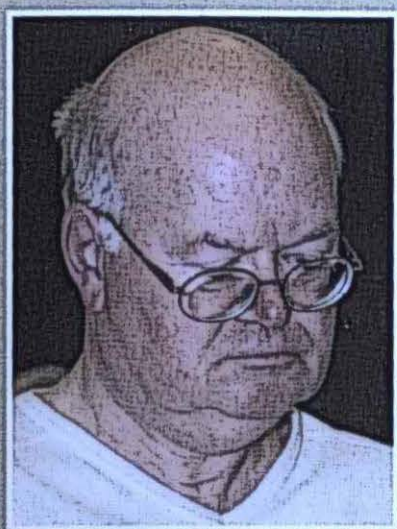
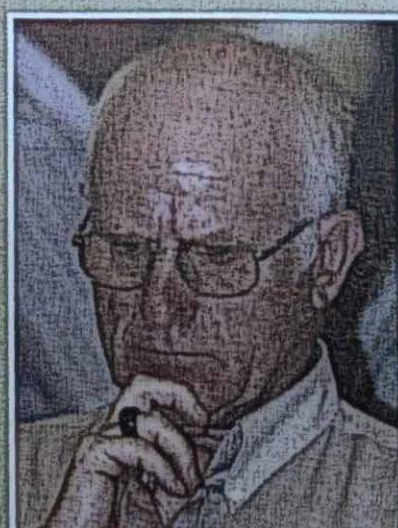
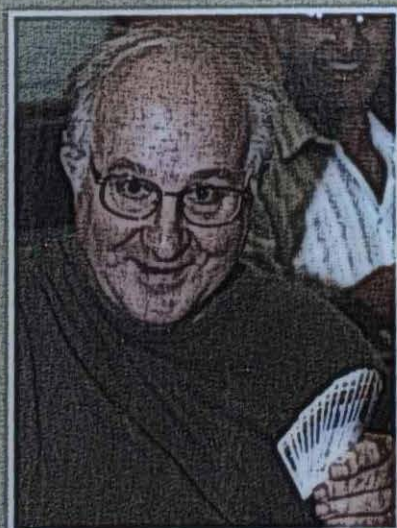


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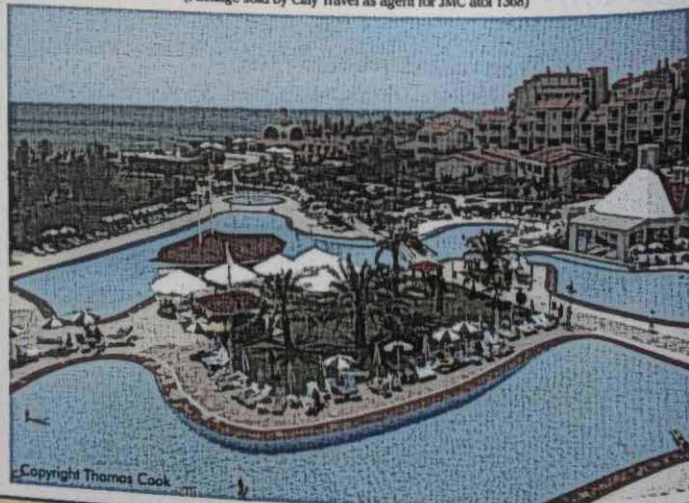
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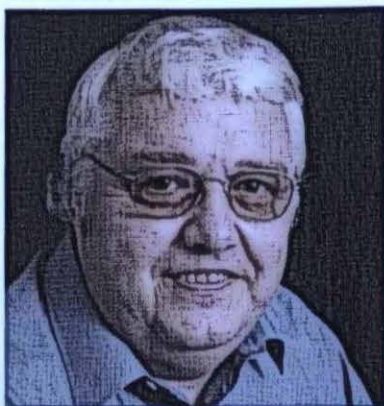
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# COMING UP WITH SOME ANSWERS:

**TERRY COLLIER** has kept a low profile during his first year as General Manager of the English Bridge Union. It has nevertheless been a full, eventful and exciting year, in which increasing the EBU membership and establishing bridge as a sport have become key objectives. How have things gone; where are we now and what of the future? Here Terry Collier answers questions from Brian Cook, Editor of *English Bridge*.



Terry Collier, EBU General Manager

## 'We are going on the road'

What do you see as the main objectives of the English Bridge Union today?

First, is to ensure that future generations have at least the same opportunities as now to play duplicate bridge. To achieve this we need to secure the future of our national network of clubs, to train teachers, to encourage participation, and to promote bridge as a sport for the young and the young at heart.

Second, is to enlist the support of all our members, clubs and counties in efforts to introduce new events and services for the benefit of the membership as a whole.

Third, is to listen to and respond to criticism, ideas and suggestions, both from members and non-members.

Fourth, is to see all bridge players as members and potential members and seek to give the latter good reasons to join us.

**Membership of the EBU is about 30,000, but this is only a fraction of the people who play bridge. Does this matter and, if so, is there a master plan to increase the numbers?**

Membership has been static for the past five years and is now arguably showing signs of decline. This is a sad situation, particularly as we know that some 90,000 people regularly play in EBU affiliated clubs. If we are to improve this situation it is important that we listen and respond in a positive manner to criticism, ideas and suggestions.

To progress this we are planning to launch a draft Development Plan this autumn and to stage a series of eight regional road shows as part of a wider consultation exercise. I do hope that as many members and non-members as possible will take part in this exercise and let us know what it is that we can do to offer a better service in the future.

**You have spoken with many members. Do you think they feel the EBU is doing a good job for them?**

Not good enough. All too frequently I get the same question - 'What does the EBU do for me?' I believe we can offer a better service, particularly to the social bridge player, but we

need some assistance in identifying what is required - I hope our consultation programme will start the process.

**You came to this job as a non-player of bridge, but as one widely experienced in sport administration. Do you foresee any problems being a non-player?**

My job is to manage the day-to-day affairs of the Union and to ensure that our members receive the best possible service. I am not here to manage bridge. I

therefore do not expect any difficulties from being a non-player, just as I did not have difficulties being a non-boxing manager of the ABA, a non-hockey playing manager of the National Hockey Centre or a non-football, rugby, weight lifting or tennis playing manager of the National Sport Centre at Bisham Abbey. Even so, I would have liked to understand some of the excellent Vugraph presentations at the recent events at Torquay and Manchester!

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Brian Cook, Editor

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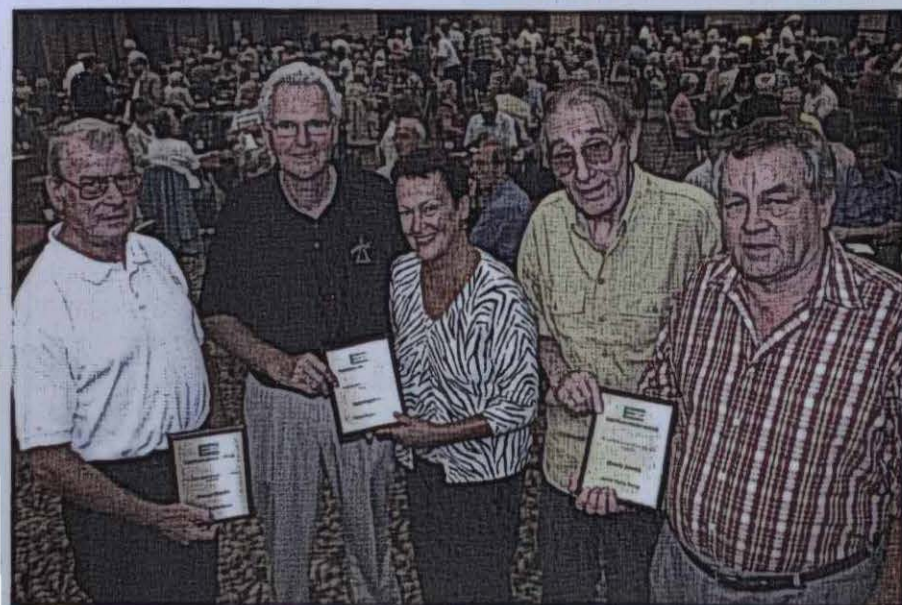
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# The sun shines on Brighton Summer Congress

Mike Swanson, chief tournament director at Brighton, finds a quiet moment to survey the action in the main playing area



David Jones, John Collings, Ken Forsyth and Wally Scott receive from EBU board member Alaine Hamilton the plaques they won as last year's winners of the European Seniors teams championship



Sandra Landy, second left, and Christine Duckworth, second right, made learning fun in the Competitive Bidding Quandary sessions

BRIDGE players made their way en masse to the south coast in August for the EBU Brighton Summer Congress at the Hilton Metropole Hotel – 10 days of bridge, with something for everyone. Glorious weather ensured that it was just as much pleasure to be outside as in.

Both the Swiss pairs during the opening weekend, and the Swiss teams that wound up the meeting, drew close to 1,200 players, while the midweek contests, which included the European Seniors Congress, were all well supported.

John Pain, the EBU's *Bridge for All* project manager, was well pleased with his first Really Easy Summer Congress that ran for three days during the week and you can read what John has to say about it on page 34.

There was also the fun of the mixed pivot teams, in which three young 'ladies' made a bit of a stir and there is a picture and story about that on page 35.

The *Discuss it with an Expert* sessions were as popular as ever and the *Competitive Bidding Quandary*, conducted over two days by Christine Duckworth and Sandra Landy, left dozens of players with a much better idea of how far to bid in a contested auction.

An afternoon knockout competition went on through the week and there were open pairs events every day and midweek championship pairs and mixed pairs.

For those who found this was not enough bridge there were late night speedball sessions, where the contestants have to bid and play at 100mph.

With Max Bavin, the EBU's chief tournament director, out of the country Mike Swanson was the director in charge and with his fellow directors he made sure that all the playing sessions ran smoothly. 'A most enjoyable 10 days,' was Mike's comment.

It is a special thrill to win in really big fields and in the first weekend that feeling belonged to Hugh McGann and Tom Hanlon, who came out on top in the Swiss pairs championship. The second weekend saw Simon Gillis, Espen Erichsen, Boye Brogeland and Erik Saleenminde claim the Swiss teams championship title.

During the week David Jones and John Collings of Warwickshire, and Ken Forsyth and Wally Scott of Scotland, collected engraved plaques as the European Seniors teams winners last year. The four went close again this time, but finally had to settle for fifth place, with the event won by Nissan Rand, Gavriel Unger, Yeshayha Levit and Franz Baratta.

Results from all the events are on page 34.

## Cut throat bridge?

AUDREY Rostron, of Bolton, tells us she noticed in the June issue of *English Bridge* that a Mr K B Sweeney and a Mr J F Todd, both of Surrey, have achieved the rank of Master. 'I shall ensure that my husband has his hair cut before we visit Esher in October,' she said.



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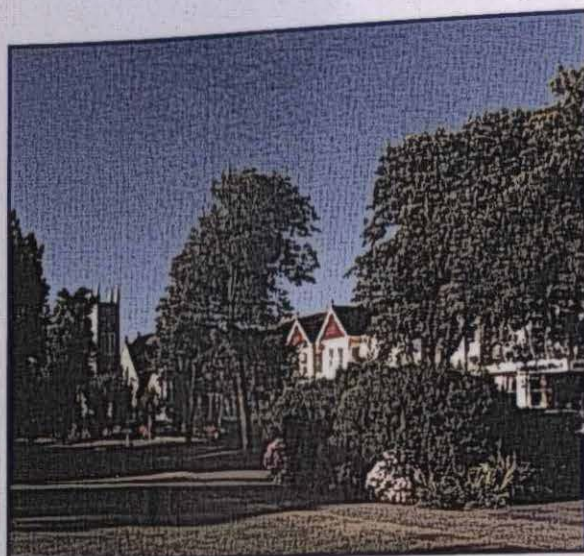
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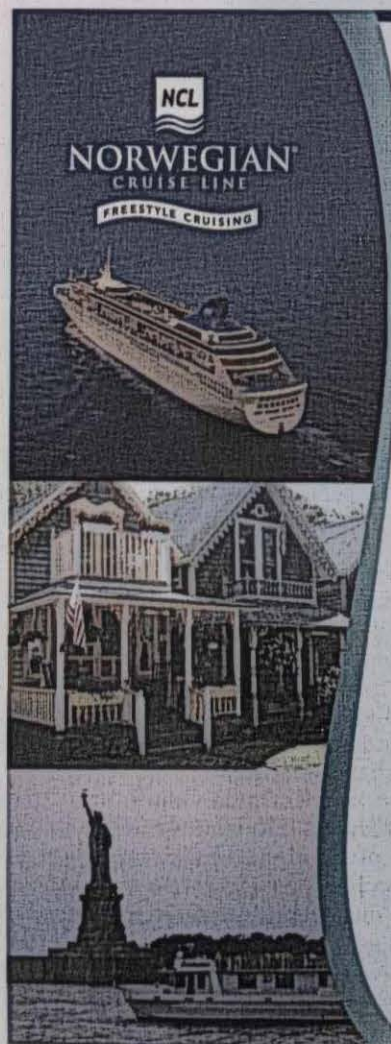


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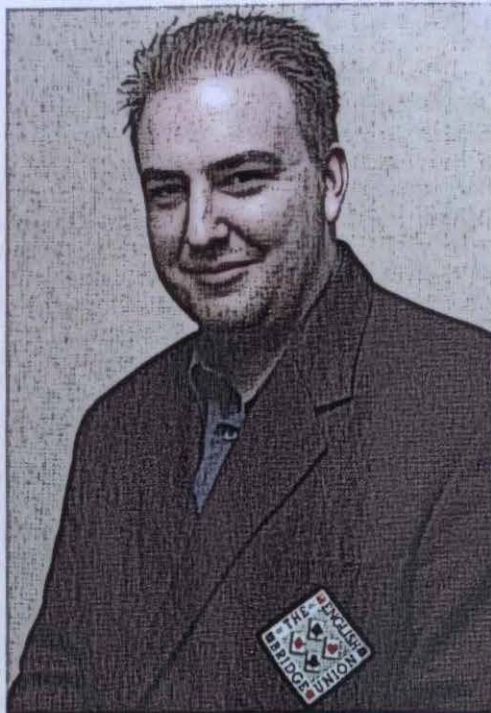
ALTHOUGH only a few weeks on from his 25th birthday Phil Godfrey is no beginner when it comes to tournament directing. In fact, such are his qualities in this area of bridge that he has become the youngest player to be accepted as a trainee at national level.

Phil still marginally prefers to sit at the table and play, but is delighted to be making such progress as a director and thoroughly enjoys the role. 'I try to be as friendly as possible and generally it works well. People are usually happy to accept my rulings,' he says.

Even one top player who refused to accept a ruling from Phil eventually came onside. It must have been that engaging smile!

Having successfully completed EBU club and county level courses in directing Phil is now setting his sites on the next stage up – national B status. After that there's A, then senior A, then full national TD, of which there are only six.

Phil, who lives near York and works in IT support with a company in Leeds, points to Mel Starkings, formerly his maths teacher at Loughborough Grammar School, and Philip Mason, chairman of Yorkshire CBA, as the men who have encouraged him to progress in bridge.



THE Rosenblum (open) and McConnell (ladies) world teams were held this year in Montreal. There was a qualifying round robin leading to a knockout for the top 16 teams, writes Heather Dhondy. I was sitting South in the qualifying round when this bidding took place:

West	North	East	South
2♠ (i)	3♠ (ii)	Pass	?

(i) weak two (showing a six-card suit)  
(ii) asks partner to bid 3NT with a spade stop and shows a long running suit.

Our spade holding doesn't appear to warrant a bid of 3NT, but do we have enough for 5♣, or should we settle for 4♣? I don't know the answer, but I chose the aggressive bid of 5♣.

North
♠ J 6 2
♥ A K 7
♦ 5
♣ A K Q J 5 4

South
♠ 10 4 3
♥ J 2
♦ A J 6 4 2
♣ 9 6 3

As you can see 5♣ is no thing of beauty. Also, when West does not lead a top spade, you realise you have missed your best spot of 3NT, since

East almost certainly has a singleton spade honour.

However on a trump lead, which was the lead found, I was in with a chance. I had insufficient entries to hand to set up the diamonds, while a heart ruff would only give me 10 tricks.

The key was the spade blockage. I drew a second round of trumps and they were 2-2. Next came a diamond to the ace and a diamond ruff, West contributing the queen. I now exited on a spade to East's Ace. I knew that the contract could be made now provided East held the ♥Q, because if she exited with a heart I could play three rounds of the suit, throwing a spade, and subsequently ruff a spade in hand. In fact she did the best possible thing and exited on a low diamond. Now I had to decide what to do. If West had started with ♠KQxxxx ♥xx ♦KQx ♣xx I had to duck this trick, but if she started with ♠KQxxxx ♥xxx ♦Qx ♣xx, I had to insert the jack. I went with the odds and played the jack. It held and a rather fortunate contract came in.

How many people would have found the killing lead of a low spade? I think you should.

## Your opportunity to give and name a trophy for a new junior event

A BRAND new competition is to be introduced into the junior calendar next year. It will be an inter-regional teams-of-eight for players of school age – a sort of Junior Tollemache Trophy, writes Christine Duckworth, EBU education services manager

As yet the competition does not have a name, or a trophy for the winners. But rather than give it some prosaic title, we thought this could be a great opportunity for someone to sponsor an event.

If some kind person, club or other organisation would like to donate a trophy, their name, or perhaps that of a colleague or club member that they wished to commemorate, could be associated with it in perpetuity. And if the sponsorship extended to a little money to provide prizes or mementoes for the winning team, that would be even better!

The proposed format for the event has been devised to minimise travel, which is one of the big problems when organising events for young players. There will be two heats, one in the North and one in the South, followed by a North v South play-off.

The eight regions into which

the country is already divided for junior purposes will each send teams to one of the heats; teams comprising up to 10 players who are aged under 19 on January 1 2003. The play-off will be in London on Good Friday alongside the first day of the Under 25 Pairs Championship and the day before the Under 19 Pairs Championship final.

So, if a player qualifies for the under 19 pairs final and the final of this 'Junior Tolle' competition, they will only need to travel to London once!

The first heats will be held in London at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club and in Manchester at the Manchester Bridge Club, both on February 9. The final will be on April 18, also at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club in London.

If you are a young player interested in representing your region you should contact your regional youth officer, who will be responsible for selecting the regional team. The regions and corresponding officers cover areas as follows:

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## Open mouth gum chewing is not on!

I MUST concur with Denis O'Sullivan's letter about chewing gum. Recently at an EBU congress my RHO was not just chewing loudly, but blowing out his gum with his tongue and sucking it back. I just had to say something as it was off-putting, to say the least.

I do not object to anyone silently chewing, but so many people do so audibly with open mouths. This is not only bad mannered, but extremely disconcerting to others at the table.

Please, chewers, be aware of this rude behaviour and try to be kind to others while at the table – *Drene Brown, Scunthorpe*

## How intolerant should we be?

How right Mr O'Sullivan is to say thank goodness we have banished the smokers to the wind and rain. Right also to now suggest we send the gum chewers to the basement. But why stop there?

In my opinion we can do without smelly socks, body odour and halitosis. Next, ban alcohol within half-a-mile of the bridge room (I'm TT by the way – can't bear the stuff.)

We could go further, of course: set a weight limit for instance. After all we don't really want the obese or the overly thin sitting at the table do we?

Let us take the stance of the infamous Austrian, perfect specimens only sitting at the bridge table. Why should these people spoil our pleasure?

Finally there is one more group that will just have to go – the intolerant. Whoops, sorry Mr O'Sullivan, that's you out I'm afraid. – *Eve Morris, Exeter*

## When 100 for honours decided the match

I HAD always wondered if there was any value in having the '100 points for honours' system in the Hubert Phillips matches as I had never seen anyone benefit from this in any matches played previously.

However, I have now discovered how valuable this system can be. Our recent second round match against Dr Harold Wayne's team was very close throughout and even when we had finished none of us was confident that we had won.

In fact it was so close that the result was decided in our favour by one of my team members claiming a hundred for honours, having played a diamond part score, whereas the opposition had played in a no trump part score. We won the match by 10 points!

I wonder if anyone else has had our experience and won a Hubert Phillips match by so few points due to claiming the honours bonus. – *Mrs Lesley Lewis, New Milton, Hampshire*  
NOW SEE PAGE 48!



## Reduced points for overtricks?

I AGREE totally with Richard Spurr, of Hull, who argued in the June issue that bid tricks are more valuable than overtricks. In his letter he advocated that the contract level be added to the score.

To make scoring easier I would suggest that an overtrick be valued at a fixed tariff of, say, 10 points for minor suit and 20 points for major suit and no trump overtricks. Either way the objective so clearly identified by Richard Spurr would be achieved. – *Brian Bertanny, Portsmouth*

## Revoke penalty too drastic

RECENTLY I was involved in a competitive auction on a part score hand. Our opponents were vulnerable and we were not. They reached 3♠, which I doubled. If we take it off, 200 probably gives us a top, whereas if they make the contract we have a bottom.

Dummy goes down with two diamonds following my lead of ♦A. I then play the king and my partner discards ♣2. Play continues and declarer is clearly heading for one down until, at trick 10, my partner revokes by producing the ♦2. The director is called and one

trick is transferred, totally transforming the situation.

Surely this is too drastic a penalty, which distorts the scoring for the rest of the field and an average plus/minus adjustment would be more sensible. – *Bruce Cowles, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight*

## How to get nearer to a random deal

SUE Gowar's letter in the June issue describes a promising method for shuffling (by dealing into five piles of 10 cards, plus two on the fifth pile, then dealing the fifth pile round the other four). The test of the method must be the randomness of the resulting hands. Unfortunately, I think this one will usually produce a distinct pattern, the antithesis of randomness.

To demonstrate, when cards are picked up from a previous hand that have been put down in duplicate style, the deck will

contain a pattern of suits repeating 13 cards apart, reflecting the same position in each player's previous hand as they followed suit. Take, say, a spade led (and followed to) at trick three in the previous hand – the four cards will show up in positions 3, 16, 29 and 42 in the gathered deck. When the deck is redealt into five piles those four spades will finish in different hands.

With the exception of the 12 cards that end up in the fifth pile (plus the odd discard), this scatter of suits across hands

will repeat for all the other played tricks.

The culmination of this pattern will be a great preponderance of flat hands. The same conclusion is reached when the previous hand has been gathered up as tricks.

Admittedly, Sue suggests that the method be preceded by 'an overhand shuffle or two', but it is well known that such shuffles are incredibly inefficient – witness the long blocks of undisturbed

shuffle or two to a prearranged deck. It will help, but the tendency towards flat hands will predominate.

My preferred shuffling method is also to distribute over five piles, but indiscriminately, not sequentially. They still have to be gathered up again and redealt, perhaps 20 seconds slower than the above, but I think, much nearer to a random deal.

I would be interested in the comments of other readers. – *Waterlooville,*



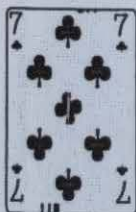


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## It's all in the mind!

DAVID Richardson (My Dopey Olympic Dream, June issue) presents a cynical, but light-hearted view of bridge as a sport, which must strike a chord with many readers. During a lifetime in higher education, I found increasingly that humour was the only way to survive some of the idiocies of 'progressive, innovative' thinking.

On my return from participating in the 2000 World Bridge Olympiad (seniors series!) I tried to convince my grandchildren of my newfound Olympic status. One queried the fact that I had needed a new pair of bifocals for the event (you see, I do prepare myself thoroughly). A second observed that I couldn't get within 10 inches of touching my toes. 'Sport of the mind' was a concept that I just could not get over to them, although it's not something I have a problem with myself, as I view enthusiastically some attractive female, aware that physical pursuit is out of the question.



## Clubs like deformed clovers are not for me

FOR what possible reason should we want symmetrical cards? If it is to prevent unscrupulous partnerships using card orientation for illegal signalling then forget it. If a partnership is that determined to cheat, symmetrical cards won't stop them. The only justification I can think of is it is a marketing gimmick aimed at those consumers who like all their apples to be identical in size, shape and colour, with all diversity bio-engineered out of them.

Max Bavin's observation that the introduction of the cards is proposed for all major English

championships fills me with nothing but dismay.

Clubs like deformed clovers and hearts that look like a nasty accident in the operating theatre? No thanks. Call me an old stick in the mud, but give me my traditional, asymmetrical, playing cards any day. — Keith Sheppard, Wokingham

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I TRUST you will receive many more letters of protest about the new symmetrical cards following the EBU Summer Meeting at Brighton. Throughout the initial pairs weekend I did not hear a good word said about these cards

and players generally hoped they would be withdrawn as soon as possible.

Several declarers commented that they were having difficulty in seeing dummy, especially the lighter shades of the minor suits.

More important, though, is the influence of the split centre symbol on some of the major cards. One older player told me he twice revoked because he mistook the centre spade on a card for clubs.

The design needs to be amended as soon as possible to avoid these errors. — Peter J Bates, Henfield, West Sussex

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

West	North	East	South
4♥ Pass	5♣ Pass	1♥ Pass	2♣ Pass

## Unnecessary concession?

PLAYING multiple teams in a fairly strong club, against good opposition, I found myself in what looked certain (hand, left) to be an unsuccessful contract. Even if the spade finesse were right the contract would be one off.



Hearts were led. I ruffed the second one and played a club to dummy's queen. East played a heart, then said 'I'm sorry, I have a club'. So the heart became a major penalty card. I now played ♦A and a second diamond; I could demand a heart lead from whichever hand took it. This was ruffed in hand and a spade discarded in dummy.

Another trump to dummy and the spade finesse now left no losers. However, I 'forgot' to ruff one of my spades and conceded one down, saying 'I don't want to make it that way, but if this had been the Gold Cup final I would have made it.'

'If this had been the Gold Cup final you would not have been playing against us', said East.

I realise that it would have been quite proper to take advantage of the laws to make an unmakeable contract and I cannot decide whether my action was right. I suspect many would consider I was stupid to concede, but it seems to me that this would not be a fair way of gaining a swing (or a 'top' at pairs).

The question of whether it should make any difference if it were the Gold Cup final is another about which I am uncertain; my justification for saying that it might, is that in such an event it could be considered proper to take advantage of any lapse in concentration. But if this is a valid argument, at what level should I expect to take full advantage of the laws?

What do others think? — David Beever, Burnham, Slough

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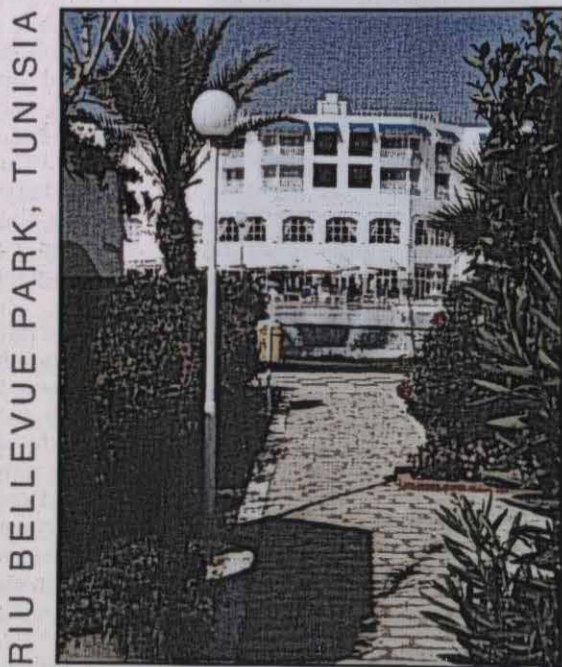


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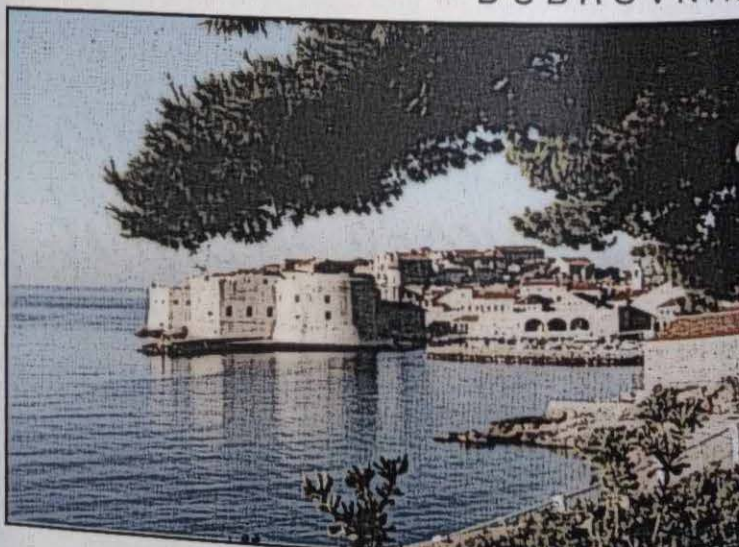


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Andrew Kambites gives his view of the best line of play in our August competition and awards prizes in three categories

Board 1

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

West	North	East	South
1♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

NORTH leads the ♦2, which is an obvious singleton. North would probably not have led a singleton diamond if he had only one trump, so if South has the ♠A you probably cannot prevent a diamond ruff. Therefore you must try to extract a price for this ruff.

Win the diamond lead, cash the ♥A and ruff the ♥2. Now play a trump from dummy. No doubt South will hop up and give North a diamond ruff, but North is now endplayed.

Board 2

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

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

North leads the ♥Q, South playing the ♥9.

Your plan must be to eliminate the red suits and endplay an opponent with the bare ♠A. To eliminate the red suits you must lose a heart. If you win the ♥A at trick one your opponents can choose in which hand they take their heart winner. The hand with the ♠A will win it, cash the ♠A and exit with a heart, leaving you to guess spades.

Correct play is to duck trick one. At least then you decide which opponent takes the heart, hopefully the opponent without the ♠A. Win the heart continuation, cash the ♦A, cross ruff the 7♦ and ♥8 and only then play a trump.

Board 3

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

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	Pass

4NT is Roman key card Blackwood. 5♥ shows two key cards (♠A K) and denies the ♠Q.

The ♥K is led. You win the ♥A and cash the ♠A K, both opponents following suit.

If you now play on clubs you require clubs 3-3 or the hand with the ♠Q to have four or more clubs.

A slightly better line is to start with the ♦K A and ruff a diamond. If the diamonds are 3-3 you enter dummy with the ♠A.

If the same hand has four diamonds and the last trump you can enter dummy with the ♠A, ruff another diamond, cross again to dummy with a club and throw a heart on the fifth diamond. If the clubs are 5-1 a ruff will put you down. However, this line

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will also let you succeed on some hands when South has the last trump and only two diamonds, as in the layout shown.

Most solvers spotted this extra chance, but Julian Pottage produced extensive analysis that shows it is not as clear-cut as it seems at first. For example, if South has 3-5-2-3 shape he can discard clubs as you ruff the third and fourth diamonds, preventing you from reaching dummy to cash the established fifth diamond.

Board 4

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

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

North cashes the ♦A K Q, South showing up with the singleton 10. North then switches to the ♥Q.

On this hand you can get a complete count of the defenders' shape. North started with five diamonds. The hearts are clearly 4-3, North having three. How about spades? If South had five spades he would have responded 1♠ rather than 1♥ on a four-card heart suit. If North had five spades he would have opened 1♠ rather than 1♦. Therefore the spades are 4-4. If North started with four spades, three hearts and five diamonds he clearly has just one club. That might be the singleton jack, but it is far more likely to be a small singleton, leaving South with ♣J x x x.

You should win the ♥A and finesse the ♠10.

## Hitting a man when he's down!

DAVE Robinson from Sheffield recalls an amusing exchange at the Scarborough Summer Festival.

Sweltering, hot and sticky, players were packed like sardines into the lift taking them up the cliffs. At the top the doors opened, but there was a hold up.

'Get on with it!' called a voice from the

back. Then there was embarrassment as he realised the delay was due to a wheelchair user needing help to get out.

Red-faced, he mumbled: 'Perhaps I should just go down again?'

His quick-witted partner promptly retorted: 'Why not, you've been doing it all weekend!'



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# DANGER SUIT



### THE PROBLEM

Dealer: East. E/W Vul.

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

N  
W E  
S

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

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
End			

West leads the jack of diamonds.  
How would you play?

### THE SOLUTION

You have three obvious top tricks to lose in the majors and, if you mis-guess in trumps and/or the hearts are badly placed, it could be four or five.

Assuming a reasonably friendly lie, you must try to avoid an unnecessary loss to a diamond ruff and the approach here is to rid yourself of your third diamond early.

Win the first diamond in hand and, at trick two, cash the king of clubs and then play a low spade. Assuming this loses to East and another diamond comes back, win in dummy and then discard your last diamond on dummy's ace of clubs. Now you need to play a second spade, hoping for a 2-2 break or East having three.

If, at trick two, West rises with a spade honour, you must cater for his holding the ace, king and ten of spades by winning the

diamond return, cashing the ace of clubs discarding your last diamond, and then playing a heart, placing the ace of hearts with East. Assume East wins and returns a diamond; you ruff high and lead another spade towards dummy's jack. The full deal is shown at the bottom of this article.

### POINTS TO REMEMBER

- When a ruff is threatened, consider the possibility of reducing the danger suit in your hand or dummy's to the length of the defender with the shortage. You may then be able to ruff high in front of him, or overruff if you are sitting over him.
- Note that the diamond you discard on the second club is, on paper, a 'winner', but where ruffs are threatened side-suit winners, sometimes aces, have to be considered 'losers', and that a heart discard on the ace of clubs is of no use.

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

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

♠ 6  
♥ A Q 9 4  
♦ 7 6 4  
♣ Q 9 6 4 2

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

Danny Roth is a professional bridge player and coach. He is also the author of more than twelve books on bridge, several of which have been translated abroad. His "Points to Remember" column is published regularly in *Bridge Plus*.



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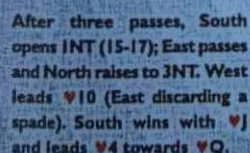
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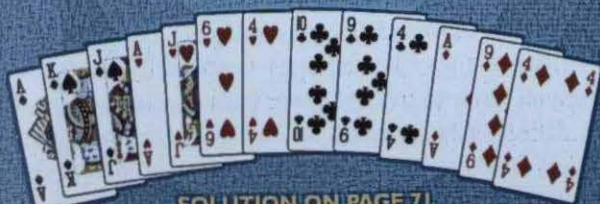
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West wins ♥K (East discarding a club) and switches to a club, won by ♠K. Now ♥Q is cashed, East discarding a second spade. Eric Crowhurst ask you to find the safe way to nine tricks.



**SOLUTION ON PAGE 71**

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# REVIEWS

by JULIAN POTTAGE

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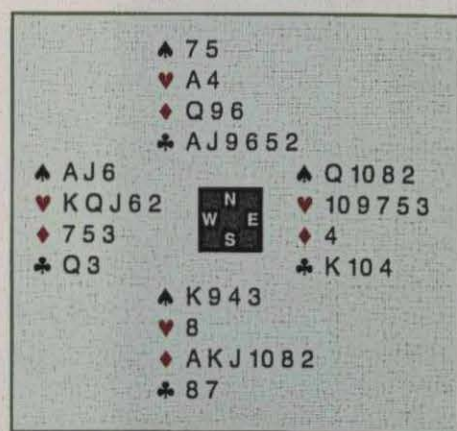
## REESE ON PLAY by Terence Reese

Available from Mr Bridge at £14.20 inc. p&p

This excellent book was first published in 1948. It covers a wide range of topics about the play of the cards, both from declarer's and the defenders' angle. It will suit intermediate and expert players as it goes beyond a simple text-book. Reese covers a wide variety of positions that average players tend to mishandle (or fail to recognise). His thinking was way ahead of the game and this may help to explain why Great Britain won the European Championship three years running in the post-war years. *Reese on Play* has stood the test of time remarkably well; perhaps the now widespread use of count signals and the lead choices from ace-king are the only areas in which it appears out of touch. Of course, other authors have picked up on some of Reese's ideas, but there are still a good number that seem entirely fresh.

Reese always likes to keep things brief and this normally works to the reader's advantage, as it enables him to cover a huge number of examples and it helps you to focus on the main point at hand. He omits anything that he considers obvious, although he may have overdone this in one or two places. For instance, he talks about dummy having four entries: two are readily apparent but the other two come from ruffing declarer's winners! He chooses the examples to illustrate each point well, and takes a surprisingly well balanced approach about different ways of doing things.

The topics covered include: strategy of control, choosing a lead, promoting tricks, partnership tactics in defence, safety plays, deceptive plays, throw-ins, squeezes and trump coups. This hand is from the Communication Play section:



South plays in 5♦ (Reese only gives the bidding where he considers it necessary). West leads the king of hearts and declarer's task is to set up the clubs without allowing East to make a damaging spade lead. The solution is childishly simple once you think of it: the king of hearts is allowed to hold the first trick. Subsequently declarer can discard a club on the ace of hearts and safely establish the clubs by ruffing.

If you would like to share in Reese's considerable insight and understanding about the play of the cards, I can definitely recommend this book.

## PLAY THESE HANDS WITH ME

by Terence Reese

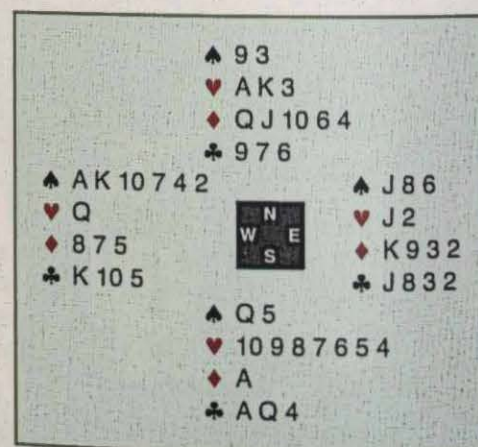
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British readers may remember 1976 for its long hot summer. It was also the year when, at the zenith of his writing career, Reese produced this classic. The format takes an 'over the shoulder' style: you see Reese's hand, hear his comments about the abilities of the players, and face the same decisions as he did. He takes you through the auction and then you play the hand with him (you always end up as declarer).

Nearly all the hands come from rubber bridge or domestic tournaments, making it easy to imagine you are sitting in the author's shoes. People unfamiliar with the London rubber bridge scene should be aware that you cut for partners and anyone can play on the top table; you do not need to be a good player – a big bank balance will suffice! This accounts for why Reese's partner or opponents sometimes commit basic bidding errors.

There are sixty main hands, and in the post-mortem the author often cites a similar, and usually typical, example of the key play, adding to the overall value of the book. He also gives many useful pieces of advice as you go along, making the book as instructive as it is entertaining.

With so much quality material from which to pick, it is hard to decide on a suitable extract. Try this for size: you, South, play in 4♥ after West opened 1♠ and East scraped up a 1NT response (2♠ or pass would be normal nowadays).



West cashes two top spades, on which East plays the six and jack (presumably a signal for diamonds), and then switches to the queen of hearts. How do you plan the play? (Bear in mind that in the book you can only see the North-South hands.)

You could take the straight club finesse, but if you believe East, the ruffing diamond finesse represents a better proposition. The fact that the ace of diamonds temporarily blocks the suit, and that you have no trumps lower than dummy's three dictates drastic action. You must allow the queen of hearts to hold! Luckily, West is unable to continue hearts and dummy's entries remain intact.

This book is strongly recommended.





# May I Recommend . . .

## SUGGESTIONS

It must seem very early to talk about Christmas, but the festive season really is not too far away, so I have put on my Christmas hat with a view to suggesting ideas for giving and receiving.

## NEW PRACTICE

A selection of booklets from the *Bridge Plus 'Practise' Series* would be a really welcome gift at any time. The two new titles, *Blocking and Unblocking Plays* by Freddie North and *Switching* by Julian Pottage, can be given in the certain knowledge that the recipient will not already have them.

## THE WRECKER

This problem comes from Australia and its name will give you a clue to the solution which you will find on page 19. This is one of six double-dummy tea towel teasers, printed in the UK on 100% cotton. They make novelty prizes or small gifts at any time of the year.

## BRIDGE PLUS SUB

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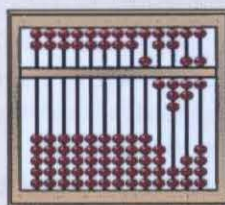
## REESE REPRINTED

*Reese on Play* and *Play These Hands With Me* have both been reprinted in time for Christmas and reviews of both by Julian Pottage are on the facing page. Each book comes highly recommended and the work of Terence Reese does not date.

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**The Wrecker**

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♥ K32						
♦ A9832						
♣ A32						
♠ VOID	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ J10843
N	E					
W	S					
♥ 987654		♥ J10				
♦ VOID		♦ 107654				
♣ J1098764		♣ 5				
		♠ AK9765				
		♥ AQ				
		♦ KQJ				
		♣ KQ				

You are South in 7♠  
How do you play after the lead of ♣J?

## ACOL BIDDING

Another gift that you can be certain will be well received is Bernard Magee's *Acol Bidding* software. It has splendid graphics and Bernard talks about ten different topics in the course of 200 hands in his own inimitable style.

## CONVENTIONS

Brian Senior is one of Britain's most respected bridge writers and a well-established contributor to *English Bridge*. He has compiled *Conventions Today*, which I offer at £11.20 including postage and packing. Another great gift.



# BRIDGE PLUS PRACTISE SERIES by FREDDIE NORTH

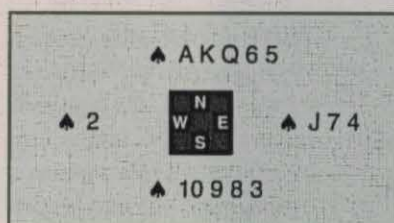
## UNBLOCKING



There are three main reasons why a player may need to unblock.

1. To allow an unimpeded run of a suit.
2. To allow access from one hand to the other.
3. To avoid being end-played.

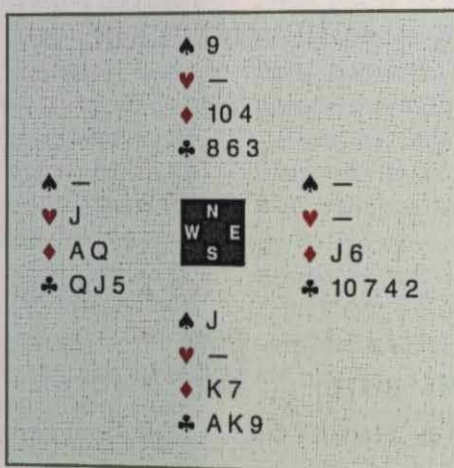
Ask a complete novice to play a suit like this: A-Q-5 opposite dummy's K-8-6-4-2 and he will probably play the Ace first and then the five to the King, blocking the suit and restricting the total of winning tricks to three – unless there is an outside entry to dummy. So the simple rule in such cases is to play the honours from the shorter holding first. A suit distributed as follows can be a devastating trap for the unwary:



Playing in no-trumps and needing five tricks from this holding – without the luxury of an outside entry to dummy – declarer must ensure that his ten, nine and eight of spades fall under the ace, king and queen. If, however, the three of spades has been played earlier on, the declarer will be restricted to just four tricks.

Planning access from one hand to the other is normally fairly straightforward and seldom requires anything more than careful attention to the question of entries; however, unblocking to avoid

being end-played is quite another matter. Although it goes against the grain to sacrifice honour cards, especially in an uncertain cause, this is nevertheless the usual counter to being end-played. Experts find it humiliating if they are thrown on lead to concede a vital trick when this could have been avoided at an earlier stage by sacrificing the offending card, or cards. Let's look at an example:



Spades are trumps in this six-card ending and declarer, who is clearly marked with the king of diamonds just as West is with the ace of diamonds, can only afford to lose two more tricks. He cashes the ace of clubs and . . . Yes, West follows with the jack of clubs. Declarer continues with the king of clubs and West is there again with the queen of clubs. East will now be able to gain the lead with the ten of clubs and a diamond switch defeats the contract. How does West know that his partner holds the ten of clubs? Well, of course, he doesn't, but since he is aware that the end-play will be fatal he has to take the practical view.

Freddie North, a bridge Grand Master and leading author of several bridge books, writes a regular column on play technique for Bridge Plus. The article above is an excerpt from his *Practise Your Blocking and Unblocking Plays* – the latest addition to the Bridge Plus 'Practise' Series, together with *Practise Your Switching* by Julian Pottage.

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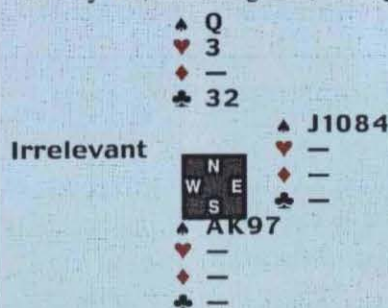
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The Wrecker  
Solution

1. Win ♠A in dummy.
2. Lead ♠2; East ducks and ♠5 wins.
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4. Play ♦J, overtaking with ♦A.
5. Play ♦9, and ruff East's ♦10.
6. Play ♥A.
7. Play ♥Q and overtake with ♥K.
8. Play ♦8, discarding ♠K, leaving:



9. Play any plain card from dummy, East must ruff high (♠10), overruff with ♠A.
10. Play a spade to ♠Q.
11. Play any plain card; East has to ruff, South overruffs and wins the last trick with a high trump.

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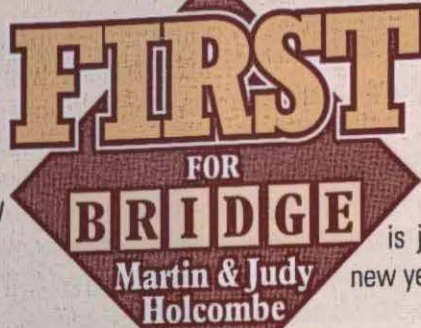
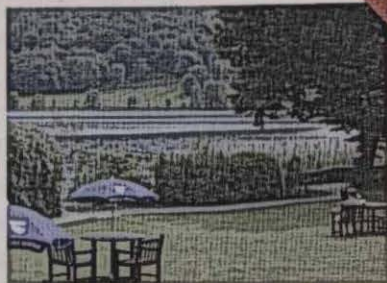
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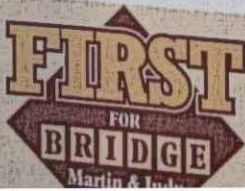
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# Make those signals count

MY last article looked at giving count signals on the suits played by declarer. Here is another example to remind you.

♠ 53	♠ J 10 6 4
♥ 975	♥ QJ 10
♦ 432	♦ 865
♣ A QJ 93	♣ K 42

North	South
3NT	2NT
	All Pass



**Standard English**  
by Sandra Landy

Your partner leads ♦Q against 3NT. Declarer wins and leads ♠10. Partner follows with ♣5 and dummy plays low. Do you win the trick? Your answer should be No! Partner has played the lowest missing club, showing either one or three clubs. If partner has three clubs, declarer has only two. If

you refuse to win your ♣K, declarer can make at most two clubs, if the ♠A is played next time. If the finesse is repeated declarer makes only one club. This is more likely to happen if you play low in tempo on ♠10, to give nothing away. Of course, if partner has only one club, it doesn't matter what you do.

There is one special time when the system says that you must give a count signal, as opposed to the more normal attitude signal, on partner's lead. Suppose you have ♥6 4 2 and partner leads ♥K against 3NT. The king is a special lead. In Standard English it asks you to unblock an honour if you hold one and to give a count signal otherwise. Look how this can help partner.

Partner	Dummy	You
♥ K Q J 10 3	♥ 7 5 4	♥ A 2
	♥ 9 8 6	
South	North	
1NT	3NT	

On the ♥K lead you must play your ♥A at trick one and return your ♥2 at trick 2. That way five tricks are quickly cashed.

Partner	Dummy	You
♥ A K J 10 3	♥ 7 5 4	♥ Q 2
	♥ 9 8 6	
South	North	
1NT	3NT	

The system says play an honour if you hold one, so you drop the ♥Q under the ♥K and partner cashes five heart tricks. But suppose you don't have an honour? The hearts could be like this:

Partner	Dummy	You
♥ A K J 10 3	♥ 7 5 4	♥ 9 8 2
	♥ Q 6	
South	North	
1NT	3NT	

Without an honour you give a count signal by playing ♥2, which shows an odd number of hearts. Partner knows that you do not have the ♥Q, but that you do have one or three hearts. If you have three, declarer has only two, so ♥Q will drop under ♥A.

Partner	Dummy	You
♥ A K J 10 3	♥ 7 5 4	♥ 9 2
	♥ Q 8 6	
South	North	
1NT	3NT	

With no honour and two hearts, say ♥9 2, you must play your ♥9. Partner can tell you have only two hearts, so declarer must have three. The ♥Q won't drop under the ♥A. Partner switches to another suit, hoping that you can gain the lead and play a heart through declarer's ♥Q. That way declarer won't make a heart trick.

On partner's lead we normally give an attitude signal. A high card is encouraging, saying we like the lead, and a low card is discouraging. More about this next time, but here is one example where count and attitude signals lead to the same cards being played.

Partner	Dummy	You
♥ A K 10 7 3	♥ Q 5 4	♥ 9 2
	♥ J 8 6	
West	East	
1♠	4♠	

Partner leads the ♥A against 4♠ and you should encourage the suit by playing ♥9. You encourage because you have a doubleton and can ruff the third round. Partner will cash the ♥K and play another heart. If mistakenly you played ♥2, partner might switch to another suit and the ruff would be lost.

## Remember:

■ On declarer's lead give a count signal. Play high-low to show an even number of cards. A low card then a higher one shows an odd number of cards.

■ On partner's lead we normally give an attitude signal (high card we like it, low we don't), with one important exception. If partner leads a king against no trumps, unblock any honour you hold. Without an honour you must give a count signal.

## THE LIST

By Philip Statham (Southend)  
with apologies to W S Gilbert

*When I go to my local bridge club, some folks annoy me,  
So I've got a little list. Yes, I've got a little list  
Of bridge club offenders who should be towed out to sea,  
And who never would be missed; they'd none of them be missed.  
They're those people who bring ten pound notes to pay their table money,  
Those who get me seven down and seem to think it's funny.  
All those who play conventions that I do not understand;  
And people who distract me in the middle of a hand;  
And those who in parking badly every time they come persist.  
They'd none of them be missed. They'd none of them be missed.*

*There are those who pass the boards on with the last board on the top,  
And the expert analyst - I've got him on the list.  
And those who have post-mortems and don't know when to stop;  
I do wish they'd desist, so I've got them on the list.  
When directors make announcements, some people always chatter  
As though what the director had to say really didn't matter;  
Then later those same people ask, 'What do East-West have to add?';  
If only they'd have listened then the answer they'd have had.  
And those who say the heating should be turned up (or down) insist;  
I don't think they'd be missed; I'm sure they'd not be missed.*

*There are ladies who like to gossip and thus hold up the game;  
So I've got them on the list, 'cos I don't think they'd be missed;  
And fellows who get bad results and never take the blame;  
I simply can't resist putting them upon the list.  
All people who arrive late, causing the movement to be changed  
And all the boards and table numbers to be rearranged;  
The fellow who plays every hand in agony and pain;  
Every time that he pulls out a card he puts it back again  
And those who berate their partners every time a trick is missed  
I've got them on the list. They feature on my list.*

*Those who on the travellers often make a horrid mess;  
By now you've got the gist; yes, I've got them on the list.  
Those who write their names so badly that who they are I have to guess  
I have them on my list - they too are on the list.  
Directors who try to make me move when I'm still playing a hand;  
That I need to play it carefully they never understand.  
Fumblers, grumblers and of course long pausers and revokers,  
Moaners, groaners, and I've added militant non-smokers.  
And I'm sure there are many others who could go upon the list,  
And they'd none of them be missed; they'd none of them be missed.  
I've got a little list. I've got this little list;  
And they'd none of them be missed. They'd none of them be missed.*



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AT the world championships in Montreal the tournament took place in two of the city's major hotels. Montreal is a beautiful and picturesque city and the climate in the summer was ideal: not too hot, but plenty of sunshine.

Perhaps in that context the total attendance, and especially the European representation, was disappointing, particularly in the women's teams, where only 36 teams took part.

I was playing on an American squad that made it through the round robin (40% of the field to qualify), then drew Tony Forrester and Andy Robson in the next round!

In the time I lived in the UK I met Tony once in 14 years. In the seven years I have been in the USA this is our fifth major encounter.

After one set we led 43-14 and survived a rally by our opponents to scrape home by 11mp after a recount.

In contrast to the moderate turnout in the teams we saw a big field in the mixed pairs, the first event of the tournament. It produced a 91-table final, which ended with no Briton in the frame. Nonetheless Judy Radin of New York and Zia Mahmood (well known to *English Bridge* readers) made a valiant try; they led the mixed qualifiers and were right at the top till near the end, before fading in the final set.

Zia's expertise is well known and on the following deal he had a chance to show his technique. The deal is from the qualifying event, which was initially reported by Alan Truscott, another transplanted Englishman.



N-S Game    ♠ K 3 2  
Dealer North   ♥ 7 3  
                  ♦ A 4  
                  ♣ A K Q 10 8 4

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The bidding followed a natural course. The raise to four clubs provisionally agreed a trump suit, and four diamonds was a cue bid. The 5♦ response to Blackwood showed zero or three key cards in the style favoured by the partnership and South settled in 6NT. He knew that there was one key card missing, either an ace or the club king.

Sitting North and South were Radin and Zia Mahmood. West led the ♠10, not being inclined to lead a heart, which would have given Zia his 12th trick. This lead appeared safe, but actually was fatal. Dummy played low and East played the jack. This was not a likely false card and declarer took it at face value. West's failure to lead a heart made it quite likely that he held the ace and after winning with the ♠A Zia proceeded on that assumption rather than try for a heart trick by direct means. At the second trick he led the ♠6 and when West ducked this card won the trick, giving South his slam.

It might appear that West had erred by failing to cover the ♠6 with the eight, but

Zia had a plan in mind to deal with this. He would have won with dummy's king and cashed six club winners followed by the ♦A. The position would then have been this:



Zia Mahmood

## Beware board mania sweeping the West!

By Dorothy Gill Carey, of St Agnes, Cornwall

THERE appears to be a form of mass hysteria sweeping through the bridge clubs of the Far West. It's a 'We must play more, more, more boards' mania.

It has almost got out of hand. Seasoned directors are accosted with comments like: 'We had time to play two more boards this evening, why didn't we?' – and that after the completion of a perfect 24-board movement for 12 tables.

Another favourite is: 'It's not worth coming if we are going to play only 24 boards – and this from people once fully satisfied with their two dozen boards in an evening.'

Some are even quite rude to the director: 'If you're not prepared to put in some extra boards I'm sure we can find someone who is.'

So what has suddenly happened? Board mania, that's what!

Gone are the relaxed, easy-going clubs with their tea/coffee/chat breaks. 'Can't stop – must play more, more, more boards.'

The whips are out to urge on the slow players. It can seem a long, long session. The seats get hard; the heating isn't right and you can be so tired after a long day that pleasure in the game evaporates and you hardly know what contract you are in, let alone how to play it!

Worst of all the actual duplicate bridge competition is no longer of any relevance. With an insistence on having 36 boards in circulation 27 or 30 of them will be played and the computer will churn out the averages. If there is an E-W sit out and 27 boards are played N-S will take an average on nine boards and E-W on 12 boards. This is hardly cricket!

Nor will the 'more boards' brigade consider trying an extended Mitchell or, for 10½ tables, a Bowman.

No, nothing will do but to play, play, play till you drop down, drop off – or drop dead!

This mania is serious – and highly infectious. It is probably sweeping up country right now!

♠ 3	♠ -
♥ 7 3	♥ Q 9
♦ 4	♦ Q 9
♣ -	♣ -

♠ 9 5    ♠ Q 7  
♥ A J    ♥ K  
♦ -    ♦ K  
♣ -    ♣ -

A diamond lead to the king would then have settled the issue. West would have had to choose between a spade discard, allowing South to score two tricks in that suit, and the ♥J, allowing a heart lead to force a spade return at the 12th trick.

As Truscott noted, West could have guaranteed the defeat of the slam if he had led a diamond, a club, or a low spade. Any of these leads would have left him with enough high spades to avoid the endplay.





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(A)

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT(i)	Pass	1♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♣

(i) Game-forcing spade raise

West leads the ♥K, ducked, then the ♥Q to dummy's ace. Declarer plays a spade to his queen then a second spade. What should West discard?

What partner is most likely to want to know is how to get West in if and when he gains the lead. An attitude signal will clear up that problem for partner, but West must be a little careful. His entry is in clubs and his highest club spot will not look very encouraging to partner. Better is to discourage the other possible suit by throwing the two of diamonds. Now partner will have to switch to a club because that is all that is left to try.

(B)

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West leads out the top two clubs. Declarer ruffs the second round then runs the trumps. What should be West's discarding plan?

West cannot provide another trick and must rely on partner. The most helpful thing that he can do is to show his distribution. If West throws all his diamonds, playing high-low then high-low again, East will know that he, too, can afford to pitch diamonds to keep all his hearts. As it happens, that heart holding is just what is needed to defeat the slam, but who would hold on to the hearts and throw the diamonds without a little help from partner?

(C)

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	3NT	Pass	INT(i)
Pass			Pass

(i) 15-17

West leads the ♠K and the defence take the first four tricks, declarer and dummy both discarding a low spade. What should be East's first discard?

It is tempting to throw the ♠Q to let partner know that you have a sequence headed by that card. However, that is not

what partner needs to know. He needs to know from which red suit he can afford to discard and for that he needs a length signal in one or other of those suits. Either the ♦3 or ♥7 should do the trick. My personal preference is for the ♥7, as East could never afford to throw from a four-card holding at this stage in the defence, but either should prove to be equally effective. Meanwhile, pity the poor West who has seen a spade discard from partner – how is he to guess correctly?

(D)

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥(ii)	Pass	1NT(i)
Pass	3NT	Pass	2♣
Pass			Pass

(i) 15-17

(ii) Transfer, showing five or more spades

West leads the ♣Q to declarer's ace, East discouraging with the two. Declarer plays three rounds of spades. What should East discard on the third spade?

The clearest and most helpful discard this time is the ♥Q, showing the sequence and denying holding the king. Though East cannot know this, West's problem this time is what to lead when he wins the third spade. Give East the ♦K J and ♥J and a diamond switch would be correct, while a heart would give the contract immediately. However, on the actual deal, a diamond switch would allow declarer to establish a second diamond trick and nine in all, while the ♥K leaves him powerless. Once you decide to throw a heart, the queen is so much clearer than, say, an encouraging nine or 10.

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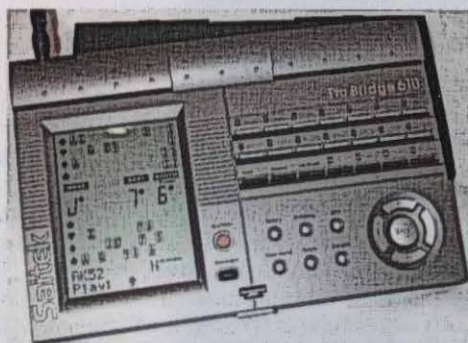
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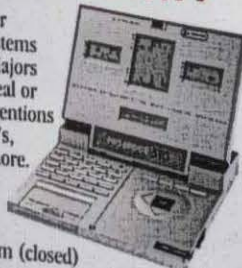
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# Questions, questions!



## Dress codes

**Q** The Yearbook states that players at EBU events should 'dress properly and appropriately'. What does this mean?

**A** You will be disappointed to hear that this has nothing to do with exhibitionism, narcissism, indecent exposure, the wearing of anoraks or other forms of behavioural abnormality. It is simply a matter of dressing sensitively in relation to the venue you intend playing at. Let me quote two contrasting examples from the dress code guidance issued on venues by all the home unions. In England, at the Brighton Summer Congress, the proper and appropriate recommended minimum dress is a bikini and the maximum a full wet suit. At the discretion of the TD swimming goggles may be worn, but snorkelling masks must be removed during play and flippers are not allowed in the playing area at any time. Juniors should leave buckets and spades at reception. If you are visiting Peebles in December for the Gold Cup, the minimum is a thermal vest and long johns or kilt, and the maximum is full arctic expedition kit. Sledges and skis should not be allowed to block exits and huskies must be left outside the building unless trained in disability assistance and able to operate a bidding box. If you want to play at Scarborough in the spring or Llangollen in the autumn you will have to sort it out for yourself. But watch out – all this may change if and when global warming kicks in.

A new occasional series in which Dr Wilma Davenport, the well-known behavioural psychologist, answers readers' questions and offers advice

## Tournament phobia

**Q** I am afraid to play in big EBU competitions because of the risk of mob violence. Is this fear well founded?

**A** It probably is, although senior tournament directors are routinely trained in crowd control measures. That said the EBU is considering a ban on the use of tear gas, which tends to make it difficult for players to locate the correct table to play at when the move is called. It is also unclear whether the hire of water cannons continues to be economically viable, given that Aylesbury is now stacked with mouldy bidding boxes and short-circuiting duplimating machines. In the meantime my advice is to brace up and try your luck. Life's short anyway.

## Foot weary

**Q** My partner's feet smell really cheesy – what do you advise?

**A** Lucky you! No slow play or hesitation at your table; no malingering TD hanging around for ages pretending to search for some abstruse subsection in the Rule Book while he takes a peek at any available cleavage. You will finish play early every round and, believe me, opponents who have been holding their breath for 10 minutes or so won't want to conduct boring

post mortems and swap gossip! Take good care of your cheesy partner and never agree to play league matches in spooky basements where rodents might get out of control.

## Nervous reckoning

**Q** My partner has a nervous disposition and gets upset whenever I use the alert card. What can I do about this?

**A** Purging is the simplest solution and always has a calming effect. Conventions and other alertables may be eliminated normally by erasing or electronic deletion or, for maximum therapeutic effect, irrigation. Leeches, although effective, may increase trauma in the short term and are not recommended. Porridge for breakfast is a viable non-invasive alternative.

## Dealing with abuse

**Q** Time and again my partner forgets our system. I get so angry that I long to stuff his bidding box down his stupid throat and watch him die in agony. Am I a danger to bridge society?

**A** Not at all, my dear, your reaction is one hundred percent normal. The problem is what to do about partner – and we're talking here about systemic abuse syndrome, which is notoriously

difficult to treat. My own experience is that the only really reliable solution for persistent abusers is electro-convulsive therapy. Most of my ex-partners are still able to dress themselves (properly and appropriately, of course – old habits die hard) and I am told that one of them can manage Happy Families on a good day.

## Cross-dressing

**Q** Is cross-dressing permissible at EBU events?

**A** Certainly in principle – the EBU is committed to a policy of equal opportunity and non-discrimination on grounds of race, sex, sexual orientation or disability – although it should not be practised in the course of play as it might be deemed to give illicit information to partner. Cross-dressing can legitimately take place during long scoring breaks and is much healthier than loitering about smoking or drinking coke – it doesn't ruin your lungs or rot your teeth and is less stressful than the *Times* crossword. However, make sure you agree with partner a mutually rational ensemble for any prize-giving photocall. Bridge players are not generally noted for a highly developed fashion sense, but that string vest, tutu and hiking boots outfit is never going to make the front cover of *English Bridge*, whichever one of you wears it.

• Dr Wilma Davenport, dubbed by the popular press 'the Doctor Kinsey of bridge', is the author of *Male Dominance and Sexual Signifiers in the Master Points Scheme*, which won the 1981 Kibitzer Prize for bridge literature.

• Readers are invited to send their questions, in writing or by email, to the Editor. All correspondence will be treated in the strictest confidence and questions (as selected by the Editor, whose decision is final) will be answered by an appropriate expert in due course.

## CARD PLAY by Bob Rowlands

IN both problems you are South, dummy is North and you are playing in a no trump contract. Assume plenty of entries to either hand.

How would you handle the two combinations shown?

Combination A



Four tricks needed

Combination B



Three tricks needed

## ANSWERS:

**B:** Technically you need to find  $\spadesuit K$  or  $\spadesuit Q$  with East or  $\spadesuit K$  alone in either hand. Your most practical approach is to start by leading  $\heartsuit 2$  towards dummy's  $\heartsuit J 6 3$ . If West plays  $\heartsuit Q$  you will do better to assume West had erred by playing from  $\heartsuit Q$  rather than playing West for  $\heartsuit K$  alone. This is not insulting West because from his point of view you could have  $\heartsuit A K$  or  $\heartsuit A$  defender's life is often not a happy one – a tolerant partner certainly helps! Whatever happens on the first lead you should later finesse  $\heartsuit 10$ , winning three tricks against  $\heartsuit K$  or  $\heartsuit Q$  with East; also whenever West plays  $\heartsuit Q$  from  $\heartsuit Q$  or  $\heartsuit A$ .

**A:** Theoretically your task is impossible, but if you play small towards dummy's  $\heartsuit J 6 3$  on the first lead West might not play the  $\heartsuit Q$  if he holds  $\heartsuit Q$  or  $\heartsuit A$  (From his point of view you might hold  $\heartsuit A 10$  or  $\heartsuit A$  in which case the play of  $\heartsuit Q$  would cost the defence a trick). Should the defender already have a set up suit to cash this won't work. In other situations the deceptive play might well succeed. Some years ago Martin Hoffman made a grand slam, playing the trump holding for no loser by successfully running the jack at trick two. However, just because this play worked for him don't expect it to work for you!



# THEY SCORE 54 OUT OF 60, SO

ALL the deals come from this year's European Championships, which were contested in Italy's Salsamaggiore. First, we will see the home nation, Italy, facing Iceland.

1. N-S game. Dealer West.

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

West	East
Bocchi	Duboin
1♣	2♥
2♣	2NT
3♣	3♥
3♣	3NT

## Beat today's experts



By David Bird

and Karaivanov, for Bulgaria, have a potential slam awaiting them. Let's see if the hands are suitable for their strong club system.

2. E-W game. Dealer East.

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

West	East
Stamatov	Karaivanov
1NT	1♣
2♣	2♥
3♥	3♦
4♣	3♣
5♥	4NT
	6♥

West's 1NT response showed a balanced positive and his 2♣ follow-up denied three hearts to a top honour. When Stamatov cue bid in clubs, Karaivanov resorted to Roman key card Blackwood. It's not clear why, since the spade ace was no more valuable than the club king would have been. If East were not intending to bid the slam after a one key card response, he would have done better to make a second cue bid. This would invite partner's cooperation rather than taking control of the auction.

How would you play the small slam in hearts when South leads a spade? The Bulgarian declarer won with dummy's ace, throwing a club, and played a trump to the ace. He then returned to dummy

with the ♠A and finessed in the trump suit. Not the best! South won with an initially doubleton ♥Q and the slam went down. If trumps are breaking 3-2 you can guarantee 12 tricks by playing the ace and king of trumps. If the trump queen does not fall, you simply play five rounds of diamonds, throwing two clubs from dummy. Eventually you will ruff a club in dummy for your twelfth trick.

Awards: 6♥ - 10, 6♦ - 7, 6NT/5NT/5♥(or4♥)/5♦ - 6.

It's time to pay a visit to the women's championship. There's a spare seat at the table marked 'Norway - Croatia'. I don't recognise the players, but let's hope the deal is interesting.

3. Game all. Dealer West.

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

West	East
Jurisc	Brkljacic
Pass	1♣
1♣	2♣
2♦	3♣
4♣	4♥
5♦	6♣

West passes and the Croatian East opens with a strong club. The 1♣ response promises three controls (A=2, K=1) and the next three bids are natural. West sets clubs as trumps and hears a heart cue bid. Should she sign off in 5♣ or venture past game, do you think? After a natural auction of 1♣ - 1♦, 3♣ - 4♣, 4♥... West would be wary of venturing past game because she has not yet limited her hand. On the Croatian auction, West had already indicated only three controls (also, she was a passed hand) and East was still showing interest in a slam. With the heart singleton in addition to her ace-king Jurisc showed excellent judgement in cue bidding past game and a fine club slam resulted. South held Q-x-x in the trump suit, but the ♠K was well placed, by way of compensation. +1370.

At the other table the Norwegian West opened 3♦ - a poor bid in my opinion. There is nothing wrong with opening a three bid on a six-card suit, even when vulnerable, but the hand should fit the general criteria for a pre-empt. The most important of these is that you will make a lot more tricks if you choose trumps than if the opponents do. That's not true here, since the ♦AK will be good in defence. Another defect of the present West hand is that it will support splendidly any contract in spades or clubs. Open 3♦ in third seat, yes, but not in first seat. East responded 3NT, passed out, and was lucky to make the contract. South led a fourth-best heart from K-Q-x-x and dummy's singleton jack won the trick!

Awards: 6♣ - 10, 5♣ - 6, 5♦/3NT - 4, 6NT - 3

## Shock at death of Nancy Ward

SADLY we report the tragic death of Nancy Ward, of Skelton in Cleveland, who died as the result of a car accident on her way home from playing bridge. She was 73.

Nancy was known by many as a good friend and regarded as a wonderful ambassador for bridge. She was not only a well-known player in the North East, but took pleasure in teaching the game to many others. She organised one day events for the EBU and arranged bridge

holidays, charity events and weekly bridge locally. She was a member of Redcar Bridge Club for many years, but had been in poor health in recent times. However, this did not stop her from playing bridge several times a week. Nancy ran social bridge at the Toch in Saltburn, Cleveland, which was where many duplicate players first learned the game.

The North East bridge world was shocked over the loss and Nancy will be much missed.





# YOU WILL HAVE TO GO SOME

We move next to the Spain v France match. (Having watched 60 of the 64 World Cup football matches, missing out only during the Pachabo weekend, I find it impossible to dismiss football images after such a phrase.)

4. N-S game. Dealer West.

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

West	East
Duguet	Toffier
1♣	1♣
2NT	3♣
3♥	3♣
4♣	4NT
5♣	7♣

A new generation of players represented *la belle France* in this championship. Duguet and Toffier? I've never heard of them. No doubt they fought their way through the usual weeks and weeks of trials and fully deserve to be representing one of the world's top bridge nations. Duguet opens a natural 1♣ and rebids 2NT. Although responder can pass this strong rebid, any continuation should be treated as game forcing. Toffier duly launches a description of his fine club support only at the three level.

What meaning would you assign to West's 3♥? Since a minor suit has been agreed and the bidding is below 3NT, it is best to use such a bid to show values (for no trump purposes) rather than as a cue bid. Toffier rebids his spades and partner confirms that he would like to play in clubs. Time for Roman key card! West is using the 1-4-3-0 system of response and his 5♣ therefore shows four (or one) key cards. Toffier confidently bids the grand slam in clubs and it is easily made.

The French pair could hardly have expected to lose imps after such a fine auction, but the Spanish East-West, Torres and Frances, must have been informed that pairs scoring was in use at this championship. They soared into 7NT and were rescued when North held ♠QJ bare! With such luck blowing their way it is no surprise that Spain beat France 53-7.

Awards: 7♣ - 10, 6NT - 5, 6♣ - 4, 6♠ - 3, 7NT/7♠/games - 1.

Back to the women's championship, where the England team are faring splendidly (as if we ever doubted that they would!). Brunner and Goldenfield face old enemies, Austria.

5. Game all. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
Brunner	Popp	Goldenfield	Semmelrath
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
4♣	4♦	6♣	

A super auction from two of our Golden Girls. The key was Brunner's splinter bid of 4♣. Many players would bid a lazy 4♣ and East would then have no reason to advance. 'But I only had eight points,' West would complain, when informed that the opponents had bid the slam.

The point to remember is that a splinter bid shows no more values than a raise to 4♣. It merely says why you are bidding game in spades - namely because you have a distributional hand with a shortage in clubs. It was easy for Goldenfield to diagnose good play for 12 tricks. She leapt to 6♣ and the contract was easily made.

This was the auction at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Redemeier	Dhondy	Schnitzer	Smith
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Dbl	5♥	

Like their predecessors in the Austrian women's team, Redemeier and Schnitzer play Blue Club. East's 1♥ was canapé, suppressing for the moment the longer spades. West's 2NT showed a heart fit including a shortage. 3♣ enquired where the shortage was and West's 3♥ said that it was in clubs. East's Roman key card Blackwood 4NT was dubious, since the spade ace would be priceless and the diamond ace waste paper. West showed one key card and Schnitzer signed off over North's diamond-showing double. (She might have passed instead, relying on West to redouble with the diamond ace and to bid 5♥ with the spade ace.) A sad day for the Blue Club when its exponents prefer a 4-4 fit to a 6-5 fit. England won the match by 82-17.

Awards: 6♣ - 10, 6♥ - 8, 5♠(or 4♠) - 6, 5♥(or 4♥) - 5.

Our final deal comes from the England open team's match against France. Once again a potential slam is in the air. Let's see how the French East-West handle it.

6. Game all. Dealer West.

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

West	East
Bitran	Voldoire
1NT	3♣
3NT	4♥
4♠	5♦
6♦	

True to his heritage, Bitran opens a strong 1NT. Voldoire's 3♣ response shows a strong single-suited hand with diamonds (the equivalent of a normal 3♦ response) and hints at a slam. The French West did not fancy his hand for slam purposes and signed off in 3NT. East was worth one more try and cue bid in hearts. West had so many high cards outside diamonds that he could now place his partner with good trumps. He cue-bid in spades

and advanced to a small slam when East had no more to say. Trumps broke 2-1, so there was no problem in the play.

This was the auction of the English East-West:

West	East
1♣	1♦
2NT	3♦
3♠	4♦

As I mentioned on hand 4, it is best to play all auctions as forcing to game, once responder bids again after a jump 2NT rebid. That was East's view, too, but not West's. Some players say that 'four of a minor is always forcing'. That is carrying matters too far. On an auction such as 1♦ - 3♦ - 3♥ - 4♦, the responder has already made a limit bid. West may have stretched to 3♥ in the hope that partner could bid 3NT (or 3♠). When he cannot, and does not, accept the game try by bidding 5♦, it seems reasonable to treat 4♦ as non forcing.

Awards: 6NT/6♦ - 10, 5♦ - 6, 3NT - 5, 5NT(or 4NT) - 3, part scores - 1.

A fine score of 54 out of 60 for our experts, blighted only by the Italian auction to 3NT on the first hand. (It's true that I featured the better of the two auctions on some deals where one of the pairs did poorly.) I am sure we can extract some worthwhile tips from the hands.

## TIPS TO REMEMBER

■ There is nothing wrong with pre-empting in first or second seat on a six-card suit. Do so with a suit such as K-Q-J-x-x or K-J-10-9-x-x, not with A-K-x-x-x. The latter holding may be worth two tricks in defence, which is not what partner will expect. Do not pre-empt when you have good controls outside the trump suit, such as an ace and a singleton, or when your hand will offer good support in other denominations. All pre-empts are a gamble, yes, but you should gamble only when the odds are in your favour.

■ A jump rebid of 2NT (in an auction such as 1♣ - 1♥ - 2NT) is not forcing. If responder does bid again, the auction should be forcing to game. This includes such rebids by responder as 3♠ and 3♥.

■ When a minor suit has been agreed, a new suit at the three-level should initially be taken as showing a stopper for no trump purposes.

■ A splinter bid shows no more values than a sound raise to game. You make a splinter bid instead of a direct raise to let your partner know why you are bidding game. If he holds extra values and a good fit for your singleton he may be able to bid a slam.

■ Even international players mis-use Blackwood. There is little point in bidding Blackwood when you have an undeclared void and the ace of this suit will be useless. Leave such 4NT bids to those who play in the major championships!



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**with  
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FOR some of the hands in this article you might need to play through the tricks with the help of seeing all four hands. In the first you are in 7♥ and North leads the ♠K. Clearly you can make your grand slam by taking a first round heart finesse, but in real life you would not do that. However, a good player would consider the possibility of South having all four missing hearts. Can you see a way to give yourself a chance without taking an absurd first round finesse of the ♥10?

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

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

♠ A Q 3  
♥ 6  
♦ A Q 3 2  
♣ A 8 7 6 5

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

An expert would realise that he might overcome a 4-0 trump break by shortening his trumps so that he has the same number as South, and then leading a side suit card from dummy through South's trump holding. You should start by winning the ♠A and trumping a club at trick two. When you cash the ♥A you see that your careful play at trick two was necessary. You can cash the ♥K, but then you must use your remaining four entries to dummy to continue shortening your trumps.

Play the  $\spadesuit K$  to the  $\spadesuit A$ , ruff a club, then the  $\spadesuit J$  to the  $\spadesuit Q$  and ruff another club. Next play the  $\heartsuit K$  to dummy's  $\heartsuit A$  and ruff a diamond. Finally cross to the  $\heartsuit Q$  and you are in dummy with only two more cards in each hand. You have the  $\heartsuit Q 10$  waiting for South's  $\heartsuit J 9$ . You have successfully brought off a trump coup.

This play isn't especially difficult, but you cannot time it correctly unless you have the foresight to ruff a club at trick two. Try it and see!

In the next hand you are in the excellent contract of 6♥. The lead is the ♣K, won by

your ♣A. You play the ♥A, but any complacency you feel is rudely shattered when South shows out. North still has ♥Q J 3 sitting over your hearts. Can you hold him to one trump trick?

♠ AK8		♠ Q976
♥ AK109876	W	♥ 54
♦ 87	E	♦ AK6
♣ A	S	♣ 6543

You will require North to have 3-4-3-3 shape, and again you need to shorten your trumps. Cash your ♠A K and cross to dummy with the ♠Q, noting with relief that the spade suit breaks 3-3. Now ruff a club, return to dummy with the ♠A and ruff another club. A diamond to the ♦K allows a diamond ruff, leaving you with ♥K 10 9 and North with ♥Q J 3. Now exit with the ♥10 and endplay North, whose seemingly certain second trump trick has vanished.

In the next hand careful timing also holds your trump losers to one in circumstances that seem almost miraculous. You are in 6♥ and North leads the ♦9. You win this with the ♦A and lead the ♥2 to dummy's ♥Q. When South shows out your excellent contract is no longer easy. Can you see a way forward?

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

Again you require North to hold exactly 3-4-3-3 shape. Start by cashing your six black suit winners and the  $\spadesuit$  A K. Next ruff a diamond, leaving the following layout:

♥ A108

♥ K94

♥ J65

You must now play the ♥K. If North wins this with the ♥A he is endplayed. If North ducks the ♥K you can lead up to dummy's ♥J for your twelfth trick.

One of the cleverer ways defenders find of conjuring trump tricks out of nothing is

the uppercut. In the hand below you are declarer in 4♠. What do you think the outcome of this contract should be?

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

♠ A K 5 4 3  
♥ K Q J 5  
♦ Q 4  
♣ A 4

♠ Q 6 2  
♥ A 6 2  
♦ 9 3 2  
♣ 8 6 5 2

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

With trumps breaking 3-2 you seem to have just three losers: two diamonds and a club. However the defenders still have a trick up their sleeves. North starts with the  $\spadesuit A$  K and a third diamond, which South ruffs with the  $\heartsuit J$ , attempting to promote a trump trick for North – the uppercut!

If you over ruff this with the ♠K you will lose two more tricks: a spade and a club. Correct play is to calmly discard a losing club.

In the last hand you are in 4♥ and North leads the ♠J. You win the ♠A and try to cash three rounds of clubs to discard a spade loser, but South trumps the third club with the ♥8. How should you play?

♠ J 10 5  
♥ J  
♦ 6 4 2  
♣ J 10 8 5 3 2

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

♠ 6 4 3  
♥ K Q 5 4  
♦ K Q 10  
♣ A K Q

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

If you overruff with the ♥10 your contract will fail. When you lead a trump to North's ♥J, dummy's ♥Q and South's ♥A South will lead a spade to North's ♠10 and a club switch will promote South's ♥9 into the setting trick.

To get this right you only need to follow the principle of not overruffing the ♥8. You should discard a spade, severing South's communications with his partner's hand. Now you can draw trumps without fear of a trump promotion.

## England junior teams named

AFTER two stages of trials the teams to represent England in the Junior Camrose (under 25) and the Peggy Bayer (under 20) have been announced. Both competitions will take place in Northern Ireland in January.

Named for the Junior Camrose are Ollie Burgess and Rachel Wade, Andrew Bamford and Mark Goddard, Leigh Chapman and Hilary Young, with reserves Duncan Happer and Susan Stockdale.

Line-up for the Peggy Bayer is John Atthey and Ben Green, Jon De Souza and Paul Wilson, Ian Green and Sarah Pinchbeck, with reserves Dave Cropper and Steve Raine.





# EBU NEWS AND EVENTS

## Could you fill one of these key jobs?

THE EBU has appointed a webmaster and is now looking to employ two full-time development officers, one to specialise in youth and education and the other to concentrate on promotions.

Anna Gudge, well known in the world of bridge and with wide experience in electronic communications, has been engaged to develop the EBU website as an effective means of communicating with members and with the world at large.

The additional people the EBU is looking for will be expected to get out and about in their respective roles – doers rather than administrators.

The promotions officer will be someone with a marketing background who is capable of working in partnership with clubs, teachers and counties to increase services to members, to widen interest in bridge and, ultimately, to increase membership of the EBU. The role will involve extending the range of special events and competitions and developing the online bridge operation Bridge Club Live.

The youth and education officer will go out to actively promote bridge around the country – in schools, in universities, on youth schemes and in prisons –

and to be keenly involved with the network of clubs.

Anyone who considers him/herself a suitable candidate for one of these positions is invited to apply to Terry Collier, the EBU General Manager (see address page three). Please enclose a cv and state your salary expectation.

### Events changes

DATES of the Ranked Masters pairs events are March 1 and 2 and not February 21-23 as listed in the Members Yearbook.

Start using your 2003 EBU Diary as soon as possible. Some venues of the later events are changed from those given in the 2002 Diary.

## Trophies amnesty

WHO has an EBU bridge trophy they have forgotten to return, or perhaps can't even remember why it's there or where it came from? Don't be embarrassed. The EBU has announced a trophies amnesty.

Take or send your gratuitously-held cup or shield to the EBU headquarters at Aylesbury and no questions will be asked.

Alternatively you can telephone Dawn Mertens at Aylesbury (01296 317219) to arrange some way of getting your silverware back to where it belongs.



Günsel Akyol entertains as well as informs the Top Guns. Clockwise from centre front are: Jonny Sharp, Amy Leighton, Günsel, Mather Rogers, Peter Gill (Australian international and teacher with Günsel), Ronald Gaffin, Michael Graham and John Atthey

## Awards all round at popular teach-in

NINETY young people, supported by parents, grandparents and teachers, attended this year's EBU Teach-in weekend at Loughborough University. The youngest participant was aged just four, although he was not actually learning bridge, just supporting his elder brother, aged six, who was!

But there were youngsters and the young at heart of every age enjoying themselves together, the common factor

being a love of bridge. The less experienced were the Rookies, who learn MiniBridge, while a new group was formed this year at the other end of the spectrum to cater for some of the young junior international-level players present who were christened the Top Guns.

The weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by all and concluded with a prize-giving session with Australian international Peter Gill handing out the awards. Main winners were Top Guns Michael Graham, (St Paul's School, London), and Ronald Gaffin, 18 (Hutcheson Grammar School, Glasgow) with the runners-up Experts John Messer, 17, and Ashwin Reddy, 17 (Bedford School).

A host of other awards was made to youngsters from all around the country.

## On to sport: Terry Collier answers the questions

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Terry Collier, EBU General Manager

What is the point of trying to establish bridge as a sport?

The majority of national governing bodies of sport rely on financial support from the taxpayer and lottery player. Fortunately, we are not in the same position. However, due to the lack of recognition, we are excluded from the millions of pounds spent each year on promotional activities and development plans to encourage greater levels of participation and performance.

Our clubs are also excluded from the opportunities to develop their facilities and to invest in the future. We are excluded from assistance packages to support our work in schools or to encourage greater participation in universities. It is my opinion that securing sport recognition is vital to ensuring that bridge will be available for the enjoyment of future generations.

Can we seriously expect bridge to become accepted as a sport and an Olympic discipline?

While a final decision is awaited from the IOC, the signs do not bode well for bridge being included in the next Winter Olympic Games (2006).

What is clear is that bridge will only be included if it is of value to the Olympic movement. It should also be noted that Olympic recognition is a matter for the WBF and while we support their efforts this should not detract from our task of securing sport recognition for bridge in England and hopefully in the UK.

Who do we have to convince and do we have any support?

The Physical Recreation Act of 1937 was brought in at a time when it was deemed we

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We now... the British... tury it is a... population... physically...

Thankfu... Richard C... instructed... Act can be...

What is it... you the... year?

Working w... talented w...



# Pick of the places to play

## ■ AUTUMN CONGRESS

HELD at the Carrington House Hotel in Bournemouth, October 18-20, this congress includes the prestigious Two Stars pairs, with the winners, subject to eligibility, qualifying to represent England in the European pairs championship. For those who prefer more relaxed bridge there is a Swiss pairs on Saturday and Swiss teams on Sunday.

## ■ SENIORS CONGRESS

THIS year's event will be held at the Warwick Le Meridien Hotel, at Chesford Bridge near Kenilworth, November 1-3. All players must be aged at least 52 years on the first date of play and all partnerships must have a combined age of 110.

It is most likely when you read this that the congress will be full, despite the extra space this year.



## Don't miss out!



WHEN you can amble out into the sunshine to a scene like this it's little wonder the EBU's third annual bridge congress abroad looks set to be the most popular yet. Bookings for Madeira (January 31-February 7) have come in at double the rate of last year. To make sure of your place call the competitions desk on 01296 317203.

## Ham House full house

APOLOGIES to all those who missed out on the EBU's Bridge at Ham House promotion. It was sold out even before some people had received their August copy of *English Bridge*. But this visit to a National Trust property with bridge is a pilot event, so there should be more next year, with those who unsuccessfully applied for Ham House given first refusal for the second event.

## editor's questions

lation that was fit for war. to have a physical activity even if it was only having squeeze a trigger!

convince government and councils that in the 21st century it is important that we train our children of gender, to be both physically fit.

current Minister for Sport, shares this view and has decided to explore how the 1937 Olympic Games included mind sports.

the job that has brought satisfaction in your first

ated team. We have a very good team in Aylesbury and out

in the regions. The trick now is to direct their efforts into the development of our services that will benefit all our members and potential members.

We have recently staged two major events in this country, the Bridge Championship for Commonwealth Nations and the European Youth Team Championships. What comment do you have to make about them?

Unfortunately, my earlier experience of international events was one of disgust at the political backbiting, waste and mismanagement that usually accompanies them. I am pleased to say that I saw none of this at our events. On the contrary, I saw friendship, fierce competition and enjoyment – what a delight a change of sport can bring!

However, it is still worth contacting the competitions department to go on the waiting list, especially if you are able to take up a place at short notice.

## ■ NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAMS

THE Hilton Bromsgrove is the new venue for this event, which will start at 2pm on the Friday. The players will be in groups, with the top two in each group qualifying for the Whitelaw Cup and the third and fourth teams contesting the Whitelaw Plate. All non-qualifiers will play in a Swiss teams on Saturday evening and Sunday. This event is likely to fill so do not delay your entry.

## ■ YEAR END CONGRESS (LONDON)

THE venue is again the Royal National Hotel for the four days between Christmas and the New Year.

The Swiss teams event is flighted, with the A flight open to all teams and the B flight open to teams which contain no National Master or above. This year the mixed pairs will run concurrently with the women's and men's pairs on the third day.

## ■ YEAR END CONGRESS (BLACKPOOL)

HELD at the ever-popular Hilton Hotel, this is probably the favourite congress venue of EBU members. The event has a reputation of being relaxed and friendly, ideal for players entering a congress for the first time. Members are advised to enter the congress before booking travel and accommodation, as places fill quickly.

## CALENDAR

### • OCTOBER •

5-6 Great Northern Swiss pairs **Warrington**

5-6 Open trials stage IIA **London**

9-10 BGB Autumn simultaneous pairs **Clubs**

12-13 Open trials stage IIB **London**

18-20 Autumn Congress **Bournemouth**

### • NOVEMBER •

1-3 Seniors Congress **Kenilworth**

23-24 Tollemache Cup qualifier **Coventry**

25-28 European Internet simultaneous pairs **Clubs**

29-Dec 01 National women's teams **Bromsgrove**

### • DECEMBER •

13-15 SBU Gold Cup Congress **Peebles**

20-22 Junior Channel Trophy **France**

27-30 Year End Congress **London**

28-30 Year End Congress **Blackpool**

## Club Tournament Director Training



### Essentials:

Peterborough  
Nottingham

13th October 2002  
9th November 2002

### Book Rulings:

Welwyn Garden City  
Peterborough  
Nottingham

19th October 2002  
9th November 2002  
7th December 2002

### Judgment Rulings:

Stratford  
Hartford, Cheshire  
Welwyn Garden City  
Peterborough

12th October 2002  
10th November 2002  
16th November 2002  
14th December 2002

### Assessment:

Cambridge  
Stratford  
Bristol  
Aylesbury  
Hartford, Cheshire

12th October 2002  
26th October 2002  
26th October 2002  
9th November 2002  
24th November 2002

Courses are currently being planned in the following areas:  
Guildford, Doncaster, South Bucks and Newcastle.

If you would like Club Tournament Directing Training Courses in your area or for further

information please contact the Development Department on 01296 317206 or e-mail [chrisb@ebu.co.uk](mailto:chrisb@ebu.co.uk)



# Newcomers make good progress at Really Easy Congress

By John Pain Project Manager of Bridge for All



THIS year during the EBU Summer Meeting we ran for the first time a mini-congress for students who had been learning for at least 12 months. One of the aims was to show them how a big congress functions – and what better place to do that than at Brighton. The students played the same hands as those competing in

the Seniors Congress so they could go to the morning *Discuss it with an Expert* sessions and find out that very good players can get it just as wrong as students starting out on their bridge playing careers. They played four sessions of bridge and made good time with 18 boards per session.

Olive and Graham Watts won the championship pairs for the best overall performance in sessions two and three. The results are listed below

The next *Bridge for All* weekend runs from February 7-9 at The Midland Hotel, Derby. Full details are in the EBU Members' Handbook.



## Thinking of teaching bridge?

IT'S that time of year again when people up and down the country are thinking about what to do now that the nights are drawing in. They have scoured their evening class brochures and decided white water rafting isn't quite for them, basket weaving is already full and origami is too much like hard work. What about bridge? Seems like a good idea – but oh dear! The class is

cancelled, as the organisers cannot find a teacher.

Again we are on the lookout for bridge players who would like to become new bridge teachers. You don't have to be a top-class player – in fact, many of the successful teachers who have been trained by the EBU Teachers' Association and *Bridge for All* would say they are definitely ordinary club level. What is important is your ability to put basic bridge ideas

across to complete beginners in such a way that they really enjoy the classes and can't wait to come back the following week.

The EBU Teachers Association runs a two-day workshop, with the first day devoted to *Basic Bridge Teaching Techniques*, which sheds light on how to teach bridge, what to teach beginners and how to assess whether your teaching and their learning has been successful. The second day, called *Teaching Beginning Bridge*, prepares teachers for using the EBU's own teaching programme *Bridge for All*. Course members receive a copy of the students' notes for the complete first-year course and teachers' notes for the full two-year course.

The course fees are £30 for *Basic Bridge Teaching Techniques* and £33 for *Teaching Beginning Bridge*. They are frequently run at EBU Headquarters in Aylesbury, but where there is a demand the courses can be brought to you.

Bridge teaching is hard work, requiring a regular commitment, but can be very rewarding – you might even make a bit of spare cash.

Give the *Bridge for All* helpline a call on 01296 317217 or email [bfa@ebu.co.uk](mailto:bfa@ebu.co.uk) to find out more details of how you can become involved.



Action from one of the open pairs events at the EBU Brighton Summer Congress. See results below

## THE TOP PLACED PLAYERS AT BRIGHTON

FIRST weekend Swiss pairs 1 Hugh McGann and Tom Hanlon, 2 Craig Gower and Michael Courtney, 3 Martin Jones and John Collings.

Sunday open pairs 1 Richard Farrer and Bernard Mitchell, 2 Dymna and Joan Kenny, 3 Laurie and Stephanie Burt; Sunday open teams blue 1 Roger Bamber, Christine Bradley, Anne Catchpole and Jon Williams, 2 Erika Slater, John Holland, Bill Hirst and Mark Hodgson, 3 Graham and Anne Lucy, Maggie Willis and Monica Lucy; Sunday open teams yellow 1 Marek Olsiewicz, John Probst, Uriah Jacobsen and Nissan Rand, 2 Gunner Halberg, Ian Monahan, Gad Chadha and John Cooke, 3 Ben Green, John Atthey, Phil Godfrey and Dave Cropper; Sunday open teams orange 1 Rikki Kittel, Mary Poppins, Eddie Lucioni and David Moir, 2 Henry and Audrey McBride and Kenneth and Marguerite Raworth, equal 2 Nick Boss, Olivia Woo, Ben McCarron and Alan Woo.

Monday open pairs 1 Ken Robinson and John Bushell, 2 Bill Hirst and John Holland, 3 Peggy Moss and Richard Mariner; play with the experts pairs trophy winners Edward Levy and Waseem Naqi, runners-up Jean and Peter Hand.

Tuesday open pairs 1 John Probst and Chris Jagger, 2 James Deacon and Bill Taylor, 3 Robin Cambery and Justin Coirfield; championship pairs 1 Ken Ford and Ian Swanson, 2 Sue and Jon Fjortoft, 3 Frances Hinden and Cameron Small.

Wednesday open pairs 1 Ed Levy and Waseem Naqi, 2

Steve Raine and Jonny Sharp, 3 Bill Taylor and Jim Deacon; mixed pivot teams 1 Frances Hinden, David Stevenson, Chris Jagger and Cameron Small, 2 Kath and Alan Nelson, Bill Hirst and Jeff Smith, 3 Neil and Sue Prebble, Monica Lucy and Maggie Willis.

Thursday open pairs 1 John Atthey and John Probst, 2 Angela Pullen and Damian Nicholls, 3 Jeff Smith and Steve Capal; mixed pairs championship 1 Jacqui and Peter Tobias, 2 Helen Knott and Espen Erichsen, 3 Eddie Lucioni and Diane Rogers; evening open pairs 1 Sue Prebble and Magie Willis, 2 Ed Levy and Jeff Smith, 3 Dave Hurst and Ahmed Ayub.

Friday open pairs 1 Gordon Rainsford and John Probst, 2 Ian Green and Eddie Lucioni, 3 Catherine Curtis and Anne Catchpole.

Second weekend Swiss teams Four Stars final 1 Simon Gillis, Espen Erichsen, Boye Brogeland and Erik Saleenminde, 2 Jerry Harouni, Mike Vail, Alan Mayo and Peter Franklin, 3 Gad Chadha, Steve Lee, Richard White and Emile Lawy; Swiss teams consolation final 1 Shireen Mohandes, Andy Bowles, Peter Gill and Francois Picard, 2 Roy and Lyn Dempster, Nevena Senior and Sandra Penfold, 3 Sarah Teshome, Richard Winter, Steve Wood and Mike Lease; Brighton Bowl 1 Frances Hinden, Jeffrey Allerton, Chris Chambers and Jonathan Green, 2 Andrew Thompson, Tony Clark, Steve Burton and Malcolm Pryor, 3 Roger Gibbons,

Giles Woodruff, Suzanne Cohen and Paula Leslie.

European Seniors Congress: championship pairs A final 1 Marion Hart and Amanda Bolton, 2 Nissan Rand and Yeshayahu Levit, 3 Graham Jepson and David Musson; championship pairs B final 1 Owen Symonds and Kiki McTeer, 2 Margaret and Bud Abbott, 3 Beryl Pitman and Roger Stevens; consolation pairs 1 Olivia and Alan Woo, 2 John and Dawn Herbert, 3 Ron and Lyn Heath; championship Swiss teams 1 Nissan Rand, Gavriel Unger, Yeshayahu Levit and Franz Baratta, 2 Tony Turnage, John Cruikshank, Peggy Griffin and Peggy Moir, 3 Brian Crack, Diana Avis, Patricia Crack and Colin Wilson.

Really Easy Congress: Monday North-South 1 Eddie Kulukundis and Greg Solomon, 2 Tanya Gerrard and Eileen Valencia, 3 Alan and Lyn Morton, East-West 1 Gill and Gerald Cowan, 2 Olive and Graham Watts, 3 Christine and Paul Davies; Tuesday afternoon 1 Steve Ackroyd and Lawrence Warburton, 2 Olive and Graham Watts, 3 Janet Monk and Tony Finnigan; Tuesday evening 1 Tanya Gerrard and Eileen Valencia, 2 Graham and Olive Watts, 3 Brenda Frisby and Jo Spencer; Wednesday North-South 1 Christine and Paul Davies, 2 Alan and Lyn Morton, 3 Gillian Weatherley and Jill Phillips, East-West 1 Steve Ackroyd and Laurence Warburton, 2 Doug Reed and Jean Bowles, 3 Jenny McRobert and Norman March.





MEET Vivian, Dave, Jenny and Stephanie

## All dressed up for the mixed pivot teams!

WHEN four lads get together and decide they want to play in the mixed pivot teams event at the EBU Brighton Congress it takes more than a few rules to persuade them not to pursue the idea.

In such events teams must include at least one male and at least one female, so teams of all men and all women are not allowed.

But Dave Cropper, Jonny Sharp, Steve Raine and Ian Green, four of Britain's bright young players, are nothing if not resourceful. Off they dashed to their nearby base, where flatmate Sarah Pinchbeck swiftly kitted out three of them to look a little less masculine. Then back they went to the Hilton Metropole as Dave, Jenny, Stephanie and Vivian -

'one male and three females'!

The EBU officials were not fooled. They saw through the disguises and insisted that the rules of the competition must be observed.

However, all was not lost. To the rescue came Judith Sanis from Gloucestershire. Said Judith: 'We were able to mix up our team with theirs and I was lucky enough to spend the evening playing with three delightful young men who played serious, but lively bridge.'

'These lads were part of a wider group of young people who came to Brighton this year. They played excellent bridge, behaved in an exemplary fashion and were a credit to themselves, their families and the game.'

## In at the birth of the BLUNEY

IN June York University was invited to a friendly bridge match at St. George's Bridge Club, Darlington, along with the universities of Leeds and Durham. The event was organised by Ken Pattison, regional youth officer for the North East, who was trying to get some interest in youth bridge going in his area, writes *Phil Godfrey*.

I chatted to Ken in the bar several times during the day and happened to mention that I enjoyed playing junior bridge in the past and think more people should give it a try. Anyway, driving away from the event I was still trying to work out how Ken had managed to persuade me to become a county youth officer.

At the next youth officers meeting we decided we would try and arrange a mini league for the North Eastern universities. With this, the BLUNEY (Bridge League for the Universities of the North East and Yorkshire) Cup was born, for which the EBU kindly provided a cup.

The format was to be three separate events with an all-play-all on each day, with each university hosting one round. Universities could enter as many teams as they wanted for each match, but to qualify for the cup the team must play all three days.

The first round was hosted by Durham and played at St George's. Durham managed to

find three teams, Leeds entered one and York two. The result was a clear victory for Durham A.

The second round was hosted by Leeds and Cedric Cockcroft, county youth officer for Harrogate, encouraged one of his schools to enter a team. Again the event was won by Durham A, but they were given a close run by both Leeds and York A.

The final round was played in York. As with the other two rounds, Durham A won the day and therefore won the BLUNEY Cup, although I'm sure that more people were playing for the enjoyment rather than the glory. Graham Jepson kindly came along to present the trophy.

Overall the event was a success and I hope it will be even better next year.



Graham Jepson presents the BLUNEY Cup to Phil Smith of Durham A

## Youngsters rise to the challenge

AS part of the first day long Darlington Maths Challenge at Hurworth Comprehensive School the EBU was invited to provide one of the challenges for the eight schools taking part.

The opportunity was snapped up and Ken Pattison and Malcolm Oliver, supported by Val Allan and Allan Carver, went along to show the worth of MiniBridge as an aid to numeracy.

Ken is the North Eastern regional youth officer and Malcolm, an EBU Board member, is the Darlington county youth officer. Val and Allan are members of

Hurworth Bridge Club.

With 32 early teenagers to contend with the four had their work cut out. They spent about 20 minutes with each school group and in that time undertook an introduction to MiniBridge, using the basic rules on the back of the green EBU leaflet entitled MiniBridge, and then conducted a 10-15 minutes play session.

Two pairs of 13 and 14-year-olds competed against the EBU pairs, with all schools playing the same hand, which was designed to require a decision to be made between a major or minor contract. Tuition was given on basic scoring, with a

simple skill play which would enable 12 tricks to be made.

Although the sessions were relatively brief they were well received and there was eager debate among the players on the pros and cons of the best contract. Only one pair made 12 tricks, unfortunately in the wrong contract, but fun was had by all.

The event proved an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the advantages bridge can bring to developing numeracy and logic, as well as communication and social skills. Most of the pupils seemed to enjoy the experience and the teachers expressed

varying degrees of interest in introducing bridge into their school.

In addition to receiving an invitation to return next year, the EBU representatives have given two further presentations to secondary schools maths departmental heads and teaching assistants and it is hoped to build on this progress in the North East.

Overall winner of the bridge challenge was Longfield School, represented by Dean Coad, Matthew Bell, Helen Saunders and Jennifer Newby. Branksome School came second and Hurworth Comprehensive third.



# Autumn celebration!

OUR autumn weather can be quite variable so we have put together a case that will suit all moods and all occasions. There are wines to enjoy in the garden in that longed-for Indian summer and food wines which are ideal for entertaining. Our package contains a wide and interesting mix of flavours coming from a number of different wine-producing countries and wine makers.

The French have recently been shocked to find that we, as a country, are importing more Australian wine than the French. This may well be so, yet the French can still produce wines for real enjoyment at very sensible and competitive prices.

Down in the south of France, close to Beziers, Bernard Julien makes a range of delightful whites and reds, his *Sauvignon Blanc* 2001 (1) is crisp and dry, yet full of ripe tropical fruit, so that it is not hard or acidic. It makes a perfect partner for fish dishes and is a wine that goes especially well with prawns and crab. Sitting in the garden just sipping a glass is a great way to pass the time.

The heat of the sun produces wines that are full of fruit and interest and the *GB Colombard/Chardonnay* 2001 (2) from the Barossa Valley is no exception. It has a lovely mix of ripe lemon and kiwi fruit, flavours that stand up to strong-flavoured



By Derek Smedley,  
Master of Wine

fish such as salmon, or go well with meats such as lamb and pork.

From the other side of the Equator comes the *Brampton Chardonnay* 2001 (3), a wine that shows so clearly the quality that South Africa can produce. The Brampton wines come from the Rustenberg Estate, which is just outside Stellenbosch. Here soil and climate are ideal for both reds and whites and this Chardonnay is packed with fresh lemon and melon.

For the reds we have included two from Europe and one New World. Our links with Bordeaux are historically strong and the British have enjoyed claret through the ages. Recently the less expensive reds suffered from astringency, but there are now wine makers who are producing the wonderful character of Claret in a consumer-friendly way, *Grands Terroirs* 2000 (4) from

Dourthe Freres is just such a wine. It has lovely cassis, chocolate and cedar wood flavours and it is the ideal partner for English beef!

The Corvina grape is not well known on its own, although you do meet it in Valpolicella. It has a lovely fragrant freshness. The *Alpha Zeta Corvina* 2001 (5) shows the character of the grape so well and makes the ideal drink for those autumnal barbecues as it complements both meat and fish and is extremely quaffable! The red wines from this Italian region close to Verona are packed with cherry flavours, so very full of interest.

The Cinsault vine came from the south of France to South Africa many years ago. The Cape's volcanic soils and sun suit the vine and bring out the berry fruit flavours. Blend these with the cassis of Cabernet and you have a wine with lots of complexity. *Forge Mill Cinsault/Cabernet* 2001 (6) comes from the Franschhoek Valley and is a great drink at a modest price. It marries well with food, but it is one of those wines that are all too drinkable all on their own – a great red for whiling away the hours and putting the world to rights.

Do try the mixed case and experience the exciting range of flavours that this selection delivers.

## JUBILEE EVENT ENJOYED

TO have sponsorship and nothing to sponsor is a problem we could all put up with, writes *Mar Lee*, treasurer of the West of England Bridge Club. It was the situation that confronted the committee of our club – some money from Lincoln Unit Trust Managers Limited with request to stage an open event to mark the Queen's golden jubilee. So we did.

We wanted an event with a difference, not just another Swiss, or yet another pairs competition. In the end we decided on a two-session pairs with one session match-pointed and one cross-imped. We extemporised a way of getting a final ranking list along the lines of Grand Prix motor racing, and off we went, with £100 and a handsome trophy at stake for the winners.

I partnered fellow committee member Angela Pullen and our efforts to win were not helped by this:

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

West

1♣ (i)  
1NT (iii)  
3NT (v)  
6♣

East

1♠ (ii)  
3♣ (iv)  
4NT (vi)

- (i) We are, of course, playing the Khamarashi Club: strong, 18+ if balanced.  
(ii) 8+, either balanced or any 441.  
(iii) Well?  
(iv) 11+ balanced with 5 clubs.  
(v) Please put dummy down.  
(vi) But it's such a nice 14-count

They say that with a balanced 19 opposite a balanced 14 you should make a slam, so we bid one. North led the ♦A and another, which South ruffed. Now I had a losing option in trumps as well. Getting it right saved a surprising number of matchpoints as 6NT was going off around the room (even with ♣K 10 onside).

Any hopes we had left were scuppered completely by our opponents bidding this one:

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

West

3♦ (I)  
5♦  
6♥

East

1♠  
4NT  
5NT  
7NT

The bidding meant much the same as if you'd heard it at the pub, or the golf club. Everything broke and with 16 tricks on top only one other pair had bid the grand. Somehow bottoms hurt more when they're cross-imped.

Finishing top in the first session and bottom-but-one in the second didn't exactly represent a winning score for us, so congratulations are due instead to the winners, Jeremy Rickard and Richard Farrer, who found the defence to beat my 6♣.

Everyone had a good time and entered into the spirit of the occasion, with excellent food laid on by Ian Mundy.

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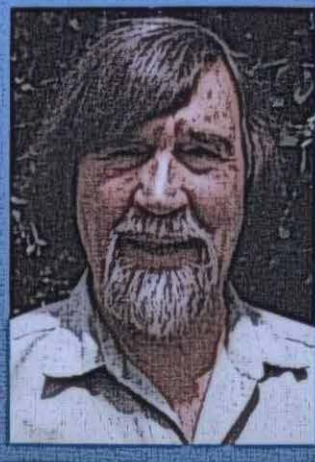
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# DAVE BESSANT ON STATISTICS

## My figures favour 2♣ response to 1NT as takeout rather than Stayman



AS I argued in my last article there is a price to pay for the use of the Stayman convention. In his 1969 book Stayman – and Victor Mollo, who wrote the introduction – played down the value of a weak takeout in clubs and even diamonds. Furthermore they completely overlooked the value of the takeout between six and 10hcp in the minor suits.

To a great extent this is due to the scoring system, since there is no gain over 1NT if the safer minor suit contract just makes. However, this overlooks the not so infrequent disasters that occur when the 1NT unravels.

The figures I have gathered suggest that takeout over a large series of deals gives the

better overall results.

Is there a way in which we could retain natural two level responses, but get the value of the four-card major suit identification? The following I believe meets this specification.

If you play the fairly standard 12 to 14hcp 1NT opening you could consider these responses: 2NT would show 11 to 12hcp and could include a four-card major suit. If opener has a four-card major and 14 points he could bid it in the knowledge that if there is not a fit then 3NT is still available. Similar to present practice if he has two major suits he

would bid 3♥. This sequence is forcing to 3NT, but over 3♥ responder would show four spades if it were appropriate and opener would accordingly place the contract.

If responder has 13 points and a four-card major his bid would be 3♣, 14 to 17 points and a four-card major would be bid as 3♦. A strong minor suit would be rebid at the four level.

My preference is to narrow the 1NT opening range to 12 to 13 points. The responses are 2NT with 12 points, with the rest of the sequence as above.

It seems to me that the present 3♣ and 3♦ responses

to a 1NT opening are almost superfluous, whereas the two-level minor suit responses have a workaday role to play.

A cautionary note: Although points have the best correlation with results I have experienced three consecutive 3NT contracts with 25hcp failing and witnessed my opponents making 3NT with 24hcp. In the experimental situation I have seen eight consecutive failures and 14 consecutive successes.

However, the chances of success with 25hcp are around 65%, and with 24hcp about 40%. If you play the percentages you need to have a certain degree of sanguinity.

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### HAND 1. Game all.

West	East	(a) ♠ Q876	(b) ♠ AK654	(c) ♠ KQJ10972
1♦	1♠	♥ Q65	♥ KQ43	♥ 8432
2♥	3♥	♦ Q2	♦ 9	♦ 8
		♣ 7432	♣ QJ7	♣ 9

### HAND 2. Love all.

West	East	(a) ♠ AQ	(b) ♠ Q1087	(c) ♠ AQ8
1♦	2♣	♥ KJ8	♥ K62	♥ 1098
2♥	2NT	♦ Q43	♦ 9	♦ Q6
		♣ AK743	♣ KJ743	♣ A9854

### HAND 3. Game all.

West	East	(a) ♠ AQ	(b) ♠ 9	(c) ♠ 7
	1♣	♥ A2	♥ A2	♥ KJ6
1♠	2♦	♦ K1098	♦ A832	♦ AK87
2♥	2NT	♣ AQ876	♣ AKJ1032	♣ AKJ76

### HAND 4. Love all.

West	East	(a) ♠ AK87	(b) ♠ AKJ8	(c) ♠ KJ76
	1♥	♥ KQJ73	♥ KQJ73	♥ KQJ1087
2♦	2♣	♦ KQJ	♦ 9	♦ Q
3♣	4NT	♣ 7	♣ AQ10	♣ AK



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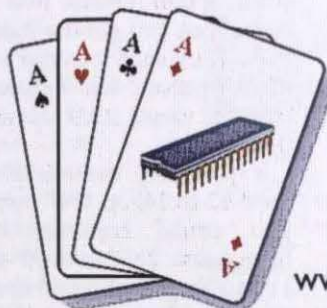
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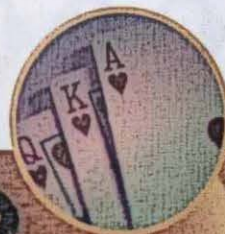
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## Steve Eginton's philosophy on pairs play:

EARLIER in the year Steve Eginton and Kath Nelson made history by becoming the first English partnership to win a medal in the European mixed pairs championship. The two, who have played only a limited amount together, proudly brought home the silver gong. Here Steve talks about his philosophy on pairs play in major events and recalls a little of that medal-winning experience in Ostend.

# Chasing 10s in no trumps not the way to succeed in a long event

AS you age your opinion of everything changes and we are lucky to play a game where the balance in favour of youth and vigour over experience takes so long to become decisive.

When you first start duplicate bridge it is easy to think of pairs as a random game, with too many rewards for 'bad' bidding and play, whereas teams is a game where a conservative approach, combined with good technique, ensures the fairest outcome.

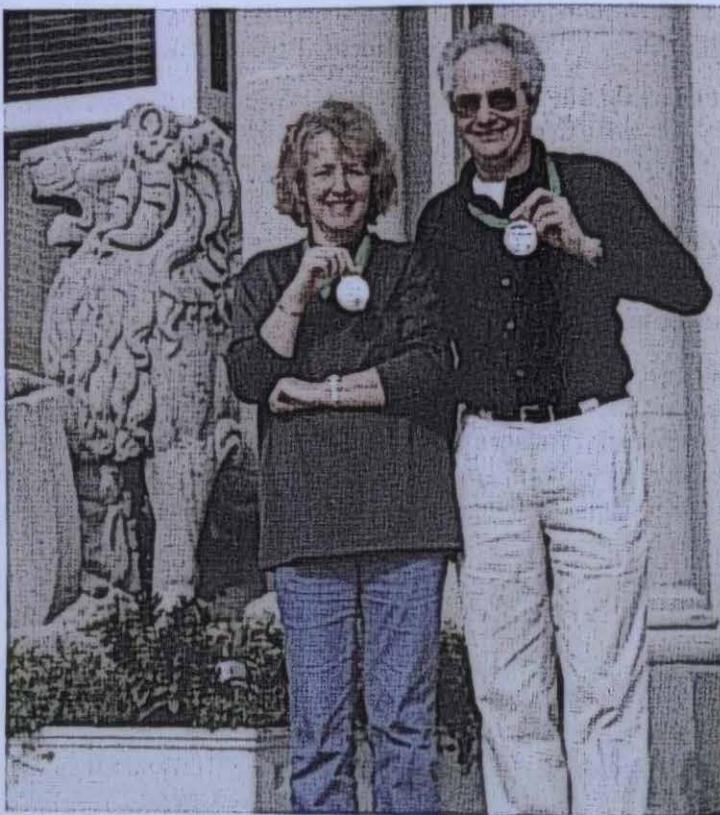
However, with experience you should appreciate that, in seriously long events at least, pairs rewards consistency and conservativeness as much as teams does. For example, losing 800 at teams against a sure vulnerable game is nothing to get upset about. It costs 5imps, that's true, but that's less than a part score swing. A defensive lost trick or the chance of a misjudged acceptance of the push make it a reasonable gambit. On the other hand, in pairs, it is disastrous.

### Our style

Kath and I play a fairly straightforward system, Benjaminised Acoll with a weak no trump. Like all players with serious ambitions we have a number of defined treatments for development of the auction and a limited amount of pure gadgets. However, in addition to defining system, we also define some areas of style and strategy.

As an example, we balance most of the time, but have a rule that when we give them a push, we don't end up being pushed unless we have exceptional hands. There is a simple logic behind this. If they stop low and you get them up a level you may turn a minus into a plus, and balancing is normally to give yourself that chance.

Of course sometimes you know the hand is yours, but



Proud as the roaring lion: Kath Nelson and Steve Eginton show off their medals in Ostend

then you are bidding up with a purpose – not just to compete. If you balance aggressively it often doesn't matter that you might have scored 130 instead of taking 50 at the three level because a good proportion of the room will score -110.

Generally we also don't make 'pairs' decisions. Over a long event, playing the right contract is worth a lot more than chasing 10s in no trumps – and the worthwhile pairs events are at least three sessions, so if you are a competitive pair, you need to be patient.

A one-session event may need a score in the top 60s, but if you are playing 150 boards everyone will get some poor results and the field contracts towards average. Over three or more sessions, averaging 58% will put you very much in the frame, so don't let a bad board get you down.

What is more important is to

understand the opponents' system. In a domestic event you don't come up against too many pairs who play systems that are markedly different from Acoll, so you will understand most of the inferences. But in America or Europe, most pairs will be playing a five-card major system with a strong no trump.

### Recommendation

One recommendation I would make to anyone playing seriously abroad is to try and play the systems you will meet. If you live in London there are French and American clubs that meet at the Young Chelsea and the Club Italia. I am sure if you ask you could find a partner to teach you the rudiments and give you a game. You will find that the structure of bidding is quite different from Acoll so you will get to know the understood

meanings and the weaknesses. Of course nowadays you can also play virtually any system by finding someone online and asking them for a game.

Although the European open pairs in Sorrento was a disappointment for all the British players who reached the 52-pair final, in the end it was very good experience as it was new ground for all of us as partnerships. The final was strong, but none of us really did ourselves justice. The open is a gruelling event – four rounds qualifying for the semis, three for the final of about 10% of the original field, and then four more in the final (with one carry over).

### Lesson learned

Before Ostend, we had discussed the lessons of Sorrento. It is fair to say that qualifying in such a strong field had felt like the big achievement to most of our pairs, especially the Courtneys (fifth qualified) and ourselves. We therefore did not enter the final with the best attitude – that the qualifying was purely the prologue and that this was the event. At Ostend we felt we were arriving as medal contenders – we expected to qualify and we were determined to do ourselves justice when we got to the final.

Kath and I scored consistently between 55-60% in the qualifying and in the first round of the final stayed about the same. While others fell away we plugged on with another score in the upper 50s. We were on the edge of the medals.

In the last session Kath and I turned in our best set, despite playing against the cards and having to work fairly hard for scores. This would normally have been enough to win, but the Dutch had put a formidable set together and ran out winners by almost three tops, so we had to settle for silver.



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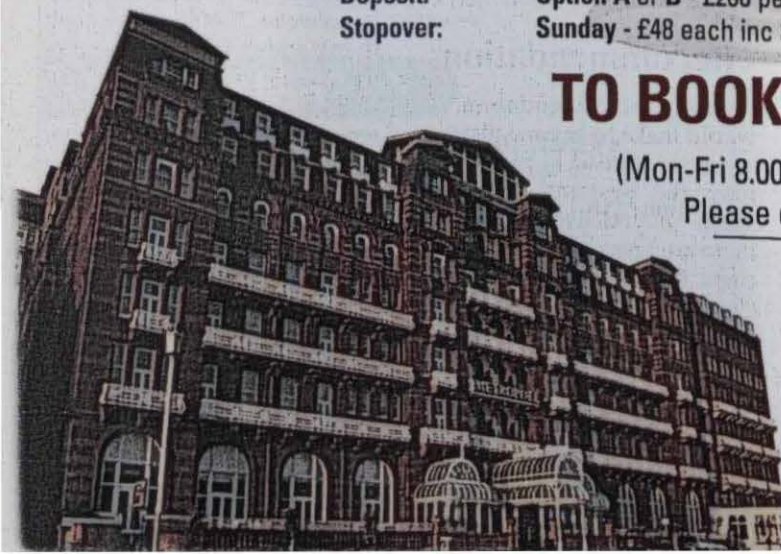
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reports  
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played as many as 60 times, hours of entertainment can be had analysing a single deal! PBN stands for Portable Bridge Notation and is a facility that is being used increasingly widely for Internet bridge. Boards from matches that we featured online from the Commonwealth Games at Manchester can also be reviewed on our web site.

Bridge Club Live was on display at the EBU Summer Festival at Brighton and again I was very pleased to meet so many players who introduced themselves to me as having joined up in recent months. I was then able to introduce them in turn to many of the established onliners who

tended to use the display as a meeting place!

One benefit of the recent merging of the EBU Online Bridge Club with its sister club, the International Online Bridge Club, is that our players now have a greater variety of events in which to play. If we wish we can join in with an international community that is every bit as pleasant as our own (but play mostly a particular form of Standard American called Yellow Card) and where permitted systems and alerting regulations are in accordance with a World Bridge Federation level, which is roughly our level four. Alternatively we can choose to stick with our mostly EBU community playing to familiar

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On a more trivial note, I still note the best nicknames (aliases) that appear. Recent favourites have included Gerry Attric, Pat Hetic and Roland Butter (the former Rudolph Hart). Current favourite for alias of the year is a gentleman from Poland known simply as Don't Double Please!

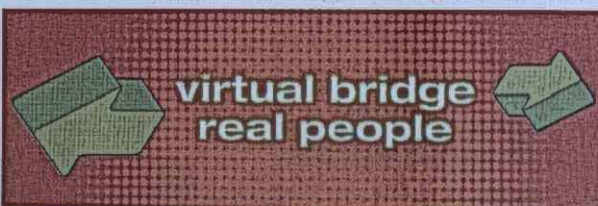
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## Beware of monsters!

THIS was board 68 in a Butler pairs competition a little while ago. Somehow I managed to be South in 4♠. *Eric Life* *Monster Nolf* of Scotland led the ♣Q.

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

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

I took the ♠A and decided that what I really wanted to do was to ruff two clubs in my hand, which would be easy if the trumps were 2-2. So I cashed the ♠A just to see what happened and the jack appeared from West. It now appeared the trumps were 3-1. If I took one more round of trumps and then played a round of clubs I might get a trump returned and that would stop me ruffing more than one club. So I immediately played another club and East produced the king and West the jack.

East then played another club, so I could now ruff with the nine, cross with the ♠6 to the ♠10 on table, ruff the last club with the ♠K and cross to the ♦A to extract the last trump.

Except the hour was late and I ruffed the third round of clubs with the ♠6. 'That

shouldn't matter', I thought, and then realisation dawned – 'Unless the Life Monster has got clever on me and false carded the trumps!'

Aaaaaaargh!

Eric had indeed false carded and he now produced ♠8 to over-ruff my ♠6! The full deal was:

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

My partner commented appropriately about my going off in a cold 4♠ contract when the trumps were 2-2 and I could only reply by congratulating Eric on his timely false card!



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In this very funny sequel to *All Hands on Deck* the bridge cruise ventures into Far Eastern waters. In Bangkok the bridge organiser, Richard Knight, visits Pat Pong (the notorious red light district) and is promptly enticed by three young Thai lovelies into a bridge game. Other adventures take place in a drug den in Hong Kong, in backpacker land in Bali, in the Double Bay Club in Sydney and in a Shinto monastery in Kyoto. Here Knight is selected as partner by the ancient high priest Ikonishi ('bald people always bring me good luck') who will be held dear by those readers who believe that the game of bridge should be entirely innocent of conventions. 'My fellow priests do not see the need for them,' he says, 'but the outside world contains many imperfections.' (Nothing, mind, is allowed to get in the way of the bridge and the nervously awaited tea ceremony turns out to be minus ceremony and plus Typhoo tea bags.) Our best-loved humorous bridge writer serves up, yet again, a marvellous menu of top class bridge play, story telling at its best and a cast of memorable characters. It's all great, great fun.

## **Bridge over Troubled Waters**

by David Bird. Master Bridge series  
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I READ *Bridge for the Connoisseur*, the first paperback edition of this outstanding book by the late Hugh Kelsey, on holiday in Portugal and couldn't put it down, except when swimming in the rather cold Atlantic Ocean. Kelsey selects 58 deals, many of them from international tournaments and played by famous names, for expert analysis of the bidding, play and defence.

With many of the deals he also explores the 'what ifs' and alternative plays and contracts. As ever, his wonderful gifts of clear expression and lucid explanation make the book a delight. Each example is pleasingly displayed and dissected in a matter of two pages, so if you're a bedtime reader there's no danger of nodding off. The book was first published in 1991 and this new edition has a foreword by Ron Klingner.

## **Bridge for the Connoisseur**

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Book reviews by  
Alaine Hamilton



I DO like books by Julian Pottage – he writes so well and takes great care to engage the attention of the reader so that the points he makes are fully understood. He must be a first class teacher. *Masterpieces of Declarer Play*, published in late 2001, follows on from his two excellent *Golden Rules* titles (of *Declarer Play*, and *Defence*), which he wrote with Marc Smith.

As you might suppose, this is a collection of real life examples of the art arranged in three main sections: no trumps, suit contracts and a 'bonus' selection of particularly elegant and satisfying plays. Within the sections, examples are given of the declarer and dummy hands, plus the bidding, and the reader is invited to plan/execute the play. Then, a couple of pages on, the full

The illustration on the cover gives an indication of the amusing content of David Bird's book



hand is given, plus expert analysis, plus a final tip to be committed to memory. Sounds rather like hard work, but Pottage's gifts of communication make it extremely enjoyable as well as instructive.

A small caveat: you need to study the bidding system used before you tackle the examples. This is clear enough, but it does employ some bids and conventions (eg weak twos in three suits) that not everyone favours. However, it's worth the very slight effort involved. This is a super book overall.

## **Masterpieces of Declarer Play**

by Julian Pottage. Master Bridge series.  
Cassell 2001. £7.99 paperback.

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IF you tend to feel a little hazy (or even, well, negative) when negative doubles are mentioned, *Negative Doubles for Acol Players* by Marty Bergen is the book for you. Bergen, 10 times US national champion, covers the hands that are ideal for the negative double, those which are less than ideal, but still qualify, and those where you definitely should not use this double. He demonstrates how it can sharpen your compet-

itive edge and improve partnership understanding.

Bergen also usefully covers hand evaluation, opener's replies to the negative double, rebids by the doubler, and when to play the double for penalties. I don't much like the layout of this book, which, I suspect, retains the US-style typography of a previous life (reminding me particularly of Mike Lawrence's textbooks – he also has written extensively on doubles of all kinds).

Everything is relentlessly LARGE on the page, which might be fine if you've lost your specs or you've just been reading a Janet and John book (with the grandkids, I trust, but each to his own), but it does get a bit tiring. Try to ignore it and get your full value out of this useful book.

## **Negative Doubles for Acol Players**

by Marty Bergen with Tim Bourke.  
Master Bridge series.  
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ANOTHER, but completely different title from David Bird is *Famous Bridge Records*. Records of one kind or another seem to have an inexhaustible appeal (think of the ever popular *Guinness Book of Records*, for example), and this book is a well researched and very entertaining collection of them. In essence, it's a book of excesses – and they are all true.

What's the fewest points with which anyone has made 3NT or numerous other game/slam contracts? How about the largest penalty, the longest auction, the most costly opening lead, the greatest number of redoubled over/undertricks? You'll find it all in this book.

Oh, there are lessons to be learned, too, back at the ranch – one of them being that there's always someone worse than partner – somewhere!

## **Famous Bridge Records**

by David Bird and Nikos Sarantakos.  
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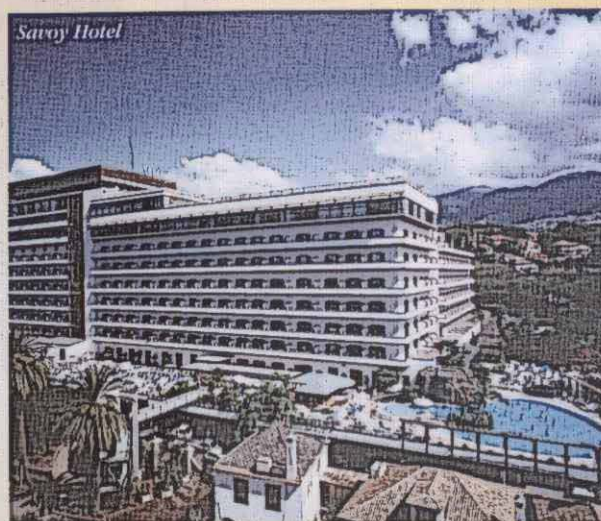


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## Sport support

RICHARD Caborn, the Minister for Sport, who visited Manchester to launch the Bridge Championship for Commonwealth Nations, was positive in stating the importance of mind sports and has asked his civil servants to look into broadening the definition of sport in the 1937 Physical Training and Recreation Act to include bridge.



Richard Caborn

## MP: 'The key is to raise bridge profile'

THE campaign to get bridge recognised as a sport and open the door to funding opportunities currently denied to the game was given a huge boost by the highly successful first Bridge Championship for Commonwealth Nations.

That was the view expressed by Keith Bradley, Minister of State at the Home Office and MP for Manchester's Withington constituency, when he addressed members of the 28 nations that took part in the event, which was held in advance of the Commonwealth Games in the city.

Mr Bradley, speaking at the end-of-championship banquet, said that the impact of the Commonwealth Games on Manchester could not be underestimated. 'I am delighted that the bridge world has contributed to this wonderful sporting festival by staging these inaugural championships,' he said.



Keith Bradley

'I know that much hard work has gone into organising this event and great credit is due to all involved at the English Bridge Union nationally and Manchester Bridge Club locally.

'Bridge is a card game played by 220 million people worldwide and 1 in 15 people in the UK alone. It is currently enjoying a huge resurgence of popularity.

'We have 112 recognised sports in the UK and, as many of you will be aware, there is a debate raging over what defines a sport.

'The English Bridge Union is involved in the campaign to get pursuits of the mind (such as bridge and chess) officially recognised by the wider world as a sport.

'For there to be a change the Government must amend the 1937 Physical Training and Recreation Act to allow duplicate bridge and chess to be recognised as coming within the definition of sport.

'The major hurdle is the current definition of what constitutes a sport. There has been much discussion on this issue. However, the requirement for physical skill and physical effort remains the predominant argument.

'So how do we start to win the debate on getting mind games such as bridge re-categorised as sports?

'First we need to build on the pioneering work now being carried out by the English Bridge Union to get more young players interested in the game. There is clearly an opportunity to expand by having bridge taught in our schools.

'The higher the profile of the game, the greater the uptake will be.

'I share the ambitions of the English Bridge Union for bridge to become a recognised sporting event within future Commonwealth Games. That is the target we must strive for'.

## Manchester magic

By Raymond Semp

THE first Bridge Championship for Commonwealth Nations was an outstanding success: a triumph for the EBU and for the many members of Manchester CBA who worked so hard for it.

Let us hope that it marks the birth of an international competition that in the coming years will flourish and play its part in establishing bridge as a sport of the mind worthy of wider recognition and support.

The competition, held in the Whitworth Hall at Manchester University, was won overall by the patron's team of Tony Forrester, John Armstrong and Jason, Justin and Paul Hackett, with John Williams as non-playing captain.

The gold medal for the top Commonwealth nation went to the Canada team of Judith and Nick Gartaganis, Gordon Campbell and Keith Balcombe. The silver medal was won by Wales and the bronze by India.

At the post competition banquet there were fulsome tributes to all the sponsors, helpers and supporters who had made the event possible, with special mention for the patrons, Brigitte Mavromichalis and the Maple Financial Group of Canada.

In the competition there were numerous hands of outstanding brilliance. As this was a Manchester event I will highlight the skills of two Mancunians.

John Holland played this hand:

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

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

West led the ♠J. The lead showed no higher honour so John played the ace, felling East's stiff king. The ♥Q was played at trick two, which East won and returned the ♠6 to queen, ace, five. Back

came the ♠2 and John judged well to win with the king.

It seemed that to land this contract the diamonds must come in for five tricks, so John cashed ♦A and ♦K. When both defenders followed with small cards John switched to Plan B and exited with a diamond.

West now made the fatal error of playing back his last heart and John took full advantage. He won with the ♥K, cashed his two remaining diamonds and played a club.

West put in the nine, John ducked in dummy and now West had to concede the last two club tricks for a well-deserved 13imps to the second patron's team.

My second featured hand focuses on the efforts of John Hassett, another of Manchester's fine card players.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The bidding was a little ambitious on Bill Hirst's part, who tried to search for a slam on his 11 count, but generally, when you are behind in a serious match, then he is the best man you can have to try to reverse the team's fortunes.

East lead the ♠4 into John's tenace, but as we can see it did not cost. After much thought John laid down the ♦Q, which held the trick, West contributing the ♦10. The ♦J followed and was ducked again by East, West throwing the ♠3. A heart was led to the ace and the losing club finesse taken. East played back the ♥Q, which John won and played a club to the ace and a diamond back to dummy's ace. Now the fourth club fixes East, who is effectively endplayed.

East in fact threw a spade, but as John had ditched his third heart on the club he was able to ruff a heart. East overruffed to be endplayed again.



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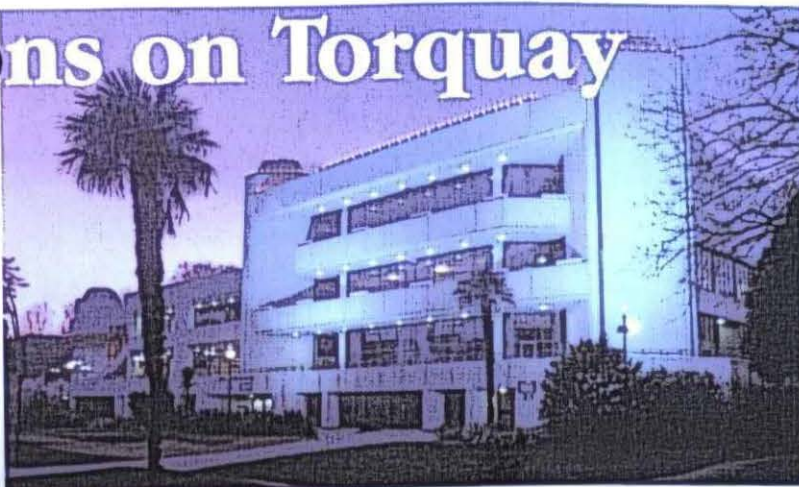
# Reflections on Torquay

The European Youth Team Championships, inaugurated in 1968, are the flagship of Europe's junior programme. They are played in two series for national teams, juniors (aged up to 25) and schools (up to 20) in the even numbered years. Some 350 players, officials and staff are involved for 10 days.

Not since 1987 had England staged a major championship. The EBU Council and the European Bridge League were keen we should take a leading role in Europe following the disbandment of the BBL. So, in 1999, the search for a venue began. Primary concerns were good playing conditions, ample low cost accommodation, convenient and plentiful sustenance and skills in event management. We scoured the country for university accommodation, visiting some 25 sites.

Then, out of the blue the Riviera Centre, Torquay, came up with an interesting proposal. The centre comprised excellent playing areas, Vugraph theatre, restaurant, bar and administrative facilities. Nearby were fine leisure facilities. Within a mile there were dozens of small hotels and guesthouses offering bed and breakfast. A package was suggested for accommodation and three full meals daily of £35.25.

Contracts were exchanged with the Riviera centre and the EBL and the organisation got under way. Involved were Devon CBA, the EBU at Aylesbury, the European



Bridge League, the Borough of Torbay, and our organising committee. As preparations progressed the pressure mounted as there was also the normal busy July and August tournament programme, the European Championships and the Bridge Championship for Commonwealth Nations.

November to July was a period of intense activity. Meetings, visits to the site, brochures, programmes,

accommodation bookings, arrangements for transport, acquiring equipment, stationery, budgets, staffing, functions ... amazingly, all was ready to start on time.

Information technology was vital to the organisation. Email communication (I received more than 400) was widely used. Journalists, players, Vugraph, scorers, bulletin staff and offices used 25 computers. Players could access the

By Tom Bradley, chairman of the organising committee of the European Youth Team Championships



Internet at any time. Vugraph presentation and sound and light effects at the closing ceremony were impressive.

Running a major championship is a complex and expensive task. Organisations like ours willingly accept the work involved, the people concerned thoroughly enjoying the experience. Volunteers, professional staff and temporary staff all play their part.

Torquay cost the EBU more than £80,000. This included such items as hire of the centre, equipment provision, accommodation, professional fees and support of impoverished federations. Such a figure, within the means of a major federation, deters the majority of countries. Perhaps one day every European nation might contribute to a championship reserve fund, according to its ability to pay. The European and World administrators could then rearrange their budgets so that the host nation provides less of the cash.

## Some personal memories:

- Trying to get into the Grand Hotel at 3am.
- Trying to get out of the Grand Hotel at 4am.
- Persuading our European colleagues that the Worshipful the Mayor of Torbay (a woman) was to be addressed as Mr Mayor.
- Offering John Neville, EBU Treasurer, a sedative when every photocopier in his main office broke down in the small hours, with hundreds of bulletins needed by breakfast time.
- Getting stuck with transporting players on the first stage of their journey home. Many left overnight after the closing banquet not feeling too well. Several had to be dragged from their beds.
- Marshalling 200 young people on to the Brixham Belle.
- The countless congratulations, messages of thanks and expressions of friendship.

## LAYING DOWN THE LAW

By Jeremy Dhondy

### 10 things to know about appeals

**1** Any player at a table where a ruling is given, or the team captain of any player involved in a ruling, may ask for the director's decision to be reviewed. (Law 92A)

**2** You can't appeal unless you do it in time. Law 92B says that you must appeal within 30 minutes of the official score being made available for inspection. In many EBU events, the time limit for an appeal is later than that, but each event has its own conditions of contest.

**3** You must tell a tournament director that you intend to appeal. A deposit is normally required, which in EBU events will be £10 in a pairs game and £20 in a teams game. You will get your money back even if the appeals committee does not adjust the score in your favour unless, in the opinion of the committee, your appeal was without merit. For example, if after you revoke the director requires you to pay the penalty prescribed in the Laws, and you appeal his decision, then the appeal will fail and the appeals committee will almost certainly consider the appeal without any merit.

**4** If you want to appeal and partner does not, then an appeal will not be heard (Law 92D).

**5** If you want a decision in a privately played match, there are some procedures to follow in the brochure that specifies the con-

ditions of contest for the event. You will almost certainly start by telephoning a tournament director and asking for a ruling. Like any other director's ruling, this may be appealed.

**6** If your appeal is solely about the Law, it will be heard first by the chief tournament director (Law 93B), but any ruling he gives may still be appealed to the appeals committee (Law 93A). The chief tournament director will also hear appeals if there is no committee, or if it is impossible for a committee to meet. In some events there will be a referee instead of a committee; in effect, the referee is a one-man appeals committee.

**7** Two things have been done to try to reduce the number of appeals. At most major congresses there will be an advisor whom you can consult before making up your mind whether or not to appeal. Also, the director now has the power to make some judgement rulings that only an appeals committee was previously allowed to make. (Law 12C3).

**8** Many appeals involve actions following a hesitation by a player. The normal test applied to any action following a break in tempo is

whether a clear majority of similar standard players (usually regarded as at least 70%) would have taken that action. If, for example, your left hand opponent opens 1NT and your partner fidgets, shuffles, asks several questions and then passes slowly, you will be in receipt of some unauthorised information because it is pretty unlikely that he did this on a balanced six count. Now if you decide to bid or double, it will need to be a clear-cut action, taken solely on the basis of your hand and not on the basis of the values that partner's antics have revealed.

**9** Once the appeals committee has given the decision, it will be communicated to you via the tournament director as soon as possible. You must not then harangue any member of an appeals committee when you do not agree with its decision, though you are entitled to have the decision explained to you via the appeal form and the tournament director.

**10** If a ruling and the subsequent appeal have gone against you, then it is possible to appeal to the National Authority (Law 93C). This appeal will cost you £50 and you will only get this deposit returned if there has been an error in the application of the law, or a question of principle is involved, or there has been a grossly inappropriate value judgement by the original appeals committee.



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# Honours answer

*OUT of the blue came this story from Philip Mason, chairman of Yorkshire CBA, which comprehensively answers the question from Lesley Lewis on page eight:*

THE English Mixed Teams Championship for the Hubert Phillips Bowl is one of the oldest and certainly the most unusual of all EBU competitions. Players must play with each other member of the team, scoring is by aggregate points and, most quaintly, honours count.

Over the years, I am certain many matches have been decided by a team claiming honours when the opposition has been unable to do so. Many years ago, I was the victim on two such occasions – each time we thought we had won only to discover that the opposition had managed to find some honour points that were not available to us. The memories linger on!

However, in this season's competition, my Malton team were the fortunate beneficiaries of an unusual situation in a second round match against our Lancastrian opponents. In the final stanza, on board 23, we actually gained two hundred honour points and these were to prove decisive.

As North I played in 4♠, making, with one hundred honours. At the other table, Alan Martindale, sitting East, played in 4♥, minus one, but also claiming one hundred honours.

When we scored up the outcome was that we had won the match by a mere 90 points. This was one of the few occasions when I have genuinely felt some sympathy for my opponents!

## RESULTS SERVICE

**EUROPEAN Youth Team Championships:** junior series 1 Italy 430vps, 2 Denmark 414, 3 Norway 410.5, 4 France 410, 6 England 392; schools series 1 Israel 311, 2 Poland 308, 3 Norway 289, 4 Netherlands 284, 11 England 210.

**Junior Camrose trials (under 25):** 1 Ollie Burgess and Rachel Wade 131imps, 2 Andrew Bamford and Mark Goddard 94, 3 Leigh Chapman and Hilary Young 59, 4 Duncan Happer and Susan Stockdale 44.

**Peggy Bayer trials (under 20):** 1 John Atthey and Ben Green 126imps, 2 Jon De Souza and Paul Wilson 118, 3 Ian Green and Sarah Pinchbeck 108, 4 Dave Cropper and Steve Raine 105.

**Scarborough Summer Festival:** Swiss pairs 1 John Armstrong (Merseyside and Cheshire) and Chris Jagger (Cambs and Hunts), 2 Alan Odie and Jon Williams (Bedfordshire), 3 Martin Carlile and David Lewis (Yorkshire), equal 3 Maria Budd and Malcolm Harris (Hertfordshire); pre-congress pairs 1 Denise Glossop and June Dyal (Yorkshire), 2 Sandra Nicholson and Krys Kazmierczak (Oxfordshire), 3 Jo Henbury and Colin Tuton (Northamptonshire); multiple teams premier final 1 John Armstrong (Merseyside and Cheshire), Sarah Teshome (Yorkshire) and Catherine and Chris Jagger (Cambs and Hunts), 2 John Sansom, Sharleen Weir, Grahame Weir and Mike Theelke (Worcestershire), 3 Colin Porch, Amy Cherry (Bedfordshire), Pat Watson and Bill Hood (Leicestershire); multiple teams secondary final 1 Sandra Nicholson, Krys Kazmierczak (Oxfordshire), Steve Rosewalk and Mel Wilder (Yorkshire), 2 Richard Dix, Michael Smith and Stuart and Anne Staveley (Scotland), 3 Stanley Hayward (Derbyshire), Shirley Morrisroe, Graham Jepson and David Musson (Yorkshire); open teams 1 Jackie Davies, Chris Cook (Hertfordshire), Alan Cook and Harry Cook

(Bedfordshire), 2 Graham and Ann Lucy (Berks and Bucks), Mike Ingham and Jonathan Worters (Yorkshire), 3 Judith Biles, Stephen Pollards (Yorkshire) and Judith and Allan Sanis (Gloucestershire)

**Essex/Herts Swiss pairs:** 1 Sue Simon and Allan Lipton (Middlesex), 2 John Spiers and Alan Skry (Middlesex), 3 Nigel Bird (London) and Ian Pagan (Middlesex).

**Merseyside and Cheshire Swiss pairs:** 1 David Flacks and John Hampson (Merseyside and Cheshire), 2 Alan Jones and David Barton (Manchester), 3 Rick Dearing (Merseyside and Cheshire) and John Dearing (Lancashire), equal 3 Agnes Blewitt and Stan Collins (Yorkshire).

**Nottinghamshire Swiss pairs:** 1 Don Smedley and John Griffin (Derbyshire), 2 Graham Weir (Worcestershire) and Alex Hogg (Derbyshire), 3 Alistair Brodie and Trevor Thrower (Northants).

**Derbyshire Swiss teams:** 1 Don Smedley, John Griffin, Andy Wells (Derbyshire) and Ted Martin (Berks and Bucks), 2 Sheila, Brian, Susan and Peter Stockdale (Leicestershire), equal 2 Simon Stokes, Yasser Haider, David Fletcher and Jean Wightman (Leicestershire).

**Essex/Herts Swiss teams:** 1 Jane and David Jensen (Bedfordshire), Alan Shillito (Essex) and Chris Jagger (Cambs and Hunts), 2 Rosella Emanuel (Hertfordshire), Judy Haring, Gill Walker (Middlesex) and Len Garcia (Essex), 3 Rod and Sue Oakford, Nadia Stelmashenko and Victor Milman (Cambs and Hunts).

**Manchester Swiss teams:** 1 Michelle Brunner, John Hassett and Rhona and Bernard Goldenfield (Manchester), 2 Warwick Horspool, Sheila Shea, Liz Commins and Brian Schofield (Wales), 3 Jeff Smith (Manchester), Jackie Pye (Lancashire), David Barton and Alan Jones (Manchester).



# Master Points Trophy Results

## Jon is master of the points chase



JON Williams, Bedfordshire-based Grand Master, would tell you he hasn't won a lot as a bridge player: quite an understatement for the man who has just been named the winner for the second time of the Master Point Challenge.

Last year his friend John Young (Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire) pipped him for the honour, with each player harvesting well over 35,000 points. But Jon's recapture of the title continues a phenomenal run in this year-long contest. His record over the last eight years is 3rd, 3rd, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 1st, 2nd, 1st.

Jon's winning haul this time of 32,576, puts him well clear of Rhona Goldenfield, Manchester's renowned England player (27,112 points) and Middlesex international Jeremy Dhondy (26,125).

Home club for Jon is Wardown, where his regular partner is David Harris, the EBU Chairman. 'He is one of many I have to thank for helping me along the way,' says Jon. 'You have to play in a lot of simultaneous events to run up this number of points and I have played in most of them, which means I have played in many different clubs with many different partners.'

Jon reckons to play on average two-and-a-half weekends a month, plus one evening each week, which leaves him just about enough time for his busy day job as an accountant.

The Gold Point Top 10 list sees Tim Rees (Berks and Bucks) holding on to the number one spot, with Chris Jagger (Cambs and Hunts) still second. David Mossop (Berks and Bucks) has taken over third place, displacing Tony Forester (Staffs and Shrops), who has dropped to ninth.

## National Leader Board

### Life Masters, Premier Life Masters, Grand Masters

Mr J R Williams	32576	Bedfordshire
Mrs R Goldenfield	27112	Manchester
Mr J Dhondy	26125	Middlesex
Mr JW Scase	25962	Surrey
Mr P Kaufmann	23776	Middlesex
Mr TR Rees	23546	Berks. & Bucks.

### National Masters, Premier National Masters

Mr W Naqvi	20695	Middlesex
Mr LJ Roffey	19136	Surrey
Miss C Dyer	17829	Surrey
Mrs JO Gedge	15663	Surrey
Mr J Deacon	13606	Northamptonshire
Dr V Milman	13540	Cambs & Hunts

### Regional Masters, Premier Regional Masters

Mr M Prior	19339	Kent
Mr T King	18707	North East
Mrs J Davies	17723	Herts
Ms M Andree	17206	Surrey
Mr C Cook	15345	Herts
Mr C Tuton	14600	Northamptonshire

## County winners

### County Levels

- (4) Star and Tournament Masters  
(5) County and Advanced Masters  
(6) Unranked, Club & District Masters

#### Avon

4 Mr B Shephard	5463
4 Mr C Jones	5063
5 Mr EK Page	4105
5 Mr A Moon	2271
6 Mrs R Kittel	5725
6 Ms ME Barney	1604

#### Bedfordshire

4 Mr PR Das	3307
4 Mrs R Das	3092
5 Mr AJ Oddie	4631
5 Mrs G Dunn	3878
6 Mr DA Woulds	5413
6 Mrs D Webb	1552

#### Berks and Bucks

4 Mr CJ Harris	11480
4 Mrs MJ Hughes	10578
5 Mr DN Hudson	7410
5 Mr CP Cherrett	4350
6 Dr J Wisely	4679
6 Mr P Sarkar	4509

#### Cambs and Hunts

4 Mr DJ Allen	5511
4 Mrs FHM Allen	5115
5 Maj CL De Vries	5926
5 Mr RW Cambery	3105
6 Mrs A Green	1895
6 Mrs GM Haanhoff	1465

#### Channel Islands

4 Miss C Rynd	1487
4 Dr E Klopogge	1332
5 Mr R Hauge	4890
5 Miss RA Pallot	3355
6 Miss SM Jones	1891
6 Mrs KM Evans	1492

#### Cornwall

4 Mr J Nankervis	9934
4 Mr WJ Adams	8669
5 Mrs H Boyens-Mitchell	10255
5 Mrs JE Fisher	4038
6 Mrs PM Davies	2090
6 Mr DA Barber	1652

#### Cumbria

4 Mrs M Edgar	4464
4 Mrs L Harrison	4410
5 Mrs J Mossop	3983
5 Mrs S Rodger	2552
6 Mrs E Ritson	2070
6 Mrs S Rogerson	1640

#### Derbyshire

4 Mr S Haywood	9086
4 Mrs P Smith	4262
5 Mr G Watson	1964
5 Mrs G Coomb	1657
6 Mr J Harris	1685
6 Mrs K Harris	1601

#### Devon

4 Mrs JD Murray Brown	10018
4 Mr C Rogers	8672
5 Mrs SE Gregory	3290
5 Mrs SF Lee	2854
6 Mrs PR Keane	2173
6 Mr PJ Lucas	2152

#### Direct

4 Mr M Rowley	2784
4 Mrs HE Jones	1930

5 Mr JW Simpson	1514
5 Mr NG Kwar	790
6 Ms I Kwiatkowska	2632
6 Mrs AA Riyami	1111

#### Dorset

4 Mr J Kennedy	7249
4 Mr RD Andrews	6883
5 Mr PA Sayer	4480
5 Mrs A Trayler	3657
6 Mr W Naismith	2255
6 Miss JS Humphries	2131

#### Essex

4 Mrs SC Smith	8371
4 Mr LJ Peacock	7839
5 Mr CJ Taylor	5878
5 Mrs SA Taylor	5862
6 Mrs MD Parker	2996
6 Mrs LV Moran	2214

#### Gloucestershire

4 Mr KA Rahim	9075
4 Mrs V Rahim	5637
5 Mr HW Mason	3006
5 Mr RW Moore	2307
6 Mr PW Parkes	1737
6 Miss L Davies	992

#### Hants & IOW

4 Dr BD Cavell	10072
4 Mrs CM Dean	9973
5 Mr G Clarke	3150
5 Mr J Sherman	2944
6 Mr GA McDermott	2773
6 Mr KS Benjamin	2540

#### Herefordshire

4 Mr M Collins	5733
4 Mrs M Panniers	5486
5 Col MW Jenkins	4000
5 Mrs PW Collins	3062
5 Mr M Price	2646
6 Mr AJ Morris	1171

#### Herts

4 Mr JW Mathews	9721
4 Mr WE Kenney	9508
5 Mr DJ Hoey	5399
5 Mr DJ Sparkes	3797
6 Mrs VJ Poulsen	2718
6 Mr AH Craxton	1932

#### Isle Of Man

4 Mrs DK Tatchell	2299
4 Mrs D Robson	1932
5 Mrs TJ Britten	617
5 Mr P Lees	597
6 Mr MJ Brown	1406
6 Mrs FE Simons	1340

#### Kent

4 Dr M Alcalay	10452
4 Mrs B Tolhurst	8797
5 Mrs MAV White	8016
5 Mr JC Davy	6602
6 Mrs SA Akehurst	3962
6 Mrs BC Schultz	2823

#### Lancashire

4 Mrs W Blyth	8788
4 Mr BC Irlam	6736
5 Mr A Butler	2578
5 Mrs GD Hill	2029
6 Mr PN Meadowcroft	6504
6 Mrs SB Chan	3572

#### Leicester

4 Mr R Parker	4021
4 Mr MB Wheeler	3692
5 Ms L Macfarlane	6166
5 Mr R Sneddon	1932
6 Mrs CJ Brewster	1367
6 Mr J Glover	1365

#### Lincolnshire

4 Mr DJ Stoddart	9211
4 Mr W Parsons	6065
5 Mr A Les	2921
5 Mrs J Smith	2223
6 Major K Jeffery	1611
6 Mr CF Foster	832

#### London

4 Mr GL Lederman	7346
4 Mrs EA Freeman	6565
5 Mrs E De Mercur	4515
5 Miss HJ Knott	3613
6 Mr JP Svendsen	5513
6 Mr GR Crowe	2570

#### Manchester

4 Mrs J White	7325
4 Mr WD White	6595
5 Mr NJ Thomas	5989
5 Mr E Levy	5656
6 Mr G Harlem	2661
6 Dr M Tolaney	1679

#### Merseyside/Cheshire

4 Mr G Eakin	5089
4 Mrs FL Spriggs	4329
5 Mrs C Andrews	3847
5 Mrs J Kennedy	3511
6 Mr J Rowland	2563
6 Dr PJ Murphy	1800

#### Middlesex

4 Mr V Reader	16635
4 Mrs GV Walker	8465
5 Prof JR Harper	7314
5 Mrs J Feldman	6952
6 Mr AP Allfrey	3685
6 Mr AH Mahomed	2868

#### Norfolk

4 Mrs JA Thompson	8886
4 Mrs SD Gill	7155
5 Mrs H Tindal	3248
5 Mrs VJ Bobbins	3118
6 Mrs C Woolf	1789
6 Mrs JA Papworth	1771

#### North East

4 Mr WR Aynsley	13531
4 Mr D Benison	12919
5 Mr R Thompson	6117
5 Mrs A Cunningham	5500
6 Mr C Singh	4004
6 Mr M Clark	3443

#### Northamptonshire

4 Mrs M Henbury	6883
4 Mr B Davies	6737
5 Mr R Gibson	3748
5 Mr RC Bates	2406
6 Mr MJ Hodgson	5894
6 Mr T Sheridan	1504

#### Notts

4 Mr A Craddock	4319
4 Mr MJ Gauntley	3675
5 Mrs PM Craddock	4329
5 Mrs EL Bagley	3769
6 Dr RB Elliott	1301
6 Mrs NW Graham	1062

#### Oxford

4 Mr S Elliott	6974
4 Mr R Qualinton	6615

5 Mr K Sadler	5315
5 Mrs M Sheehy	4140
6 Mr K Kazmierczak	5684
6 Mr P Perry	1768

#### Somerset

4 Mr RL Sweet	13843
4 Mr RP Wickham	6563
5 Mrs G Bruce	3450
5 Mrs PF Brookes	2819
6 Mrs HA Martin	1094
6 Mrs K Curtis	1077

#### Staffs and Shropshire

4 Mr DE Jones	6083
4 Mrs J Hollier	4145
5 Mr GH Thomas	3284
5 Mr N Jones	2367
6 Mr K Wasmuht	1915
6 Mrs PA Jones	1695

#### Suffolk

4 Mr RP Hosier	7977
4 Mr M Malin	5155
5 Mrs E Clement	3099
5 Mrs E Marsh	3043
6 Mrs E Matthias	2002
6 Mr GB Fawcus	1676

#### Surrey

4 Mr SE Tyrrell	19285
4 Mrs RL Thompson	17683
5 Mr DR Sedgwick	9070
5 Mrs HE West	5602
6 Mrs G De Jager	4694
6 Mr A Jenkins	4177

#### Sussex

4 Mrs EA Hennings	12833
4 Mr F Ghalib	10359
5 Mr DT Burman	4661
5 Mrs JM Boydell	4606
6 Mr JR Heckscher	3165
6 Mr A Vaughan	2510

#### Warwickshire

4 Mrs SR Browne	4339
4 Dr M Hughes	4243
5 Mr B Green	4630
5 Mrs D Kenny	3079
6 Mrs V Wormleighton	1746
6 Mr BJ Cave	1721

#### Westmorland

4 Mr T Mathews	4251
4 Mr BE Ellis	2411
5 Mrs AKM Hendley	1992
5 Mrs JR Truelove	1634
6 Dr ML Howse	425
6 Mrs J Hagen	291

#### Wiltshire

4 Mrs GA Dalton	10568
4 Mrs V Crawford	9176
5 Mrs I Adams	1951
5 Mrs M Giles	1583
6 Mr NW Beswick	1081
6 Mr DE Ward	975

#### Worcester

4 Mr BH Varley	9401
4 Mrs CM Varley	8971
5 Mrs E Boyes	4855
5 Mr JA Taylor	2986
6 Mrs MJ Hannah	3041
6 Mr CR Gamage	2284

#### Yorkshire

4 Mr RR Gowland	8497
4 Mr CR Harrison	7012
5 Mr SJ Raine	5586
5 Mr J Hanson	4681
6 Mrs PR Cooper	2220
6 Mr R Gascoyne	1638

## Gold Point Top 10

As at June 30th

1 Mr TR Rees	Berks. & Bucks.	63.65	6 Mr JDR Collings	Warwickshire	46.28
2 Mr CN Jagger	Cambs & Hunts	53.07	7 Mr J Dhondy	Middlesex	44.26
3 Mr DS Mossop	Berks. & Bucks.	50.66	8 Mr MA Jones	Warwickshire	42.70
4 Mr JP Hackett	Staffs & Shropshire	50.08	9 Mr AR Forrester	Staffs & Shropshire	41.56
5 Mr JB Young	Cambs & Hunts	47.23	10 Mr BR Senior	Nottinghamshire	40.09



# Master Points Trophy

## Grand Master Promotions

Mrs D Avis  
Mr DM Howard  
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Mr WM Thurl

KENT  
SOMERSET  
NOTTS  
HERTS

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Mr A Urbanski  
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Mrs PM Chant  
3\* Star Regional Master  
Mr B Shepherd  
2\* Star Regional Master  
Mr R Kendall  
4\* Star Master  
Mr I Duncan  
Mr H B Lambert  
3\* Star Master  
Mr C Jones  
2\* Star Master  
Mrs GA Davies  
Mrs S Hodges  
1\* Star Master  
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Advanced Master  
Mr E K Page  
Mr M Peers  
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District Master  
Ms D Shortridge  
Club Master  
Mr L Blanning

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Mr S J Abley  
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Mr R W Kerkin  
3\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs A Chester  
Mr RM Chester  
3\* Star Master  
Mr D A Wouds  
2\* Star Master  
Mr BA Abbott  
1\* Star Master  
Mr R F Gaudoin  
Mrs JA Nutt  
Advanced Master  
Mr P Roberts  
Mr D J Spratt  
Mr H W Watson  
Master  
Mr P G Hutton  
Mrs R Hutton  
Dr Y Mohamed  
Mr N F Perry  
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Mrs N Walsh  
District Master  
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9\* Star Premier Regional Master  
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4\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mrs C Humphreys  
3\* Star Premier Regional Master

Mr NI Marlow  
2\* Star Premier Regional Master  
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Mr D J Goldsworthy  
4\* Star Regional Master  
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Mrs DD Thomas  
Mrs NE Whittard  
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Mr C Thorn  
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5\* Star Master  
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4\* Star Master  
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3\* Star Master  
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Mr P Jones  
Mrs D White  
2\* Star Master  
Mrs A Apin  
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Mr DN Samuel  
Master  
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Miss RA Pallon  
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5\* Star Tournament Master  
Mr WF Berks  
Mr FC Clifton  
Tournament Master  
Mrs S Howley  
Mr G E Norman  
3\* Star Master  
Mr D Astin  
Mr G Buck  
Mrs S Norman  
Mrs K Willis  
1\* Star Master  
Mrs PJ Bullen  
Mr B Colvin  
Mrs MMC Davies  
Advanced Master  
Mrs M Collins  
Mr RJ Harrison  
Master  
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Mr M J Martyn  
District Master  
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Mrs LP Radford  
Mr J E Ridding  
Club Master  
Mrs J de Snoo  
Mrs FR Richards

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7\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mr PH Thompson  
11\* Star Regional Master  
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3\* Star Master  
Mr J Turner  
2\* Star Master  
Mr G J Maskall  
County Master  
Mrs B Bullamore  
Mr J A Graham  
Mrs S Rogerson

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National Master  
Mr P Doran  
1\* Star Regional Master  
Mr DD Wright  
Tournament Master  
Mr C E Band  
5\* Star Master  
Mr N Elliott  
Mrs D Haasberg  
3\* Star Master  
Mr MA Sircorn  
Mrs P Smith  
1\* Star Master  
Mrs G Coomb  
Mrs S M Foster  
Mrs BM Low  
Mr CR Wood  
Advanced Master  
Mrs BE Harvey  
Mr SN Lemmings  
Mrs J Pick  
Master  
Mrs M Kenworthy  
County Master  
Mrs M B B Hume  
Mr J Taylor  
District Master  
Mrs M Lawman  
Club Master  
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3\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mrs H Mather  
Mr KG Nelson  
2\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mr JA Lankshar  
Mr K Ponsford  
1\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mr MA Ball  
Mrs G Lankshar  
8\* Star Regional Master  
Mr TA Bunn  
4\* Star Regional Master  
Mr R Carter  
3\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs JM Brock  
2\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs G Rogers  
Tournament Master  
Mr BI Hughes  
Mrs SP Hughes  
Mrs B Martin  
Mrs M Newcombe  
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Mrs K Kelland  
Mrs B F Simmonds  
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Mr JR Sach  
Mr NJ Waterman  
3\* Star Master  
Mrs J Harris  
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Mrs BG Edmonds  
Mr A Leslie  
Mrs J Pering  
Mrs V Peters  
1\* Star Master  
Mrs SE Gregory  
Mrs A Laval-Parker  
Advanced Master  
Mr GB Allsop  
Mr M Crelley  
Mr C A Lee  
Mrs S F Lee  
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Mr R Dennis  
Mr RW Hutton  
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District Master  
Mr M Gandhi  
Mrs A E Gold  
Miss E Highton  
Dr L J Homewood  
Mr L Spencer  
Miss M Treneman

### Direct

3\* Star Master  
Mrs M El Refai  
Club Master  
Mr T Van-de-Lisle

### Dorset

23\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mr WT Udall  
9\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mr RA Riley  
24\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs DE Shabner  
23\* Star Regional Master  
Mr J A Howitt  
16\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs ME Howitt  
6\* Star Tournament Master  
Mrs VER Bedingham  
Tournament Master  
Mr J Kennedy  
Mr J Marsden  
Mrs ML Stebbing  
5\* Star Master  
Mr M Gore  
Mr M J Ryan  
4\* Star Master  
Mr JL Portman  
Mrs M A Wilson  
3\* Star Master  
Mrs TKH Atwater  
Mrs JE Hine  
Mr L Skene  
Miss JH Suffling  
2\* Star Master  
Mrs ES Cordell  
Advanced Master  
Mr R F Cogan  
Mrs JK Hoare  
Mr MH Hooper  
Mr MW Loring  
Master  
Mrs S Farrington  
Mr D Le Clercq  
Mrs W Mackenzie-Harvey  
County Master  
Mr P C Bowen  
District Master  
Mrs M Avins  
Mrs C Caruana  
Mrs S Hawkins  
Mrs RE Silgram  
Mrs RE Stevens  
Mr G Wilson  
Club Master  
Mrs M Winston

### Essex

Life Master  
Mrs T Beer  
Mrs Y Dias  
Mr A Greenstein  
Mr BR Harrison  
Mr GW Vede  
Mrs MP Vede  
Premier National Master  
Mr AJ Cohen  
National Master  
Mrs E Green  
Mr PD Mollison  
Mrs V Mollison  
2\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mr S Pye  
9\* Star Regional Master  
Mr CJ Charlton  
4\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs A West  
6\* Star Tournament Master  
Mr G Mann  
1\* Star Tournament Master  
Mr BA Berkley  
5\* Star Master  
Mr AJ Bremman  
Mrs LV Seymour  
4\* Star Master  
Mrs BR Fearley  
Mrs S Sheringham  
Mr A Whiteford  
3\* Star Master  
Mr A Mundy  
Mr P Nentlingham  
2\* Star Master  
Mr D Chandler  
Dr ECI Coffee  
Mr ET Godier  
Mr JM Goodwin  
Mr DR Robinson  
Mr T Wise  
1\* Star Master  
Mr A Goddard  
Mr CJ Taylor  
Mrs SA Taylor  
Mr R Waller  
Mr D C Wiffen  
Mrs G R Wiffen  
Mr G P Wootton

Advanced Master  
Mr MA Fitzgerald  
Mr M Harris  
Mr P Lewellen  
Mr RJ Merricks  
Dr JC Williams  
Master  
Mrs M Bird  
Mrs H Capal  
Mrs P A Davis  
Mr I L Green  
Mr M Krimholtz  
Mr RJ Lebeau  
Mrs A M Rastin  
Mr JD Stansfield  
Mr D S Tennet  
Mrs B Woolf  
County Master  
Mr M Braithwaite  
Mrs CS Harvey  
Mr DRJ Harvey  
Mr I D Macewan  
Mrs JL O'Hara  
Mr J S Popkin  
District Master  
Mr A R Anstey  
Mrs P M Anstey  
Mr J Appelbe  
Mr E Lenerz  
Mr P Mamelok  
Mrs S Millins  
Mrs A Rogers  
Mr M A Rowland  
Mr MS Watson  
Club Master  
Mrs A F Gooley  
Mrs J G Marsh  
Mr A Moore  
Mrs C Sleight

### Gloucestershire

National Master  
Mr C Wadsword  
6\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mrs PE Davies  
4\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mr FOJ Orway  
Premier Regional Master  
Mr JR Atthey  
2\* Star Tournament Master  
Mr T N Roberts  
3\* Star Master  
Mr K Nuttall  
Master  
Mr R H Brown  
Mr IP Francis  
Dr R Klis  
District Master  
Miss L Davies  
Mrs D C Woodward  
Club Master  
Mrs L P Rafferty

### Hants and IOW

Life Master  
Mrs NJ Hesketh  
12\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mr WR Boswell  
11\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mrs BJ Boswell  
10\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mr B Stapleton  
5\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mrs C Fearon  
Mr F Fearon  
4\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mrs P Loader  
3\* Star Regional Master  
Mr K Emery  
Mr MLG Worth  
2\* Star Regional Master  
Mr R Johnson  
1\* Star Tournament Master  
Mr RJ Martin  
5\* Star Master  
Mrs FE Gray  
Dr K Jerram  
Mr MA McMorran  
4\* Star Master  
Mrs M Abbott  
Mrs V Blake  
3\* Star Master  
Mrs J Buckel  
Mr LC Hall  
Mrs MP Hayden  
2\* Star Master  
Mrs P M Box  
Mrs AM Ormerod  
Mrs JM Stone  
Mr S Weaver  
Miss S Whitehead  
Mrs D G Ginn  
Mr TP Ginn  
Miss DN Pyrah  
Advanced Master  
Mr AW Bennett  
Mrs I Westwood  
Master  
Mrs JM Barnes  
Mrs GM Harris  
Mrs T Jenner  
Dr G J Pack  
County Master  
Mrs T Crossland  
Mr W C Evans  
Mr GC McLaughlin  
Mr M J Morgan  
Mr J Summers  
Mrs SC Thornton  
Mrs E Valencia  
District Master  
Mr M Dodd  
Mrs P Dodd  
Mrs S E Howse  
Mrs P Johnson  
Mr C Jones  
Mrs M J Viljoen  
Club Master

Mr M Cox  
Mrs V Karoly

### Herefordshire

Premier National Master  
Mrs S E Mathews  
Tournament Master  
Mr M J Lane  
5\* Star Master  
Mrs L Boddington  
Mrs J Homes  
3\* Star Master  
Mr TE Dutton  
2\* Star Master  
Mrs D Tomlinson  
1\* Star Master  
Mrs P Berry  
Master  
Mr A Mackay  
Mrs AC Mackintosh  
Mr B Snell  
Mr P R Stevenson  
County Master  
Mr J Lambert  
Mr K W Readings  
District Master  
Dr J A Lee  
Mrs V J Lee  
Mrs E Sidders  
Mrs E J Stonadge  
Mrs YP Western  
Club Master  
Mrs P Camden-Smith  
Mrs M Cottam  
Mrs S D Dowle  
Mrs B B Houlbrooke  
Mrs L M James  
Mrs S E Sanders  
Mrs C Weymouth  
Mrs J Weymouth  
Mrs P A Williams

### Hertfordshire

Grand Master  
Mr WM Thurl  
Premier Life Master  
Mr DF Eddleston  
Life Master  
Mrs R Read  
Premier National Master  
Mr C Cook  
Mrs J Davies  
Mr M W Minton  
National Master  
Mrs JM Totman  
Mrs F Warner  
8\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mr M Shine  
4\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mrs PM Jacobs  
2\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mrs B McKinnon  
1\* Star Premier Regional Master  
Mr AK Fenn  
2\* Star Regional Master  
Mr JW Mathews  
Regional Master  
Dr G Hill  
4\* Star Tournament Master  
Mr JE Chalk  
Tournament Master  
Mrs G M Latham  
5\* Star Master  
Dr J W Latham  
Mrs M Mower  
4\* Star Master  
Mr H Fisher  
3\* Star Master  
Mr AD Ellis  
Mr A J Laing  
Mr H Morgan  
2\* Star Master  
Mr PC Ellinger  
Mrs P A Paulus  
Mrs CA Sanders  
Mr NJ Sears  
1\* Star Master  
Mr W M Carlisle  
Mr E L Ellis  
Mrs A Heini  
Mr R Last  
Mr H P Quayle  
Mrs P M Quayle  
Mrs P Rickett  
Mrs V E Simons  
Mrs B M Symes  
Advanced Master  
Mr MR Bailey  
Mr A P McMullen  
Mrs M Morland  
Mr R J Morland  
Mr JR Stobo  
Mrs JR Weitz  
Master  
Mrs SA Brooke  
Mrs CS Cameron  
Dr RJ Galloway  
Mrs R Mylam  
Mrs JA Walton  
Mrs S S Weedon  
County Master  
Mrs CE Garrety  
Mrs M G Johnston  
Mrs AP Kitson  
Mr P T Lloyd  
Mr DR Murphy  
Mrs M Murphy  
Mrs BH Taylor  
District Master  
Mr W Donaldson  
Miss MA Garner  
Mr R Livesey  
Mrs M Mills  
Mr M Payne  
Club Master  
Mr J S Bell  
Mrs N Bell  
Mr J Blakey

### Isle of Man

2\* Star Master  
Mrs M B Berns



# Master Points Trophy

County Master  
Mr M Brown  
Club Master  
Mrs P A Kelly

**Kent**

Grand Master  
Mrs D Avis  
Premier Life Master  
Mr MAJ Rafferty  
Life Master  
Mr L Sedar  
Mr HCW Soape  
Premier National Master  
Mr M Prior  
National Master  
Mrs E Wilmet  
13\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mrs P Shaw  
11\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mr P L Silver  
7\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mrs PA McBain  
10\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mrs SB Ford  
3\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mr D C Aming  
2\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mr N M Benn  
Premier Regional Master  
Mr J C Condon  
13\* Star Regional Master  
Mr D Body  
4\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs K A Craven  
3\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs L Heathcote  
Regional Master  
Mr AG Smith  
3\* Star Tournament Master  
Mrs J Carnegie-Jones  
Dr C J Garrett  
Mrs GJ Garrett  
3\* Star Master  
Dr PJ Barville  
Mr B Grimwood  
Mr R C Shilling  
Mr F Todore  
Mr P F Wakelin  
4\* Star Master  
Mrs FA Arnold  
Mr RL Browning  
Mrs GB Hodges  
Mrs CA Hughes  
Mr ROD Hughes  
Mrs JD Hutchison  
Mrs E Kelly  
Mrs N M Smith  
3\* Star Master  
Mrs C Cadz  
2\* Star Master  
Mrs E Riggs  
Mr JC Davy  
Mrs B Griffiths  
Mrs SJ Haynes  
Mrs MAV White  
Mrs CJ Wyman  
1\* Star Master  
Mr R F Allen  
Mrs P Cooke  
Mrs RJ Dool  
Mr A F Gibb  
Mr DM London  
Mr RJ Maddison-Brown  
Mrs B Millson  
Mrs E A Mitchell  
Mr GR Morgan  
Mrs J Pilcher  
Mr OA Thomas  
Mrs L Wilkinson  
Mrs AR Young  
Advanced Master  
Mrs DE Hunt  
Mr IQ Ramm  
Mr GC Richardson  
Mrs JM Weatherby  
Master  
Mr A J Adams  
Mrs R M Bellord  
Mrs V Bos  
Mr JD Burrell  
Mr P M Codd  
Mrs J L Connor  
Mrs V A Elwell  
Mr M Guy  
Mrs H Havre  
Mrs B C Schultz  
Mrs V Smith  
Mrs J Viles  
County Master  
Mrs D G Arrowsmith  
Mrs S M Boldt  
Mrs JM Coterill  
Mrs CA Fido  
Mrs R P Goodacre  
Mr J D Merrett  
Mrs J W Mills  
Mrs P Palmer  
Mrs P A Thompson  
District Master  
Mrs M L Aitken  
Mrs P Henshaw  
Mrs M Hughes  
Mrs J C O'Duberty  
Mrs P R Pike  
Mrs J P Webb  
Club Master  
Dr A H W Bain  
Mrs S Mitchell  
Mr F W Rogers

**Lancashire**

Life Master  
Mrs JER Evans  
Mr J B Hood  
National Master  
Mrs EA Wattleworth  
Mr W Wattleworth  
4\* Star Premier Regional

Master  
Mrs P M Mills  
1\* Star Tournament Master  
Mr D Stewart  
Tournament Master  
Mrs D Bell  
5\* Star Master  
Mr A Bartholomew  
Mr B Younan  
4\* Star Master  
Mr BJ Dawson  
Mr F Thompson  
3\* Star Master  
Mr L Bland  
Mr B Bowden  
Mrs DM Entwistle  
Mrs I Hepworth  
Mr AR Howarth  
Mr P Taylor  
2\* Star Master  
Mrs IJ Boryn  
Mr D L Holt  
Mrs N E Newell  
Mr WC Riding  
1\* Star Master  
Miss M Armstrong  
Mr A Butler  
Mr JK Hindley  
Miss M Nicolaides  
Mrs ME Parker  
Advanced Master  
Mrs Z Harrison  
Mrs L Hendrick  
Mrs EE Houghton  
Dr SK Mukherjee  
Mr C Pollard  
Master  
Mr D Farrier  
Mr P N Meadowcroft  
Mr JK Pollard  
County Master  
Mr AJ Bill  
Mr AW Smith  
District Master  
Mrs B Bennett  
Mrs I E Carruthers  
Mrs S Gilbert  
Mr R B Halsall  
Mrs S Wilson  
Club Master  
Mr J Firth

**Leicestershire**

Life Master  
Mr RH Northage  
Premier National Master  
Mrs S Bowyer  
Mr BD Gibson  
Mr T Glover  
Mr M Jones  
Mr D F Pollard  
National Master  
Mr D Deane  
Mr JR Morrey  
4\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mr TE Hyde  
2\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Dr PG Neville  
8\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs M Pote  
6\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs P A Norris  
4\* Star Regional Master  
Mr J T Thompson  
3\* Star Regional Master  
Mr H Cooklin  
Mr M B Wheeler  
2\* Star Regional Master  
Mr C Waddington  
Tournament Master  
Mr R C Parker  
4\* Star Master  
Mrs E Cooper  
Mr JV Neal  
Mr CJ Saunders  
Mrs VE Scott  
Mr K Toom  
3\* Star Master  
Mrs J Gibson  
Mr GD Price  
2\* Star Master  
Mrs M Beresford  
Mrs CV Bray  
Mrs G C Hardman  
Mr J G Hardman  
Mrs J Hipkins  
Mr L Kvietkauskas  
Mr B Rowarth  
Mr R A Smith  
Mr L Woolerton  
1\* Star Master  
Mr H R Bowen  
Mr JF Clark  
Mrs KM Davies  
Mrs JH Northam  
Mrs M R Stone  
Mrs B K Talbot  
Mr R Taylor  
Dr P S White  
Mr J Wilcox  
Advanced Master  
Mrs G Bryson  
Mrs DM Finlay  
Mr J W Gale  
Mr R McCulloch  
Mr R Sneddon  
Mrs DL Taylor  
Miss J M Taylor  
Mr D Vesty  
Mr R Wharmby  
Mrs JI Williams  
Mr I R Woodward  
Master  
Mrs J V Barnby  
Mr D Cobley  
Mr SA Francis  
Mrs H S Higgins  
Mr M H Hillier  
Mr P Holdsworth  
Mr D Holness  
Mr M Lambert  
Mr GG Marshall  
Mr K Moseley  
Mrs J Starke  
Mr P Stockdale

## Master Point promotions from 4th July 2002 to 4th September 2002

Mr L Thirlaway  
County Master  
Mr P Ambrose  
Mrs G Cole  
Mrs B Corlett  
Mr E Farrell  
Mr M J Grocott  
Mrs J Johnson  
Mr R Kilvington  
Mr K Preston  
Mr RL Shah  
District Master  
Mr SG Barney  
Mr P Bevan  
Mrs A Crispin  
Mr J Glover  
Mr MK Green  
Mr F Griffiths  
Mr G W Haywood  
Mr L Hillier  
Mr D W Jones  
Mr J Parker  
Mrs LM Parks  
Mr R Parks  
Mrs S Paxton  
Mr N Simpson  
Mrs J A Taylor  
Mrs S Tonks  
Dr I Walters  
Club Master  
Mr C B Allen  
Mr C Barfield  
Miss K Barnett  
Mrs M Bradley  
Mr J D Brant  
Mrs J Chapman  
Mr J Chen  
Mr N Firth  
Mr R K Harris  
Mr A Horter  
Mrs M M D Kershaw  
Mr T Milson  
Mr H Yang

**Lincolnshire**

1\* Star Tournament Master  
Mr AJ Davies  
4\* Star Master  
Miss H Bailey  
3\* Star Master  
Mrs P Day  
Mrs PM Harbage  
Mrs EN Herbert  
Mr WE Herbert  
Mr W Parsons  
2\* Star Master  
Mrs J Clark  
Mrs S Holm-Johansen  
Mr L Saunders  
Master  
Mrs J Smith  
County Master  
Mr MF Grant  
Major K M Jeffery  
District Master  
Mr H Martin

**London**

Life Master  
Mr JC Bacon  
National Master  
Mr B C Peers  
7\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mr CN Wright  
Premier Regional Master  
Miss P Leslie  
4\* Star Master  
Mrs S Cooper  
3\* Star Master  
Miss AL Chess  
Mr A F Meath Evans  
Mrs J Y Meath Evans  
2\* Star Master  
Mrs J A Bowers  
Mrs P B Depala  
1\* Star Master  
Mr FG Cochran  
Mrs S Kay  
Mrs M M Lambert  
Mrs L Masterson  
Mr R L Page  
Advanced Master  
Mr R P Johnson  
Mr L Katzen  
Master  
Mr M Galgut  
Mr M D Tomlin  
County Master  
Mr M J Graham  
Mrs H Hayakawa  
Mrs L Kennedy  
Mr A P Stroyan  
Mrs S Whiteside  
District Master  
Mr HIA Brant  
Mrs M Brant  
Mr G Cooper  
Mrs J B Griffiths  
Mr J McKale  
Miss F K Watts  
Club Master  
Dr S F Buck  
Mr P W Copp  
Mr D Green  
Mr D Green  
Mr R K Harris  
Mr D Thomas  
Mrs Y Tone

**Manchester**

National Master  
Mrs PA Osborne  
Mr RJ Waddington  
4\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mrs P M Burrows  
3\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mrs J Bayly  
Mr RG Bayly

1\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mrs J A Morris  
Mr J F Morris  
4\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs EJ Roe  
3\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs B Hebenston  
2\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs P Clarke  
Mr P Worwick  
5\* Star Master  
Mr N F Clark  
4\* Star Master  
Mr LG Barnes  
Mrs C Lee  
3\* Star Master  
Dr JM Asher  
2\* Star Master  
Mr B Blyth  
Prof A Dyer  
1\* Star Master  
Mr C Baker  
Mrs D L Dicken  
Mr K Harrison  
Dr J Marks  
Dr E Noronha  
Mr AC Renshaw  
Mr B Rowlands  
Mrs B Rowlands  
Advanced Master  
Mr R J Acaster  
Mrs A Renshaw  
Mr MD Smith  
Master  
Mr R Gupta  
Mr JJ Hodgson  
Mr J Moran  
Mrs B Silver  
County Master  
Mr L Bloobin  
Miss N Marks  
Mrs J Morgan  
Mr P J Morgan  
Mrs L Williams  
District Master  
Mr J Ackerley  
Mrs H Boydell  
Mrs A K Morgan  
Mr NR Morgan  
Club Master  
Mr A Boschi  
Mrs S Dixon  
Mr C Fuller  
Mrs H Fuller  
Mrs A Hampton  
Mrs E H Haworth  
Mr WJ McMichael-Phillips  
Mrs L J Mollan  
Mrs H A Saunders  
Mrs M Ward  
Mr A J Webster

**Merseyside/Cheshire**

5\* Star Regional Master  
Mr G Eakin  
4\* Star Tournament Master  
Mr W Newbigging  
2\* Star Tournament Master  
Miss M E Jones  
5\* Star Master  
Mr JAB Clark  
Mrs SG Clark  
3\* Star Master  
Dr GG Dearing  
2\* Star Master  
Mrs JR Greasley  
Mrs L C M Jones  
1\* Star Master  
Mrs D M Beavan  
Mrs M Howe  
Mrs P Kellott  
Mrs M McCaul  
Mrs B Moore  
Advanced Master  
Mrs J Kennedy  
Master  
Mr R G Cowie  
Mrs BM Hope  
Mr E F O'Keefe  
Mr RE Roberts  
Mr C Wentworth  
County Master  
Mrs VF North  
Mr J Rowland  
Dr P M Wright  
District Master  
Mr S J Cutts  
Club Master  
Mr P Shaw  
Mrs J E Thompson

**Middlesex**

Premier Life Master  
Mr FH Wharton  
Premier National Master  
Mr R White  
National Master  
Mr M J Kleyman  
Mr M C Lerner  
Mr A Skry  
4\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mrs M Hayman  
Mr SY Sachak  
2\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mrs JS Cohen  
Mrs G Hoffman  
Mr J Hoffman  
1\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Miss G Martin  
Premier Regional Master  
Mr N Hancus  
Mr P J Town  
6\* Star Regional Master  
Mr SA Moss  
5\* Star Regional Master  
Mr C Breslaw  
3\* Star Regional Master

Mr A Gubbay  
Mr H Morris  
2\* Star Regional Master  
Mr GR Shah  
Miss MF Wilson  
Regional Master  
Mr P K Hughes  
1\* Star Tournament Master  
Mr J E Baron  
Tournament Master  
Mrs R Allen-Whitting  
Mrs J Moss  
5\* Star Master  
Mr RE Bona  
Mr W F Crozier  
Mr M L Tasker  
4\* Star Master  
Mr B Simmonds  
3\* Star Master  
Mrs E Gold  
Mrs J Gordon  
Mr M M Shah  
Mr P M Shah  
Mr P R Shah  
Mrs M Taylor  
2\* Star Master  
Mrs J Feldman  
Mrs AM Gayfer  
Mr AI Lewis  
Master SN Shah  
Mr J Sofier  
Mr M Sofier  
Mrs SM Solomon  
Dr E Sorrell  
Mr RJ Sorrell  
1\* Star Master  
Mr C Blackman  
Mr MHS Brand  
Mrs P Brand  
Mrs L J Burns  
Mr L Izen  
Mr HM Lindsay  
Mrs D Schogger  
Advanced Master  
Dr A C Bamford  
Mrs S Lister  
Master  
Mr AM Bamford  
Mr G Berlyn  
Mr D B Combe  
Mr JJ Spring  
County Master  
Dr I Budden  
Mr T A Cox  
Mrs P Grant  
Mr JD Hilton  
Mr S Leigh  
Mr JL Shah  
Mr V Shah  
Mrs EM Thorne  
Dr LT Thorne  
District Master  
Mrs B Lancer  
Mr J W Parria  
Mrs M I Parria  
Mr T Ridgwell  
Club Master  
Mrs S C Durkin  
Mr H Levene  
Mrs S Wiseman

**Norfolk**

National Master  
Mrs P M Spratt  
11\* Star Regional Master  
Mr E Lloyd  
3\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs S D Gill  
Mr MA Thompson  
7\* Star Tournament Master  
Mr MJ Connolly  
2\* Star Tournament Master  
Mrs C Buchanan  
Mrs LA Taylor  
Tournament Master  
Mr KM Arnott  
Mrs MEA Smith  
5\* Star Master  
Mr P C Clarke  
Mrs G Gilvey  
Mrs J A Thompson  
4\* Star Master  
Mr M Virgo  
3\* Star Master  
Mr MQA Barr  
Mr P Clemens  
Mrs BD Smith  
2\* Star Master  
Mrs J Harrowen  
Mrs K Liversedge  
Mr D J Richardson  
1\* Star Master  
Mr P Alston  
Mrs A Lloyd  
Advanced Master  
Miss SJ Barley  
Mrs N Fenwick  
Mrs J M Wace  
Master  
Mr JE Barley  
Mrs S Kay  
Mrs M Walpole  
County Master  
Mrs G F Philippo  
District Master  
Mrs J M Abbott  
Mrs YL Douglas  
Mr R D Hunt  
Mr D J Kirby  
Mr B D Sault  
Mrs CA Sault  
Club Master  
Mrs M Carter  
Mrs B M Everitt  
Mrs A M Shaw

**North East**

Life Master  
Mr JN Bailey  
Premier National Master  
Mrs W Booth  
National Master  
Mr PF Marshall  
6\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mrs ME Berrisford

5\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mr PA Bell  
Mr NA Dykes  
4\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mr PW Lisle  
Mrs R McMahon  
3\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mr BR Smith  
11\* Star Regional Master  
Mr J Atkinson  
2\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs J North  
Mrs E Spalding  
Mr B Swallow  
3\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs A Emslie  
1\* Star Regional Master  
Mr A N Matthews  
6\* Star Tournament Master  
Dr IN Gordon  
3\* Star Tournament Master  
Mr D Benison  
1\* Star Tournament Master  
Mr WR Aynsley  
Mrs Pyke  
Tournament Master  
Mrs S Pullan  
Mr T Pullan  
Mr P Rodgerston  
Mr T Wilkinson  
Mr T Wilkinson  
5\* Star Master  
Mr AE Gordon  
Mr A M Welsh  
4\* Star Master  
Mr R Cuerden  
Mr J Harrison  
Mrs A Jackson  
Mrs T Lenaghan  
Mr A Lester  
3\* Star Master  
Mr P Harrison  
Mrs J Lormor  
Mr B Lutwidge  
2\* Star Master  
Mr J G Brandon  
Mr J Cook  
Mr P Li Ping  
Mr R Thompson  
1\* Star Master  
Mr E Dadds  
Mr K Flaherty  
Mr A Tinkler  
Mrs El Twamley  
Advanced Master  
Mrs A Bell  
Mr I Bruce  
Mr J Redman  
Master  
Mr D Kennerley  
Mr N A Kenyon  
Mrs M Lorimer  
County Master  
Mr M Bowden  
Mrs E Holgeth  
Mrs M King  
Mrs M Tulloch  
District Master  
Dr N D Forster  
Dr T A Forster  
Mrs E Gwynne  
Mrs T A Gwynne  
Mrs H Richardson  
Mr D Stanley  
Club Master  
Dr F H Batchellor  
Mrs EM Lorimer  
Mr G Martin  
Mrs S Mathews  
Mrs W Rosenvinge  
Mrs J Williams

**Northamptonshire**

National Master  
Mr C Tuton  
3\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mrs G Baron  
2\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
S L C V Heames  
Mrs B Smith  
1\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mr M Tilley  
5\* Star Master  
Miss ME Cooke  
Mrs M Jones  
4\* Star Master  
Mrs M Henbury  
Mrs C Swan  
3\* Star Master  
Mrs H Davies  
Mr J A Larkin  
Mrs I Rose  
Mr Z J Szembek  
Dr DE Wilkinson  
2\* Star Master  
Mr E Jones  
Mrs C White  
1\* Star Master  
Mr R C J Bates  
Mrs I M Cowper  
Mr M S Fonseca  
Mr R Gibson  
Advanced Master  
Mrs C Bailey  
Mrs J Hall  
Master  
Mr M J Hodgson  
County Master  
Mr T Sheridan  
District Master  
Mr R W Allen  
Club Master  
Dr M J Kennedy

**Nottinghamshire**

Grand Master  
Mr EH Nunn  
2\* Star Premier Regional  
Master



# Master Points Trophy

Mrs I L Auld  
**2\* Star Master**  
 Mr H F Lewis  
**1\* Star Master**  
 Mr A J Fisher  
**Advanced Master**  
 Mrs M E Grieve  
 Mrs J Hardwick  
 Mrs J Jacques  
 Mr RC Langdon  
 Mr G Topol  
**Master**  
 Mrs D Mairs  
**County Master**  
 Mr K Harding  
 Mr E S Poyser  
**District Master**  
 Mr J Pownall  
**Club Master**  
 Ms A McLintock  
 Mrs M Savage  
 Mr P Savage  
 Mrs J Stevenson  
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# COUNTY NEWS

## Island nations

Proudly representing their separate islands in the Bridge Championship for Commonwealth Nations in Manchester were the Jersey players David Hole, David Friswell, Marion Miles, Sue Rankin, Carl Harrison (not in picture) and Catherine Hepburn and the Guernsey squad Margaret Allen, Gill Morgan, Andy Hall, Mike Allen, Dick Langham (not in picture) and Rudi Falla. Making friends with the Guernsey players is England international Paul Hackett (wearing bow tie). See Channel Islands report next page.



## Avon

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MANY congratulations to Sarah Pinchbeck (with Ian Green of Essex) for coming third in the English junior (under 20) trials and to Dave Cropper (and his partner Steve Raines) for finishing fourth in the same event. Sarah and Ian will play in the junior home international series, while Dave and Steve are the reserve pair for the junior team.

Avon players achieved some good results at the EBU Summer Meeting in Brighton. David Jones, Tim Brierley and Alan White (with Miles Cowling) reached the A final of the Four Star teams (finishing joint second in the Swiss teams after 10 matches in the field of 242 teams), but disappointed in the final.

In the Swiss pairs four partnerships finished in the leading 40 in a field of almost 600 pairs. Cathy and Andrew Smith, Eva Turner and Tony Letts and Ralph Smith and Steve Tomlinson finished joint 29th and Irene Robinson and Tony Gammon were 36th, having led the event after 11 of the 14 matches following their win over Tony Forrester and Alexander Allfrey.

In the Midweek KO teams Richard Farrer, Bernard Mitchell, Robert Glass and David Jones reached the final, losing a close match by 15imps to the holders. Riki Kittel and Mike Elliott were in the winning team in the open teams on the first Sunday and Mike and David Jones finished fourth in the Tuesday pairs championship.

Congratulations to the West of England team in the Garden Cities on reaching the national final, which contained one of the strongest fields in the history of the event. Unfortunately the team struggled in the final and only won

## DEADLINE FOR COUNTY NEWS

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one match out of seven. The team in the final was Robert Glass and Jeremy Rickard, Sarah Pinchbeck and David Jones, Tony Gammon and Huw Oliver, Gareth Evans and Andrew Urbanski. In earlier rounds the team included Angela Pullen and Marc Lee and Robert Covill and Steve Turner.

In the Gold Cup the team of David Jones, Tim Brierley and Alan White (with Miles Cowling) has reached the fifth round (last 32) for the third year in succession.

In the Silver Plate the team of Robert Glass, Jeremy Rickard, Angela Pullen and Marc Lee (the holders) are through to the fifth round.

The County AGM was held at the West of England Bridge Club and the newly elected committee is as follows: chairman Gwynn Davis, vice-chairman Jeremy Rickard, tournament secretary David Jones, secretary/membership Barry Shephard, treasurer Richard Kendall, youth officer Gareth Evans, chief tournament director Larry Bennett, Western League representative (non committee member) Robert Glass.

## Bedfordshire

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THE new county season begins without Tudor Rose. The team that has dominated local bridge for the past several years has disbanded. Only

three divisions contest the county league, while the cup draw also reveals a reduction in the number of competing teams.

BBA member Tony Roberts was a member of the Jamaica team which, among other notable results, defeated England in the recent Bridge Championship for Commonwealth Nations. Bedfordshire teams have enjoyed good successes in the current Eastern Counties League season.

The county committee has taken a member's advice and introduces into this season's county competitions a non-expert prize in the form of the highly esteemed BBA glasses. For the purposes of these events non-expert is defined as below the rank of Tournament Master and the prize will be awarded where there are at least three such entries.

**Diary dates:** October 3 multiple teams, Cranfield 7.30pm (the winners of this event represent Bedfordshire in the *Daily Telegraph* Cup at the Young Chelsea); October 14 county pairs heat, Brickhill 10am; November 10 county pairs heat, Cranfield 7.15pm; November 18 county pairs heat, Wardown 7.30pm; November 28 county men's/ladies' pairs, Brickhill 2pm; December 5 inter-club teams of four, Amptill 7.30pm (the winners of this event represent Bedfordshire in the Beck Cup); December 9 county pairs heat, Leighton Buzzard 7.30pm; December 11 county pairs heat, Milton Keynes 7.30pm.

## Berks and Bucks

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THE county's new chairman is John Allen, who took over from Addis Page at the AGM. John paid tribute to Addis and the committee's hard work over the past four years, resulting in a healthy association with generally increased attendances.





The Victor Ludorum award for the best performance in county events last season was won by Peter Hall, ending Carole Mueller's four-year reign as champion, but Carole was in second place, not far behind. During the season Peter won the Rex Avery Trophy for the county pairs championship and the Reg Capewell Trophy for men's pairs, both in partnership with David Beaver, plus the mixed pairs with Norma Lord. Sadly, Peter and his popular wife Annie are leaving the area and will no doubt be soon making an impact on bridge in the North West.

The teams-of-four championship winners were Ted Martin, Steve Eginton, Ian Reissman, Peter Hawkes, Tim Rees and Mike Perkins, who finished sixth out of 35 teams in the Pachabo Cup.

The County league-of-eight was won for the fourth consecutive season by New Amersham A, who were never seriously challenged although, unusually, they did manage to lose one match. The other division one teams will need to improve in the season just starting if Amersham are not to maintain their apparent invincibility.

The newest addition to the county leagues was a student division. The teams were made up of second and third year bridge students and played teams-of-four matches of 12 boards. The teams all had names and the winners were The Ruff Diamonds, a formidable group of third-year students from the Gerrards Cross area, taught by Jean Patefield. In the new season the third-year students will leave the league and it is hoped many will join in the other county leagues. Their place will be taken by a new influx of second year students.

Other county event winners: League-of-four (Brown Cup) division one Mike Perkins, division two Brian Best, division three Hugh Gross, division four Russell Brown; Flitch Helen and Paul Gipson; mixed Swiss teams Chris Mooney, Vic Savage, Paula Hopkinson and Kevin Elstow; Pat Husband Trophy (friendly Swiss pairs) Di Bidmead and Richard Sheridan; Lederer Salver (friendly pairs) Annette and John Chamberlain; Tony Boothroyd Plate (friendly pairs) Chris Moir and Des Linsley; Chris Burley Trophy (county pairs plate) Chris Jones and John Thrower; ladies' pairs Margot Lohman and Ann Lawrence; Denys Jenkins Trophy (Swiss pairs) Paul Gibbons and Tim Randall; Waller Bowl (club pairs) Mike Perkins and Steve Eginton; Committee Cup (club teams) Rex Avery, Phil Thornton, David Perkins and Tony Page; Finchampstead Plate

(club teams) Peter Bowen, Dennis Virgo, Mike Shepherd and Dave Simms; Perkins Cup (Swiss teams) Brian Best, Bob Holder, David Goldsworthy and Simon Roberts; Bridge Plus Trophy (Green Point Swiss teams, A flight) Derek and Celia Oram and Peter and Dee Lindon; Bracknell League Trophy (Green Point Swiss teams, B flight) Mark Peers, Jurdy Pearce and Sue and Chris Taylor.

Tim Rees again heads the list of Gold Point winners, representing success in major events of national standing.

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## Cambs and Hunts

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By the time this edition is published the county will have waved goodbye to Philip and Sally Wraight, who have moved to Kendal. They will be remembered as a popular pair, whose conduct at the table was exemplary. Unlike some partnerships, they always engaged in constructive discussion rather than blame assignment if a wheel fell off, and this attitude undoubtedly contributed to their successes. Philip steps down as county tournament organiser. All who have enjoyed playing with duplimated boards (and later studying the accompanying hand records to discover what partner really had for his bid) owe thanks to Philip for his hard work, initiative and drive in introducing this tool to the county. We wish them all the best.

The popular Newmarket Swiss teams will take place on Sunday November 3. Contact David Man on 01223 411952 to enter. The cost is £14 per player, including an excellent tea.

Alastair Brodie (Gareth Birdsall, Don McFarlane, Sonia Zakrzewski) won the county knockout. Jonathan Mestel, captain of the losing finalists, substituted for Alastair in the Pachabo and the reconstituted team finished seventh. The winners of the plate competition were Toby Kenney, Teymour Tahseen, Andrew de Souza and Jonathan Monroe. County pairs 1 Ann Curtin and John Turner, 2 Graham Dolan and Ben Tarlow, 3 Kevin Smith and Joanne Caldwell.

Swiss teams club challenge 1 C Larlham, J Constable, K Orde-Powlett and R Midgley, 2 A Stenner, E Gardiner, K Firth and G King, 3 P Jones, B Jones, E Lancaster and S Lancaster. Saffron Walden won the teams-of-eight competition, followed by Balsham.

Jubilee Swiss pairs 1 P Oxley and K Orde-Powlett, 2 B Last and P Last, 3 T Pal and E Howard. Leading non-experts D Collier and D Hodge.

New players tournament 1 Alan Misson and Don Kyte, 2 Fred Allen and Vera Donert, 3 Kate Petrie and Anne Vidler. Forty-eight players took part.

Ely BC won the South Cambs League, followed by Saffron Walden.

The first draft of this report included the name Chris Jagger in every other paragraph. He has had an excellent year and his wins since February include the Easter championship pairs, the Scarborough Swiss pairs, the Scarborough multiple teams (with Catherine), the London one day Swiss teams, the

Hertfordshire one day Swiss teams and three midweek events at the Brighton Congress.

Catherine Jagger was not so lucky, having two near misses at Shrewsbury, finishing second in both the Swiss pairs and Swiss teams (the latter with Chris).

Other county victories include Suzanne Cohen winning the Easter Festival Swiss teams. Victor Milman, Rod Oakford, Sue Oakford and Nadia Stelmashenko won the Bedfordshire one day Swiss teams and Mary Knights won the Swiss pairs at the Seniors and Veterans Congress.

Gareth Birdsall was on the England team that finished sixth in the European Youth Championships. Rachel Wade was in the leading pair in the under 25 trials.

Cambridge BC has had an excellent year, imposing itself on national events. In the National Pairs final its representatives Alastair Brodie and Jonathan Mestel finished third, Victor Milman and Sue Oakford 10th and Don McFarlane and Rod Oakford 11th. The club took four of the top five places at the regional qualifier (Eastern Counties pairs), which was won by Victor and Sue, with David Carmichael and William Tunstall-Pedoe runners-up.

The club also (through the Jaggers, Ed Linfield, Giles Woodruff and John Young) reached the semi-final of the NICKO and were third in the Garden Cities national final.

At Brighton, Chris Jagger was the leading county player in both the pairs (24th) and teams (fourth, A final). Victor Milman and Nadia Stelmashenko were also in the top 50 in the pairs. In the teams, Catherine Jagger and Jonathan Mestel reached the B final and finished fifth, while Suzanne Cohen, Roger Gibbons and Giles Woodruff were third in the consolation Brighton Bowl.

At the Easter Festival, the county had three other players in the top 10 of the championship pairs: David Kendrick was seventh, Jonathan Worters eighth and Catherine Jagger 10th.

In Crockfords, Suzanne Cohen and Giles Woodruff made most progress, reaching the last 16.

Cambridge University were runners-up in the Portland Bowl.

## Channel Islands

[www.gtonline.net/community/ciba](http://www.gtonline.net/community/ciba)

BOTH Jersey and Guernsey sent in teams to the Bridge Championship for Commonwealth Nations in Manchester and both islands ended up with creditable performances. Jersey were lying seventh out of 15 in their round robin group after two days and 10 rounds, putting the team in good spirits and confident of improving their position on the final day. However, with just one win from the remaining five matches the team slipped to 13th overall. The consolation event during the final two days saw them placed a respectable 17th out of 40 teams, finishing above Australia, Sri Lanka, Jamaica,

## Jaggernaut!



Chris Jagger has been king of the road on the tournament scene this year, marking up a string of victories.



the Isle of Man and Guernsey, the latter achieving a creditable 10th in the qualifying tournament.

Playing behind screens for the first time was an experience for both islands, but their pre-tournament concerns proved unfounded. They adapted well to the conditions and met no problems. The Jersey team consisted of David Hole, David Friswell, Marion Miles, Sue Rankin, Carl Harrison and Catherine Hepburn. The Guernsey line-up was Margaret Allen, Gill Morgan, Andy Hall, Mike Allen, Dick Langham and Rudi Falla.

The Jersey team was most grateful to be generously sponsored by a grant from the Sports and Leisure Committee and from funds raised by county members.

The county individual qualifying rounds were held and in Guernsey Stephen Ash was the winner, ahead of Brenda Walker and Colin Tostevin. In Jersey Sue Rankin was a clear winner, with Mike Byrne second and Marion Miles third.

In Guernsey the district teams was won by Dick Langham, Rudi Falla, John Seymour and Lynne Williamson. The district restricted tournament upper level was won by Lynda Mildon and Colin Tostevin and the lower level by Vera and Anne Babbe.

The EBU simultaneous pairs Monday night session saw a superb performance by Liam Walsh and Jackie Rumball, clearly ahead with 67%. Kay Johns and Sue Rankin were second, with Catherine Rynd and June Le Blancq third.

The Tuesday night simultaneous pairs brought a good win for Barbara Hart and Edna Le Maistre, giving them an overall UK ranking of 96th. They were closely followed by Robert Brouard and Carl Harrison (102nd nationally), Norman Le Cocq and Rosemary Pallot (114th) and Colin Baird and Mike Byrne (142nd). It was a superb showing for a small club.

It is with much sadness that we have to record the passing of two stalwarts of bridge in Jersey. Beryl Durell, one of the longest serving members of the Channel Islands county, took part in many county tournaments and achieved high success, while Ann Walden was also a regular and enthusiastic supporter of Channel Islands bridge. Our condolences and deepest sympathy go to Ann's husband and to both families.

## Cornwall

[www.jkeast.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.jkeast.freeserve.co.uk)

WITH a new season under way please remember to book early for the county events, in writing or by phone. The address and telephone number is in the yellow book and if you are on line entry forms can be down loaded. The county website address is as above and is also shown on the front of the yellow book.

The county's best wishes go to two members, Wendy Brown and Jackie Ratcliffe, hopefully both well on the road to recovery after recent operations. Jackie is now at home after several spells in hospital.

**Diary dates:** October 13 Clarke Winmill mixed pairs, Hendra Hall, Truro 2pm (entries £6 per pair to John Finch, 15 Homefield Park, Bodmin, tel 01208 73158); October 20 Marie Gregson Brown open pairs, St Austell Rugby Club (entries £6 per pair to Harry Jackson 01726 65355); October 27 County Swiss teams, Queen's Hotel, Penzance (entries £48 per team to John Finch); November 10 Bee Clarke

Memorial Trophy mixed pivot teams, Hendra Hall, Truro (entries £12 per team to John Finch).

## Cumbria

CUMBRIA was pleased to host the President's Cup competition this year and the Carlisle club, Eden BC, is to be congratulated on the excellent hospitality its members provided. Unfortunately home advantage did not help our team, which competed well, but had to settle for fifth place out of the seven teams taking part. The cup was won by Manchester, with Yorkshire second.

David Latimer, our new match captain, led his team to victory by 73imps in our annual friendly contest with Merseyside and Cheshire. As always this was an extremely pleasant occasion, to which the Barrow club contributed strongly, a group of the club's members preparing an excellent meal.

## Derbyshire

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

DON Smedley and John Griffin continue to dominate Derbyshire bridge. They won the open Green Point Swiss pairs at Spondon, with Graham Weir and Alex Hogg runners-up. Don and John also won the Green Point Swiss teams with Andy Wells and Ted Martin. More success came their way when they joined up with Ron McEwan and John Floutier to win the Vic Morris Cup, beating Derek George, Peter Dodson, Gitta Lee and Tony Haywood in the final. The Vic Morris Plate went to Malcolm Young, Trevor Pilkington, Clive Holland and Brian Fitchett, who beat Margaret Pacey, Steve Lemmings, June Lippitt and Dorothy Smith in the final. A further triumph for John Griffin was winning the Derbyshire CBA men's pairs with Richard Edwards. Ron McEwan and Andy Wells were 1% behind in second place.

Miranda Vinecombe and Sally Astridge won the county women's pairs, just 0.2% ahead of June Lippitt and Dorothy Smith.

Derbyshire's individual competition for the Gerry Fletcher Cup was won by Adrian Pilling with 67%, a long way ahead of Terry Woodward, who finished second, and Miranda Vinecombe, who was third.

The DCBA Swiss pairs competition for the Atkin Cup was won yet again by Pat and Alan Smith, ahead of Alex Hogg and Peter Kelly, with Roger and Jennifer Floutier third.

The final of the DCBA Bridgen Cup, the Green Point teams of four knockout, will be fought out between the teams led by Brian Elliott and Tony Tognieri.

Alex Hogg, Peter Kelly, Ian Hall and Jim Tomlinson were knocked out in the semi-final of the NICKO Cup, while the first three, along with Roger Mallinson, represented Derbyshire in the Manchester 2002 Challenge Trophy at the Bridge Championship for Commonwealth Nations, finishing a creditable 15th.

In the first county match of the season, against Worcestershire, the first team lost 5-15, but both the second and third teams won 15-5.

After eight out of 11 rounds of the summer Swiss teams competition the leading positions were: 1 Elliott, 2 Chandler, 3 Madden, 4 Starkins. With only 20vps between first and sixth the title remains wide open. This is a well-supported event, with between 20 and 30 teams competing every other Wednesday evening. It is open to non EBU members and all Derbyshire bridge players are welcome to take part.

Positions in the summer flighted pairs after three rounds were: 1 Roger and Jennifer Floutier, 2 Ian Hall and Roger Mallinson, 3 Peter Kelly and Alex Hogg.

Many thanks to Arnold Chandler for more than seven years of hard work in his role as DCBA secretary. Ron McEwan has been appointed as the new secretary.

**Diary dates:** September 28 Green Point Swiss pairs, Derby Bridge Centre; September 29 Green Point Swiss teams, Derby Bridge Centre. There is a limit of 70 pairs and 35 teams so early entry is advised to Ron McEwan on 01773 778118 or [ronaldamcewan@netscape.net](mailto:ronaldamcewan@netscape.net)

## Devon

[www.dccba.com](http://www.dccba.com)

**Diary dates:** October 11 Andrew Robson seminars on The Mistakes You Make (aimed at improvers) and on Sacrificing and Penalty Doubles (aimed at club players), Isca Centre, Exeter (tickets £10 from Carolyn Beattie 01392 879749); October 20 Kingsbridge BC Swiss teams, Dartmouth Golf and Country Club; October 26-27 Plymouth Congress, College of St Mark and St John; November 16-17 Torquay BC Congress, Grand Hotel, Torquay.

## Essex

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

IT is with great sadness that we report the death of Morris Leighton, one of the county's best-known players. Morris was a popular and enthusiastic member of Essex bridge for many years, taking part in many events at both county and national level. His final triumph was in winning, with his brother Cecil, the National Veterans Pairs at Eastbourne only a week before his death. Morris was always an extremely pleasant opponent and will be remembered for his gentle and polite manner. He will be sadly missed by us all and we extend our sincere sympathy to Cecil and his family.

The only county event that has been held since the last news update is the summer club pairs, which was won by Faye and Lionel Wernick.

In the seniors and veterans congress in Eastbourne, Essex players achieved some good results. The veterans final was won by Morris and Cecil Leighton, as mentioned above, with Joan Curley and Tessa Beer runners-up, while Michael Wren and Chris McChlery won the qualifying event for the pairs final and then went on to share in winning the Swiss teams event.

Three Essex players did exceptionally well in the Essex/Herts Green Point Swiss events. Alan Shillitoe and his team won and Len Garcia was in the second-placed team. Alan Mayo's team achieved fifth equal.

In the national junior trials at Loughborough Ian Green and his partner won 12 out of 13 matches in the under 20s section and finished third overall. Following this result they have been selected to play for England in the Peggy Bayer match against Northern Ireland in January.

Two more of our younger players, Tim Prior and Nigel Cundy, were in the team that won the Harwell Cup, an Oxfordshire open Swiss teams competition.

A number of Essex players attended the Brighton Summer Meeting and there are several good results to report. Highest placed in the Swiss pairs championship were Winnie Godber





Geoff and Joan Peel for coming second in the event.

The Jubilee teams, organised very effectively by Cheltenham Bridge Club, attracted 23 entries. The winning team was Derek Rue, Helen and Paul Tempest and Eve Dent. Second place went to Martin Kane, Daphne Smith and Francis and Jane Otway.

A meeting took place for Gloucestershire CBA secretaries to explore how the association could assist local clubs to promote bridge. Another meeting will be arranged in the new year. If any player in Gloucestershire has any ideas to put forward, please contact your local club secretary or any member of the GCBA committee.

## Hants and Isle of Wight

[www.hantsbridge.org](http://www.hantsbridge.org)

THE Joyce Pick open Swiss teams competition completed the county bridge events of last season. The winners were Ian and Clare Fearon, Celia Carter and Brian Stapleton, with Mike Fithyan, Mike Kinsey, Ken Benjamin and Gordon Clarke second and Keith Bennett, Helen Kinlock, Steve Tearle and Tracy Adams third.

The playoff to decide the winners of the county league division two resulted in a victory for the southern team of Mike Fithyan, Dave Hinkin, Lesley Lewis and Dave Thornton over the winning northern team of Ron Pick, Pauline Serby, Brian Marks, Brian Mace and John Carter. The Cahalan Plate (teams) went to Simon Taylor, Tim Smith, Dave Willis, James Clark, Dave Blich and Bill Taylor.

**Diary dates:** October 6 Simmons Flitch (married pairs) and Simmons Plate (mixed pairs); October 12 Petersfield Swiss teams (entries to Maureen Rubra 01730 263396); October 27 Wessex Swiss teams; November 4 Jubilee Cup teams of eight; November 24 Simple systems pairs (IoW heat also); December 1 Beryl Bloxham open Swiss teams; December 2-6 RAPC duplicated pairs (in clubs); December 8 Roll of Honour pairs, 1pm. All the other events listed start at 2pm and entries should go to Kathy Vaile (01590 679673 or [kathyvaile@leoneone.net](mailto:kathyvaile@leoneone.net)).

## Herefordshire

[www.herefordshirebridge.com](http://www.herefordshirebridge.com)

THE summer period to the end of August is devoid of county events and major club competitions, so those who want more than their weekly duplicate sessions (despite in many cases belonging to three or four clubs!) have to venture out of the county to congresses or one day events elsewhere or, more likely for most, go off on bridge holidays. Unfortunately there are no major successes to report; the best results for teams with Hereford representatives were an eighth place achieved in the Mid Wales Congress in Llandrindod Wells and a ninth in the Cwmbran Swiss teams.

The local enthusiasm for learning bridge, however, continues unabated. New classes for beginners and improvers run by *Bridge for All* teachers have begun in no less than eight centres round the county, while good entries are expected in the BfA MiniBridge simultaneous pairs in October.

The recent Master Point listings showed that a number of players who started as BfA students in September 1998 have achieved County Master rank and two have reached Master.

Previous or present BfA students now play in eight of the regular clubs. Last year's innovation of a fourth division in the county in-house teams league for BfA students went very well with eight entries – the winners being promoted to the third division for the coming season.

## Kent

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

ALL members should by now have received the forthcoming season's handbook and Kent Congress entry form, together with the latest newsletter. Anyone who has not should contact Mike de Winter, competitions secretary, on 01883 717795.

At the time of writing the last two remaining Kent teams, Patterson and Soper, have reached the fifth round of the Gold Cup. We wish them good luck and continued success.

Congratulations to F Wright and M Skelton on winning the Swiss teams at the Shrewsbury Summer Congress, playing with J and P Hand. Bill Gardner and Nes Charles also did well, coming third in the open pairs. Peter Crofts was third in the veterans final at the Seniors and Veterans Congress in Eastbourne, playing with his brother Dan, while Jack Hibbert came fourth in the seniors final playing with Robbie Kingston. Elaine Wilmot and John Condon were fourth in the Swiss teams, playing with Dave Dickson and Alan Oddie, with Brian and Pat Crack, Colin Wilson and Diana Avis a close fifth.

John Hemington, Marie Horlock, Wendy Miller and Richard Currie finished joint sixth in the multiple teams premier final at Scarborough, where John Hemington and Richard Currie were joint seventh in the Swiss pairs.

Peter Crouch came joint fifth out of 590 pairs playing with Richard Plackett in the Swiss pairs at the Brighton Congress, while Steve Burton



Sir Jack Hibbert and Marie Horlock, winners of the Swiss Pairs Cup at Tunbridge Wells Congress



Congress secretary Monica Aitken and club chairman, Eithne Hodgkins take a break from their duties at the Tunbridge Wells Congress

## Gloucestershire

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

COTSWOLD Cup 1 Ian and Val Constable, Lyn Hayes and Alan Wearmouth, 2 Martin Chance, Roger Miles, John Hayton and Mike Pritchett; mixed pairs 1 Ian and Val Constable, 2 Joe and Wendy (Flitch). The county knockout was won by Richard Chamberlain, Paul Denning, Andrew Kambites and Patrick Shields, with a margin of just 4imps.

Congratulations to all the Gloucestershire players who made their mark in external competitions: to Joe Angseesing, Andrew Kambites, Martin Kane and Patrick Shields for winning the East/West Wales one day Swiss teams; to Paul Denning for being in the winning team in the mid-Wales teams at Llandrindod Wells and to Ray Foulds, Anne Swannell, Alex Selsby and Peter Walker, fourth in the same event; to Alex Selsby and Colin Wadsworth, third in the UK in the worldwide simultaneous pairs in June, with a 70.95% session in a field of more than 1,100 players; to Ian and Val Constable, Andrew Kambites and Marco Alalay for winning the Welsh Seniors and to Norah Allen, Ray Foulds,



and Tony Clarke were second out of 226 teams in the Brighton Bowl, playing with Andrew Thompson and Malcolm Pryor. Also at Brighton Brian and Pat Crack, Diana Avis and Colin Wilson were third in the midweek seniors Swiss teams competition.

Results from the Tunbridge Wells Congress: Dymant Trophy (Butler scored pairs) 1 David and Jo Lightfoot, 2 Michael Prior and Catherine Draper, 3 Jeremy Willans and Jill Skinner; Mixed Pairs Shield 1 Jeremy Willans and Jill Skinner, 2 John Murrell and Marlene Clare, 3 Peter Nicholls and Vida Bingham; open pairs 1 Anne Hickox and Kathleen Lee; Swiss pairs 1 Jack Hibbert and Marie Horlock (Pantiles Cup), 2 Diane Rogers and Eddie Lucioni (Kinglsey Cup), 3 Wendy Miller and Richard Currie; Chalybeate Cup (teams final) 1 Catherine and Ian Draper, Jeremy Willans and Stuart Treddinick, 2 Peter Wright, Sue Rolles, David Body and Pauline Shaw, equal 2 Colin Wilson, Diana Avis, Diane Rogers and Eddie Lucioni; Garton Lee Cup (consolation teams) 1 Wendy Miller, Richard Currie, Jack Hibbert and Marie Horlock, 2 Jean Bell, Sue Jury, Ray Roper and Pauline Coates, equal 2 John Amor, John Hemmington, Lyn and Graham Foreman, equal 2 Marian Hunt, Brad Featherman, Mirna Goacher and Michael Prior.

Other results: Alison Bethune Trophy (Medway Towns BC Swiss teams) 1 G Paternoster, P Paternoster, P Morgan and M Eleasdale, 2 S Fiest, A Osbourn, C Jobson and A Cheeseman, 3 L Bain, K Godfrey, G Lawrence and F Arnold.

Please email details of forthcoming local events and results or anything you would like to be included in this column to [LizBlande@aol.com](mailto:LizBlande@aol.com) - thank you.

**Diary dates:** October 6 Pilgrims BC Swiss pairs, Bekebourne; October 13 Phillimore Cup (Swiss pairs), TW and CC 2pm; October 25-27 Kent Congress, TW and CC; November 1-3 Swanley BC weekend (contact Patsy Llewellyn-Jones on 01732 450103); November 24 Dyer Smith Cup (mixed pairs), Maidstone Masonic Centre 2pm; December 1 Maidstone BC Swiss teams, Maidstone; December 14 Tunbridge Wells BC Swiss teams, TW and CC 5pm.

Please see the new competitions handbook for entry forms or contact Mike de Winter on 01883 717795 for the Phillimore and Dyer Smith and Catherine Draper on 01689 826211 for the Kent Congress.

## Lancashire

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

CONGRATULATIONS go to the Lancashire team that retained the Pearse McNamara Trophy against Cumbria at Barrow. The team was Betty McNamara and Bob Loveridge, Ewart Evans and Linda Stuart, Paul Evans and Alan Whittam, Christine Jones and Marjorie Knowles, Roger Allison and Avril Lee, Joyce Snellgrove and Jackie Pye, Dorothy Berry and Irene Bowers, Peter Mollart and Bill Winter, Judy Brearley and Dave Pendlebury and Don Cross and Jill Entwistle.

Lancashire was not quite as successful in the President's Cup at Carlisle, finishing fourth behind Manchester, Yorkshire and Merseyside and Cheshire, but ahead of Cumbria, North Wales and Mid Wales. The team was John Halliwell and Peter Mollart, Jack Johnstone and Ruth Henig, George and Maureen McConkey and John Morrell and Marianne Farr.

In the match against Yorkshire at Huddersfield, Lancashire lost after an unfortunate accident robbed the team of its captain, Ewart Evans, at the last minute. Ewart should have played with Sue Hyman and the gap had to be filled by an untried pairing from the home club. The rest of the team was Nick and Sue Woodcock, Andrew Woodcock and Michael Fay, Steve Haley and Michael Nicholson, Paul and Hilda Williams, Betty McNamara and Marjorie Knowles, Bill Winter and Peter Mollart, Brian Ripley and Barrie Newall, George and Maureen McConkey, Bill Alston and Colin Mitchell, John and Judy Brearley and Dagmar Fazackerley and Ken Renno.

The new secretary of the East Lancashire Bridge League is Clive Henderson.

Leslie Bowden Swiss teams 1 Michael Nicholson, Steve Haley, Paul and Hilda Williams, 2 Ewart Evans, Sue Hyman, Alan Whittam and Paul Evans, 3 Jeff Smith, Howard Kay, Dave Audley and Nicki Marks.

Preston pairs 1 Brian Ripley and Barrie Newall, 2 Paul Evans and Alan Whittam. 3 Jeff Smith and Jackie Pye.

**Diary dates:** October 5-6 Great Northern Swiss pairs, Risley; October 12 Henry Huggill Trophy, Merseyside Bridge Centre; October 13 Poulton Swiss teams, Poulton Bridge Club; October 19 LCBA simple systems pairs, Brierfield Bridge Club; October 20 Pritchard Robinson Trophy (pairs), Cliffs Hotel, Blackpool; October 27 Foundation Cup Swiss teams, Blackburn Bridge Centre; November 2-3 LCBA Congress, Southport Bridge Club; November 10 Witham Trophy Swiss teams, Lancaster Bridge Club; November 17 Thwaites Smooth Swiss teams, Athenaeum, Bury; November 23-24, Tollemache qualifying round, Coventry; December 1 Lytham Rose Bowl final, Lytham Bridge Club; December 7 Waterworth pairs (Green Point), Merseyside Bridge Centre.

## Leicestershire

[www.bridge4.demon.co.uk](http://www.bridge4.demon.co.uk)

CONGRATULATIONS first to Bill Hood and Pat Watson, members of the team finishing third in the EBU Northern Summer Congress at Scarborough.

In the July Green Point Swiss teams at the East Midlands Bridge Centre, Spondon, two Leicestershire sides shared second prize: Duncan Happer playing with Brian, Sheila and Susan Stockdale, and David Fletcher, Yasser Haider, Simon Stokes and Jean Wightman.

In the first 2002-03 Midland Counties league fixture, against Staffs and Shrops, the first team lost 6 - 14, the second team won 11 - 9 and the third team won 16 - 4.

The Summer Knockout Handicap has reached the semi-finals stage. In these Ashby 1 (receive 980) play County A and Ashby 2 (receive 490) play Spencefield.

The first two of the seven heats of the 2002-03 Stanley Trophy have been played. Heat one 1 Alan Langley and Dick Pathan (holders) +66, 2 Gary Duddle and David Green +22, 3 David Deane and Ramnik Samani +20; heat two N-S 1 Brian Marlow and Robert Northage +36, 2 David Fletcher and Jean Wightman +29, E-W 1 Peter White and Bharat +15, equal 1 Paul Bowyer and Jim Mason +15.

**Diary dates:** October 10 BGB simultaneous pairs, Leicester Bridge Centre (CEN); October 13 Midland League v Worcestershire, away;

October 13 Midland Schools Swiss teams, Loughborough Grammar School (LGS); October 16 Stanley Trophy heat three, LGS; October 20 Melton Charity Swiss teams; October 21 Josephs Bowl round one open heat, CEN; October 28, 30 and 31 Josephs Bowl round two at CEN, Blaby BC and LGS respectively; November 10 Midland League v Oxfordshire, away; November 13 Leicestershire Cup round one, CEN; November 14 Children in Need simultaneous pairs, CEN; November 17 Schools pairs qualifier, LGS; November 27 Josephs Bowl round three, CEN; December 1 Youth Training Day, LGS; December 8 Midland League v Warwickshire, away; December 11 Stanley Trophy heat four, CEN; December 11 Wilde Cup, LGS.

## Lincolnshire

[www.odan.co.uk/lincsbridge/](http://www.odan.co.uk/lincsbridge/)

THE association will be running its own simultaneous pairs at various clubs during the week October 21-26. If your club is not holding a heat and you wish to find out which clubs are, please contact the secretary.

Pictured below are Samantha and Vicky Sturgess from Scunthorpe, aged 12 and 13 respectively, holding the trophies they received as members of the winning quartet in the Swiss teams at the Spring Loughborough weekend. The sisters, who are very keen players, also entered the England under 20 trials, which gave them valuable experience against some of the country's best youngsters.

The Howard Trophy resulted in a win for Scunthorpe A (David Caldwell, Ken Moore, Catherine Caldwell and Neil Patchett), with second place shared by Scunthorpe B (Brenda Goodacre, Margaret Bell and Bill and Eileen Barker) and Scunthorpe C (Drene Brown, Angela Child, Harold Martin and Wanda Kotowska).

**Diary dates:** October 13 National pairs heat and restricted pairs (Star Master and below); October 27 mixed pairs and married pairs; November 10 Swiss teams (prior entry). All events are at Dunholme Village Hall, starting at 1.30pm.



Samantha and Vicky Sturgess

## Flu-free bridge

IF you are aged over 65 don't miss your free flu jab. Go along to your local GP surgery for the vaccination and improve your chances of enjoying a healthy winter of bridge.





## London

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

OUR biggest congratulations this time to London juniors Leigh Chapman and Hilary Yang, who formed a new partnership to play in the trials this year and came an excellent third in the final stage, thus earning a place in the forthcoming Junior Camrose Trophy to be held early next year. Well done to the following, who have achieved great results in the recent Seniors and Veterans Congress: Ross Harper who came first and Tony and Vivian Friday who came second in the seniors championship pairs; Cecil Leighton who won the veterans championship pairs, and Sheila and Bryan Peers, who won the Swiss teams.

The Essex one day Swiss pairs saw Nigel Bird take third place ahead of Nigel Freaque and Anne Catchpole, who were fourth. There was a batch of fine results from the Brighton Summer Congress. David Burn could not hold his title in the Swiss pairs, but showed amazing consistency in reaching fourth place, just ahead of Phil King and John Reardon, who were equal fifth with their respective partners. Helen Knott and Espen Erichsen were second in the mixed pairs and Olivia Woo won the consolation final in the midweek seniors pairs. In the Swiss teams Simon Gillis and Espen Erichsen had a fine win in the A final; Andy Bowles and Shireen Mohandes headed the lists in the B final and Paula Leslie came in third in the Brighton Bowl. Congratulations to all of these players.

The Lederer Memorial Trophy, a great spectator event, will be held at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club over the weekend of November 9-10. Invited teams include the holders – Andrew Robson, Robert Sheehan, Gunnar Hallberg and Colin Simpson – along with winners of the premier events in this country during the past year and teams from Ireland, Australia and North America. The entry fee to non-YCBC members is £6 per session on Saturday and £7.50 for the longer Sunday session. Watch at the table or in the Vugraph room with expert commentary. Enquiries to Chris Duckworth 020 7385 3534.

**Diary dates:** October 1 London championship teams of four, Home Counties league, London league, Piccadilly Cup, Champions Cup (contact Dom Goodwin 07950 831082 for the teams of four, Sati McKenzie on 020 7627 0977 for the other competitions); November 17 under 19 pairs championship, Young Chelsea Bridge Club 1pm (contact Dave Muller on 020 8204 3975); December 8 *Daily Telegraph* Cup inter-county invitational teams, YCBC 1pm (contact Chris Duckworth on 020 7385 3534).



Manchester's international players Rhona Goldenfield and Michelle Brunner join in the spirit of the occasion at the Bridge Championship for Commonwealth Nations. They had as much fun away from the table as they did with the cards in their hands.

## Manchester

[www.lighton.btinternet.co.uk](http://www.lighton.btinternet.co.uk)

MANCHESTER was well represented in the World Championships in Montreal. Michelle Brunner and Rhona Goldenfield were part of the English team that reached the last eight of the ladies' teams and Jason and Justin Hackett reached the last eight of the open teams. Paul Hackett qualified for the last 64 out of an original entry of 160 teams and Bernard Goldenfield and John Hassett in one team and Mike Byrne, Alex Morris and Craig Fisher in another just failed to qualify for the last 64. Alex Morris, playing with an American, finished fifth in the Junior IMP pairs.

The Bridge Championship for Commonwealth Nations was a fantastic week and Manchester CBA would like to thank formally the army of about 30 local volunteers whose contribution to this event helped to make it such a great success. Also, of course, a big Well Done to Jeff Smith, Sid Travers and Joy and Irving Blakey who, having won through in a special competition to determine which four would represent Manchester CBA in the support event for the Manchester 2002 Challenge Trophy, finished runners-up to India.

Manchester won the President's Cup held at the Eden BC in Carlisle. The team was Jeff Smith, David Adelman, Mike Newman, Mike Byrne, Adrian Kenworthy, Mike Goldsmith, Dave Baskin, Derry McCarthy (Saturday), Peter and Joyce Hishmurch (Sunday). The other teams taking part were Yorkshire, Lancashire, North Wales, Cumbria, Merseyside and Mid Wales. The format was all-play-all 16-board matches. Manchester led throughout, though Yorkshire made a late charge to get close. Result: 1 Manchester 89vps, 2 Yorkshire 85, 3 Merseyside 77.

The Manchester one day Swiss teams at Risley was won by Michelle Brunner, Rhona Goldenfield, John Hassett and Bernard Goldenfield.

Well done to Bernard and Rhona

Goldenfield, who finished ninth in the Swiss pairs at the EBU Brighton Summer Meeting. Bill Hirst and John Holland were 14th and Steve Capal and Alan Nelson 17th out of an original entry of 590 pairs. Well done also to Ed Levy, who won the Play With an Expert competition in partnership with a player from London, and to Kath and Alan Nelson, Bill Hirst and Jeff Smith, who finished second out of 53 in the mixed pivot teams.

Congratulations to Alex Morris and Mike Byrne on winning the first weekend of under 25 trials by finishing almost a hundred imps clear of second place. Congratulations also to Ed Levy and Andrew Woodcock (Lancs) on being selected for the under 25 junior squad along with Mike and Alex, and well done to Richard Verber and Simon Mattison, freshly out of sixth form at Manchester Grammar School, on being selected for the under 20 squad.

It is with sadness that we report the sudden death of Jean Beddington, a well-known Manchester league player, who also represented the county.

**Diary dates:** October 15 closing date for entries to Pachabo qualifier (knockout teams of four competition, with the winning team representing Manchester in the Pachabo Cup (entries to Jeff Smith 0161-702-3773); December 8 MCBA Ben Franks Trophy, Manchester Bridge Club (This is a two session Green Point qualifying event for the Corwen Trophy and so is restricted to full or associate members of MCBA. Entries to Dr Irena Grugulis, 0161-445-1349); December 15 Santa Claus two-session pairs, Manchester Bridge Club 2pm (Entries to Jeff Morris 0161-445-3712); January 4-5 Manchester CBA Congress, Ramada Renaissance Hotel (Enquiries to Jeff Smith 0161-702-3773).

## Merseyside and Cheshire

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Roy and Lyn Dempster on winning the Swiss pairs at the EBU Shrewsbury Congress. Roy and Lyn also featured among the leaders at the second week-



nd of the Summer Meeting in Brighton, finishing second in the teams B final with Nevena and Sandra Pentfold.

David Stevenson added a further success for a member of the county in Brighton when he was part of the quartet that won the mixed pairs event.

John Hampson and David Flacks had a successful outing in the one day Green Point pairs at Risley, winning with a score of 80% - well done.

The county was pleased to enter a team for the Manchester Challenge - the consolation competition at the successful and well-organised Bridge Championship for Commonwealth Nations. Well done Manchester CBA! With 26 Commonwealth and 14 local teams taking part over two days this was a unique event to be a part of. Our team of Dave and Jean Keen, Al Stephenson, Stuart Matthews, Bob Pitts and Pete Broster did not let us down, finishing a creditable fifth - details available on the website.

**Diary dates:** October 9-10 simultaneous pairs, clubs; October 11 Merseyside and Cheshire BA executive meeting, Deva BC; October 13 Chester Bowl (charity pairs), Deva BC; November 30 Waterworth Cup (county open pairs and Corwen qualifier), MBC; December 8 Merseyside Cup, MBC (Please note the Lady Connell heats Blundellsands BC October 8 and Deva BC October 18).

## Middlesex

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

TONY Waterlow played in the England team that finished eighth in the European Open Teams Championship.

Heather Dhondy and Nicola Smith won a bronze medal in the European Ladies Teams and qualified for the World Championships next year.

Daffyd and Gary Jones won a silver medal with the Welsh team in the Bridge Championship for Commonwealth Nations in Manchester.

Middlesex players had several good results at the EBU Summer Congress: Heather Dhondy, playing with David Burn, maintained their top five run in the Swiss pairs - finishing fourth. Phil King was fifth. On the second weekend Jerry Harouni and Mike Vail were second in the Four Stars A final behind the all-conquering Norwegian team, while Emil Lawy and Richard White were an excellent third. In the midweek events Wasim Naqvi won the Play with an Expert event and Jacqui and Peter Tobias won the mixed pairs.

Allan Lipton and Sue Simon won the Essex Swiss pairs, with John Spiers and Alan Skry a close second. Ian Pagan was third.

**Dairy Dates:** October 14 Middlesex Seniors 2pm; October 25-27 77 Club Congress (limited space, call Neil Crawford 020 8202 4718); November 6 Dorset Cup semi-final (no heats); November 16-17 Middlesex Congress, Watford Leisure Centre, Garston (easy access from M25 J1A/J19 and M1 J6). Championship pairs Saturday, Green Point Swiss teams Sunday (Call Marilyn Bernstein 020 8202 3931 for brochure).

## Norfolk

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

MATT Milson and Mike Walsh had the honour of representing a patron's team at the Bridge

Championship for Commonwealth Nations in Manchester in July. They also came fifth in the Northern Summer Congress at Scarborough, where Suzanne Gill and Martin Kuriger finished 15th out of 176 pairs. Dennis and Clare Ingham, with Robbie Roberson and Iris Green, were sixth out of 67 in the multiple teams event. David Newstead and David Dickson were again the best placed Norfolk pair at the EBU Brighton Summer Meeting, taking ninth spot out of 590 pairs.

John Harrison/EDP Cup (players have qualified through club pairs championships): 1 Phyllis Spratt and Philip Sutton, 2 Iris Green and Mandy North-Graves, 3 Dennis and Clare Ingham.

Wymondham Trophy (pairs below the rank of regional master): 1 Adrian LaChapelle and Andy Holland, 2 David and Ann Ellis, 3 Bryony Benson and Anne Lloyd.

**Diary dates:** October 20 first round of the Eastern Counties Cup, Norfolk championship teams of four; October 27 county trial, open to all pairs of regular partnerships who are NCBA members (Now is your chance to prove yourselves - have a go); November 17 Yarmouth Trophy, pairs event.

There is a date change for next year's Norfolk Congress at Kings Lynn. It is now April 4-6.

Look at the website (address above) for entry details of all events.

## North East

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

END of season competitions: summer Swiss pairs 1 Mrs R Studholme and B R Smith, 2 Clive Owen and Adam Matthews; summer Swiss teams 1 Mrs E Spalding, Mrs M Gilbert, Miss R Forster and J Wooton, 2 I Rankin, D Hassan, A Dalton and D Turner.

The new chairman of the association is Malcolm Oliver and the new vice-chairman is Peter Lisle. Malcolm will also continue as treasurer.

## Nottinghamshire

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

IN the EBU\Notts\Derbys Swiss events the pairs was won by Don Smedley and John Griffin and the teams by Don Smedley, John Griffin, Andy Wells and Ted Martin. The highest-placed Notts players were William Crook

and Ted Fisher, who were fifth in the pairs, and Geoff Topol, Andrew Scott, Ted and Robin Fisher, fourth in the teams.

Nottingham Bridge Club is hosting EBU club tournament director training courses on November 9 and December 7, 10.30am-5.30pm. For further information contact the Development Department on 01296 317206 or email [paul@ebu.co.uk](mailto:paul@ebu.co.uk)

**Diary dates:** October 2 first drive for the President's Cup, which continues on most Wednesdays through the winter months (the cup is awarded to the player with the 10 best results from the 18 drives); October 9 BGB simultaneous pairs 7pm; October 27 NCBA anniversary teams 2pm; December 1 NCBA Swiss teams championship 2pm; December 18 NCBA Christmas party 7pm.

The above events are held at Nottingham Bridge Club and details and entry forms are available from David Burgess (tel 0115 9372947).

November 20 NCBA under 19 pairs championship, Nottingham High School 4.30pm (for details contact Mary Mills, home 0115 9142977, work 0115 9786056).

## Oxfordshire

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

OXFORD BC welcomes all players in the county to participate in its new venture, the introduction of Monday nights into its regular programme of events. Starting in October the first Monday of each month features a No Fear pairs event, while on the second Monday of each month, Butler-scored pairs competitions with computer-dealt hands are the order of the day.

Congratulations to Peter Jordan and Bill McCarthy on passing the EBU county tournament director's course to become qualified county tournament directors.

Jean Squires and Norman Gascoyne did well to come third out of a field of 134 pairs in the Swiss pairs event of the summer seniors and veterans congress at the Winter Gardens, Eastbourne.

At the Summer Festival of Bridge at Scarborough, Oxfordshire pair Sandra Nicholson and Krys Kamierczak came second out of 71 pairs in the pre-congress pairs and, together with their team-mates, won the secondary final of the multiple teams event.

## Students in The Dog House



Allison Nicolson (second from right, front row), Oxfordshire Bridge Association education officer, with her group of 'post graduate' Bridge for All students who meet weekly for duplicate sessions in The Dog House pub at Frilford Heath. Every third Thursday Allison includes a short seminar to enhance their prowess at the game





Congratulations to the university team of Nigel Cundy, Tim Prior, Chris Cooper and Jonathan Jordan, winners of the Harwell cup, the county's prestigious invitation teams-of-four event, expertly directed by Marian Day.

Following Sandra Landy's successful 10-week series of spring seminars held at Oxford BC, she has returned to the club to deliver a 10-week autumn series on competitive bidding.

In the Swiss pairs at Brighton, Keith Bennett, partnering Jeremy Dhondy, achieved joint ninth place out of a field of 590 pairs.

Congratulations to Shirley and James Dutton, who won the qualifying heat of the seniors championship pairs at Brighton and later finished ninth in the A final.

Another excellent result was achieved by Geoff Nicholas, Debbie Roberts, Tim Pike and Alan Wilson, who finished fifth in the Swiss teams event for the Brighton Bowl.

**Diary dates:** October 6 Menagerie invitation teams, Oxford BC; October 13 Dawes league v Derbyshire (away); October 27 OBA ladies pairs, Oxford BC; November 3 OBA men's pairs, Oxford BC; November 10 Dawes league v Leicestershire, Oxford BC; November 17 Haddenham Swiss teams; November 24 *Bridge for All* pro-am tournament, Blewbury Village Hall; December 1 OBA Swiss pairs championship, Oxford BC; December 8 Dawes league v Worcestershire, Oxford BC.

## Somerset

[mysite.freemove.com/somersetbridge](http://mysite.freemove.com/somersetbridge)

THE county completed its season with a Swiss teams event in which a record 24 teams competed. The winners were G Heal, P Morgan, D Howard and G Howard. Sharing second place were L Botting, D Steele, M Thomas and B Ginnever and M. Duckett, B Biggin and J and D Brown. The ascenders prize went to J Perry, M Lewin, H Martin and C Dunford.

This event followed a well-attended AGM. The committee saw some changes during the year and the following were elected to office: Les Botting (president), David Brown (vice-president), Joan Pooley (secretary), Anne Harris (treasurer), Sheila Coda (membership secretary), Peter Carbutt (tournament secretary), Bob Warrender (Master Points secretary), Colin Norman (county director). The following were elected to the committee: Colin Floyd (assistant tournament secretary), Ann Bawdon (Green Point events), June Brown (prizes), David Porter (congress), Paul Wickham (development), Alan Plant (programme), David Latchem (selector) and Ralph Smith (delegate).

At the AGM Robin Belcher was awarded a

life membership certificate for his services to bridge in Somerset.

Graham Heal, playing with Roger Slape (Devon) came seventh in the Cwmbran Swiss pairs.

Ralph Smith and Steve Tomlinson finished 25th in the championship pairs at Brighton.

There is considerable interest in taking up bridge if the number of people coming forward for several courses run in Somerset is anything to go by.

Please note the amended website address.

## Suffolk

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

THE Lang Cup for married pairs held at Stoke by Nayland Golf Club was appropriately won by Julian and Penny Lang with 60.42%. Malcolm and Barbara Carey were second and John and Maureen Heath third. Only four-and-a-half tables competed. Next year the committee has decided to open the event to any married pair at least one of whom is a member of a club affiliated to Suffolk, irrespective of other qualifications.

There was a good turnout for the seniors event held at Clare, with 35 pairs taking part. The winners were Malcolm and Barbara Carey with 63.86%. Second, and taking the veterans prize, were Robert Green and Colin Bamberger, with Andrew Moore and David Brown third. For one Suffolk member it was a long evening. Claude Stokes had his car keys inadvertently pocketed by another member, who shall remain nameless. He eventually arrived home in the early hours after his wife had turned out from Frinton to collect him.

At Brighton this year the best Suffolk could manage in the pairs was Andrew and Jane Moore at 57th equal after being decisively beaten in their last match by Andrew Robson and David Bashki, who also beat them in the last match in the same event in 2001 – a distinct sense of déjà vu. In the teams many congratulations to Christopher Chambers and Jonathan Green who, with their team-mates, won The Brighton Bowl.

Andrew Moore has taken over as treasurer from Harry Huson, who retires for personal reasons. Andrew will also continue as secretary until the next AGM. Jane Moore will stand down as competitions secretary at the AGM to concentrate on youth bridge.

**Diary dates:** October 4-6 Suffolk Congress, Felixstowe (In addition to the events as before, there will be a friendly pairs section on the Friday aimed at members of Suffolk clubs who have not played in a congress before. Membership of the EBU will not be compulsory for this section and there will be a separate director for the event. It is hoped to introduce more players to the congress in this way); week beginning October 7 Suffolk pairs championship heats, clubs; October 20 SCBA club championships, Stoke by Nayland 2pm; November 17 SCBA novice pairs, Stoke by Nayland 2pm; November 17 Stowmarket Bridge Club first Swiss teams congress, Stowmarket Community Centre 2pm; December 8 new format Suffolk knockout teams, Stoke by Nayland (all day event starting 11am).

## Surrey

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

THERE are six Surrey clubs holding National Pairs heats in 2002-03, with the Richmond Club

being the first on Sunday October 27. Wimbledon also plan a Sunday event (December 2), while the other clubs will all play mid-week (Pegasus daytime Wednesday, November 13; Yateley Friday January 10; Mayfield Tuesday January 14; Farnham, Friday January 24).

The county mixed pairs is planned as a single day two-session event at Kingswood Golf Club, a venue used previously only for our annual GolfPrint competition. County pairs qualifier will be held at Old Woking (Tuesday, October 6), Banstead (Saturday October 12), Wimbledon (Sunday November 17) and Farnham (Sunday November 24). The pairs and plate final will also be at Kingswood Golf Club (January 5).

For the first time the Senior Pairs Goblet will be held simultaneously at two locations, separated at the geographic ends of the county to minimise travel for competitors (Wimbledon and Yateley, Sunday January 12). The same hand deals will be played in both locations and cross-scored.

The newcomers pairs competition is planned for Sunday January 14 at Oxshott and the annual GolfPrint qualifier will take place again at Kingswood Golf club on Tuesday January 21.

Surrey club simultaneous pairs competitions are planned for September, November and March. Entry for the September event has again increased by about 30% and a new fourth section for smaller clubs playing Howell movements has been added to the previously established three Mitchell groups.

We hope that all of these changes in locations and format of the various competitions will encourage greater participation by county and club members.

Yateley begins the club weekend events with a Charity Swiss teams (October 13), followed shortly after by Ditton (October 27). The Pegasus Congress is scheduled for November 22-24 and Bourne Swiss teams for December 1. John Flower is again spearheading the planned Croydon Congress for February 8 and 9.

Mayfield Bridge Club has reached the quarter final (seventh round) of the NICKO competition. In the Eastbourne seniors pairs Tony and Vivian Friday were second and John Cruickshank and Tony Turnage came third out of 102 pairs. At Brighton Mike Scoltock and Martin Garvey, playing with Brian Powell and John Howard, ranked fourth in the teams Four Stars A final. Frances Hinden and Jeffrey Allerton, with Jonathan Green and Chris Chambers, won the Brighton Bowl, while retiring Surrey chairman Malcolm Pryor's team ranked second out of 226 teams. Surrey members Tony Turnage, John Cruickshank, Peggy Moir and Peggy Griffin took second place in the seniors Swiss teams.

The Surrey competitions booklet for 2002-03 missed out the normal back page with all the committee names and contact details. To correct this, the formal committee list has been sent to all Surrey club secretaries. The competitions-entry secretary, the membership secretary and the web site manager are all the same as in the previous year and all are mentioned clearly in the Surrey Summer Magazine.

## Sussex

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

SEPTEMBER for us is almost akin to the start of a new academic year. Our Sussex league matches are starting and we are pleased to report that



will have about 60 teams playing in eight divisions. The club heats for our county events will start. Please note that if you are unable to play in your own club's heat you can play as a visitor at another venue. These heats are clearly shown on the sheet enclosed with the county calendar. There are county events for less experienced players who would like to practise playing outside their club (Elizabeth North Trophy, David Pavey 10,000, National newcomers pairs and No Fears pairs at East Grinstead, Hastings and Chichester).

The SCCBA Swiss pairs, held in the members' pavilion on the South of England showground, attracted 102 pairs. The spacious accommodation here greatly adds to the enjoyment of this event. Result: 1 N Urban and D Franklin, 2 C Bainham and E Lucioni, 3 C Jepson and D Clifton, 4 R Buddery and J Williams, non-expert (in 9th place) Mike Davies and Zamy Karimjee, seniors (in 10th place) Jean Smallwood and Kaia Bell.

Novice Swiss teams at Keymer: 1 J Knight, A Gordon, J Raymond and F Armes, 2 A Thorpe, J Jones, W Keech and S Brinkley, 3 P and J Cattermole and P and I Gannon.

In the Eastbourne Seniors and Veterans Congress Vida Bingham and Nigel Osmer were the leading veteran pair as well as finishing second in the seniors. In the Swiss teams M and H Birch, F Ghaleb and R Skelton were the top veteran team and beaten by just one point in the seniors. Third place was taken by J Williams, R Buddery and P and M Langston.

In the annual challenge match at The Avenue weekend Rubber beat Duplicate 81-31. Pairs 1 A Ryder and P Linsten, 2 N Hills and D Stoev, 3 M Lowrenson and D Park; In the Avenue fours final Lord Newton, D Stevens and R and K Gaylor beat Gerlinde Smith, M McNair, P Phipps and P Green by 20imps. The secondary winners were D and J Newton and B and J Hootman, with the consolation winners B Nicolle, L Gardiner B Mellor and G Loadman.

Bognor mini Swiss teams: 1W Jeffery, J Alberquerque, A Jeffery and M Oates, 2 B Torbutt, R Concanon, B Pitman and R Stevens, J A Jackson, G Walker, L Scrivener and B Smith.

Some Sussex players took part in the EBU Brighton Summer Meeting. In the Play With the Experts session Matthew Hoskins and Andrew Southwell were second, while in mixed pairs Eddie Lucioni and Diane Rogers were third. Matthew Hoskins and Andrew Southwell, playing with P Glanville and G. Cuthbertson, were sixth in the Four Stars A final and D Armstrong, N Hills, S Nelson and A Shillitoe were sixth in the Brighton Bowl. In the Seniors Congress the championship pairs A final was won by Amanda Bolton and Marion Hart and the B final by Owen Symonds and Kiki McAteer, with R Stevens and B Pitman third.

SCCBA August invitation pairs: 1 M Carrington and A Southwell.

## Wiltshire

www.wcba.co.uk

THE new season starts with the traditional Corsham Pairs on October 13. Most members should have received their competition diary, if not check out our web site as above, for all the Wiltshire competitions and entry forms. Our main event this season will be the Swiss teams at Chippenham in March, so watch out for entry forms and get your entry in early.

## Yorkshire

www.ycba.freemove.co.uk

CONGRATULATIONS to Sandra Penfold, who was a member of the English women's team that took the bronze medal in the European Championships.

Bradford Bridge Club, represented by Tony McNiff, Bill Townsend, Hugh McGann, Giles Foster, Sandra Penfold and Sue Logan, has reached the final of the NICKO, having beaten Cambridge, previous winners, by 5imps. Let us hope that this is third time lucky for Tony!

At the Brighton Summer Meeting Hugh McGann won the Swiss pairs, playing with Tom Hanlon of Ireland. There were good performances also from Alex Hydes, who came fifth with London's Phil King, and Geoff Kenyon and Carole Kelly, who were eighth. In the Swiss teams B final, playing in a multi-county team, Sandra Penfold came second and Sarah Teshome and Richard Winter third. Graham Jepson and Dave Musson were third in the seniors pairs A final.

The Sheffield teams of Dave Waxman, Richard Pike, Pete Waterman and Dave Robinson, and Tom Gisborne, Sandy Davies, Mike Pomfrey and Dave Banks, have reached the fifth round of the Gold Cup. Also at this stage are Tim Smith and Sandra Penfold in a multi-county team, as are Tony McNiff and Hugh McGann, the latter two players continuing their fine run of last year.

At the Scarborough Festival Sarah Teshome was in the team that won the multiple teams event. Good performances were also recorded by Paul Brereton, fourth in the teams, and Mike Jackson and Mike Ingham, seventh in the Swiss pairs.

The team of Paul Tempest, Mike Marston, Alan Martindale, Liz Reese, Roy Garthwaite,

Heather Hobson and Janet and Ted Latham were runners-up in the President's Cup, only 4tps behind Manchester.

Stan Collins and Agnes Blewitt came third in the one day Merseyside and Cheshire Swiss pairs.

In annual friendly matches Yorkshire beat Lincolnshire and Lancashire convincingly, but lost heavily to Manchester.

Richard and Jennifer Ellis won the Yorkshire Flitch ahead of Janet and Philip Mason, with Brian and Anne Lawless in third place. The Waddington Cup was closely contested, the Huddersfield team of Pearl Murphy, Alex Foley, Roy Garthwaite and Heather Hobson finishing just ahead of the Malton team of Alan Martindale, Philip Mason, Richard Hilton and Ken Hayton, with the Bradford team of Derek Markham, Sue Pell, Harry Hoyle and Sheila Galloway a close third.

Janet and Ted Latham, Dave Waxman and Cedric Cockcroft won the Malton Cup, with Alan Martindale, Richard Hilton, Eric Pudsey and David Colley sharing second place with Mike Jackson, Richard Philpott, Annette Bratley and Elaine Tosdevin.

Winners of the Harrogate Swiss teams were June Manning, Nigel Ramsey, Carole Kelly and Geoff Kenyon, with Judith Biles, Shelagh Flett, Janet and Ted Latham in second place and Cedric Cockcroft, Dave Waxman, Alan Martindale and Liz Reese third. Anlaby won the Affiliated Clubs Trophy, just ahead of Swanland Thursday.

**Diary dates:** October 13 Yorkshire league matches; October 17 Children in Need simultaneous pairs at clubs; October 20 Nelson Rose Bowl, Harrogate Bridge Club; October 27 Yorkshire league matches; November 10 Yorkshire league matches; November 24 Ryedale pairs, New Earswick.

## THE LAST BOARD By Laurie Jackson

THIS was the final board played at table 13 in week five of the local pairs event:

### North

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

### South

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

Somehow the heart fit was not found, so this week the N-S pair 13 staggered into 6NT by South.

Declarer won West's ♥10 lead with the jack and rattled off all the red suit winners, discarding the ♠10 on the fifth 'diamond'. She then took the spade finesse, which lost to East's king, and was defeated when she had

to lose a club trick.

'Bad luck,' said North. 'You had to take the spade finesse, but unfortunately the ♠K was with East.'

But yet again the travelling score slip showed that although everyone else except pair one were playing in heart contracts, ranging from four to six, some were actually making 12 tricks. Pair one, however, were in 6NT and landed the slam, so pair 13 went across to ask how. 'With ♠A Q, but only ♠A J 10 surely you discarded the ♠10 on your fifth diamond and took the spade finesse?' queried the 'unlucky' pair 13 declarer.

'Not at all,' was the reply. 'I tested the hearts and only played three rounds when they

broke 3-2, retaining a top heart as an entry card. Then I played four rounds of diamonds and this eliminated all the outstanding red cards. Next I played a small club to dummy's 10, which lost to East. But now East can return only a spade up to dummy's ♠A Q to give two spade tricks, or lead back a club to dummy's ♠A J which, with one honour gone, must guarantee two club tricks. Actually a spade was returned so I made the ♠Q and ♠A, cashed the ♠A, led a heart back to hand and played my fifth diamond for 12 tricks.'

The only thing left for pair 13 was to ask how pair one had not finished in 6♥. 'Well, 6♥ is easy providing the outstanding hearts don't break 4-1 (or 5-0!) because after drawing trumps in three rounds the ♠Q can be thrown on South's fifth diamond after the ♠A is first cashed, creating a spade void in North's hand, allowing South's remaining spade to be ruffed. But we needed a good score so we had a try at 6NT which, if making, scores better than 6♥. Fortunately there was a 100% play for it without having to rely on a 50% finesse.'

'Perhaps we should look at a book on how to play simple suit combinations instead of trying to learn fancy bidding gadgets,' said North ruefully. 'True,' said South, 'but that play was too clever for me.'

And thereby hangs a tale! ...



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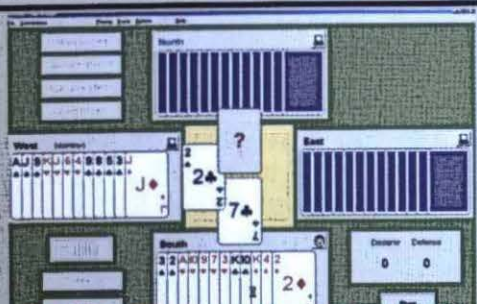
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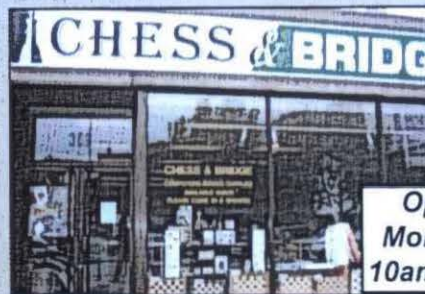
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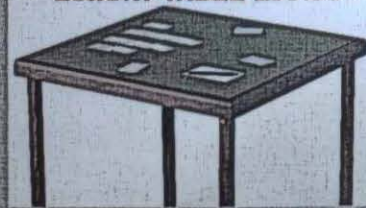


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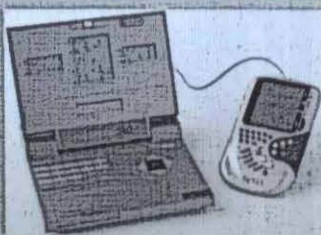
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West hands

(imp scoring on every deal)

1. N-S Game                    ♠ K Q J 10 6  
Dealer West                ♥ 6  
                                      ♦ K 8  
(Bocchi)                    ♣ A 10 9 8 4
  
2. E-W Game                ♠ A J 8 2  
Dealer East                ♥ J 7 4  
                                      ♦ 10 9 7  
(Stamatov)                ♣ A J 8
  
3. Game All                ♠ J 10 7  
Dealer West                ♥ J  
                                      ♦ A K 7 6 3 2  
(Jurisic)                    ♣ 10 9 4
  
4. N-S Game                ♠ A 7  
Dealer West                ♥ A Q 8  
                                      ♦ A 6  
(Duguet)                    ♣ K 10 9 8 7 6
  
5. Game All                ♠ A 10 7 6 5  
Dealer West                ♥ Q 10 8 3  
                                      ♦ Q 8 5  
(Brunner)                ♣ 9  
★ South overcalls 2♦ ★
  
6. Game All                ♠ A K J 6  
Dealer West                ♥ K 5  
                                      ♦ 8 6 2  
(Bitran)                    ♣ A Q 6 4

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East hands

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1. N-S Game                ♠ A 3  
Dealer West                ♥ A Q J 5 3  
                                      ♦ 10 2  
(Duboin)                    ♣ K 7 6 2
  
2. E-W Game                ♠ –  
Dealer East                ♥ A K 10 9 6  
                                      ♦ A K Q J 5  
(Karaivanov)            ♣ 5 4 3
  
3. Game All                ♠ A Q 2  
Dealer West                ♥ A 9 8  
                                      ♦ 9  
(Brkljacic)                ♣ A K J 8 6 3
  
4. N-S Game                ♠ K 10 9 8 6 3  
Dealer West                ♥ K 2  
                                      ♦ Q  
(Toffier)                    ♣ A Q J 5
  
5. Game All                ♠ K Q J 4 3 2  
Dealer West                ♥ A K 4 2  
                                      ♦ –  
(Goldenfield)            ♣ J 4 3  
★ South overcalls 2♦ ★
  
6. Game All                ♠ Q 4 2  
Dealer West                ♥ Q  
                                      ♦ A K 9 7 5 4 3  
(Voldoire)                ♣ 7 3

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