.

**Garden Cities Cup** final, contested by the leading team-of-eight of each county: 1 Farnborough, Kent (Katherine and Ian Draper, Stuart and Gerald Tredinnick, Tony Clark, Phil Bailey, Anne and Neil Rosen) 85vps; 2 Cheltenham, Gloucestershire (Patrick Shields, Martin Kane, Chris Kinloch, Richard Chamberlain, Tony Hill, Graham Sadie, Derek Rue and Keith Stanley) 84; equal 2 Selsdon, Surrey (Geoff Bell, Nick Press,

Jagdish Aggarwal, Robin Clarke, Bill Hodgkiss, Chas, Roger and Rosemary Fellows) 84.

**Bournemouth Congress:** championship pairs A final 1 Peter Kaaufmann and Wasim Naqvi (Middlesex) 56.48%, 2 Nevena Senior (Notts) and Sandra Penfold (Yorkshire) 55.97, 3 Andrew McIntosh and Jack Mizel (Middlesex) 54.99; Consolation Final 1 Maria Budd and Malcolm Harris (Herts) 64.00%, 2 Lorne Anderson and Paul Martin (Surrey) 58.80, 3 Ian Monachan (Channel Islands) and Andrew Thompson (Middlesex) 58.47; Swiss pairs 1 Tracy Capal (Manchester) and Bill Niccol (Merseyside & Cheshire) 154vps, 2 Philip Lowry and Mike Robbins (Berks & Bucks) 150, 3 Andy Smith and Cathy Smith (Avon) 148; Swiss teams A flight 1 David Bakhshi (Middlesex), Alexander Allfrey (London), Jack Mizel and Andrew McIntosh (Middlesex) 117vps, 2 Ian Monachan, Rob Lawy (Ch Islands), Andrew Thompson (Middlesex) and Mike Fletcher (London) 114, 3 Francis Otway, Jane Otway (Gloucestershire), Wendy Brown and Mimi Falconar (Cornwall) 112; Swiss teams B flight 1 Sheila Evans, Dennis Hoey (Herts), Keith Anderson and Barbara Fogg (Dorset) 106vps, 2 Andy Fenn (Herts), Nathan Potaznik, Bob Curtis and Howard Jolly (Avon) 105, equal 2 Peter Cherrett, Chris Cherrett, Eric Vickers and Gill Vickers (Berks & Bucks) 105.

**Shrewsbury Summer Congress:** open pairs (52 entries) 1 David and Joan Burgess (Notts) 66.03 %, 2 Ted and Brenda Goodacre (Lincs) 63.86, 3 Janet and Ted Latham (Yorks) 63.50.

Swiss pairs (142 entries) 1 Joy and Irving Blakey (Manchester) 78.33%, 2 Catherine and Chris Jagger (Cambs and Hunts) 77.78, 3 David Stevenson and John Armstrong (Merseyside/Cheshire) 72.22; Swiss teams (80 entries) 1 Rob Cliffe, Nora Smith, Andrew Thompson, Mike Fletcher (London) 77.14%, won on split tie; equal 1 Karima Basse, Richard Irwin, Bill Thurl, Francis Eddleston (Herts) 77.14; 3 David Stevenson, John Armstrong, Ralph Churney, Ted Reveley (Merseyside/Cheshire) 68.57.

**Jersey Congress:** pre-congress pairs 1 John Thrower and Christopher Jones (Berks and Bucks) 1004.0, 2 Rob Cliffe and Nora Smith (London) 979.0, 3 Steve Foster (Beds) and Daniel Miller (Hants and IoW) 952.3; Channel Islands Trophy Swiss

pairs 1 Catherine Draper and Draper (Kent) 165vps, 2 Olivia and Alan Woo (London) 162, 3 Steve Foster (Beds) and Daniel Miller (Hants & IoW) 161, equal 3 Tony and Vivian Friday (London) 161; Teams 1 Andrew Moore (Suffolk), Roz Bavin (Beds), Jane Moore (Suffolk), Perry Darwen (Beds); 2 Rob Cliffe (London), Andrew Thompson (Middlesex), Nora Smith (London), Mike Fletcher (London); 3 Gordon Rainsford (London), Olivia Woo (London), Paul Martin (Surrey), Alan Woo (Middlesex).

**Northants one day event:** Green Point teams 1 Alan Reid (Worcestershire), James Dutton (Oxfordshire), Ruth Coubrough (Warwickshire), Shirley Dutton (Oxfordshire).

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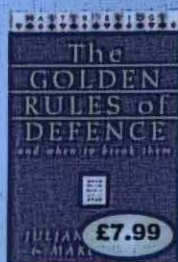
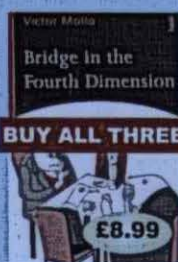
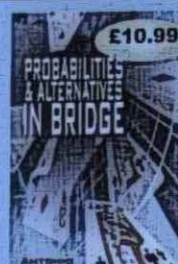
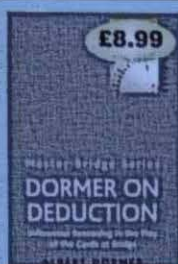
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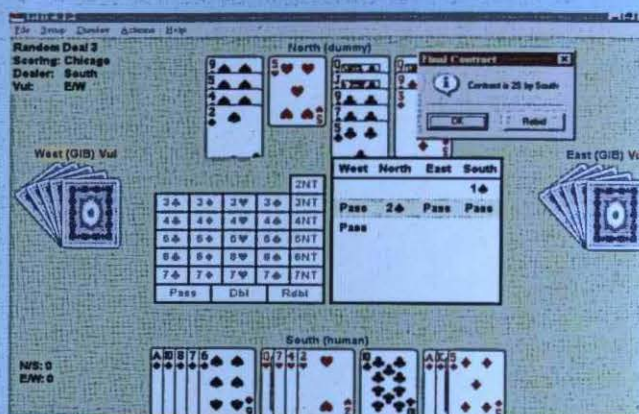


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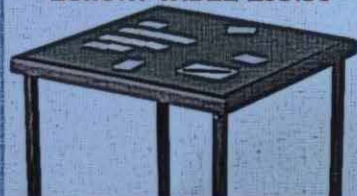


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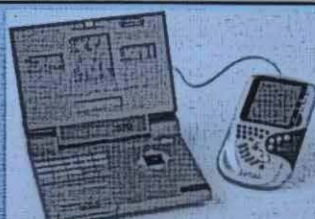
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#### West hands

(Imp scoring on every deal)

1. Game All                    ♠ A K 6 4  
Dealer East                  ♥ A K J 8  
                                      ♦ 6  
(Radin)                        ♣ A K 7 2
  
2. Game All                    ♠ K Q  
Dealer East                  ♥ K Q 5 2  
                                      ♦ 9  
(Chagas)                     ♣ K 10 8 7 5 4
  
3. East-West Game        ♠ K 8 4 3  
Dealer South                ♥ A  
                                      ♦ A K 10  
(Nilsland)                  ♣ A K 9 8 4  
★ South opens 1♣ ★
  
4. Love all                    ♠ A K J 10  
Dealer West                ♥ —  
                                      ♦ A 4 3  
(Rohowsky)                ♣ A K Q J 9 8  
★ North bids 3♥, South 4♥ ★
  
5. Love All                    ♠ J 8 2  
Dealer East                ♥ K Q 6  
                                      ♦ K 7  
(Berkowitz)                ♣ A K Q J 10
  
6. Game All                    ♠ A J 10  
Dealer West                ♥ A 9 6 4 2  
                                      ♦ —  
(Martel)                    ♣ A K 4 3 2

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#### East hands

(Imp scoring on every deal)

1. Game All                    ♠ Q J 10 8 3  
Dealer East                  ♥ 4  
                                      ♦ K J 10 9 7 2  
(Eythorsdottir)            ♣ 6
  
2. Game All                    ♠ 6 5  
Dealer East                  ♥ A 6 3  
                                      ♦ A Q 10 7 6  
(Branco)                    ♣ A Q 6
  
3. East-West Game        ♠ 9 7 6 5 2  
Dealer South                ♥ K 10 8 7 2  
                                      ♦ 5 2  
(Fallenius)                ♣ 3  
★ South opens 1♣ ★
  
4. Love All                    ♠ Q 8 5 4  
Dealer West                ♥ A 7 4  
                                      ♦ 10 7 6 2  
(Babsch)                    ♣ 6 5  
★ North bids 3♥, South 4♥ ★
  
5. Love All                    ♠ K 3  
Dealer East                ♥ A J 10 9 4  
                                      ♦ A 5  
(Cohen)                    ♣ 7 6 5 3
  
6. Game All                    ♠ K Q 5  
Dealer West                ♥ K Q 7  
                                      ♦ J 4 3 2  
(Stansby)                  ♣ 10 7 6

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