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BB@B ONE YEAR ON

Introducing penalties

By Sally Bugden EBU vice-chairman

IT is nearly a year since we launched our best behaviour code and it has had some successes and some failures. To ensure 100% success we need to give players the confidence to call

the tournament director when they feel the code has been breached and to give all our directors, from club to national level, the confidence to implement the code when they are called.

To achieve this we must clarify what aspects of a breach of the code will invoke a penalty and what those penalties are. If you are rude to your partner or team-mates, your opponents, players at other tables, tournament officials including the directors, the scorers or the caddies, you will be fined a minimum of 20% of a top on a board for a first offence, which equals 1 VP or 6 IMPs.

An aggravated or repeated offence at the same event may result in an increased fine or your removal. If you are continually rude at our tournaments this may result in your suspension from all EBU events for a period of time. No warnings will be given for rudeness; a fine will always be issued.

Gloating in the form of over praising partner or informing the opposition of their lack of skill, will invoke a penalty as above. However, you can say to partner 'Well played' and you should congratulate the opposition in the same manner if they have bid or played well.

A mobile phone that rings once will not invoke a penalty for the owner subject to conditions of contest. However, a repeat offence will and this will be 20% of a

If you feel that the best behaviour code has been breached in your presence call the director immediately in a polite manner. When the director arrives at your table use the following phrase 'This player (these players) is/are spoiling my enjoyment of the game'. The director will know immediately that you are referring to a behaviour problem and will investigate.

The EBU wholeheartedly supports its directors in implementing BB@B and issuing penalties where necessary.

Law 91A gives the director the right to assess disciplinary penalties in points and to disqualify a contestant for the remainder of the session, stating that the director's decision under this clause is final. Law 91B goes beyond this and gives the director the right to disqualify a contest- ant from the remainder of the tournament, subject to the approval of the tournament organisers. In the case of EBU national events this authority has already been vested in the tournament director in advance.

One of BB@B's greatest supporters and exponents was Ken Latty, proprietor of East Sussex Bridge Club, who sadly died at the end of March. He sent me an email shortly before his death stating the following: 'Just like a proprietor the club committees should be treating its members as important customers ... I received a fair number of enquiries about zero tolerance from clubs across the country prior to BB@B and there is clearly a need for such education and the need for clubs to pluck up the courage to take it on board. There are worries that they will lose members if they do; but the opposite is

We have put BB@B on our club director training course and we urge all clubs and counties to adopt and implement the code. Universal acceptance will ensure standard practice, which can only be good for our game and eradicate bad behaviour once and for all.

The detailed code is on our website www.ebu.co.uk Further information is available from Max Bavin or John Pain on 01296 317200.

Lottery grant to club is a first

MEMBERS of Pershore Duplicate Bridge Club have been celebrating the award of a grant of more than £3,000 from the National Lottery Awards for All scheme.

The club had applied for money to buy an automated dealing machine that would enable its members to play pre-dealt hands for which statistical and analytical reports can be made available after play.

Commenting on the award club chairman Alan Boyes said: 'This is a tremendous breakthrough for bridge clubs. Smaller clubs have not previously had the funds to take advantage of the increasing use of technology in the bridge world. This will greatly benefit our members and it's good to be one of the first to receive an award.'

Pershore DBC had explained in its application that the machine would also significantly aid its teaching programmes, as well as be a major advantage for members who found shuffling and dealing cards physically difficult.

The machine also enables more joint ventures to be held with other bridge clubs, as some types of event have not been possible in the past due to the number of hands that have to be pre-dealt.

Alan Boyes paid tribute to Pershore Councillor Dave Shaw and to EBU Bridge for All manager John Pain, who both supported the club's application for Lottery funding.

EBU general manager Barry Capal commented: 'This is the first such grant we know of awarded to a bridge club and we hope it is the beginning of a new trend.'

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Some fireworks and Liggins wins Spring Foursomes again

By Colin Simpson

THE May Bank Holiday weekend brought 46 teams to Stratford upon Avon for the EBU's flagship event, the Schapiro Spring Foursomes, named in memory of one of our all-time greats, Boris Shapiro.

As usual the competition would be based on the tried and tested double elimination formula.

Complementing the top English players were pairs from all over Europe trying to add this prestigious trophy to their CV.

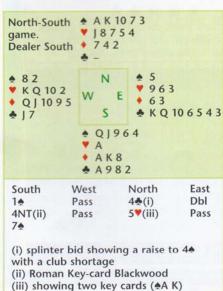
Many years ago entry had to be restricted to 64 teams, such was the interest. Then it waned, but now its popularity is rising again and every year we seem to be getting nearer to the good old days.

The first two rounds were played in triangles of three teams to balance the numbers and already some of the fancied teams were losing lives.

The weekend continued in this vein, with seeds dropping out at regular intervals until we reached the semi-final stage, where the Liggins team (number one seeds and holders) chose to play Helle, predominately a Dutch team. The other semi saw Wolfarth, one-half Bulgarian, against Gillis, three-quarters Norwegian.

As the undefeated team Liggins had the right to choose opponents. Both the semi and the final were broadcast on the Internet by Bridge Base Online.

The hand that caught the eye from the Liggins/Helle match was the following:

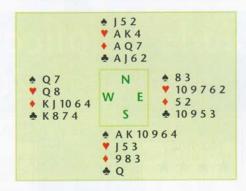


When splinter bids were introduced they tended to show far more high cards than our example, but modern theory is that they should be limited, with stronger hands with shortages using the game-forcing 2NT response to one of a major.

At the other table East (at favourable vulnerability) bid 5% rather than double, causing South a problem, which he overcame by bidding 5NT, the Grand Slam Force, asking for two of the top three honours in trumps. The result was 7% at both tables.

The final saw Liggins against Wolfarth, the previous year's winners. It must be said that the bridge was of the highest standard, with extremely few imps changing hands, but perhaps a little dull for the spectators. How that would change!

The penultimate hand of the 32-board set was on the table and all hell broke loose:



At one table Liggins bid to a mundane 3NT and made 11 tricks.

At the other table the Wolfarth team bid 2 ◆ (Multi, weak two in a major) by South; 2NT enquiry by North; 4 ♣ meant to be an auto-splinter showing a good hand in the context with a club shortage; 5NT that I think was intended to mean pick a slam, but perhaps was misinterpreted as a grand slam try, as South closed the bidding by leaping majestically to 7 ♣.

There was no problem in the play

because the trump queen was doubleton, as was the $\P Q$, and the two finesses against the minor suit kings also rolled in!

Suddenly Wolfarth had a substantial lead with one hand to play.

Liggins hit back by bidding a small slam, missed at the other table and let through on the lead. When the dust had settled the score was 47-49 in Wolfarth's favour.

However, there was a further twist in the tale. Liggins was the undefeated team and could elect to play a further eight boards if behind after 32. The atmosphere was electric.

Most of the hands produced small swings, but one slam decision in Liggins' favour and the final score was 69-65. Congratulations to Liggins and Crouch, Rosen and Jones, McIntosh and Hallberg, all of whom represent England.

The other winners were Bowdery and McGowan with Scerri and Palmer in the Punch Bowl, and Mizel and Senior with Townsend and Gold in the Hamilton Cup. Full details on the EBU website.

'Overnights' to be at Hinckley next season

NEXT season Hinckley in Leicestershire will replace Kettering as the location for the EBU's major overnight tournaments.

This is the result of much consideration by the EBU board and the union's tournament committee, following complaints from members that Kettering lacks convivial hotel facilities and is geographically difficult for some of them to reach.

The new venue is the Hinckley Island Hotel and the 2007-08 Tollemache will be the first of the big events to be staged there.

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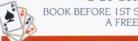
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Lady Milne slips over the border

ENGLAND went into the last round of the Lady Milne five nations women's championship leading the field and needing just 11 of the 30 victory points at stake to lift the trophy and complete a hat-trick of successes in

this prestigious contest.

But it was not to be. Scotland, their opponents in the deciding match and eager to regain the title England took from them in 2005, swept past with a 22-8 result that left the final scores: Scotland 136, England 131, Wales (the host country) 117, Republic of Ireland 111, Northern Ireland 101. It was Scotland's ninth success in the competition.

The event, played at the Hilton Hotel in Newport, comprised two round robins, with the scores aggregat-

ed. In the first round England beat Scotland 17-13, beat Republic of Ireland 25-5, drew with Northern Ireland 15-15 and lost to Wales 11-19.

That left the England team of Heather Dhondy and Nicola Smith, Catherine Jagger and Sarah Teshome, Bryony Youngs and Susan Stockdale with just a two-point lead over Scotland, with Wales lying third, Northern Ireland fourth and Republic of Ireland fifth.

In their other matches in the second round robin England beat Northern Ireland 23-7 and beat Wales 19-11, but lost to Republic of Ireland 13-17. This last result did not help England's cause, but it did help Republic of Ireland to escape holding the wooden spoon.

Martin Jones was non-playing captain for England.

They all vote for Les at the Queen of Hearts!

WHO in Somerset deserves a Dimmie Fleming Award more than Les Borrett from Bawdrip? According to members of the nearby Queen of Hearts Bridge Club no one comes near. Les is their hero and they believe he should definitely be a front runner for the honour.

Les came on the scene some 10 years ago to start a club that had a very humble beginning; no proper home and barely able to raise a four for bridge. Eventually the small group managed to set up home in dilapidated premises that served as the clubroom for a local rugby club and that was when Les, as chairman, teacher and general factotum, came to the fore.

Under his leadership the Queen of Hearts has been transformed and these days the weekly duplicate sessions usually have 15 tables in play in a room that is warm, comfortable and tastefully decorated.

Without taking a penny from his pupils Les has instilled in them a love and basic knowledge of the game. But not only has he improved the skill of his willing students, he has also carried out the decorating work, buying paint and wallpaper with the table money members pay to play.

Another of his self-imposed tasks is to set up the room for play, humping tables and chairs as required, as well as making sure refreshments are available for all.

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man who says, simply, that he loves what he is doing.

The esteem in which Les Borrett is held is summed up by club member Naomi Moltan, with the observation: 'No-one I know has put so much energy and love into spreading the good news of bridge.'

Lee and Rowlands are pairs champs

LONDON's Peter Lee and Bob Rowlands came out on top in the National Pairs final at Kettering. After 98 boards they headed the field of 50 pairs narrowly from Michael Clark and Luke Porter, with Bob McRobert and Arun Suri third. To reach the final contestants had to secure a high placing first in a local heat and then in a regional final. Full results are on the EBU website.

GolfPrint victory for The Dyke

BRIDGE-playing golfers Roger Straker, Shefton Kaplan, David Rose and Howard Small have won the GolfPrint Trophy for The Dyke club.

They came out on top in the final of the inter-county teams-of-four competition for golf clubs, narrowly beating Dyrham Park (Howard Levene, Stewart Wiseman, Malcolm Landau and Beatrice Fess). Third place went to Moor Allerton (Mr R Wiener, Mrs J Wiener, Prof D Fraser and Mr R Eisen), with Edgbaston (Fane Vernon, Jaqueline Bennett, Sheila McDougal and Evelyn Whiteford) fourth.

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EBU trial dates and venues

THE following are the confirmed dates for the EBU 2007-8 trials. There are some changes from dates previously published:

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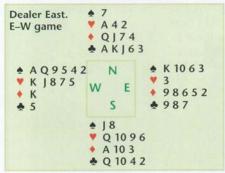
London at Easter good for Seniors

By Maureen Dennison

THE EBU Easter Festival offered the usual combination of mixed pairs, followed by a three-session pairs, then a day of Swiss teams and a day of Swiss pairs, with the two latter events drawing the largest number of competitors.

Nevena Senior, playing with Nick Sandqvist, won the mixed pairs with a mammoth 70%, six percentage points clear of Stephen Hurst and England's up-and-coming Bryony Youngs, with Heather and David Bakhshi, last year's winners, third.

Nevena and Nick enjoyed a 98% success on the two boards they played against my partner and me. This was one of them:



We bid to 4♠ – partner supporting me over North's take-out double – and the winners 'sacrificed' in 5♣.

We had two major suit tricks safely in the bank by the time Sandqvist came to play on diamonds, but he dropped my singleton king for all the match points!

The second-placed pair also won all the match points in the other direction. Hurst (West) was doubled in 4. Clubs were led and he ruffed the second one. Next he led K to South's ace and ruffed the diamond continuation. A low heart was taken by South, who led a trump, won by 9. Declarer was now able to ruff two hearts, bringing down the ace and

was one of them:

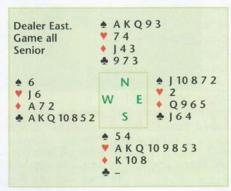
Swiss teams
winners Sandra
Nicholson, Jackie
Davies, Alastair
Gidman and Krys
Kazmierczak with
their trophy



collecting his 10 tricks.

The championship pairs was won by Ross Harper and Paul Hackett from last year's winners, Kumiko Ishii and Brian Senior, which meant Brian just failed to make it a Senior double!

Ishii earned a lot of points in the slam area. This was one of them:



A lot of pairs opened the South hand 4 or 4 (SA Texas). However, Ishii opened a quiet 1 W. West bid 3 W, asking partner to bid 3NT with a heart stop and North bid 3 East competed with 4 and Ishii closed proceedings with 6 V It was easy when West led the A, but with the Q in the East hand the contract always makes.

The next day was devoted to Swiss teams. It was won by Oxfordshire players Sandra Nicholson, Krys Kazmierczak and Alastair Gidman, with Hertfordshire's Jackie Davies.

They surprised themselves with their first major event win as a team. They won their last match 20-0 to finish 7VPs ahead of Karlis Rubins, Janis Neimanis, Janis Ozols and Alvils Berzinskis, with Ian Draper, Jeremy Williams and Neil and Anne Rosen third

Let's be 'avin' you – Blackpool is best

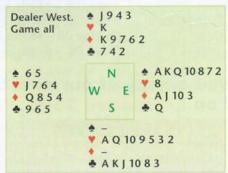
By Tracy Capal

GLORIOUS weather, fabulous playing conditions, a plethora of good (and not so good!) eating establishments and, of course, the usual eclectic bunch of bridge players. Sadly the latter were not at the Blackpool Easter Festival in vast numbers. However, it's quality that counts – isn't it?

This Blackpool event has been going for eight years and I have attended them all, yet this one I felt lacked a notable level of excitement. To my mind this is the best congress of the year in the North of England and I am sure many others agree. If anyone has ideas on how to regain the lost numbers of competitors I am sure the EBU would be only too delighted to hear from them.

Probably the most exciting hand of the weekend occurred during the second ses-

sion of the qualifier, giving all four players a chance to shine:



How easy it is to bid 7♣ after East has opened 1♣, 2♠, or even 4♠ and then have E-W sacrifice. I am sure there are plenty of experts out there happy to explain.

One unusual aspect of this festival was

that all three sets of winners were achieving first-time success in the event.

Catherine Draper of Kent, with Andrew Woodcock of Lancashire, scored an impressive double, winning both the championship pairs qualifier and the event itself. Runners-up were Joy and Irving Blakey (Manchester), with John Holland (Manchester) and Greer Mackenzie (Ireland) in third place.

The Swiss pairs went to Richard Acaster and David Berresford on a split tie from David Sheerin and Mark Stretch, with Mike Theelke and Paul Hooker third.

In the Swiss teams success was achieved by Malcolm Mitchell, Brian Nicholls, Judith Biles and Stephen Pollard. They beat Rob Turner's team into second place, with Paul Barton's team third.









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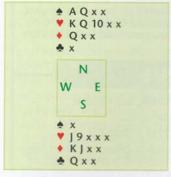
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Attitude to my psyche left just a nasty memory

WHY do players take offence East made a take-out double when they are psyched against? In a recent Western League match we were down 7imps at half time and I had just gone three off trying to make an impossible 3NT when eight tricks could be cashed. As North-South we now picked up the following hands, neither side vulnerable:



At the other table West passed and North opened 1v. and South competed in hearts with his eight-loser hand. West scraped up a 34 bid and North-South eventually played in 5* doubled for +100 to our partners. East-West can make 44.

At our table I was sitting South and with no obvious defence against a spade contract I bid 1♠ over East's double of North's 1. Partner raised to 24 and now, to stop him bidding 4♠, I jumped to 4♥. We lost the obvious three tricks for +420 and an 11imp swing.

When dummy went down East, who is a good player, could hardly contain his anger until the hand was played. He then accused me of psyching, with which I agreed, and then accused my partner of fielding the psyche, ignoring the raise to 24 and the explanation that

East was almost certain to have four spades for his take-out double, thus making 44 an unattractive contract for North-South.

East then called his captain for a ruling. None of his team members agreed with him, so East wrote down the hand and said he would send it to the EBU for a ruling.

I will add that I was in violation of a partnership agreement not to psyche and this was the first instance of it in the three years of playing together.

More important, East should know that it is for the director or referee to decide on the category of psyche. For a player to accuse his opponent of fielding is an offence against the proprieties, as it suggests collusion at best, cheating at worst.

In this case, East's attitude simply turned what had been a pleasant and good quality match into a nasty memory. Why do players behave like

I happen to agree that psyches should be reported if there is an observed frequency by a player, either in a regular partnership, or against particular opponent.

- L Haynes, St. Austell

Tennis surprisingly similar to bridge!

WHILE agreeing wholeheartedly with the sentiment of John Cattanach's article recently featured in English Bridge I feel I must point out that he was incorrect in stating that a tennis player's subscription to his club incorporates a subscription to the Lawn Tennis Association. In fact tennis in England is surprisingly similar to bridge in that clubs do not have to be affiliated to the LTA and that individual membership is also voluntary.

Clubs are affiliated through their county association and the annual subscription is based on the number of members, which is where the confusion may have arisen.

Individuals (who may or may not be players) apply as individuals/families and pay a separate subscription. This entitles them, among other things, to entry to official tournaments (including recognition in a national ranking scheme), a monthly magazine, discounts

on merchandise etc (sound familiar!), and entry into the draw for Wimbledon tickets. Like bridge there is absolutely no form of compulsory membership of the ruling body.

- David Gee, Sheffield

PS: I am committed to putting back into our fantastic game as much as I can, I have been on the committee of my local club, currently direct there once a month and am looking to teach bridge voluntarily in local schools. I have also given up my 'proper job' and am in the process of setting myself up as a bridge teacher.

Unconventional!

IN the interests of clarity and fair play why not insist that, having bid, the bidder then announces what the bid means?

This would obviate the need for convention cards and reduce misunderstandings and confusion.

- Alex Shave, Hereford



All should accept zero tolerance

IT is very difficult to monitor bad behaviour at the bridge table, especially as some of the players who perpetuate this sort of behaviour are cowards and only do it against the less experienced novices in the clubs. I think that the following measure would go a long way to eradicating such intolerable attitude and we should all accept zero tolerance.

As soon as anybody at the table is fractious or rude then the less experienced players should immediately summon the tournament director.

The ill-mannered opponent will be so taken aback (nobody will believe that an inexperienced player would dare to summon the tournament director - and why shouldn't they?) that they will cease this unsavoury behaviour and the rest of us will be able to encourage all our novices to attend duplicate sessions in all the leading bridge clubs without fear that they will be showered with torrents of abuse by the few who give bridge such a bad name, when most of us know how to behave.

- Harold Schogger, by email

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Get those trophies back, please

I WRITE to congratulate Gloucestershire on Cup or the Davis Cup were not available for winning the Tollemache for the first time in the county's history.

However, on the downside they were not presented with the trophy because it had not been returned by last year's winners. Can one imagine the uproar if the FA Cup, the Ryder presentation to the winners? Heads would roll.

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- Peter Walker, Cheltenham



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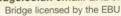
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STANDARD ENGLISH Responding to partner's overcall



AS my last couple of articles have stressed, to make an overcall of an opponent's opening bid you do not necessarily need a hand that would open the bidding. But you do need a decent suit, normally five or more cards with at least two honours. The weaker the points the better and longer the suit should be.

Responding to an overcall is not like responding to an opening bid.

You don't have to bid just because you don't like the overcalled suit. Without a fit you will often pass the overcall. You will often raise partner with three-card support. New suit bids show good five-plus suits and some useful high cards. No trump bids show stoppers in the suit opened and more points than a simple NT response.

Responding with a fit for partner

Sometimes you will have a really good fit for partner's suit and this is the time to bid up. With three-card support that includes a high card or two, nearly always raise. Your side may win the contract and if not it will help partner find the right lead in defence. With four-card support consider a jump raise. It makes life difficult for opponents. With fivecard support be prepared to bid game in a major. If your side has 10-plus cards in a suit it is certain that opponents have a good fit, too, but not always in the suit opened. Make it difficult for fourth hand to bid.

Dealer opens 1, partner **♠**K 9 5 4 overcalls 14 and the next **V**6 ***862** hand bids 2. You must **♣**] 9873 support spades; the opponents have not yet found a fit. Despite having only four HCP you should bid at least 2♠ and I prefer to bid 3♠. Make life difficult for your opponents.

Suppose this was the ♠A Q J 10 8 **V**432 hand opposite that over-**\$**5 called 1♠. Just 10 HCP: ♣K 10 6 2 hardly enough for an opening bid, but good enough to overcall. 4. will go at most one down and could even make. Opponents could well be making 4♥, so going down 50 or 100 will give your side a top score.

Now test yourself

There is an opening bid of 1 and partner overcalls 14. Next hand bids 24.

What do you bid?	
♣ A J 10	2♠ – You may
♥ 7 4	win the contract
♦ 10 9 8 6 2	or may shut out
♣ 8 3 2	hearts
♣ A J 10 3	Bid 3♠ – Shut
♥ 7 4	out, but also
♦ Q 10 9 8 7	4♥ could be
♣ 8 3	making
♠ K J 7 6 5 2 ♥ 7 • Q 10 9 8 7 ♣ 8	Bid 4. Either it makes or is a cheap save
♣ J 10 3	Bid 2NT – 12-14
♥ J 10 7 6	HCP and stoppers
♦ A K 10	in diamonds
♣ K J 8	and clubs
♠ 10 9 ♥ K Q J 9 7 4 ♦ 6 4 ♠ K 8 2	Bid 2♥ – This shows a good suit

Here are some hands my students bid

♠ K 10 6	N	♠ Q93
V AQ172	27	♥ K84
• 1073	W E	♦ QJ92
♦ 86	5	932

Margaret overcalled the 1♣ opening with 1. Peter considered bidding 1NT, but knowing about the five hearts opposite, raised to 2. A combined 18 HCP was enough to make 2♥. If Margaret passes 1♣, North bids 1NT and makes eight tricks, but over 19 North could not bid 1NT with just two small hearts.

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♠ K 10 6 4 2
                    ♠ A9853
Y A 10 7
                    ¥ 42
                 E
                    • 984
♣ K986
              S
                    ♣ A 3 2
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Eddie overcalled South's opening 1. with 1♠. North bid 2♦ and optimistic Robert jumped to 4♠. Eddie had only one club, one heart and one diamond to lose. Neither hand has an opening bid, but game is unbeatable -a good trump fit and distribution are just as important as high



Over 1♥ Trixie bid 1♠ and Fizz, thinking she had to bid with seven HCP, tried 1NT, which went three down for -150. If East passes, South will bid 20 and rescue West from the poor 14 contract. Keep quiet when you don't like the overcall suit opponents often save you.



Doreen was good for her 1♠ overcall of the opening 1, but there is no better bid. When Lucy replied 2 she bid 3NT to show extra values and hearts well stopped, trusting her partner to provide a good suit with the winners needed.



Lesley bid only 1♠ over the opening 1♥ and Mary correctly raised to 2♠ rather than bid her diamonds. Lesley thought with 13 HCP that was enough and so the 4 game was missed. A better overcall would be 24, which shows both opening bid values and six spades. Mary could then immediately raise to the unbeatable 4.

What to do when really strong

In Standard English the point range for a one-level overcall is about eight to 16 HCP. While overcalls are rarely made on fewer points they will sometimes be made on stronger hands. But all hands with 17-plus HCP should consider whether a takeout double or a 1NT overcall would be better than a simple overcall. The maximum point count in the overcalling position is about 19 HCP. Stronger hands than this normally start with a double.

This would be such a ♠K 6 VAK1876 hand: Double on the first ♦A 2 round and bid hearts on the second. Partner must recognise this strength difference and raise with quite modest values.



Beat today's experts

1. Love all, dealer West

★ K J 6 3♥ 9 7 6♦ K Q 4♣ A 5 4	W E	♣ A Q 10 9 ▼ A 10 2 ◆ A 3 ♣ K 10 9 2
W	/est	East
Yo	ong Dong	Rose Yan
1		14
24	•	2NT
44	•	4NT
5	4	6♠

WE start with a deal from an exhibition match between the French and Chinese women's teams. In the UK it is commonplace for the opener to raise a 1♠ response to 2 on three-card support. (In countries such as France, raising with three trumps is rated as an offence only slightly less serious than wife beating or truffle stealing.) Even when responder is assured of a 4-4 fit, it makes good sense for a 2NT continuation to ask for further informa-

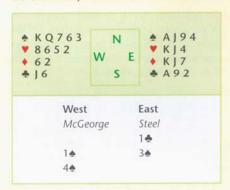
The Chinese play 2NT as forcing to game, so the leap to 44 was not an encouraging move. Nevertheless, Rose Yan proceeded to the hopeless slam, via RKCB, and duly went one down.

If East thinks there is still a chance of slam, over 44, she should invite one with a cue bid of 5. Her values do not justify bidding the slam on her own.

At the other table Sylvie Willard, West for France, opened 1. The Chinese North overcalled 1 and Bénédicte Cronier made a negative double. Willard felt she had to respond 24 (rather than 1♠) and again East bid the slam via RKCB. The Chinese doubled the slam to pick up 2 IMPs.

■ Awards: 4NT/4♠/3NT - 10, 5♠ - 7, slams - 3.

2. Game all, dealer East



ON this deal, Scotland faced England during the second weekend of the Camrose Trophy, ably staged by the Scottish Bridge Union in Aberdeen.

The Scots were playing a 14-16 point 1NT and five-card majors, so Les Steel opened 1. What should he rebid, do you think, when partner responds 14? Had he been playing a 12-14 1NT, I rate a 1NT rebid (showing 15-17) as best, despite the four-card spade support. As it was, 1NT would have shown 11-13, which left an unattractive 2NT as the only alternative to raising the spades.

What value do you put on the East hand in spades?

A raw application of the Losing Trick Count scores it as eight losers! Of course this allows nothing for the three jacks, or for the fact that the top honours are aces

and kings rather than queens.

Steel pushed the LTC firmly to one side, preferring to count points, and raised to 34. James McGeorge could visualise hands opposite that would produce 10 tricks and advanced to the very poor game, going one down.

At the other table, the England pair was blessed with a more helpful 15-17 point 1NT range. They bid 1NT - 2♥ -24, with East commendably seeing no reason whatsoever to break the transfer. Scoring +140 was worth six IMPs to England.

■ Awards: 2♠ - 10, 1NT - 8, 3♠ - 6, 2NT - 4, games - 3.

3. Game all, dealer East



NEXT we visit the Yeh Brothers Invitation Cup, contested in Shenzhen.

Cezary Balicki opened with a Polish 1♣, which might be a weak no trump or any hand of 17+ points. His 1♠, a canapé rebid (second-best suit shown first), indicated the stronger variety. Adam Zmudzinski rebid his hearts and the bidding followed a predictable path to 3NT. What should East say next?

It was clear, from the East hand, that there might be entry problems when playing in 3NT.

The BBO online commentators were therefore predicting 4 next from Balicki. No, he had a slam in mind and made a natural raise to 4NT, which was passed

The play was entertaining. North led the \$6 to South's queen and a club was returned to dummy's ace. When declarer cashed the ♣K and led the ♠10 from dummy, South rose with the ace and returned a spade. To make the contract, declarer now needed to endplay North. He cashed the ♠9 and played the ♠A, North following somnolently with the ♦6. On the ♦K, North woke up and unblocked the .Q. Now came a low diamond from dummy.

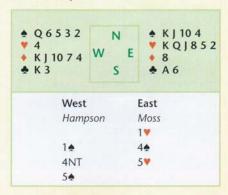
If North had unblocked both the •9 and •Q, South could simply have won with the \$8 and cashed the \$J. As it was, Jack Zhao defended splendidly, rising with the ◆J (a crocodile coup, to prevent partner being endplayed with the •9). He then exited with the \$8 and the defenders eventually took a heart trick for one down.

■ Awards: 4♥ - 10, 3NT - 6.5♥ - 5, 4NT - 3, slams - 1.

Pass

Pass

4. Love all, dealer East



WE move next to the final of the Yeh Bros event, with USA 2 facing Beijing Capital. What would you have rebid on that East hand?

Taking the view that the spade game might make opposite as little as the ♠Q and the ♠K, Brad Moss rebid a full 4♠. It's my view that Geoff Hampson should have passed now. He held modest trumps, a singleton in partner's main suit and, of course, no aces.

Clearly not agreeing with my timid evaluation Hampson advanced with RKCB. When partner admitted to only two key cards, he applied the brakes in 54. The Beijing defenders were not too proud to cash their three aces and that was one down.

At the other table Kang Meng, for the Beijing team, also opened 1♥, but conservatively raised partner's 1♠ bid to only 3♠. I like this rebid. Terence Reese

once wisely pointed out that you do not need to overbid in an unopposed auction when you have good shape, but relatively few points. Partner will have the spare points to bring you to the right level. The Beijing West duly raised to 4♠ and netted a swing of 10 IMPs.

Look back to the American auction. If East does not like to raise to just 3 he should rebid 4 (a splinter bid). This promises no more than a raise to 4 nerely saying why you think you are worth going to game. Such a rebid would switch off West, with his wasted diamond values.

■ Awards: 4♠ - 10, 4♥/part scores - 3, 5♠/3NT - 2.

5. N-S game, dealer West



JO Morse and Evelyn Levitt won the women's pairs at the USA Fall Nationals, contested in Hawaii, faring particularly well on this deal. Morse felt there would be a minor-suit fit somewhere when partner responded 1NT, denying four cards in either major. Over the value-showing 3♥ bid she suggested a slam with 3♠.

Since Levitt had limited her hand with the 1NT response, she realised that her three excellent cards justified her bidding the slam.

Although the combined point count was only 27 the club slam was laydown. They had also avoided the trap of playing in no trumps. Well bid, indeed!

How should the auction go in Acol? If you play a weak 1NT and West opens 1♠, East should respond 2♠, to avoid missing game when West holds 16 points and

would pass a 1NT response. West would then rebid 3♠, a splinter bid agreeing clubs. After a cue bid of 4♥ from East it is easy for West to bid 6♠.

In these days where players are willing to rebid in no trumps with a singleton in partner's suit, I favour an opening bid of 1♣ on the West cards. East will respond 3♣, a limit bid, and the partnership will already be halfway (literally!) to the small slam.

■ Awards: 6 -10, 5 -4, -6, 6 -4, -6, 6 -4, -6, -4, -6, -4, -6, -4, -6, -4, -6,

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On this deal a pre-emptive barrage meant that the bidding reached 4 very quickly. With a possible ruffing value in hearts and a potential source of tricks in diamonds, Bakkeren (East) advanced with RKCB.

What was the meaning of West's 5\(\frac{1}{2}\)? It showed two (or five!) key cards, plus the queen of trumps. Bakkeren then made a grand slam try of 6\(\frac{1}{2}\), expecting partner to bid the grand if he held the \(\frac{1}{2}\)Q. Carrol and Garvey stopped in 4\(\frac{1}{2}\) at the other table, so reaching 6\(\frac{1}{2}\) was worth a bundle of IMPs.

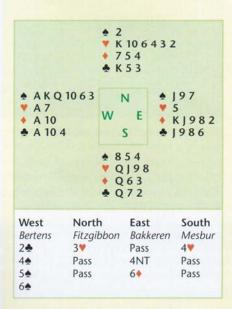
■ Awards: 6♠ - 10, games - 5, 7♠ - 3.

OUR experts scored an unremarkable 31 out of 60. Let's look for some worthwhile tips.

Tips to remember

- Use a cue bid when you want to suggest a slam. Bidding 4NT instead does not consult partner; it merely states that you are going to bid a slam unless two key cards are missing.
- In an uncontested auction do not overbid when you hold relatively few points, but promising shape.
 Partner might then carry you too high.
- The 5♥ and 5♠ responses to Roman Key-card Blackwood show two or five key cards.

6. E-W game, dealer West



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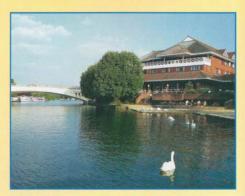
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BRIAN SENIOR ALL ABOUT TRUMPS Endplays can be the best bet



A FINESSE is only a 50-50 proposition and even a double finesse, eg 5 4 3 facing A J 10, only about 75%. How much better then if declarer can avoid taking the finesse altogether, instead obliging his opponents to open the suit to his advantage – in other words, endplay them.

An endplay can only succeed if declarer has first eliminated all the other suits, thereby leaving the defence with no winning options.

Here are some suit combinations to look for when considering an endplay. No doubt you will be able to think of others:

AQ9	facing	432	for two tricks
A J 10	facing	432	for two tricks
A 10 2	facing	K93	for three tricks (i)
AJ2	facing	K 10 3	for three tricks
192	facing	Q43	for one trick
KJ2	facing	543	for one trick
K 10 2	facing	543	for one trick
QJ2	facing	543	for one trick

In all these cases, if declarer has to lead the suit himself, there is no guarantee of success if the cards lie badly for him. However, if the defence has to lead the first round of the suit, declarer is assured of success in every case except (i), when he now has a much better chance of success than had he played the suit himself.

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A K Q 7 2

▼ Q 7 4

• 6 5 2

★ K 5

N
E
J 10 8 5 3
▼ A K 3
• A J 10
★ A 6
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North leads the ♠Q against 6♠. Declarer's only worry is the diamond position. Taking two finesses will work most of the time, requiring only that North holds at least one honour in the suit, but it is not a sure thing.

Once the opening club lead is not ruffed, the contract is actually 100% secure. Declarer wins, draws the missing trumps and cashes all the heart and club winners, ending in hand. Now he takes a diamond finesse. Probably this loses, but now South must either return a diamond or give a ruff and discard – either of which solves declarer's problem without the need for the second diamond finesse.

Change East's diamonds to A Q 9 and declarer can play in exactly the same way. This time, when he leads a diamond he simply covers North's card to effect the endplay.

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A K Q 7 2

♥ 8 7 4

• K 6 3

♣ K 5

• K 5

• K 5

• K 6 3

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Again the lead is the AQ against 6. Declarer draws trumps, cashes the remaining club and heart winners, then exits with the third heart. Whoever wins the heart is forced to either open up the diamonds to your advantage or give a ruff and discard.

Change East's diamonds to A 10 9 and declarer should play in exactly the same manner. This time there is no guarantee of success, but having the opposition open up diamonds greatly improves the chance of making the contract - which is very small if declarer has to play diamonds himself.

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    ↓ J 5 3
    ♥ A Q 10 9 6
    ♦ A 5
    ♠ A K 2
    N E
    ♥ K J 8 4 3 2
    ♦ 9 7
    ♠ 5 3
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This time the contract is 4♥ and North leads the ♦K. Perhaps you think that success hinges on how declarer plays the diamonds? Not at all. Declarer wins the first trick, draws the missing trumps and plays three rounds of clubs, ruffing. Then he exits with his losing diamond. Again, whichever defender wins the diamond has to lead something that gives the contract.

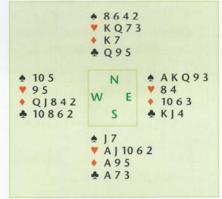
North leads three rounds of spades against 4. There is a possibility of an endplay, but declarer must be careful not to waste his dummy entries.

If declarer draws trumps then starts to think about an endplay it will be too late. What he must do is to ruff the third spade, then play •A and ruff a diamond, cross to the •J and, assuming both defenders follow suit, ruff the remaining diamond. Now cross to the •K and lead a club, covering South's card. North will be endplayed, forced to lead into the remaining club tenace or give a ruff and discard.

If trumps are three-zero, there will be

no sure endplay, as North will have a safe exit card when he holds the trumps, and there is the possibility of leading a spade for a ruff and over-ruff by South when it is he who has the trumps. If someone shows out on the first heart, it will be better to play a club to the nine immediately and, if that loses, finesse the &Q after drawing trumps. Because declarer sees the possibility of the endplay does not mean that he should continue to try for it when he sees that the cards do not lie as he requires. Always stay flexible and switch to Plan B if Plan A looks hopeless.

Sometimes the endplay is a little more difficult to recognise:



South declares 4 after East has opened 1. West leads the 10 to the queen and East continues with the A and K. Declarer ruffs and draws the outstanding trumps, but the bidding suggests that the K will be sitting over the queen. What is to be done?

The solution is quite straightforward once declarer thinks of it. He plays three rounds of diamonds, ruffing in dummy, then plays the fourth spade, discarding a club from hand as East wins. East has to lead from the *K up to dummy's queen, or give a ruff and discard.

An alternative, but inferior line would be to ruff the last spade, then lead a low club to the nine. East wins the jack and is again endplayed. That is fine, but suppose West puts in the 10 – does he have his actual holding, when it is necessary to cover and force East to lead away from the &J up to dummy's nine, or has West split the jack-10, when the winning play will be to duck, leaving West endplayed? It is easy to say that West must have both the jack and 10 if he plays either one, but it is not a sure thing against a strong defender.



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PRACTICAL NO TRUMP BIDDING: Developments after the 2NT opening

I AM assuming that you play a 2NT opening bid as 20-22 HCP. Whatever system you use, you should use it also in uncontested auctions where 2NT is the first natural bid (eg 2♣ - Pass - 2♦- Pass - 2NT).

Unlike a 1 opening an Acol 2 opening has a minimum acceptable suit quality. That means you would consider opening 2NT on hand shapes that would not be remotely suitable for 1NT.

Either (a) or (b) would be reasonable for a 2NT opening bid. The fact that such shapes are permissible makes it important for responder to be able to investigate alternative denominations.

Responding to 2NT

The main difference between bidding opposite 1NT and 2NT is that if your partner opens 2NT you have one fewer level of bidding available. Generally the level lost is the ability to unambiguously agree a suit and cue bid or bid Blackwood. The 'missing' layer is a serious setback that makes bidding over 2NT much less satisfactory than over 1NT. It also makes me wonder why do so many partnerships choose to play that a 2NT opening bid shows 19-20 HCP. What is the point of opening balanced 19 HCP hands at the two level when the bidding methods available if partner has a good hand are so limited? The system of responses I outline in this article and the next should help you make best use of the limited space available and to ensure that you and your partner are on the same wavelength.

General principles of responding to 2NT

In my view finding the correct denomination takes priority over cue bidding, so we cannot apply the principle that a new suit at the four level is a cue bid. That principle only applies after a one-level opening. Therefore: If responder introduces a second suit at the three or four level after a reply to Stayman or a transfer, that is natural, and opener should initially assume that responder is looking for the best game rather than seeking a slam.

Opener can then continue with a new

suit (a cue bid) just in case responder is looking for a slam. Or: If opener then bids 4NT it is natural, showing he dislikes both of responder's suits.

It will be a general principle of this article and the next that if 4NT could reasonably be natural then it is natural. Where there is so little room, asking for aces becomes a luxury you cannot afford. Most slam investigation opposite a 2NT opening bid has more to do with judgement and hand evaluation than with conventions. 4NT can arise in several ways:

(i) 4NT is clearly Blackwood because a trump suit has been explicitly agreed. Maybe responder has transferred and opener has broken the transfer as in auction (1). Maybe responder has bid two suits and opener has given preference as in auction (2).

(ii) 4NT is clearly Blackwood because a cue bid has been made, thereby implying that a suit has been agreed. This is slightly more difficult because you need to know what is a cue bid and what is a natural suit, which I will cover in the next article.

(iii) 4NT is a natural bid. This covers most cases other than (i) and (ii). For example, in auction (3) East has shown five hearts and is making a natural slam try. East can pass, sign off in 5♥, or bid a slam either in hearts or in no trumps.

A practical summary of responses to 2NT

3♣ = five-card major Stayman

3♦ = transfer to 3♥

3♥ = transfer to 3♠

3♠ = five spades and four hearts

3NT= natural

4♠ = either clubs or diamonds. Slam try. This is explained later.

4♦ = transfer to 4♥

4♥ = transfer to 4♠

Five-card major Stayman

3♣ should initially ask opener whether he has a five-card major, eg hand (c), auction (4).

(c)	West	East
	♠ K Q 7 6 5	♦ J 8 2
	♥ A 2	V 9 7
	♦K Q 4	♦A 7 5 2
	♣ A Q 3	♣ J 9 5 4
(4)	West	East
, ,	2NT	3♣

If opener does not have a five-card or four-card major he bids 3NT in response to 3. If opener has no five-card major, but one or more four-card majors he bids 3. Both partners can then continue bidding their four-card suits until a fit is found or 3NT is reached, eg. Hand (d) auction (5).

(d)	West	East
	♠ K Q 7 6	♦ J 6 3 2
	♥ A 2	9 9 7
	♦ K Q 4 2	♦ A 7 5
	♣ A O 3	♣ 1954

(5)	Non-Puppet	Stayman
	West	East
	2 NT	3 ♣
	3 •	3 ♠
	4.4	

6)	Puppet Stayman		
	West	East	
	2 NT	3 ♣	
	3 •	3 ♥	
	3 🏚	4 🏚	

A theoretically superior method is called Puppet Stayman – hand (d), auction (6) – where after a 3♠ rebid by opener responder bids the major suit he doesn't have. East's 3♥ shows four spades. The effect of that is to reach the same contract, but played by the 2NT opener. Therefore the stronger hand becomes declarer and is concealed from the view of the defenders.

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Making use of the jump bid in a game-force situation

WHEN you have established a game-forcing auction can there ever be any point in making a jump bid, thereby wasting valuable bidding space?

As a general principle, when a game force has been established it is advisable to bid slowly in order that as much information as possible may be exchanged. With that in mind, a jump bid when in a game force situation may be utilised to carry a very specific message, and I would suggest that the most useful message would be: 'Partner, I have a long and solid suit, which requires no help from you'.

An interesting hand that highlighted this question cropped up recently at a local club duplicate pairs event:

As West, you pick up the following very nice collection:

♠ 643 ♥A ♦ AKQ 103 ♣ A732

You are delighted to hear partner open 1♠. You respond 2♦ and partner rebids 2♥. You now bid 3♣, which is fourth suit forcing (to game).

If, at this point, partner's next bid is 3♠, you will no doubt ask for aces/kings, and finding that partner has one ace and two kings, will bid six spades as the final con-

If, however, partner's next bid is 44 (ie a jump in a game force situation) you now know that he/she holds a long and solid spade suit and when you find out about an ace and two kings you have a very accurate picture. There will be at least six spades, headed by A K Q J, together with four hearts and three minor suit cards. Partner also holds either the ♥K or the ♣K.

With this information available you can count 12 certain tricks and all partner will need to do is ruff a heart with one of your small trumps for the 13th trick.

You can bid 7♠ with great confidence. This was the full hand:

♠ 1095 **7652** J9874 AKQ193 ♠ 643 ♥ KJ83 E AKQ106 ***** 5 V Q 10 9 4 ♣ K O 10 9 8 6

South led the ♠K, which declarer won in dummy. It was now a simple matter to cash the VA, cross to hand with a trump, ruff a heart in dummy, and then draw all the trumps. The A K Q now provided enough tricks to take care of the two losers in declarer's hand.

This fine contract will only be defeated when the defenders' hearts are distributed 8-0, or 7-1 (with the hand holding the singleton also holding at least two trumps). In other words it has a 97% chance of success.

It is true that if you play Roman Keycard Blackwood you would find out that partner holds ♠A K Q and an outside king without the use of this gadget, but you would not know of more than a five-card suit and you would not be able to guarantee its solidity, so to bid the grand slam would certainly be something of a punt.

The principal of jumping when partner cannot possibly pass a normal rebid can be used in other situations, eg:

1. 1♥ - Pass - 2♠* - Pass - 4♥, where 2♠ is natural and game forcing (16+ and a decent spade suit), a jump to 4♥ promises a long and solid suit.

-4♥, where 2NT is a game force 4♥ promises a long and solid suit (if you hold a suit which is just long, but not solid you must first bid 3♥, and then 4♥ on the next round).

For the Benji Acol players the same idea can also be used in response to strong 2♣/2♦ openers.

Many players (me included) favour the use of 2♦/♥ responses purely as relays rather than as negatives, thereby allowing more space for the strong hand to be described. If you adopt this approach then you can reserve the use of any bid of a suit (ie not relaying with 2♦/♥) to show a very good suit and a jump in a suit to show a long solid suit.

Using this agreement a response of 2♥, 2♠, 3♠, or 3♦ to an opening 2♠ bid shows positive values with a very good suit (say a six-card suit headed by two of the top three honours) and a response of 3♥, 3♠, 4♠ or

4 shows a long and solid suit.

In the same way, after a 2+ opener, a response of 2♠, 3♠, 3♦ or 3♥ shows the good suit and 3♠, 4♠, 4♦ or 4♥ shows the long and solid suit.

With all other hand types you simply relay with 2♦/♥ and then describe your hand on the next round (although you may still use responses of 2/3NT if you feel

This sometimes means that the opener is very well placed to judge the final contract. For example, holding ♠A K Q 4 ♥9 4 3 ♠A K ♣A K 5 4, you would open 2 and if partner bids 3, which shows just some values and a heart suit, you have a difficult continuation. If, however, the 3♥ response showed a very good suit (six headed by two of the top three honours), then you would be fairly confident that a small slam in hearts would be making and if by some happy chance partner responded 4 to your 2. opening, then you can immediately underwrite 7NT, as partner will have a long and solid suit.

In the same way, with a hand such as A K Q J 4 2 ♥A 8 ◆5 2 ♣A 9 8, you might open 24, intending to show eight playing tricks in spades, but if partner happens to respond 4, showing a long solid suit, then you know that 12 tricks in NT are a certainty and 13 tricks in diamonds are extremely likely (one defender holding at least six spades is the only slight danger).

DOUBLES QUIZ

By Bob Rowlands

Dealer West. Game all

South West North Fast 27(ii) 2*(i) Pass

(i) Multi 2. - weak two in either major, strong two in either minor or strong balanced (ii) Relay allowing West to show what he really

What would you bid with:

(a) ♠K 10 8 4 ♥3 ◆A J 6 4 ♠K J 7 6

(b) ♠4 VAQ93 ♦AJ54 ♣Q854

(c) ♠A 4 ♥5 3 ♦K 10 4 ♣A Q J 9 8 4

(d) AK 83 VJ 73 AK 84 AK 54

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How should this hand be bid

Your questions answered by David Bakhshi

ADRIAN Shepard from Liverpool writes: Could you please settle an argument I had with my partner after we had played the following hand?



My partner opened 14, to which I responded 2♣. He now rebid 3♠, and feeling that I had a minimum 24 bid and concerned that the hand looked like a misfit, I decided to pass. We ended up making 10 tricks, after which my partner claimed that I had passed a forcing bid and insisted that it was my fault that we had scored poorly. Was my partner right, or was I just unlucky in choosing to pass when he jumped to 34, as I have always thought that a suit rebid by opener is non-forcing?

Dear Adrian,

I am afraid that your partner was correct that his bid is in theory a forcing bid, but I can understand your feeling of discomfort, having already responded at the two level.

There are, however, a couple of issues at hand. The first is the question of whether a suit rebid by opener is forcing, and the second is how one decides whether one's hand is strong enough to respond in a new suit at the two level, as it is this choice of response that lies at the crux of the issue.

While six points are sufficient for a new suit response at the one level, the fact that a two-level response potentially forces the opener to make an inconvenient rebid requires extra strength. Thus, we are generally taught to wait until we have 10 or so points to respond at the two-level (nine is good enough with a long suit). Indeed, at the Andrew Robson Bridge Club we teach a guideline for responding at the twolevel (devised by Andrew), which he has termed the 'Rule of 14'.

Essentially, responder should only introduce a new suit at the two level when the number of points in his hand added to the number of cards in his suit totals 14 or more. Should the total be less than 14, then rather than bidding your suit, you should instead respond 1NT, a bid referred to as 'the rubbish bin' bid.

This is a situation in which a 1NT response does not show a balanced hand. Rather it is an attempt to keep the bidding lower and in practice is used when holding hands in the six to nine point range. After the 1NT response, opener should continue to describe whether or not they hold a balanced hand.

Hence, in the example you have given, your hand would not be considered strong enough to respond 24, and would instead say 1NT. However, we still need to

address the first issue of whether opener's suit rebid is forcing, as your partner would follow your 1NT response with the same 3♠ rebid.

A rebid of opener's suit is always nonforcing if he repeats his suit at the lowest level. Jump rebids however are a little more complex, as it is the level of partner's response that determines whether or not they are forcing. Given that opener should jump with hands worth around 16 points, this should not be considered forcing when responder bids a new suit at the one-level (having only shown around six points). However, once responder shows the strength to bid at the two-level, a jump becomes forcing, as the partnership will be assumed to hold the values to bid at least a game contract.

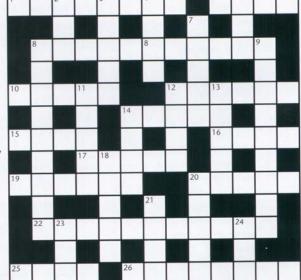
In conclusion then, on your given hand the bidding would proceed, 1 • - 1NT -3♠-3NT. If, however, you had a minimum 1NT response, you could pass partner's 3♠ rebid with a clear conscience.

Peter Murdoch's bridge crossword

- 1. A signal to encourage or discourage (8)
- 5. Most often one plays with such cards (4)
- 8. At bridge, more often above board than below the belt (6-5)
- 10. A pad in London, perhaps, would suit (5)
- 12. A threat card (6)
- 14. Such a graphic memory - most useful in play (5)
- 15. Very weak no trump (4)
- 16. Lack of thought at trick one may do this to the outcome (4)
- 17. Location for 11 down (5)
- 19. You want to bring home the contract in this way (6)
- 20. Where to sit in such airy surroundings (5)
- 22. Double 15 across, and opponents may look for this (6, 5)
- 25. A shift, missing out bidding levels (4)
- 26. One method to counter a pre-empt (8)

Down:

- 2. This opening no trump is always strong (3)
- 3. The scene of action -



- almost a confused battle (5)
- 4. Pay these to play (4)
- 6. A rescue redouble (3)
- 7. Courtesy demands you
- the opposition (5) 8. Put nearly all dice
- together for a great game (9)
- 9. How, sometimes, to win and lose simultaneously (9) 11. A planned gathering
- for whist or bridge (5) 12. You may do this often

- at 8 down (4)
- 13. The coldest seat? (5)
- 14. Push the boat out on the Cam perhaps? (4)
- 18. It's an effort (5) 20. It' material at
- 3 down (5)
- 21. Not the final, but nearly (4)
- 23. One has umpteen ways in which to find the score (3)
- 24. Draw and match, or draw the match (3)

Solution on P45

OF EVENTS

1-2 Worldwide sim pairs, clubs

IUNE

1-3	Yorkshire Congress,
	Harrogate
2-3	Corwen Trophy, Kettering
9-10	Pachabo Cup, Kettering
16	One day events,
	Gloucestershire/
	Herefordshire, Norfolk/
	Suffolk

16-July 1 European Open Championships, Antalya One day events, Berks and Bucks, Dorset, Gloucs/ Herefordshire, Kent, Lincolnshire, Norfolk/ Suffolk

Northern Seniors' 22-24 Congress, Harrogate Garden Cities Trophy final, Kettering

Oxfordshire Congress, 23-24 Benson

29-July 1 English Riviera Congress, Torquay

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JULY

	clubs
6-8	Summer Seniors' and
	Veterans' Congress,
	Eastbourne
12-15	Czech Open Festival,
	Czech Republic
11-21	European Youth
	Championships,
	Jesolo, Italy
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26-29	Northern Summer

AUGUST

30-31

3-10	Junior Camp, Bristol
4-9	11th European University
	Bridge Championships,
	Bruges
10-19	EBU Summer Meeting,
	Brighton
31-Sept	2 Junior Teach-in,

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Congress, Scarborough Swedish Bridge Festival,

BGB Summer sim pairs,

Loughborough University

All aboard for the Baker Tilly Lanzarote Congress

GRAN Melia Salinas, Costa Teguise, on the spectacular volcanic island of Lanzarote, is the chosen venue hotel for the 2008 Baker Tilly Congress from February 1-6.

Lanzarote combines many places of interest to visit with that priceless commodity - winter sun.

The Gran Melia Salinas is a top grade hotel and has a Cultural Heritage distinction. Its spectacular architecture, fully integrated into the landscape, is complemented by breathtaking gardens designed by the local artist, Cesar Manrique.

The nearby Sands Beach Resort, with its beautifully laid out apartment complex, provides four star facilities. A particular attraction is that its low single supplement means a very reasonable price is available for solo travellers.

The travel and accommodation package is being arranged by Bridge Overseas, from whom brochures with flights and prices are available. These brochures have also been sent to everyone on our mailing list.

Get in on Gerard Faulkner Salver

IT'S not too late to enter the Seniors' Knockout Teams for the Gerard Faulkner Salver but the closing date for entries is June 11. So be quick!

Please note that our agreement with the two hotels in Lanzarote means that all accommodation for the congress must come from our rooms allocation, which is being handled by Bridge Overseas. If the flights offered do not suit your requirements, whether it is date of flight or departure airport, then Bridge Overseas will quote for an alternative. Many regional airports are available.

As all accommodation has to be booked with Bridge Overseas there will be no 'independent' surcharge on the bridge fee, which will remain at £104 (payable to the EBU).

For further information about the bridge contact Peter Jordan on 01296 317203. For travel and accommodation contact Bridge Overseas on 0800 0346 246.

Rhodes Reminder

BUT before Lanzarote there's Rhodes (October 11-16). At the moment it is still possible to book the flight of your choice and you can do this by calling Bridge Overseas on 0800 0346 246. However, you need to be quick as soon flights will be available from only a limited number of airports.

The five star Rodian Amathus Beach Hotel is the venue for this congress. Bridge Overseas is handling travel and accommodation packages, while bridge fees are payable to the EBU at Aylesbury (email peter@ebu.co.uk or call 01296 317203).

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Try the friendly Isle of Man ex

FOLLOWING the success of its move last year to the splendid Villa Marina for its 40th Isle of Man Congress the Manx Bridge Union has opted for the same venue for the 41st congress taking place September 14-16.

First built a hundred years ago the Villa Marina was extensively refurbished three years ago as a high-quality modern venue for conferences and concerts. It is situated on the promenade overlooking Douglas Bay.

The congress has a great reputation as a friendly, relaxed event and is well suited to those who want to try to add a few Green Points to their tally. But no pressure: you don't have to play 48 boards in a day. The format is such that you can play just pairs (three evenings) or just teams (two afternoons) if you want to.

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will also be allowed. Seniors' event players must have been born in or before 1951.

The second weekend features the Stars Swiss championship. After three sessions totalling 10 eight-board matches, the leading eight teams contest the Four Stars A final and the next eight the Four Stars B final, both finals consisting of seven eight-board matches over two sessions. The remainder of the field play one further session with four eightboard matches.

Also the Friday afternoon open pairs is available free of charge to all Swiss teams players.

A word also about the Really Easy Congress. This is an ideal occasion for bridge students to sample the atmosphere of a major event. They will hopefully develop their bridge skills and have a lot of fun on the way. There is a reception and four sessions of bridge for this group and entry is just £20 per player.

And talking of fun five sessions of midnight speedball should keep the late-nighters happy.

And being a little more serious, don't forget the Partner Teacher Training and the club director courses that are incorporated in the programme: bridge needs good people in both fields.

 Book for competitions in advance 01296 317203/5 comps@ebu.co.uk), although entries can be taken right up to the start of an event.

·Friday and Saturday night stays at the Metropole cost £84 per person per night B & B sharing (£94 single); Sunday to Thursday nights cost £55 sharing (£65 single). See also the EBU website for details of an accommodation booking service.

The programme

Friday 8pm Swiss pairs, session one (three matches)

Saturday 1pm Swiss pairs, session two (four matches)

8pm Swiss pairs, session three (three matches)

Sunday 12.30pm Swiss pairs, session four (four matches)

8pm Open pairs and open teams

Monday 2pm Midweek knockout teams

2pm Open pairs

7.15pm The Really Easy, reception/session one

8pm Play with the experts pairs 8pm Seniors pairs, session one

Tuesday 2pm Midweek knockout teams

2pm Open pairs

2pm The Really Easy, session two 2pm Seniors pairs, session two 7.30pm The Really Easy, session three

8pm Tuesday pairs championship

8pm Seniors pairs and consolation pairs finals

Wednesday 11am The Really Easy, session four

1pm Seniors Swiss teams, session one

(four matches)

2pm Midweek knockout teams

2pm Open pairs

8pm Mixed pivot teams championship

Thursday 1pm Seniors Swiss teams, session two

(four matches)

2pm Midweek knockout teams

2pm Open pairs

8pm Mixed pairs championship

8pm Midweek knockout teams, semi-final

(if necessary)

Friday 12 noon Midweek knockout teams final

1pm Open pairs

8pm Swiss teams, session one (three matches)

1pm Swiss teams, session two (four matches) Saturday

8pm Swiss teams, session three (three matches)

Sunday 11am Four Stars, session one (three matches)

12.30pm Swiss teams, session four (four matches)

3.20pm Four Stars, session two (four matches)

First Northern Seniors' Congress

A NEW event this summer is the Northern Seniors' Congress, to be played at the Cairn Hotel in Harrogate from June 22 to 24. This is the North's equivalent of the Seniors' Congress at Eastbourne.

Except for the first session of the Swiss pairs the congress is fully Green Pointed, with championship teams and Swiss teams completing the programme. There will also be prizes for leading veterans pairs and teams.



Friendship wins the day

by Simon Cochemé

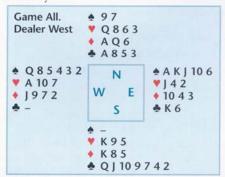
GALWAY was the setting for the fifteenth competition between England and Ireland for the Corn Cairdis (cup of friendship) and friendship was much in evidence, with accommodation and hospitality provided by the Irish team and other members of the Galway bridge community.

Ireland has dominated the Corn Cairdis in recent years, just as its open team has dominated the Camrose, but England began the contest buoyed up by the cricket win over Ireland the day before. The Irish, however, seemed to think that their win at rugby earlier in the year was more significant.

Each side had three teams of four: one of officials, one of county players and one of club players. The teams played four 20-board matches, two against their opposite numbers and one against each of the

other teams. The match took place in an imposing hall at Galway University, under the first-class direction of Irish international Gay Keaveney.

England gained IMPs in all three matches on this board early on the Saturday:



Three tables played in spades. North was too weak to make a take-out double over a weak 24 opening and South was too timid to bid on his own over 4. All three Wests made nine tricks.

At the other three tables South played in 54. At one of them Jackie Pye led a spade for England. Declarer ruffed and



The England Corn Cairdis team: standing, Barry Capal, Simon Cochemé, Peter Stocken (captain), John Neville, Tim Gauld, Jeff Smith, Roy Garthwaite and Ted Latham; seated, Sally Bugden, Jackie Pye, Janet Latham and Heather Hobson

played the ♠Q. When Jackie showed out he rose with the ace, ruffed the second spade, eliminated diamonds and threw Jeff Smith in with the ♠K.

If you haven't seen this position before it is not obvious what card is the best to play from the East hand. But Jeff knew what to do and selected the VJ, giving declarer a losing option. South decided to play East for VJ 10 x and finessed the V9 on the way back. One down.

Heather Hobson was declarer in 5♣ for England at another table and played the elimination and throw-in. Receiving a small heart return from East she ducked. West put in the 10; dummy won with the queen and this time a finesse of the v9 brought home the contract.

England made a good start on Saturday, but was pegged back in the evening as tiredness, brought about by that excellent hospitality, set in. I don't have enough space to tell you about the

English pair who had a Roman Key-card Blackwood misunderstanding. They bid a grand slam and came within an ace of

England started well again on Sunday, but the Irish fought back and narrowly failed to catch the English at the post, England winning by 184 VPs to 172.

The event finished with a splendid banquet, where further friendships were forged and at which England was presented with the Corn Cairdis trophy by Una Walsh, former president of the

Many thanks to Michael O'Connor and the rest of the Irish organisers and players for a wonderful weekend. Any county interested in hosting the Corn Cairdis next year is invited to contact EBU chairman Peter Stocken peter@ebu.co.uk). Training will need to start soon, because the Irish will be thirsting for revenge (well, thirsting,



Derek Holmes, editor of the Oxford Times, centre front, with competitors who took part in the Oxfordshire Times Cup event, which was sponsored by the newspaper. See Oxfordshire news report page 43



BILL TOWNSEND

GET EVEN WITH THE ODDS I went wrong – but I was right!



I WENT wrong on the following hand, which came up in a teams event:

* X X V J 10 K 10 9 X A K X X X

I'm not usually as sloppy as this, not giving you the actual spot cards. However, it's not that I'm lazy, or that I've simply forgotten. Quite the reverse, as you'll see.

Well, I opened the West hand 14, as most would. The hand is a little light of points, but at least it has the necessary quota of defensive tricks. (For those of you that use that guideline, although I am not one, it exceeds the rule of 19)

North overcalled 2♠, showing five-five in the majors, after which our unpractised partnership eventually reached a contract of 6♠. Not the greatest of slams, admittedly, but the ♠A figured to be right and, on the bidding, so did the ♠Q (think vacant spaces).

North led the ♠A and switched to a heart, won by dummy's ace. At trick three I ran the ♣J and lost to the singleton queen.

The full hand was:

A Q 9 8 5 ▼ 7 6 5 4 3 ◆ 6 4 ▼ Q

A K 10 9 7 ♣ A K 6 3 2

A K 6 3 2

A K 7 ▼ A K 9 ◆ A Q J 5 2 ♣ J 10 3 2

♥ Q82

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Clearly, I should have laid down a top club, catering for the singleton queen, before attempting the finesse, and comfortably made the slam. Careless in the extreme, don't you think? Team-mates certainly thought so.

However, if you look hard at those club spots, which I've now produced, you may discover that my play has merit.

My reasoning was that with the ♣8 in dummy and the ♣6 in my hand I could play the suit for no losers so long as a singleton with North was either the 9 or the 7: that is, if South started with either Q 7 5 4 or Q 9 5 4.

It would be necessary to finesse through him twice if he had the second holding, but that was not a problem. Observe that it is not possible to combine these options by laying down a top club first, as this neutralises the power of dummy's §8.

Needing a little convincing, team-mates had to concede that my play was correct, having twice the chance of dropping the bare queen. However, that was little comfort when we found we had lost the match, rather than won it.

As I said at the beginning, many of you would have made the contract by laying down the ace, and the hand would have passed without comment, your misplay going unnoticed.

Nice to include a hand from time to time – not too many – where going with the odds loses out. I'm sure that more than a few of you, particularly if you consider yourselves far from expert, will appreciate that!

Finally, one unconnected item, which you may find both instructive and amusing.

My expert partner, having to play $A \times X \times X$ opposite $Q \times X \times X$ for one loser, correctly cashed the ace and played low towards the queen.

When his LHO opponent, not a strong player, produced the 10 in perfect tempo, he decided to duck, hoping for Kx on his right. When LHO turned up with K10x he had managed to engineer two losers in the suit.

Devotees of restricted choice know full well, as my partner did, that to go up with queen here normally has twice the chance of winning as playing for the hoped-for position. (It gains against K 10 x or K J x on the left and loses to K x on the right)

The lesson is to stick with the odds, unless you have a really good reason!

Voice of the minnows

DAVID RILEY, who describes himself as a below average club player, responds to the view of the role of the EBU offered by Worcestershire's John Cattanach in a recent article in *English Bridge*.

John issued the challenge: 'Do not think what bridge can do for you: think what you can do for bridge'.

David answers: The most important thing I can do is to persuade the EBU to give a higher priority to those with below average skills.

He claims: 'Currently only about 10% of regular bridge players are members of the EBU. A major reason is that the EBU offers very little to most players for the £20 annual subscription.

'Unfortunately the article by John Cattanach perpetuates the belief that the EBU is run by the elite for the benefit of the elite.'

David believes the number of articles in English Bridge relevant to regular players with below average skills should be doubled.

He considers that all members of EBUaffiliated clubs who are not members of the EBU should be able to obtain copies of English Bridge and the Ruffian Students' Newsletter at cost.

On another tack, he states: 'I agree with providing some financial support to junior teams attending international competitions. However, I strongly disagree with the EBU subsidising those attending senior competitions. For most players bridge is an enjoyable, stimulating, social pastime, not a matter of national pride.

'I think everyone would agree that training is a key EBU activity. The Partner Teacher initiative is a welcome development.'

On rules and regulations David puts forward the view that these are a big turn-off to most players and although the EBU has an important role in communicating the rules and training directors, it should not spend much time on changes such as announcements.

He concludes that to reach the position that every member of an EBU-affiliated club is also a member of the EBU it is necessary for the EBU to cater much more for ordinary members and not just the elite players.

Sally Bugden, vice-chairman of the EBU and chairman of the EBU editorial board, responds: The EBU's Membership Development Action Group, of which I am a member, has been working for the last 18 months on researching and developing services that are relevant to the majority of club bridge players in England. We are about to inform the board of our findings and recommendations. Watch this space!



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The event lasts for eight days, finishing with a presentation dinner and dance on the Saturday evening. The main events are a match-pointed pairs comprising a two- session qualifier (about 300 pairs) after which everyone plays in one of many three- session finals, and a 10 x 14-board Swiss teams (about 250 teams), from which the top two qualify for the semi-finals and the teams finishing 3rd/6th play in the quarter-finals – the winners joining the two exempt teams in the semi-finals. Players not making the quarter-finals of the teams can enter a three-session Swiss pairs. In additional there are separate seniors (pairs and teams) and restricted pairs events.

Great Britain and Ireland players have had considerable success at this prestigious event and 2007 was no exception. John Armstrong and Howard Melbourne won the open pairs championship and Pau Hackett, Bill Hirst, Jason Hackett and Tom Hanlon won the Swiss teams, with John Holland, Michelle Brunner, John Armstrong Howard Melbourne, Hugh McGann and Paul Martson second. Both obtained byes to the semi-final, where the Holland team, winners ir 2005 and 2006, surprisingly lost to Michael Courtney's Australiar team, but the Hackett team won and went on to defeat the Australiar team in the final.

Open pairs 1 J Armstrong and H Melbourne (England), 2 J Ebery and R Klinger (Australia), 3 V Vainikonis and W Olanski.

Teams 1 Hackett, 2 M Courtney, T Burke, T Nunn and P Wyes, 3 Holland, equal 3 R Nixon, S Hurley, N Francis, M Moren, C Snashal and A De Livera.

This is one of the little problems that faced the players in the team: final:

It's game all and sitting West you hold

♣ VAQJ9xxx Ax ♣AQxx

and south opens 1. What would you bid?

Michael Courtney faced this one, produced the imaginative bid o 6♥ and found partner with

♠xx ♥xxx ♦xxxx ♠KJxx

The VK was onside and with clubs providing the vital entry to dummy the slam was cold.

Paul Hackett did well to find the 6♠ save, but it still cost -800 and 11 imps, when not surprisingly Jason and Tom stopped in game.

If anyone would like further information with regard to the Gold Coast Congress please telephone 01606 556899 or email billhirst52@hotmail.com

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In the picture



Wedding bells for Alan Mould and Monica Bolton. See Manchester report in County News page 41

lames Smith and Simon Cochemé, winners of the LMBA Fox Shammon Trophy for seniors' pairs (see London report in County News, page 41). Simon was also in the England team that won the Corn Cairdis annual friendly encounter against Ireland and in the Young Chelsea BC team that was second in the London Garden Cities heat



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You don't have to be an expert to win

By Fran Bramzel

'I HAVE absolutely no chance ever of winning or even doing reasonably well in a full club competition.'

So said one of our supervised practice regulars when the notices went up for the Bridge Club Live handicapped pairs. It was the same response from several newer players as well as some of our more seasoned, but less expert members.

'But can't you see' I said 'that is the whole point of handicap competitions? Just like in golf. You may play against a top-rated pair, – but they will have to play their socks off to do better than you

and win. Plus you play regularly with the same partner and build up an understanding, so that helps your game too. Go on, please give it a try'.

And the moral of the story is: after four rounds of the 2007 Handicapped Swiss Pairs David *David W1* Endacott of London and Jean *cameo Fidler* of Sheffield are in 11th spot, while two of our top rated and most successful players are 11 places below them.

The pair balancing the entire field on their shoulders have a combined PPI (past performance indicator) that is 30% higher than that of cameo and David.

Also part way up the field are several less experienced players – showing a clean pair of heels to some well-known people.

No names for the other players – I would like to remain friends with them all.

I suspect that in future special competitions will see a stronger entry from 'underdogs'. Let's hope so, as slow and steady can definitely win the race – or at least do well – in our flighted competitions.

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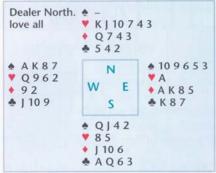
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BARRY RIGAL'S DEAL FROM AMERICA

MY letter this time is actually from Yokohama, Japan, where two teams from England went to compete in the NEC Trophy. Team Hackett (Paul, Jason and Justin), with John Armstrong and Geir Helgemo, lost narrowly to eventual winners Netherlands in the semi-finals.

This was the critical deal - the first board of the second half:



All four tables bid to 4. For Hackett, Justin led the ◆3. Bertens rose with the ace to play a spade to the ace, then the ♣J to the queen. Jason now returned the \$Q (the natural play - but see below). Bertens won, played a diamond to the king, ruffed a diamond, crossed to dummy's VA and led the fourth diamond scoring his \$8 (it would do South no good to ruff high in front of him). He then ruffed a heart and exited with a trump and had to score two of the remaining tricks. A great +420.

The play went the same way in the closed room to the first three tricks, but after winning the &Q Schollaardt returned the ♦10 instead of a top spade. Helgemo won in dummy and played a spade, and Schollaardt did very well to duck (if he splits his honours declarer can come to 10 tricks; see below). Helgemo won cheaply in hand, played a heart to the ace, the ♣K to the ace, ruffed the diamond return, ruffed a heart, came to hand with the \$10 and led a third heart, ruffed and overruffed. The trump return now left Helgemo with a heart loser:10 imps to the Dutchmen.

In the other semi-final the play started with a club lead to the queen and a heart back. Then came a spade to the ace, a club to the king and ace and South exited with a third club. Declarer then crossed to the ◆A and led the ◆10 from dummy. South erred by splitting his honours and now declarer won in hand, played to the ◆K, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart, and led the last diamond.

Now South could ruff or not, but only scored his high spade, as dummy was down to all trumps. By not covering the spade you prevent declarer from ruffing both diamonds, except at the cost of an extra trump trick. If you cover he gets to use up one of your high honours and ruff two diamonds.

It was the duck that did it!





♠ K 7 ♥ A 3 2 ♦ A 9 8 4 2 ♣ A 5 4

A competition you can all ente

TAKE a look at the four defer

situations here and give your answer

each question, with a brief explanati

competition: for players up to a including County Master; for those

to and including Regional Master; a

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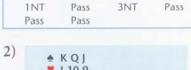
the hand below after the auction show

for those with higher ranking.

There are three categories in o

of your reasoning.

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		



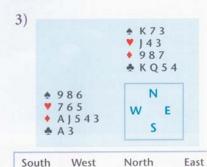


South	West	North	East
1.	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
49	Pass	4NT	Pass
5*	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West leads the \$3. How do y defend?

4) ♣ K ♥ K 5 4 ♦ K432 ♣ AQ J 10 7 A 4 3 A Q 10 W E Q J 10 7 S ♣ 842 South West North East Pass Pass

Your •Q lead is covered by dummy's ◆K and East's ◆A. Declarer ruffs and leads a trump. Can you defeat this spade game?



Pass

Pass

You lead the •4 to your partner's • and declarer wins the .O. At trick t declarer leads the \$6 from his har Plan the defence.

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BRIDGE KEEPS YOU YOUNG!

A special trophy to mark Jean's century

BORDON Bridge Club in Hampshire is proud of its senior members, who are always a joy to play with – polite, kind and courteous. At this year's AGM one senior member was singled out for extra attention. The club has created a new trophy to mark the 100th birthday of Jean Barrow. The trophy will be known as The Jean Barrow Centenary Salver.

Jean has been playing bridge for 90 years, having been taught the game as a child by her parents. Her membership at Godalming, Liphook and Petersfield clubs, as well as Borden, shows that her enthusiasm and enjoyment of bridge has not diminished with age.

She is always immaculately dressed, with never a hair out of place, which is no doubt a reflection of her career as a model in her younger days. In short, Jean is a shining example of the perfect bridge club member and the Bordon club is delighted to be able to wish her ongoing good

Fred and Bunty - 70 years wed





Jean Barrow

health, so that she can continue to grace the club with her charming presence.

Jean attributes her good health to a small whisky every evening. AS they celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary Fred and Bunty Dunham also look back on more than 30 years of membership of Wakefield Bridge Club, having joined the club in the early 1970s and been stalwart members ever since.

After retirement in the 1960s they took up the game under the guidance of their elder son Patrick, at that time a Leeds University champion and now a leading light in the Ashby club in Leicestershire.

Both Bunty, aged 95, and Fred, a mere 93, have served the club as president and in various other offices, while Fred was for many years a member of one or other of the club teams.

The couple have always enjoyed their bridge and take great delight in the mental exercise involved in keeping up with the twice-weekly duplicate sessions. Both as partners and opponents they are known as the most courteous of players and are firm believers in playing the game for the fun and enjoyment it brings them and others.

Their anniversary celebrations, spent largely in the company of their many friends, included a testing evening of bridge!

Bridge helps hospice to tune of £34,000

EXETER Golf and Country Club bridge section's 14th annual charity Swiss teams in aid of Hospiscare raised £3,025 for the cause, bringing to more than £34,000 the amount that has been contributed from these events to Exeter and District Hospice.

Generous sponsors, a well-supported draw and a charity lunch all helped to ensure the success of the day, which was contested by 36 teams of four

Paula Lawford, trustee and chairman of The Exeter Hospice League of Friends, made the draw and presented The Lyn Butterwick Salver and cash prizes to the winners. Paula expressed her thanks and stressed how important events such as these are in financing the continuing and expanding work of Hospiscare.

Ann Ewins, Robin Giles, Keith Ponsford and Mike Ball won the Lynn Butterwick Trophy, with Richard Carter, Chris Bray, Carol Ritzen and Nicky Sandom second and

Bob Arnheim, Inga Homewood, David Kirkness and Mary Waterfield third.



Paula Lawford presents the Butterwick Trophy to Ann Ewins, Robin Giles, Keith Ponsford and Mike Ball



Bell and Robertson race clear to collect under 19s title

By Michael Byrne

EVERY year the Easter Festival is held in London and it is always hotly contested, especially the main pairs competition for the Guardian Trophy.

For anyone under the age of 25, however, the festival holds a different interest. It is when the under 19 and under 25 pairs championships are held. In addition three years ago a new competition was created, the Junior Tollemache, in which competitors slug it out for the chance to win the GW Arnott Davidson Trophy.

This year the two teams that made the final of the Arnott Davidson were the North and the South East. It was a hard-fought encounter, but just as with open bridge the North triumphed over the South.

The North team contained several members of the current under 20 England squad, namely Liam Jones, Mark Dessain, Tom Rainforth, James Thrower and the new partnership of Rob Myers and Adam Hickman. The final pair was Alex and Jacob Grembicki, recently from Poland and sure to be a huge success in junior bridge to come.

The losing side was Dan McIntosh and Katy Lee, Damian Bell and Sam Hunt, David Faria and Sebastian Bunyan, Robert Sassoon and Giles Ip.

In the under 19s championship a tremendous victory was achieved by squad pair Justin Bell and Graeme Robertson, who finished 6% clear of the field and racked up a second session of 73%.

This was one of the hands on which they scored well:



A diamond lead would have been more awkward, but faced with a blind guess North chose a club. This gave declarer a chance to build up a club trick and pitch his diamond loser from hand.

At another table James Paul made what one might politely describe as an imaginative unusual no trump call on the North cards (a seven count and only five-four in the minors) and East came in with a conventional 3• to show support for spades. This was a thoughtful call, but allowed Katy Lee to get in a cheap double for the lead and 6• was duly defeated, giving James and Katy a top.

In the under 25 championship competition was close throughout, with Mike Bell and Joe Mela just leading from Ed Jones and Simon Cope after the first session. Ed and Simon took the lead after the second session however and didn't relinquish it

Two slam deals came up in the last set of six boards. The first was a straightforward small slam, which Ed and Simon zoomed into for +1440.

This was the second one:



Joe and Mike bid 1 - 1 = 2NT - 3 = 3 = -?

Joe Mela ended the auction with a lazy jump to 6♠, missing the laydown grand.

Ian Angus and James Rogers (playing against Ed and Simon) showed how to get the job done. After the same start they had a cue-bidding auction in which East showed both his diamond controls and invited a grand and West had enough information to bid seven. Well bid and a triumph for the patient route!

Although Ed and Simon lost imps on this deal, they won their final match and the tournament by 16 imps.

It was great to see so many young players battling it out in their own sub-division. I can't help feeling a bit jealous that I was considered too old to play!

Under 25s 1 Simon Cope and Ed Jones, 2 Michael Bell and Joseph Mela, 3 Susan Stockdale and Dave Cropper, 4 Ian Abel and David Dawson, 5 Ian Green and Sarah Pinchbeck.

Under 19s 1 Graeme Robertson and Justin Bell, 2 Mark Dessain and Liam Jones, 3 Daniel McIntosh and Robert Myers, 4 James Paul and Katy Lee, 5 Adam Steven Hickman and Simon Spencer.



Justin Bell and Graeme Roberts

First junior bridge camp in England promises great fun

THIS summer (August 3-10) sees the first English-based Junior Bridge Camp to be held in Hiatt Baker Hall, Bristol writes Mark Reeve, chairman of the camp organisation committee. This is an excellent opportunity for all player aged between 16 and 25, regardless of their ability, to attend such an event.

These camps, normally run by the WBF, either in Europe or in the USA are great fun and provide an excellen opportunity to meet, socialise and play with other bridge players of similar age

I attended my first camp in Piestany in Slovakia last summer, which was one of the most enjoyable weeks of my life As a result a few friends and I decided to try organising a camp here in the UK.

The format is similar to that of the WBF camps, consisting of championship pairs competition on the weekend (August 3-5) to be broadcas live on Bridge Base Online Vugraph with the rest of the week consisting o more 'friendly' events, such a randomly-drawn pairs, speedball and so on. There will be a number of lecture: given by our resident experts (Davic Burn, Roland Wald, Frances Hinden Jeffrey Allerton and Sandra Landy) to cater for all levels and abilities and there will be excursions and evening entertainment as well.

For full information, please consult the website, www.juniorbridgecamp.co.uk or email Mark Reeve (chairman@juniorbridgecamp.co.uk) The cost is £175 for the week.



YOU QUESTION – JEREMY DHONDY ANSWERS



Why was revoke rule altered?

ALAN Chapman of Wiltshire says

With a fairly high age level at my club, we have had quite a number of revokes. One player, whose partner had revoked at a previous table, on a later hand asked her partner if she could follow when she trumped. An opposing player told her she was not allowed to do this. I have read Law 61,B which states defenders may ask declarer, but not one another. Could you please explain the reasoning behind this rule?

In a book I have of the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge dated 1975 Law 61 states 'Any player, including dummy, may ask a player who has failed to follow suit whether he has a card of the suit led'

Could you say why this rule was altered and explain what possible damage this can do to declarer other than to avoid him getting an often overly compensated adjusted score? I note, incidentally, that the law is not enforced in America.

What would be the downside to our club choosing not to enforce it?

YOU are quite right that older rules allowed questions about a revoke by the defenders, but this was abolished in the 1987 changes. I believe the was do thinking to communicating information between partners. 'No hearts, partner?' is not only a question, but a way of expressing surprise, ie 'I wasn't expecting you to show out at this point'. If dummy asks declarer then there isn't a problem of unauthorised information.

There are some regulations, and this is one, that whole zones can opt out of. You are correct that North America has chosen to opt out. They found that the little old ladies (of both genders) simply sat with a card open at the end of a trick, refused to quit it and looked meaningfully at partner. I think they couldn't stomach the education process that would have had to follow.

Your club cannot opt out of this any more than you can play with 54 cards or six suits. If you don't follow the laws of bridge you are not playing bridge, but some other game. Thus anything that is in the law book is

compulsory, but items published by the EBU that are regulations rather than laws are not always compulsory. An example might be that your club could choose to allow only certain conventions and not follow level three, four or any other level, but they could not decide that the penalty for an established revoke was to stand on a chair and sing the Birdy song, or at least if they did it would be in addition to the tricks transferred.

PETER Clark, by email, says

Recently at my local club I was playing against a friend and managed to catch him out with a psyche. I hasten to add that I am not in the habit of making regular psyches, nor am I writing to crow. However, I have been wondering about the ethics of this type of situation.

The circumstance was one in which I actually had very little risk as I had a clear escape route to my partner's higher-ranking suit. I am wondering whether there is any code of ethics when making psychic bids that suggests there needs to be a degree of risk that partner might take the wrong action based upon the psyche before it is deemed acceptable practice?

Dealer North. 4 -North-South V A J 10 9 6 K J 10 7 Game ♣ A K 8 3 ♠ A K 9 8 4 2 ♠ Q J 10 7 N **9** 8 5 **9**43 E ♦ 8532 Q964 · 952 41 S ♠ 653 ♥ KQ72 ♣ Q 10 7 6 4 South West North Fast 3**(**iii) 1♣(i) 2♠(ii) 3. Pass Pass Pass (i) Precision (ii) Weak jump overcall (iii) Psyche

North-South can make 13 tricks in hearts. Perhaps North should have taken alternative action over West's 3, but he downgraded the hand based on the heart call. The question I am raising

is whether or not the psyche from West is in the spirit of the game or the ethics of psyching if you like, given that it makes it very difficult for North-South to find their heart contract, but carries very little risk for East-West. West is virtually certain that North-South have game/slam on and that he can retreat safely to spades when doubled.

I know that psychic bids are often made in a situation such as Pass, 14, 14. The 14 bid may be made on a poor hand with only three spades and could prevent the opposition from finding their spade fit.

However, the crucial difference here is that the bid carries the risk that partner will start raising in spades with no obvious safe alternative suit to run to. In my example above, the psycher has an obvious safety net and I would be most interested to hear how this sort of bid is viewed by those who set the laws and ethics of the game.

ON the hand itself North did not do very well because he essentially gave up and bid the only game where his partner would find it difficult to bid on. The psyche of 3 had actually created more room and I would have bid 4 over it to indicate my club fit and spade shortage.

If West had bid 4 it would have been difficult to find a heart fit and I am sure North-South would have been most likely to play in clubs.

As far as psyching in these positions is concerned the rule is that the psyche must be as much a surprise to your partner as the opponents. While you are right that where you have the higher ranked suit you have a degree of safety, suppose the opponents ignore you and bid to large numbers of clubs. Now if you avoid leading a heart because on the last 27 occasions your partner was psyching, you have information that your opponents don't, so this is not a level playing field.

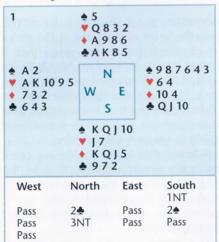
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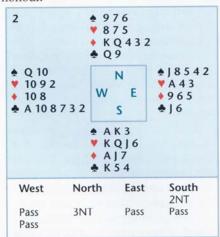


PRIZE DEFENCE ANSWE

QUESTION master Andrew Kambites gives his view of the best line of defence in our April competition and awards prizes in three categories:



The bidding shows that South has four spades and implies that North has four hearts. You have two choices: lead a passive minor suit in the hope that declarer struggles, or try to set up four heart tricks to go with your A. Without the A I might be persuaded to start with the \$10, hoping that partner could gain the lead and return a heart or I might go passive. Holding the ♠A I would certainly attack hearts. Lead the ace, because this is likely to bear dividends if partner has the ♥Q or ♥J, or if declarer has a doubleton heart honour.



West leads the ♣7 and dummy's ♣Q wins the trick. This is a hand where you must plan your whole strategy immediately.

First if the \$7 is a fourth highest then declarer has just one card higher than the ♣7. Unless that is the ♣A the clubs will run. However you must unblock the &J at trick one.

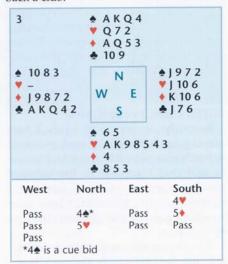
Second, West has between five and seven points. Unless the clubs run you are unlikely to beat this contract.

Third you should decide now what you

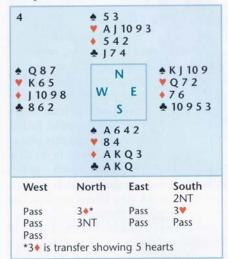
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intend to do if declarer calls for a low heart from dummy at trick two. There would be some implication that the diamonds are solid for declarer and it would appear likely that he may be trying to steal a ninth trick. Therefore unblock the ♣J at trick one, take the *A at the first opportunity and fire back a club.



West leads the ♣A followed by the ♣K. If declarer has solid trumps it is hard to see this contract failing as declarer is likely to make seven hearts, three spades and a diamond. Your best chance is to try to persuade everybody at the table that you have a doubleton club. Follow to the ♣A K with your ♣J 7. West will be fooled, leading a third round, but hopefully declarer will be sufficiently worried to trump in dummy with the VQ. Then play low when declarer leads a trump from dummy and you will hopefully make a trump trick.



Declarer wins your ♦J lead with his ♦A, East following suit with the •7 to show an even number. Declarer now leads the v8 from his hand. You don't know how this hand will develop, but you do know the layout of the heart suit. With three hearts South would have converted 3NT to 4v. With the ♥Q declarer would have led the ♥Q at trick two to avoid blocking the suit. Therefore declarer has a low doubleton heart and East has queen tripleton. You can hold declarer to one heart trick by rising with your VK at trick two. If he tries to make more than one heart trick he will end up with none at all!

Bob Rowlands DOUBLES QUIZ Answers from page 21

Dealer West, Game all

North South West East 2*(i) Pass 2♥(ii)

(i) Multi 2♦ – weak two in either major, strong two in either minor or strong balanced

(ii) Relay allowing West to show what he really has

What would you bid with?

(a) ♠K 10 8 4 ♥3 ◆A | 6 4 ♠K | 7 6 Double - Takeout double of hearts (only the immediate double of the 2. opening is value showing, probably fairly balanced)

(b) •4 ♥A Q 9 3 •A J 5 4 •Q 8 5 4 Pass – West will probably convert to spades and you can then double for takeout. If West passes 2♥ they are welcome to it

(c) ♠A 4 ♥5 3 ♦K 10 4 ♣A Q J 9 8 4 3♣ – If West has the strong balanced variety (unlikely) this will be expensive, but passing could result in your side missing game

(d) ♠K 8 3 ♥J 7 3 ♦A K 8 4 ♠K 5 4 Pass - Since partner failed to act over 2 (he would have doubled with 13-15 points) you are unlikely to miss much

BOOK REVIEWS by Nick Smith Quirky and absorbing tome is sometimes bridge off this planet

Bill Townsend, Bridge out of School, Vivisphere, SqueeZe Books, \$16.00

READERS of Bill Townsend's column in English Bridge may have some idea what to expect from this unusual book - then again, perhaps not. Townsend's title is a little misleading. Bridge out of School is something of a manifesto for bridge in schools and it envisages a world in which bridge might replace or complement subjects such as maths and modern languages on the national curriculum.

Far fetched? Not if current trends continue. Or so it tells us on the back cover. But then it goes on to say: 'Enjoy the story; enjoy the bridge hands; ignore the implications'! Inside, the publisher, Ron Garber for SqueeZe books, tells us, 'the bridge is fun; the plot line is disconcerting. Online printing strikes again.' Not exactly the most ringing endorsement.

But I feel that Townsend's quirky tome is a cut above many of the other SqueeZe titles, especially for a British audience. Some fascinating parallels are made between the language of bridge and the more abstract categories of English grammar. The story concerns the efforts of the Department of Real Education and Mind Sports (DREAMS) to embed (!) the game within schools and colleges and there is ammunition here for all of us who are

called upon to explain why the game is relevant to young people today.

Different characters represent different kinds of relevance, eg Brigitte Henstock is linked to its social and psychological aspects, while Harold Portlock is concerned with quantitative methods. The problems they face at the bridge table are generally designed to draw upon their designated areas of expertise. These are not entertaining Molloesque caricatures, so it does take a while to get to know one character from another, but the rewards often repay the effort.

Having said that, the story does stray into familiar territory when the cast is transported to Tongatapuan beach, dusky maidens, witchdoctors and all. In our PCconscious age, some would say it is insufficient that Mibuku and Chief Balumba are dazzlingly good card players, but perhaps we can just enjoy the quality of the hands there.

Bridge out of School? At times, it's bridge off this planet, but I found it oddly

Ray Young, Bridge for people who don't know one card from another, Foulsham,

WELL, don't say you weren't warned! It's a lengthy title for a very short (96 pages),

beautifully produced book. BFPWDKOCFA does exactly what it says on the tin, guiding the complete novice through to the point where he (or she) can sit down for a game of rubber bridge with some idea of what is going on.

Nothing is taken for granted. The order of the suits, what constitutes a 'trick', how to deal - everything is covered, so there is no need even to have played whist before. Chapter two provides a good introduction to MiniBridge and then we move gradually into the 'real thing'. There is an excellent eight-page glossary of terms, a reminder of just how much specialist language we bridge players use.

This lovely little book is by Ray Young, updated and edited by Sally Brock (in much larger print), bridge columnist of the Sunday Times, and the publicity blurb does not mention the unfortunate Mr Young at all, nor the back-story of this text. I believe it is Foulsham's first bridge title. No matter – the editing and production are superb.

As a reader of this magazine, you are (almost by definition) not someone who needs to read this book. But we all aspire to introduce the game to new players and this manual is as effective an introduction to the game as I have seen, short of actual hands-on tuition at the card table.

Act fast to sample European bridge

not too late to have a go at playing some international bridge and combine that experience with enjoying a great holiday, writes Sandra Landy. You might even win a

I am talking about the third European Open Bridge Championships taking place at Antalya in Turkey from June 15-30. The venue is the luxurious World of Wonders Resort, where most people will stay in either the Kremlin or Topkapi Palace hotels. All the bridge will be played on site.

I went to Antalya three years ago and found it a fascinating and friendly place; a region

the second century BC. Also you are never far from a waterfall; there are at least 20 in the area and I saw four of them, rating the Duden Falls the best.

But more about the hotels: they are amazingly good value, with the basic daily room rate (190 euros double, 143 euros single) including absolutely everything - all meals, all drinks, choice of many restaurants, all sporting and health club activities, night shows, even a hair cut so you don't even have to play bridge to enjoy your stay!

For full details visit the website www.eurobridge.org that abounds with ancient and follow the links. Cheaper

TIME is getting short, but it's ruins that go back to before hotels are available nearby, but you enter and you can make you have to pay 20 euros a day for the hotel facilities.

> If my maths is right, a couple could get fully comprehensive accommodation in the best person per day.

> So what about the bridge? championship programme is a bit confusing, as most events start with two days of qualification followed by finals. The full schedule is on the website, but the program includes mixed teams starting Saturday June 16, mixed pairs, open teams, women's teams, seniors' teams, open pairs, women's pairs and seniors' pairs.

You only pay for the events

up teams when you are there and enter the day before the event starts. All events are multi-national.

It's an excellent way to meet hotels for around £60 per friendly players from many countries. And for those with international aspirations it's an excellent training ground and a chance to learn what it's like to play against other countries. As a selector, I would like to see aspiring male, female and senior teams playing to gain experience and perhaps win the medals and prizes as well as European Master Points.

All you have to do to find out more is visit www.eurobridge.org Have a good time!

COUNTY NEWS

Congratualtions to the newly promoted **Grand Masters**

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Master Point promotions

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6 Star Premier Master Mrs K M Bartlett 2 Star

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Master Mrs H De Leon Fischer 5 Star Master

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Mr R Brodie Mr J Fischer Mrs G Houghton Mr EJ Walshe

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Avon

www.avoncba.org.uk

IN the South West regional final of the National Pairs the only Avon players to qualify for the national final were Sheila Hodges and Bill Maddox, who finished in a fine fourth place in the 60-pair field.

In the county leagues promotion from division three to division two has been won by the Bath team of John Doran, James Dunlop, Mike Huggins, Irene Robinson and Chris Jones. Division one has Andrew Smith, Cathy Smith, Ralph Smith and Steve Tomlinson battling for top spot with Graham Hartley, Mike Elliott, Tim Brierley, Richard Dunn and Paul Keightley. The lead in division two is held by Damian Nicholls, Richard Farrer, Bernard Mitchell and Gareth Evans, with Pat Chant, Peter Tilley, Margaret Harris, Mike Short and Richard Kendall in second place.

Mike Davies, Paul Keightley, Mike Elliott and Tim Brierley line up against Andrew Smith, Cathy Smith, Ralph Smith and Steve Tomlinson in the final of the county knockout, to be played over 48 boards. The winners will represent Avon in the Pachabo.

The final of the KO Plate matched Damian Nicholls, Bernard Mitchell, Richard Farrer and Gareth Evans with Mark Reeve, Robyn Dower, Marc Lee, Alan Jones and Jack Terry.

The result of the county pairs final was revised, but only the minor placings were affected. Result 1 Maureen Mobley and Patricia Holland, 2 Alan Jones and Mike Bell, 3 Margaret Harris and Richard Kendall.

In the Western League Avon leads C division and is third in A division. The B division team is presently a distant eighth. Latest results were a win for the B team (Bernard Mitchell, Richard Farrer, Gareth Evans and James Taylor) against Cornwall and a win for the C team (Alan Jones, Jack Terry, Tim Butler and Stuart King) against Hereford.

In the Gold Cup Mike Elliott and Tim Brierley, playing with four non-Avon members, are through to the

In the NICKO Mike and Tony Letts, Brian Goalby, Tony Gammon, Huw Oliver and Andrew Urbanski are through to the fifth round.

The county mixed pairs final at the West of England BC attracted an entry of eight tables. The leading positions were 1 Andy and Cathy Smith, 2 Alan Jones and Sandra Cooper, equal 2 Diane Harris and Paul Gagne.

Bedfordshire

www.bedsbridge.co.uk



AS the county events programme draws to a AS the county events close, we continue to have a good turnout at most events.

Val Lawson and dual member Jackie Davies won the ladies pairs, with Pat Skelton and Anne Stark second and Rita Keable and Monica Lucy third. The men's pairs was won by

Stewart Pve and Chris Challinor, with John Neville and Mike Bale second and Chris Parkin and Mike Sim third. Bert Shiebert and Peter Scott retained their seniors' pairs title, with Alan and Saroj Ellis second and Rita and Brian Keable third. Leading veterans for the third successive year were Anne and Frank Stark.

Despite a bad start in the semi-final of the county pairs Ron Davis and Alan Oddie came through with a big score in the final to retain their title. They were joined as qualifiers for the Corwen Trophy by old timer Bert Shiebert and Bill Stanley, who put in a big performance to finish second, and by David Harris and Jon William. who were third. Val Lawson and Ian Wilson won the consolation final, with Maureen Westley and Roger Gaudoin second and Penny and Stephen Bligh third.

In the county teams of four league Tudor Rose (David Harris, Jon Williams, Alan Oddie and Ron Davis) won all their eight matches to top division one. Tanglin (Roy and Melek Drage, Gwynne Hughes, Graham Pointer, Colin O'Hara and Larry Redmond) are the division three winners, but they were hard pressed by the fast-improving Ousels (Justin Bell, Graeme Robertson, Michael Green and Jamie Findlay) from Bedford School. Division two has yet to be decided.

Alan Oddie has been appointed as county captain for the Eastern Counties League, taking over from Ron Davis, who is stepping down after five years of much-appreciated hard work in the role. Contact Alan if interested in playing in the ECL teams.

Graeme Robertson and Justin Bell did well to win the under 19s pairs at the Easter Young Bridge Challenge. The Bedford School team came second in the Schools Plate.

Alan Oddie and Iain Roberts won the Life Masters in the Ranked Masters at Kettering.

In the Bedfordshire Green Point Swiss teams the leading Bedfordshire players were Steve and Julie Abley, placed fourth with partners from Hertfordshire. Gina Dunn, Barry Holmes, Niall Perry and dual member Dave Dickson were eighth.

At the Norfolk Congress, Ron Davis and Lynne Emmett won the championship pairs, with David Harris and Jon Williams third. Rita and Brian Keable came third in the mixed pairs and third in the championship teams. Stewart Pye won the men's pairs and Val Lawson and Jackie Davies were third in the pivot teams.

Diary dates: June 14 Restricted pairs, Wilstead 7.30pm (qualifiers will be notified); July 15 Inter-county teams of four (Invitations have been sent out. Counties wishing to enter a team should contact county secretary Janet Marsh).

June 26 is the closing date for the submission of county reports for the next edition of English Bridge. Email elena@ebu.co.uk

Berks and Bucks

www.berks-and-bucks-cba.co.uk



THE Victor Ludorum is hotting up, with only two events to go, Chris CBA Burley is leading with 21 ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ points from Ed Scerri with 19, but there are

still several players who could win.

The winners of all divisions of the league of eight have been decided. New Amersham A won division one, Burnham A and C won divisions two and three, Risborough A won division four and Garden Room won division five. Captains putting results directly on to the web has greatly improved the results service; there will be a demonstration at the fixtures meeting and captains will have a chance to learn how it works.

In the league of four division one has been won by Mike Perkins and division four by Lee Duff, with the other two divisions yet to be decided.

Winners of the club teams championship were Sheila and Tony Cockerill, Steve Barrow and Richard Sheridan representing Yateley. The club pairs championship was won by Ed Scerri and Chris Burley representing South Bucks Bridge Centre. The novice pairs was won by Garry Sales and Lydia Lawson. The seniors' pairs was won by Alan Prior and Peter Finbow.

Diary date: June 3 Swiss teams, Windsor. If you can't play then do come along to air your views at the AGM, which takes place in the interval at about 5.15pm.

Cambs and Hunts

www.cambsbridge.org.uk

AT the EBU overseas congress in Cyprus Wendy Pollard won the open pairs and came fourth in one of the pivot teams events. Chris Jagger and Ian Pagan won the National Men's Pairs, with Victor Milman and Rod Oakford eighth and Roger Courtney and Robin Cambery 10th.

Catherine Jagger finished fourth in the National Women's Pairs. In the ranked pairs Catherine Jagger finished third in the Grand Masters' section and Nadia Stelmashenko and Victor Milman were sixth in the Premier Life Masters' section. Rod Oakford and Jonathan Mestel finished second in the Kettering heat of the National Pairs, with Joanne Caldwell and Ian Macdonald and Mike Seaver and Peter Morgan also qualifying for the national final in ninth and 10th places.

David Hodge played in the England team that won the 2007 Junior Camrose. University alumni Alex Foley and David Collier were also in the team. Cambridge won the 2007 Varsity Match by 29 IMPs.

In county events Chris and Catherine Jagger won the county pairs; Peter Bhagat won the county individual; Laurie and Meryl Ward won the new players' tournament; and Cambridge A won the Garden Cities qualifier.

The county C team won its division of the Eastern Counties league for the

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second year in a row. The A team finished second in its division and the B team finished third.

Channel Islands

www.cwgsy.net/community/ciba
IN the final of the county teams competition played in Guernsey Harold
Walden's Jersey team retained the title

it won last year.

Harold, with team-mates Douglas Romain, David Hole and Carl Harrison, was three imps up after 24 boards against Dick Langham, Rudi Falla, John Seymour and Lynne Williamson, but went further ahead in the second half to win by 33 imps.

Kay Johns and David Friswell played for the Jersey team in earlier rounds, as did Brenda Walker for the

Langham team.

The annual one day Green Point event in Jersey was won by John and Pat Panter. It was a fitting and popular, as Pat, who has organised this event for several years, is now handing over the reins. In joint second place were Susie Farnon and Robert Plumley and David Trestain and Pat Merriman. Last year's winners, Peter

and Gill Pitcher, were fourth.

The Jersey district league teams, played over six months, resulted in a tie for first place and after a countback Harold Walden, Douglas Romain, Kay Johns, Robert Brouard and Jane Watts-Wakeham were declared winners over Marion Miles, Cathy Hepburn, Meredith Case, Howard Basden-Smith, David Hole and David Friswell.

The Highfield Bridge Club drawn pairs for the Pat Grinstead Trophy was won by Jane Knight and Celia Skinner.

At the EBU Overseas Congress in Cyprus Howard Basden-Smith and Marion Miles finished a creditable sixth in the Swiss pairs and linked with Brian Youd and Sue Rankin to win their section of the pivot teams.

At Guernsey's AGM chairman John Seymour praised both the A and B teams for beating Jersey in the inter insular matches.

The Harland Trophy, awarded to the player who performs best in county and district championships throughout the year was won by Brenda Walker, with Dick Langham second and Rudi Falla third.

The Guernsey district open pairs was won by Ian Monachan and Alastair Kent, with Dick Langham and Rudi Falla second and Brenda Lihou and Brenda Walker third.

Cornwall

www.jkeast.freeserve.co.uk

CORNWALL'S Eastern League division one was won by the Liskeard Lot (Mike Booth, Colin Pote, Roger and Janet Puttnam), while the Four Ruffs (Ray Munden, Dave Thorne, Dave Mattos and John Finch) won division two. Western division one was won by the Shufflers (Wendy Miller, Wendy Thornton, Joe Bryant and Wally Heaton), with the Acolholics (Sue

Horley, Peter Polden, Stephen Crouch and Michael Rishworth) winning division two.

Another successful Newquay Congress was dominated this year by the presence of Brian Senior, who fell no lower than second in four competitions. Indeed, 'Who will beat Brian Senior?' gradually emerged as the theme of the congress.

Jenny Cant and Barrie Benfield nearly managed it in the Friday afternoon pairs, narrowly beaten into second place by Brian Senior and Geoff Wolfarth, with Owen Prior and Ian Macfarlane third. In the evening, however, Brian Senior, now playing with Ros Wolfarth, won by an impressive 10%. Pam Hirst and Avis Robertson were second and John Askew and Brian Browse third.

It fell to the Cornish pair, Wally Heaton and Wendy Thornton, to make a popular breakthrough on Saturday, regaining the Tregudda Cup, which they first won two years ago. Brian Senior and Geoff Wolfarth were second and Phil Palmer and Clive Dwerryhouse third.

The Fistral Cup, for the second echelon, was won Bridget McElroy and Ruth Edmondson, with Owen Prior and Ian Macfarlane second and Graham and Liz Jones third, while the third division, for the Collings Cup, was won by John Vaughan and Roger Eaton, with Michael and Sandra Baily second and Frances Barker and Richard Draycott third.

The Green Point Swiss teams was won by Anne Slee, Bridget McElroy, Ruth Edmondson and John Edwards, with Brian and Nevena Senior, Ros and Geoff Wolfarth second and John Askew, Brian Browse, Avis Robertson and Pam Hirst third.

There were two heats for the county pairs championship, won by Wendy Brown and Maureen Brinton, and Brian Edwards and Eileen Wilkinson. The final was won by Jan and Ken Keast, with Chris and Sandra Bickerdike second and David Stone and Mike Robson third.

The county knockout competition has been won by Jan and Ken Keast, Joe Bryant and Wally Heaton, who beat Margaret Warner, Janet Heath, Mike and Mary Robson in the final.

In the Torquay Spring Congress Wendy Brown and Maureen Brinton were third in the Friday evening pairs, while Mike Booth, Colin Pote, Pat Mead and Ruth Harvey were third in the Swiss teams.

Congratulations to the B team on winning its division of the South Western League and going forward to the national final in July.

Diary date: September 9 County AGM and individual competition, Ladock.

Cumbria

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GEOFF and Cath Bell won the CCBA sim pairs, with Peter Brown and Bill Wallis second and David and Janet Shepherd third. Geoff, David and Janet are all past or present officials of the association.

The inter-club competition drew six entries and was won by Barrow, with Eden and Workington second.

We played our always enjoyable friendly against the South of Scotland and can only blame the excellent tea at half time for turning a 72 imp lead into a final 8 imp defeat!

Our championship pairs attracted 22 entrants and was won by Mike Dunstan and Tony Parker, with David Latimer and John Robinson second and Ken Johnson and Colin Smith third.

Our pivot teams was poorly attended, but as always enjoyable.

Top team was Janet and David Sheppard, David Latimer and David Robinson, ahead of Geoff and Kath Bell, Ian Smith and Adam Aitken.

The Cumbria Congress was held at the Castle Inn, Bassenthwaite. Results: men's pairs 1 R Laughton and John Farmer, 2 Colin Woods and Dave Mullaney; ladies' pairs 1 J White and J Morris, 2 S Ryles and E Coldron; championship pairs qualifier 1 David and Rosemary Spencer, 2 Mike Ash and Ian Reeves, 3 Sue and Nick Woodcock; championship pairs final 1 Peter Collins and Nicholas Davidson, 2 David and Rosemary Nicholas Spencer; consolation final 1 John and Sandra Hudson, 2 David Burrows and Audrey Hibbert; Swiss teams 1 Sue and Nick Woodcock, George and Maureen McConkey, 2 Ed and Nancy Scerri, Peter and Jean Fairhurst; 3 Maria Budd, Malcolm Harris, Brian Senior and Tim Smith; Champagne Challenge 1 Ed and Nancy Scerri, 2 Barrie and Julia Newell.

Final event on this year's calendar was the Swiss pairs, which was won by Jack Etchells and Manel Trepte, with Phillip and Sally Wraight second and Geoff and Kath Bell third.

Eden Bridge Club hosted its popular Swiss teams and this was won by P Mollart, J Halliwell, L Smith and P Smith, with B Matthews, D Strawbridge, D Mullaney and C Wood second and A Bartlett, K Anderson, M Ash and I Reeves third.

Derbyshire

www.dcba.org.uk



THE winter teams-ofeight league winners for 2007 are EMBC White (division one), Ripley A (division two), British Rail B

(division three), Matlock B (division four) and Rolls Royce C (division five).

The Eric White teams-of-four championship was won by Peter Kelly, Alex Hogg, John Armstrong, Howard Melbourne, Don Smedley and John Griffin. The plate was won by Mike Clayton, Amanda Grimsey, Judy Lomas, David Wright and Tony Wakeling.

Derbyshire players have done extremely well in national competitions.

Alex Hogg and Peter Kelly won the EBU Grand Masters pairs. with Don

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Smedley and John Griffin second.

Alex and Peter, having won the regional final of the National Pairs at Solihull became Midland pairs champions. They went on to finish fourth in the national final.

Malcolm Young and Mo Logan won the Solihull regional final of the Portland mixed pairs and came fifth nationally.

John Armstrong, with players from other counties, won the Leicestershire GP teams competition. Don Smedley and John Griffin came third in the GP pairs

The summer events are now under way, with the Swiss teams running on alternate weeks. Teams are welcome to join this competition at any time.

Diary dates: June 27 Individual championship; July 21-22 Green Point pairs and teams competitions, at EMBA, Spondon; July 25 men's/ladies' pairs championships.

Devon

www.devonbridge.co.uk



HEARTIEST congratulations to Jim Grant and Stefan Lindfors who, with two players from Somerset, have won the

Silver Plate, the secondary competition of the prestigious Gold Cup. Also, with Alan and Jette Bailey, Jim and Stephan have retained the Devon teams title, beating Brian Cook, Peter Lucas, Steve Dooley and Bernie (Kingsbridge) in the final to qualify to represent the county in Pachabo Cup.

In the regional final of the National Pairs at Bristol, Devon's Elizabeth Highton and Richard Lingham, Mike Hamon and John Beard, Jim Grant and Stefan Lindfors and Brian Cook and Steve Dooley came first, second, third and sixth respectively to qualify for the national final.

In the Cornwall Congress at Newquay Ruth Edmondson and Brigid McElroy won the secondary pairs and Brigid, with Ann Slee and John Edwards, won the Swiss teams.

Results at the Devon Congress: championship pairs 1 Nethie and Geoff White, 2 Peter Wood and Richard Lingham, 3 Bill Ellis and John Harriman; secondary pairs 1 Ian MacFarlane and Owen Prior, 2 Timothy and Patricia Mantle, 3 John Osmond and Pat Hore; consolation pairs 1 David Owen and Mary Hughes, 2 Terry Cannon and Phil Palmer, 3 Ken Nelson and Heather Brace; Swiss teams 1 Janet Smith, Doris Hutchinson, Lynne and Ron Heath, 2 Amos Bridgman, Ann Slee, Brigid McElroy, and Ruth Edmondson, 3 Colin Pote, Mike Booth, Pat Meade and Ruth Harvey.

We are sad to report the deaths of two longstanding Devon members.

Ted McDermott was a stalwart of Devon bridge for many years and his name will be found on many trophies. He gave encouragement to promising young players, many of whom went on to play to a high standard.

Mike Young was a founder member

of Torquay Bridge Club. He served (many committees in the county ar won many competitions. His courte and dry humour will be sadly missed

This edition of English Bridge w be the last to be edited by Brian Coc of Kingsbridge. He has been editor for six years, following Ken Rowe (al: Devon), who was editor for the prev ous nine years.

Diary dates: June 17 AGM fo lowed by Swiss teams; June 29-July EBU English Riviera Congress; July 2 Devon one day Green Point Swi teams.

Dorset

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PHIL Norman an Chris Bradley third and Hilary Brai and Chris Stevens fift

in the Premier Life Masters section (the Ranked Masters. Harold Wayne an Chris Jagger were 11th at the Harrogat Congress Swiss pairs.

In the Avon and Wiltshire one da Green Point Swiss pairs Ann Sharple and Helen Ackroyd finished third, wit Pam Hirst and Avis Robertson sixt and Paddy Bowen and Brian Brows 10th. Best in the Swiss teams were Par Hirst, Avis Robertson, Paddy Bowe and Brian Browse (eighth).

Martin Brook and Daphne Philipp came seventh in the National Pair regional final to qualify for the nation al final, while Hannah Kearns and Eileen Rundle won the Nationa

Newcomers Pairs at Romsey Bournemouth Bridge Club (Mile Cowling, Martin Brook, Mike Pownall Mark Hooper, Daphne Philipps Michael Organ, Helen Ackroyd and Ann Sharples) will represent Dorset in the Garden Cities regional final.

Janet Smith, Doris Hutchinson and Lynne and Ron Heath won the Devor Congress Swiss teams, where Richard Vessey and Claire Hillyard were third ir the championship pairs and Briar Browse and Paddy Bowen eighth.

County results: Weymouth College Trophy 1 Hilary Brain, Chris Stevens Keith Bartlett and Clive Russell, 2 Janet Smith, Michael Gore, Ron and Lynne Heath, 3 Mark Hooper, Deborah Berwitz, Michael Organ and Roy Riley; Gee Trophy 1 Michael Organ, John Howitt, Ann Sharples and Helen Ackroyd, equal 1 Richard Vessey, Claire Hillyard, Janet Smith and Harold Wayne, 3 Miles Cowling, Daphne Philipps, Deborah Berwitz and Mark Hooper.

Diary dates: June 3 Allendale Trophy, Allendale BC; June 17 Bournemouth Green Point one day Swiss teams, Bournemouth University; June 24 Simeon Cup pairs, Bournemouth BC; July 15 Boston Cup, Shaftesbury BC; August 5 Weymouth Cup, Allendale BC.

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Essex

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TWO Essex pairs, Ray Clarke and Simon Moorman, Tessa Beer and Ray Cornell, played in the regional final of the National Pairs and

qualified to contest the national final. In the Bedfordshire one day event the team of Chris Megahey, John Sutcliffe, Roger and Jill Tattersfield fin-

ished in third.

There were good results for Essex players in the Harrogate Congress. Alan Mayo and Peter Franklin won the Swiss pairs and Sue and Chris Taylor were second in the mixed pairs.

The county teams of four trophy was won this year by Martin Smith, Ted Cockle, Alaric Cundy, Chris Megahey and Roger and Jill Tattersfield, who beat Michael Watson, Peter Scotting, Sandy Riach and Phil Collier in the final.

Results of other Essex competitions are as follows: Essex Spring seniors' pairs 1 Tessa Beer and Ray Cornell, 2 Manny Marks and Danny Roth, 3 Catriona Lovett and Len Williams; Gwen Herga ladies' pairs 1 Jill Hair and Yvonne Dias, 2 Margaret Curtis and Jill Tattersfield, 3 Ann Morgan and Angela Fenton; Gwen Herga men's pairs 1 Chris Megahey and John Sutcliffe, 2 John Phillips and Conrad Warwick, 3 John Birch and Rod Hudson.

National Newcomers heat 1 Anne Padley and Noel Padley, 2 Carol Archer and Trevor Archer, 3 Chris Rastin and Dave McCarthy.

Essex pairs 1 David Duffy and Bernie Harrison, 2 Sandy Riach and Robert Elliott, 3 Allan Greenstein and Yvonne Dias; consolation final, 1 Val Mollison and Paul Mollison, 2 Ted Cockle and John Williams, 3 Peter Oake and Ian Green.

Diary dates: June10 Non expert teams; June 20 Summer seniors' pairs; July 15 George Curtis Swiss teams; July 21-22 Essex/Hertfordshire one day Swiss pairs and Swiss teams.

Hants and IoW

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THE Newcomers' event at Romsey was well supported and reported to be enjoyed by those who

took part. It is hoped, therefore, that we will run some similar events next bridge year to take place in tandem with some of the standard county events, using the small hall. We hope this will be a good way to introduce new players to bridge on a slightly more competitive level, some of whom will then wish to graduate to playing in other county events.

County results: Andover mini-Swiss teams 1 Chris and Richard Ray, Steve Preston and Dave Huggett, 2 John Jones, Mac Nurmohamed, Mac Lowcock and Bo Deyal, 3 Tricia Brooks, Marion Rudd and Gayle and Colin Webb; No Fear pairs 1 Shamani Hoole and Mike Sullivan, 2 Gary Batchelor and Derek Flux, 3 Sandra Ruffell and Mary Lucas.

Diary dates: June10 AGM noon, followed by the Finale pairs; July 1 Joyce Pick open Swiss teams. Unless otherwise noted, the above are held at Romsey and start at 2pm. Entries to Lillian Craigen 02380 254276 or events2@hantsbridge.org

Herefordshire

www.herefordshirebridge.com

A TEAM representing Herefordshire (John Griffiths, Sarah Mathews, Ben Britton and Mike Ralph) came third of 10 in the Beck Cup competition organised by Oxfordshire Bridge Association.

County competition results: club teams of eight 1 Hereford A; multiple teams of four 1 K Neale, L Scott, J Holder and J Homes, 2 P Watts, D Weller, B and T Paske, 3 S and D Munday, J Griffiths and S Mathews; Ace of Spades (for players with Master Point ranking below Advanced Master) 1 J Dowdle and R Wilson, 2 J Kingston and H MacDougal, 3 J Crosland and N Lyons; county championship pairs 1 P Watts and D Weller, 2 K Fairweather and J Thacker, 3 S Allin and S Mathews: mixed pairs 1 K Fairweather and J Thacker, 2 L Drew and B Underhill; knockout teams 1 J Griffiths, P Watts, D Weller, S Mathews and T Truluck.

Diary dates: June 16 HBA and GCBA Green Point Swiss pairs, Larruperz Centre, Ross-on-Wye 1pm; June 17 HBA and GCBA Green Point Swiss teams, Larruperz Centre, Ross-on-Wye 11am.

Hertfordshire

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IN the Ranked Masters pairs Alan Kay was second, with Derek and Celia Oram fourth in the Premier Grand Masters pairs and Richard Irwin and Barbara Kime sixth in the Premier Life Masters pairs.

In the Bedfordshire one day Swiss teams David Stimson and Julian peers were in the winning team and Tugrul Kaban, Steve Abley, Julie Abley and Richard Irwin were fourth. In the Leicestershire one day Swiss pairs Tugrul Kaban and Andrew were fifth.

In the Portland Pairs Roger Gibbons and Anne Flockhart were fourth.

Meanwhile in the GolfPrint Trophy Dyrham Park (Howard Levene, Stewart Wiseman, Malcolm Landau, Beatrice Fess) just failed to hold on to their title on a split tie.

Celia and Derek Oram led the qualifiers at the Kettering heat of the National Pairs, while Bill Blackman and Sheila Evans also qualified.

At the Easter Festival in London Alastair Gidman, Jackie Davies, Sandra Nicholson and Krys Kazmierczak won the Swiss teams A flight and Maria and Simon Budd were third in the Swiss pairs A flight.

Result of the county championship pairs final was a win for Alan Kay and Dave Walker, with Mike Aslett and Helen Robinson second and Celia and Derek Oram third. The Humble Cup final brought victory for the team of Paul Littlewood, Bob Turnham, Karima Basse and Roy Button over Derek and Celia Oram, John Cuthbert and Sally Bennett. The winners will represent Hertfordshire in the Pachabo.

Desmond Flockhart Trophy: 1 WGC C (Bill Gordon, Harry Sille, Helen Robinson, Mike Aslett, Roberta, Martin Rodney, Bill Thurl and Francis Eddleston (won on a split tie), equal 1 WGC A (Tony As'ad, Anne Flockhart, Alan Kay, Roger Gibbons, Dave Walker, Piers Fuller, Vernon Gaskell and Peter Clark, 3 Hemel Hempstead B (Pat Jacobs, Gill Fisher, Jane Collier, Mike Bett, Pat Henry, Susie Bond, Natalie Shachar and John Naylor).

Marjoric Lukyn final 1 Ånne and Cliff Short (won on a split tie), Equal 1 Bill Blackman and Sheila Evans, 3 Jon Williams and Malcolm Harris.

Seniors' pairs 1 Anne Flockhart and Mike Hancock, 2 Malcolm Harris and Maria Budd, 3 Diana Nelson and Bert Smith.

Diary dates: July 21 Hertfordshire/ Essex Green Point Swiss pairs; July 22 Hertfordshire/Essex Green Point Swiss teams. Contact Mike Minting at mike@mintingm.freeserve.co.uk to book these events.

Kent

www.kcba.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Karen Pryor and John Griffiths, who won the National Ranked Masters Pairs; to Christine Kempton and

Marian Hunt, who came second in the National Women's Pairs; to Barbara Schultz and Mirna Goacher, who won the Swiss pairs B flight at the London Easter Festival; and to Dean Mortlock and Brian Crack, who came top nationally in a heat of the BBL Spring sim pairs.

The pioneering Kent Green Point bracketed teams competition was successfully held in Canterbury, under the care of chief TD Rachael King. The consensus of opinion is that the format worked very well.

Bracket A was won by Denis O'Donovan, Dave McVey, Clive Cubitt and Peter Law; bracket B by Nick Barlow, Malcolm Pryor, Karen Pryor and Norman Inniss; bracket C by Malcolm Judge, Linda Radford, Margery Rumbelow and Bob Shilling; bracket D by Philip and Kate Morgan, Val Mollinson and Elaine Green; bracket E by Graham Ford, James Henderson, Richard Bird and Ian Galletti; and bracket F by Cyril Parker, Chris Brian, Sophie Scott and Janet Batson.

Other Kent results are as follows:
George Griffiths Cup Seniors' pairs
Colin Mahrer and Tony Baber; Hunter
Homines men's pairs Brian Crack and
Dean Mortlock; Fleming Femina
ladies' pairs Brenda Tolhurst and Janet
Rumsey; Larsky Cup Kent pairs championship Brian Crack and
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Tunbridge Wells, are becoming more popular. Now, besides good bridge, a quality lunch is also served and much enjoyed by all.

Committee news: Brian Evans has been appointed county bridge officer; John Cullingworth has been appointed area secretary for Mid Kent; Malcolm Lewis has been co-opted on to the committee. The post of area secretary for South West Kent is still vacant and the committee would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to fill this position.

Diary dates: June 10 Mitchell Salver multi teams, Tunbridge Wells 11am; June 17 Green Point Butlerscored Swiss pairs, Tunbridge Wells 1pm; July 15 Phillimore Cup Swiss pairs and AGM, Tunbridge Wells 11am

Kent clubs that would like their club competition results and news to be included here should send them to alison@cherrytc.co.uk

Lancashire

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CONGRATULATIONS Nick and Sue to Woodcock and George and Maureen McConkey on winning the teams at

the Cumbria Congress. Nick and Sue's son Andrew finished first in the Blackpool Easter Festival, playing with Catherine Draper. Nick and Sue also won the North Wales Bridge Association's Spring Congress teams, playing with Andrew and Veronica Petrie.

Sowerby Cup 1 Nick and Sue Woodcock, 2 Peter Mollart and John Halliwell, 3 Tracy Capal and Jackie Pye; Bury Spring Swiss pairs 1 Alan Whittam and Paul Evans, 2 Pauline Holden and Robin Atkinson, 3 Stanley Blaiwais and Bob Townsend: Lancashire ladies' pairs 1 Kath Nelson and Tracy Capal, 2 Barbara Heaton and Linda Stuart, 3 Helen Montgomery and Meg Henderson; Lancashire men's pairs 1 Austin Barnes and Stuart Norris, 2 Bill Wattleworth and Anthony Butler, 3 Jeff Smith and David Audley.

Diary dates: June 1-3 Yorkshire Congress, Harrogate; June 10 Gazette and Herald Trophy (multiple teams), Blackburn Bridge Club; June 22-24 Northern Seniors' Congress, Harrogate; June 30-July 1 North Wales Green Point Swiss pairs, Llandudno; July 1 Lancashire v Cumbria, Lancaster Bridge Club; July 7 Northern Bridge League round one; July 21-22 North West Green Point Weekend, Risley (Entries to Megan Taft at 01282 692026 or e-mail megan.taft@btinternet.com); 26-29, Northern Summer Congress, Scarborough; July 28-29 President's Cup, Merseyside Bridge

Leicestershire

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WE were all saddened by the death of league secretary Dennis Yates and extend our deepest sympathy to his family. Originally a member of the Hillside Club, Dennis was one of the

founding fathers of the Goodwood Club and remained the driving force behind that club until the end. Dennis chaired the LCBA league committee for a number of years before taking on the onerous duties of league secretary in 1997.

Victories in their last three matches in the Midland Counties league ensured that our first team retained the Dawes League Trophy for a third time. Our second team finished with two wins and a draw to be runners-up in the Porter Cup, but sadly our third team slumped to three defeats and finished fifth in the Markham Trophy.

Ben Gibson, Christina Brewster, Joan Gibson, Chris Heames and Michael Osborne, losing finalists last year, went one better this time by winning Leicestershire's teams-of-four championship. In the final they beat Simon Stokes, Tim Glover, Yasser Haider and Peter Neville.

As the winners cannot field a full squad Leicestershire will be represented in the Pachabo by a mixed squad drawn from the finalists. Alan Langley, Hugh Cairns, Dick Pathan and Geoff Shaw won the associated plate competition.

The Leicestershire pairs championship was won by Paul and Susan Bowyer, with the holders, Jim Mason and Nick Stevens, a close second, George and Mary Brown third and Irene Krantz and Tony Odams fourth.

In the teams event at Leicestershire's annual Green Point Congress Dick Pathan, Nick Stevens, Simon Stokes and Yasser Haider finished second, while in the pairs Paul and Susan Bowyer were fourth and Brian Marlow and Robert Northage fifth.

Barkby Bridge Club's annual charity Swiss teams raised £600 for charities. The event was won by Steve and Anne Wright and David and Julie Lashley, with Henry and Beryl Cooklin, Gerry Bucciero and Bob Parker second.

Leicestershire League final placings; division one 1 Clarendon, Loughborough A; division two 1 Blaby A, 2 Loughborough University A; division three 1 Westcotes, 2 Golf; division four 1 County C, 2 Hathern; division five 1 Swan in the Rushes, 2 Barkby B.

Other results: Aggregate scored teams 1 Susan Bowyer, Paul Bowyer, Duncan Happer, Jim Mason, Tony Odams and Simon Stokes, 2 John Thompson, Brenda Coltman, Ray Le Vesconte and Alan Lord; mixed pivot teams 1 Susan and Paul Bowyer, Duncan Happer and Tony Kitson, 2 Irene Krantz, Tony Odams, Bill Gray and Peter Halford, 3 Jean Wightman, Brian Marlow, John Milne and Simon Stokes.

Men's pairs 1 Arthur and Paul Bowyer, 2 Tim Glover and Peter Neville, 3 Yasser Haider and Simon Stokes; ladies' pairs 1 Valorie Challands and Pat Simpson, 2 Sheila and Susan Stockdale, 3 Marjorie Gilbertson and Pat Watson; restricted pairs 1 Greta Cole and Keith Preston, 2 Robin Fraser and Bill Harvison, 3 Richard Lewis and Chris Sleigh.

Leicester Mercury Trophy for learners 1 Christine Leader and Marian

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Diary dates: June 6 LCBA AGM and Presentations, Countesthorpe; June 22 Completion date for SKO and Plate round of 16; July 20 Completion date for SKO and Plate quarter-finals; July 26 Three counties competition, Spondon.

Lincolnshire

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FIVE teams contested the Garden Cities heat -Welton, Lincoln, Louth, Horncastle and Victory Scunthorpe. went to the Horncastle

team of Mo Parsons, Maurice Ladlow, Di Barclay, R Tupper, Debbie Burton, Barbara Maplethorpe, R Watson and Mary Milnes. Victory earned the team a place in the regional final.

The Vincent Cup (men's pairs) resulted in victory for Ron Wall and Brian Smith, with Maurice Ladlow and Andrew Green second and Stuart Knox and David Caldow third.

The Sidney Vincent Cup (ladies' pairs) was won by Mo Parsons and Carole Rushforth, from Shirley Wimbles and Trish Herring, with Brigid Hughes and Brenda Goodacre third.

The Veterans Cup went to Di Barclay and Tom Welch (on a split tie). Roy Hughes and Ron Wall had to settle for second place, with Elaine Proctor and Maurice Lynn third.

Diary dates: June 17 Green Point Swiss teams, Spalding; June 24 Ghost Pairs (great fun with pre-set hands scored by IMPs with that of imaginary expert team partners. There will be a N-S and E-W winner).

London

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MANY congratulations to Rob Cliffe, who won the first Premier Grand Masters pairs, and to Gordon Rainsford and Dom Goodwin, who

won the Premier Life Masters pairs the same weekend.

Luke Porter also deserves special mention for winning the regional heat of the National Pairs at Leatherhead and then coming second in the national finals. Paul Lamford and Stefanie Rohan were second at Leatherhead, but did not do quite so well in the final.

In one day events Gitta Hecht Johansen won the Leicester Swiss pairs and Geoffrey Lederman was second in the Bedford Swiss teams. Ian Abel was fourth in the under 25s pairs. Well done to all of them, and to Simon Cochemé and Tim Gauld, who were members of the winning England team in the Corn Cairdis friendly match v Ireland.

London had a good measure of success in the Easter Festival: Richard Harris was second in the open pairs, Nick Sandqvist won the mixed pairs,

with David and Heather Bakhshi third, and the team of Neil Treeby, Dave Strawbridge, Nick Surface and Roy Cooper came third in the B flight Swiss teams.

Best results came from the championship pairs, where Ross Harper won, Nick Boss was third and Liz Clery and Ryan Stephenson were fifth, and from the A flight Swiss pairs, where Nick Sandqvist and Tom Townsend were equal first and David Bakhshi, again playing with his wife Heather, was equal fourth.

Garden Cities heat 1 Woodberry (Nigel Freake, Anne Catchpole, Colin Rolph, Gill Ken Hepworth, Paul Doug Dunn, Hutchinson, Lamford and Stefanie Rohan), 2 Young Chelsea (Chris Duckworth, Brian McGuire, John Pemberton, Andrew Dalton, Rob Cliffe, Ian Payn, Simon Cochemé and Tim Gauld).

Fox Shammon Trophy 1 Simon Cochemé and James Smith, 2 Vivian and Tony Priday, 3 Charles Moore and Sati McKenzie.

Diary dates: June 3 London Trophy and London Plate finals, RAC Club 2pm. (Spectators welcome at this prestigious new venue - contact Cecil Leighton on 020 8500 0700); July 5 LMBA Annual General Meeting, Young Chelsea BC 7pm.

Manchester

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IN the National Pairs the Northern Pairs Trophy remained in Manchester hands when John Holland and Michelle Brunner won the regional final at Bradford. Jeff Smith also qualified for the final, playing with Andrew Petrie of Lancashire, as did David Pennington and Rod Franks. Unfortunately Michelle was not available for the final.

Well done to the three Manchester Bridge Club teams, who have all reached the last 16 in the NICKO.

Congratulations to Monica Bolton and Alan Mould on their marriage. They have been partners (in life not bridge, Monica doesn't play) for 20 years. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Congratulations to Michelle Brunner, John Holland, Alan Mould and John Armstrong on winning the EBU/Leicester Swiss teams.

The Cheadle Hulme team of Robert Jones, Derek Gray, Mary Costagliola and Royce Alexander has won the Higson Cup (previously the Infirmary Cup). It is a first win for all the team, after some notable near misses in the past.

In the Higson Plate the winning team was Barry Keen, Stuart Hunter, Ian Mabon and Sue Thompson.

Congratulations to David Collier and Mike Bell who finished third nationally in the BGB sim pairs, playing at the Manchester Bridge Club heat. Mike Bell, who has recently moved to Manchester, also finished second in the under 25 Pairs playing with Jo Mela.

Manchester players did well in the championship pairs at Blackpool

Easter Congress. Andrew Woodcock won playing with Catherine Draper of Kent, Joy and Irving Blakey were second and John Holland, playing with Greer Mackenzie, was third. In London Paul Hackett won the championship pairs with Ross Harper.

Bramhall BC held a successful teams-of-eight competition. Seven teams took part with the Marple Duplicate BC team of P Booth, J Jones, P and J Clarke, J and R Bayley, S Massey and H Potts winning the event.

Portland Pairs: Bernard and Rhona Goldenfield finished seventh of 393.

National Newcomers Pairs: Anne Turner and Judy Stelfox finished fifth of 222, with Peter Jackson and M Jabbar, Susan Triggs and Graham Winn, Karen Reissmann and Irene Davies all in the top 30.

In the EBU Youth Bridge Challenge Rick O' Connor, with a partner he had not met before, lost in a close final of the Harry Scully.

Manchester's Jennie Marvin and Elizabeth Roberts are challenging for a place in the England team to contest the European under 25 girls' championships in Italy this summer.

Merseyside/Cheshire

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CONGRATULATIONS to Ted Reveley and Bill Niccol, who have continued their recent successes by retaining the teams title at the Harrogate Congress (their team-mates were Jon Williams and Alan Oddie). Ted and Bill also finished third in the Swiss teams at the Cwmbran Congress (assisted this time by Jon Williams and David Harris).

Two local partnerships finished near the top of the field in the Portland Pairs. Chris Pope and Joan Marray were third and Bill Niccol with Tracy Capal of Manchester were ninth.

The county ladies' pairs drew its usual large entry and the result was 1 Nan Stephens and Sheila Grey, 2 Avril Thompson and Joan Marray, 3 Kathy Wilde and Jean McKeown.

The charity teams event at Merseyside BC in support of Claire House was won by John Herbert's team, with Lollo Murthwaite's four second.

Deva BC results: championship pairs 1 Bob Pitts and Pete Broster, 2 Chris Pope and Simon Edwards, 3 Bob Mitchell and Cress Murless; championship teams 1 Jean and Peter Hand, Wyn Williams and Sheila Shea, 2 Peter Swingler, Hayden Roberts, Bob Pitts, Steven Doubt and Pete Broster; pivot teams 1 Peter and Jean hand, Paul Holt and Sheila Banham; individual 1 Frank Salt, 2 Keith Perry.

Diary dates: June 2-3 Annual match v Dublin LBC; June 7 Liverpool BC open pairs; June 10 Eric Howarth Trophy open Swiss teams, Deva BC; June 14 Jim Davies Swiss teams, Heswall BC; June 21 County AGM, MBC; June 26 Bill Hughes sim pairs, MBC; June 28 Liverpool BC open teams; July 7 NCL round one; July 21 GP weekend, Risley; July 30-31 BGB sim pairs, MBC; August 4-5 Presidents Cup inter-county teams, MBC.

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Middlesex

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HEATHER Dhondy and Nicola Smith were in the England team that finished a close second to Scotland in the Lady Milne. Martin Jones was the npc. At the Camrose Artur Malinowski, Neil Rosen and Martin Jones were in the England team that narrowly lost out to Republic of Ireland, the holders.

Well done to Heather Dhondy and her London partner Rob Cliffe on winning the Premier Grand Masters Pairs. Jeremy Dhondy and Alan Kay of (Hertfordshire) finished second. Mandie Campbell and Ben Hackenbroch were fourth in the Life Master Pairs.

In other national events Graham Orsmond was sixth with Jackie Fairclough of London in the Portland Pairs and Anil and Arti Lakhani placed third in the National Newcomers

At the London Easter Festival, Nevena Senior and her London partner, Nick Sandqvist, decisively won the mixed pairs, while Heather Bakhshi and David Bakhshi (London) were third and Catherine Seale and Ian Pagan sixth. Brian Senior and Kumiko Ishii placed second in the championship pairs, with Richard Johnson and Nick Boss (London) third.

Gary Jones and Jerry Harouni won the Easter Swiss pairs, with Heather and David Bakhshi fourth. Simon Cope and Ed Jones won the under 25s pairs.

In the Swiss teams Anne and Neil Rosen finished third with Kent teammates Ian Draper and Jeremy Willans.

Jacqui Tobias and Waseem Naqvi won the Middlesex mixed pairs, with Anne Rosen and Jeremy Dhondy second and Jill Feldman and Neil Rosen third.

The Middlesex teams of eight was won by Ace of Clubs A (Neil and Anne Rosen, Jeremy Dhondy, Noorul Malik, Jeff Alper, Ivor Miller, Catherine Seale and Ian Pagan). Pinner Bridge Club A (Brenda and Geoff Foley, Janet Cohen, Valerie Durbin, Greta King, Harry Ashar, Charlotte Vine and Ron Adam) finished second.

Nevena Senior was first in the Leicestershire Swiss pairs with Gitte Hecht-Johansen (London) and Brian Senior was second with Sandra Penfold (Yorkshire).

Middlesex members Ian Pagan, Andre Gubbay and Barry Murray, along with Geoff Lederman (London) came second in the Bedford Swiss teams.

Jeffrey Alper and Wendy Tabor won the pre-congress Pairs in Cyprus.

Diary dates: June 18 Middlesex AGM, Acol BC 7pm (After the meeting everyone is invited to participate in the Committee Cup, a multiple teams of four event (Closing date for entries June 11).

The Middlesex league has been retained by Harvey Bengen's team.

Please do not hesitate to report any points of interest for this column to Middlesex press officer Heather Bakhshi, email hsbakhshi@aol.com

Norfolk

norfolkbridge.co.uk

THE Norfolk Congress was again well attended and well organised, thanks to Sheila Warner, while senior TD Malcolm Carey officiated with his customary minimum of fuss. At the prize giving Robbie Roberson received an award for his many years of service to the county. Principal results: Norfolk Cup 1 Ron Davis and Lynne Emmett, 2 Mike Fletcher and Graham Horscroft; King's Lynn Shield 1 John Brocklehurst and Peter Ison, 2 Nadia Stelmashenko and Victor Milman; Swiss teams 1 Alan and Olivia Woo, Mike Walsh and Steve Dannell, 2 Andrew Thompson, Graham Horscroft, Mike Bull and Mike Fletcher; ladies' pairs 1 Christine Buchanan and Sarah Beecham; men's pairs 1 Mike Fletcher and Andrew Thompson; Friday open pairs 1 Peter and Myra Burrows; mixed pairs 1 Rosemary Mascall and Norman Denny; teams 1 Alan and Olivia Woo, Mike Walsh and Steve Dannell; pairs 1 Bill Crymble and Nick Watts.

Norfolk A won their first fixture of the Eastern Counties League new season, beating Cambs and Hunts 20-0. A storming second half saw them come back from a first-half deficit. The B and C teams fared less well, losing 0-20 and 7-13 respectively.

Norfolk County trophy event results: Committee Cup, Beccles (P Rowlett, T Geshke, D Thompson, P Whittley, R and B Howlett, R Alphonso and T Hogarth), 2 R Thornley, C Mallon, Giles Ip, G Bowden, A Hourd, D Ellis and P and H Gaskin;

North Walsham Trophy 1 A Brown, M Connolly, N Block and M Scutter., 2 R Amey, G Faulkner, D Newstead and T Noble.

Diary dates: June 8 Shaw Trophy, Girls High School, Norwich; June 16-17 Norfolk and Suffolk joint Green Point event, Thetford; June 21 King's Lynn Trophy (teams of 4) at West Newton, June 22 Gender Pairs at GHS, July 20 Mills Knight/Broke Trophy mixed pairs, GHS; July Wymondham Trophy restricted pairs, Abbey Hall Wymondham. There is also an extensive programme of summer open pairs - see norfolkbridge.co.uk for a full list.

North East

www.ncba.co.uk



NEWCASTLE BC held a successful and wellattended one day congress. Ian Rankin and Mike Stanbury won the championship

from Peter Prince and Alan Lester and the consolation final was won by Sue Caygill and Chris Stenning, with Pat de Leeuw and Robert Stead runners-up. David Morrison and Rhona Stead won the open pairs, followed by Renee McMahon and Margaret Gilbert.

Two hundred partnerships contested the NEBA Spring simultaneous pairs, in which Andrew and Ann Welsh emerged the winners, followed by E Richardson and K Durkin, with third

place going to G Parker and G Coupland.

St Georges Bridge Centre was the venue on All Fools Day for the annual NEBA Swiss pairs. G Cox and A Graham won the event ahead of R Watts and J Graham, with husband and wife Brian and Pauline Somerville third.

During April our inter-club league was completed and Hurworth A succeeded in winning the title and go forward to represent the North East in the Garden Cities Trophy. Brunton A were runners-up.

Winners and runners-up of the other divisions, all of whom are promoted, were B division Wearside A and Morpeth A, C division Darlington B and Cramlington A, D division Morpeth B and Hurworth C, E division Brunton C and Newcastle B, and F division Hartlepool В Cramlington B.

Diary dates: June 10 Hurworth Congress, St Georges Darlington; June 17 Northern Swiss pairs, Alnwick; June 20-22 EBU Seniors' Congress, Harrogate; June 24 Arnold Deane Memorial Trophy, Brunton; July 7 Northern Bridge League; July 8 Summer pairs final, St Georges; July 22 Summer Swiss teams, Hexham; July 26-29 EBU Summer Congress, Scarborough. Full details of all events are on the website.

Northampton

www.northantsbridge.info

IN a close Broke Cup final the team of Graham Dolby, Simon Few and Ian and Liz Coltman gained 14 IMPs on the last two boards to win by 4 IMPs and qualify to represent the county in the

The Eden Cup was won by John Larkin and Jim Bainbridge, who led the field by more than 5%. Colin Tuton and Sheila Parkhouse were second. These two pairs will represent the county in the Corwen.

The south-west half of the winter league was won by Mike Wiggins, Len Shulman, Ross Stacey and John Josephs, who then beat the north-east winners (Trevor Thrower, Marcus Witt, Mike Gore Browne and Bill Chadwick) in the playoff.

Winners in the inter-club league were Stamford A (division one), Peterborough B (division two), Orton (division three north) Northampton B (division three south). Orton went on to beat Northampton B in a playoff.

Daniel Baines and Robert Miller finished second in the Premier Life Masters after being promoted from the Life Masters. Graham and Berry Hedley came second in the Portland Pairs.

The county had four pairs in the National Pairs final, with Daniel Baines and Robert Miller finishing eighth and Graham and Berry Hedley ninth. The other two pairs were Jim Deacon and Chris Wormleighton and Bob Vajda and Margaret Dowell.

Kieran Tilley reached the final of the Harry Scully trophy, losing the final by 11 IMPs.

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January winter teams NE 1 Jim and Susan Deacon, Chris Wormleighton and Robert Miller; February winter teams NE 1 Trevor Thrower, Marcus Witt, Mike Gore Browne and Bill Chadwick: January winter teams SW 1 Doris and David Moss, Christine and Eddie Luck; February winter teams SW 1 Pam Peacher, Marjorie Whiteside, Glenys Baron and Peter Dunn; Eden Cup final 1 John Larkin and Jim Bainbridge, 2 Colin Tuton and Sheila Parkhouse, 3 Mike Wiggins and Graeme Winterburn; Murchie Lerner 1 Mike Keogh and Jurdy Pearce, 2 Christine and Eddie Luck, 3 Roger Blackmore and David Dyer.

Nottinghamshire

www.nottsbridge.org.uk

IN the county match against Warwickshire, the Nottinghamshire first, second and third teams lost 4-16, 4-16 and 3-17 respectively.

Against Gloucestershire the Nottinghamshire first and third teams lost, 0-20 and 2-18, while the second team won 12-8.

The Journal Cup was won by Gordon Fullerton and David Burgess, with Frank Ball and Eric Nunn second and John and Irene Auld third.

The President's Cup was won by Clive Kaye, with John Auld second and David Burgess and Gordon Fullerton equal third.

Leading scorers in the new Butler IMP series were 1 John Auld, 2 Irene Auld, 3 Graham Lee.

Oxfordshire

www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk



PLEASE note that this is your last chance to participate in the Oxfordshire Congress June 23-24 (for details see advertisement on page 22 in this

magazine).

Oxfordshire players have dominated the national scene with a flurry of successes:

Sandra Nicholson, Krys Kazmierczak, Alastair Gidman and Jackie Davies (Hertfordshire) won the Swiss teams at the London Easter Festival, while the National Newcomers pairs featured Richard Sills and John Briggs (Oxford BC) as the winning pair from a field of 222.

Rita Todd and Alastair Gidman came third in the Regional Masters pairs at Kettering and Sandra Nicholson and Krys Kazmierczak reached fifth place in the National and Premier National Masters category.

In the Dawes/Porter/Markham league, under county captain John Williams, Oxfordshire celebrated its best season, winning the Porter, and being runners-up in both the Dawes and Markham divisions.

Congratulations to Nick Smith, Alan Wilson, Richard Lonsdale and Stuart McPhee on winning the President's Cup, the annual county teams of four championship. They will now represent the county in the Pachabo.

The last two seniors' events of the winter season were won by Clive Keep and Mike Brown in March and Krishan Jalie and Geoff Nicholas in April. Krishan and Geoff emerged top of the overall ranking over the past six months to win the Sadler Seniors' Silver Salver.

Oxfordshire will soon be producing a newsletter on a regular basis for all clubs and their members. It will be edited by Malcolm Simpson. Please phone 01189 772191 or email your news (results, activities, letters, queries etc) to Malcolm648@btinternet.com.

Andrew Robson's seminar hosted by the county at Oxford BC proved a huge success, attracting 68 participants, plus a waiting list of 16.

Another coup for the county was the Oxford Times Cup, a pairs event for less experienced players. The newspaper sponsored the event by providing a handsome honours board and generous prize money and the editor was on hand to present the prizes (see photograph page 26).

The winners were Heather Saysell and Andrea Brown. For the first time at this event the county provided special prizes for the winners (Lesley and Richard Budgen) and joint runners-up (Carol Benzie and Peter Sherry; Sabina Pugh and Howard Arnes) in the Genuine Newcomers category.

Wessex league winners: division one Menagerie B, division twp Abingdon A, division three Thame B, division four Wantage A, division five Aylesbury Vale B.

Diary dates: June7 Tuesday championship play-off, Oxford BC; June 11 Oxfordshire BA AGM and management committee meeting, Oxford BC; June 23 Oxfordshire Congress championship pairs and friendly pairs, Benson Village Hall; June 24 Oxfordshire Congress Green Point Swiss teams, Benson Village Hall; July 1 Dawes match v Gloucestershire (away).

Somerset

somersetbridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Rob Lawy who, with Devon team-mates, won the Silver Plate, beating an Edinburgh team in the final.

The Avon/Wiltshire Green Point Swiss pairs was handsomely won by Mike Powell and Brian Greenwood with a fantastic score of 117 out of 140. They also teamed up with Marion Blackhall and Ray Harper to finish joint fifth in the Swiss teams.

Congratulations also to David and Gina Howard with Bill Rowe and Caroline MacPherson on reaching the last 16 in the Crockfords Cup. Also to Roger Sweet, Colin Juneman, Steve Tomlinson, Ralph Smith, with Steve Turner, on reaching the fifth round of the Gold Cup.

In the Charity Challenge sim pairs Marjorie Dilworth, playing with Roger Sweet, finished 6th nationally.

Well done to Marianne Lewin and John Perry, who were the only Somerset pair to qualify for the final of the National Pairs.

Latest county results: the Swiss teams was won by John and Shirley Durrant with Glenda Shave and Stewart Upton, while the Lundie Rees was won by Brian Cosby and Chris Loughlin. CM's Langport won A division of the county league, AP's Winscombe won B division and EW's Bridgwater won C division.

Staffs and Shrops

www,wolverhamptonbridge .org.uk/Staffs

PAUL Cutler successfully captained our Tollemache team, which not only won its group, but also eliminated last year's winners, London, from the competition. The successful team was Robin Adey, Geoff Davies, David Beavon, Roger Keane, Brian Cornelius, Gary Hyett, Barbara and Justin Hackett, Judy and Malcolm Mitchell, Ian Pendlebury and Dave Smith. Special congratulations to David Beavon and Roger Keane, who were top of the Butler.

Brian Cornelius, Gary Hyett, Michelle Brunner and John Holland won the Coronation Cup, our county invitation event, with Roger Bowles, Keith Shuttleworth and Judy and Malcolm Mitchell second. A team from Warwickshire finished third.

Pat Poxon, James Vickers, Dave Clarke and Norman Jones won the Nottinghamshire invitational teams.

The county sim pairs was won by Paul Leese and Roy Martin, with A Harris and D Glasscock second and R Bleasdalde and L Glasscock third.

The Wolverhampton Yuletide Pairs was won By Jackie Rose & Brian Windmill. Jill Charles & Alan Davies were second and Roy Edwards& Jane Stirton were third.

Neil Seargeant and Sue Yardley won the Wolverhampton mixed pairs from Rita and Paul Braddock. Winners of the championship pairs were Dave Clarke and Norman Jones, with Jenny Matthews and Dan Croft second.

The £100 runner-up prize in the Santa Claus pairs was won by Jane Charnell and Albert Tipton, while Paul Hackett finished third.

On the international scene Jason Hackett won the teams at Donegal, while Paul won the pairs and the teams in Cuba and then went on to finish second in the Life Master Pairs in the American Nationals in Honolulu and completed the week by qualifying for the final of the Reisinger, considered by many to be the world's toughest event.

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



THE team of Peter Markwell, Claude Stokes, Julian Lang and David Morran beat Robert Green, Colin Bamberger,

Jeff Orton and Graham Beeton in the championship teams final. However, Robert's team will represent Suffolk in the Pachabo.

Eric Newman and Mike Sherer won the championship pairs, with Debbie

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Sutcliffe and Maria Allnutt second and Andrew and Jane Moore third. These three qualify to represent Suffolk in the Corwen Trophy.

Colchester and Sudbury clubs ran a successful joint Swiss teams event, with 25 teams taking part. The winners were Eric Newman, Mike Sherer, Mike Malin and Rick Hanley, followed by Mavis Denby, Mike Jones, Malcolm Gosling and David Hunt, with Julian and Penny Lang, Bim and Sam Wilson third.

The Felixstowe Congress will be held over two days this year, October 6-7. Pairs will be played on the Saturday and Swiss teams on the Sunday.

Diary dates: June 13 mixed pairs for the Ringer Cup 7.15pm; July 3 married pairs for the Lang Cup 7.15pm; July 18 seniors' pairs 7.15pm. All these events will be held at Stokeby-Nayland Golf Club.

June 16-17 Norfolk CB.A and Suffolk CBA Green Point Weekend, Breckland Leisure Centre. Thetford, Norfolk. For more information contact Mike Harnden on 01508 493048 or by email: mike@harndennorwich.fsnet.co.uk

Please note the new email address for Pauline Hanson, secretary, is pehanson@btinternet.com

Surrey

www.surreycountybridge.org.uk MANY congratulations to Peter Lee and Bob Rowlands on winning the National Pairs for the second time. Their winning margin was only .36%! Third, only .90% behind the winners, were another Surrey pair, Bob

McRobert and Arun Suri. In county events Stuart and Gwyneth Sather won the mixed pairs and Cindy Gregory and Ed Girdler won the newcomers' pairs.

Diary dates: July 15 Swiss pairs and AGM, Hilton Cobham 2pm. This event was a great success last year and more pairs would be welcome to attend this time. Entries to Frances Trebble or via the website please.

Sussex

www.sccba.co.uk



WE mourn the death of Ken Latty, who was well known both as proprietor of East Sussex Bridge Club and for his numerous articles published in various bridge magazines,

in which he was never afraid to express his views

Gentle, kind and with a keen sense of humour, Ken's warmth touched many people. He loved his bridge and



lessly for the club. which wife Barbara will continue to run. He will much missed. The Sussex

pairs final was won by Brenda Tolhurst and Janet Rumsey, with Matthew Hoskins and Andrew Southwell second and John Jackson and Leon Northeast third. These players go through to represent Sussex in the Corwen Trophy.

Eleven teams contested the annual Kremer Dersch competition hosted by SCCBA for its club committees. The winner was Lewes Bridge Club, with the county's own team second and West Sussex Bridge Club third.

The Spring Congress took place at Uckfield. The mixed pairs for the Doris Ogilvy Cup was won by Eddie Lucioni and Jean Smallwood, with David Municchi and Marie Gritt, second and Colin and Joy Graham-Hyde, third. The multiple teams was won by Dave Clifton, Chris Jepson, Matthew and Liz Hoskins, with Dave Franklin, Vida Bingham, Mick Carrington and Dave Armstrong second and Mike Dancy, Amanda Bolton, David Municchi and Marie Gritt, third. The basic bridge event was won by Rita Lyford and Roger Stevens from Christina Backholer and Iris Lee, with Frank Howard and Avril Strong third. The basic bridge pairs was won by Jean Hardy and Sara Scougal. Swiss pairs winners were Ian Lancaster and Gerry Stanford, ahead of Franklin and Neil Watts, with Roger Stevens and Beryl Pitman third. The student Welcome pairs was won by Pippa and Ian Greenwood, with Pam Duffield and Linda Pope second and Anne Foster and Pat Turvey third. Last, but not least, the Swiss teams was won by Jill Skinner, Jeremy Willans, Mike Kingsland and Martin Pool. Second spot went to Mike Keeping, Richard Burnett, John Williams and Shefton Kaplan and third to Ian and Liz Lancaster, Chris Jepson and Dave Clifton. Congratulations to all the winners.

The AGM brought the appointment of a new chairman, Jackie Clinton, who was previously chairman of West Sussex BC and is an experienced organiser and bridge player. We also saw the appointment of a new president, Martin Pool, who has given great help to the county over the past five years in his role as chairman. May Langmaid was made a vice-president.

Finally an apology to the top three pairs playing East-West in the basic bridge pairs at East Grinstead - that's what happens when you don't arrow switch! Sue Ebsworth and Bob Best who were first, Bill Hensby and David Harris second and Rita Lyford and Roger Stevens third.

Diary dates: June 3 Henfield Candles Swiss teams; June10 SCCBA novice Swiss teams, Keymer; June 24 SCCBA Swiss pairs, Ardingly; July 1 Venture pairs, Henfield Hall; July 15 basic bridge pairs, Hastings St Leonards; July 22 EBU/SCCBA Swiss teams, Hove.

Warwickshire

www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk THE 2006-2007 Midlands inter-counties league finished with fair results for

Warwickshire. In the last match of the Dawes competition a 3-17 loss against Leicestershire coupled with a Staffs 18-2 win over Worcestershire. pushed the county down a place. Final placings 1 Leicestershire, Oxfordshire, 3 Staffordshire, Warwickshire. The most notable performances came from David Jones, Mike Butler, Michael Allen, Roger Bryant, Steve Green, Glyn Preece, Peter Heatherington, Susan Stockdale and David Cropper. Welcome newcomers in the Dawes team were Dave Cropper, Susan Stockdale, and Rafel Langowski.

The Porter team, like the Dawes team, also finished with also finished with five wins out of eight, but had a better average and ended in third place, with best performances from Adrian Knight, Leslie Reece, Mike Morriss and Nick Woosnam.

The year's plaudits go to the Markham team, first place and the trophy, with seven wins out of eight at an average of 16 VPs per match. Overall best performances came from Paul Cotterill, Tony Cundy, David Hulston, Julian Wernick, Jon Downing, Liam Johnstone, Chris and Rob Evans, John Pyner and Vic Garrod Noteworthy newcomers were Moseley's rapidly improving Ali Imam and Abul Mostafa.

Congratulations to overall winners Carolyn Fisher and Susan Goldman in the Warwickshire sim pairs, with runners-up John Godderidge and Kevin New

At West Midlands BC this year's Greswolde Bowl was won by Adrian Knight, Leslie Reece, David Franks and Norman Selwyn, with runners-up Graham Sherlock-Brown, Larry Sayer, Beryl Latham and Terry Edge. In celebration of the reopening of the club following extensive renovations, there will be an exciting bridge feast from June 30 to July 8, including a Swiss teams on the opening day, the Millenium Cup pairs July 1, an exhibition match on July 2, men's and ladies' pairs on July 4 and mixed pairs for the Doyle Plate July 8, plus numerous competitions including a taster for would-be beginners, non-expert pairs, lucky dip, rubber bridge and duplicate. Details from Carolyn Fisher on 01675 442108.

Diary dates: June 3 Cock o' the County pairs 1.45 pm; June 20 Frank Cup teams 7pm; July 21 Charity Swiss teams 1pm, all at West Midlands BC; September 7-9 Coventry Congress, Coventry BC.

Please send entries for Warwickshire events to Darren Evetts, 52 Murcott Road East, Whitnash, CV31 2JJ or tel 01926 429 039.

Wiltshire

www.wcba.co.uk



THE premier league has now been completed and the winners were the Davies team by a

large margin - they won all their 11 matches. The team was Pat Davies, Gwynn Davis, Peter Austwick, Valerie

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Premier Master Mr M Dessain 3 Star

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Mr P Taylor

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Dr T Boyle Mr J R Capewell

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Mr A Frater Mr A Gembicki

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Advanced Master

The Bannister team finished second. Next year's competition starts on September 20.

Austwick and Chris Dixon.

The Western League match against Devon resulted in mixed fortunes. The A and C teams lost and the B team won. There are two more matches to be played before the end of the season.

The Cliff Sibley teams was won by Valerie and Peter Austwick, Pat Davies and Gwynn Davis. In second place were Gayle and Colin Webb and Gina and Frank Coltman.

Wiltshire's knockout was won by Richard Samter's team of Susie Gall, Norman Botton and Trevor Purches over the Sloan team from Swindon.

In the Wiltshire and Avon Green Point event the teams victory went to Ian Constable's team, but well done to Danny Miller's team, the highest Wiltshire quartet in fourth position. The pairs was won by Brian Greenwood and Michael Powell and here the highest Wiltshire pair was Katharine Hodgson and Roy France in eighth place.

The Wiltshire sim pairs was won by Frank Coltman and Don Burgess of Warminster, with Dave Hale and Sarah Cowell of Sarum second.

Worcestershire

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THE new county pairs champions are Sue Page and Ian Thompson. Diana Williams and Stewart Fishburne followed them and Sue Lane and Paul Hammond were third.

Ian and Sue also figured in our closed teams KO competition, sharing the honour of victory for the third time with Mike Willoughby, Simon Harrison and Peter Edwards.

Mike Orriel and Ross Garratt won the Phillipps final, with Richard Jephcott and John Sansom in hot

The Wormald individual competition, one of our oldest, resulted in John Sansom winning the open section and Ian Argyle claiming the non-expert top honour.

The veterans' pairs was a split tie, the verdict on countback going to Michael Cox and John Meiklejohn over John Turner and John Cattanach. Brian Wilkes, who learned bridge only two years ago, came third with Dieter Baer.

Congratulations to David Sheerin and Mark Stretch, who came equal first in the Blackpool Swiss pairs, and to Paul Hooker and Mike Theelke who were a ha'penny behind.

The Ron Allen Cup, our Garden Cities qualifier, brought out 12 teams. This was handsomely won by the Stourbridge BC a team composed of Ian and Georgina Lineker, David Banks, Brian Nightingale, Mike Heard, David Philpott, Audrey Cowdry and Graham Crookson.

Our county NICKO, which we call the WICKO, was won by Malvern BC, their stalwart team comprising Liz Potter, Heidi Collier, Helen Cameron and Angela Lane.

Diary dates: June 4 Seniors pairs, Holt 7.15pm; June 18 County and open teams, Holt 715pm; July 8 Stourbridge BC one day Swiss teams 1pm (Peter Edwards 01384 443878); July 8 Chairman's Cup, Holt 7.15pm (Restricted to those who left their beginners class up to and including five years ago - Richard Jephcott 01527 876928 or John Cattanach 01905 25265); July 30 BGB sim pairs, Holt 7.15pm (non-members welcome).

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FOR the second year running Tom Rainforth and James Thrower have been named as the EBU Young Pair of the Year.

Other successes by young players: Alex and Jakub Gembicki

(Chesterfield School), won the Harry Scully event; James Thrower, Mark Dessain, Chris Knight and Liam Jones (St J Fisher School, Harrogate) won the Schools Cup; Rob Myers, Mark Dessain and Liam Jones represented the victorious England team in the under 20s international; Alex Foley played in the successful England under 25s team.

Yorkshire players' achievements in national events included the following: Sandy Davies and Tom Gisborne won the Portland Pairs; Richard Winter and Graham Jepson were third in the Premier Grand Masters pairs, Sarah Teshome (with Cambridge-shire's Catherine Jagger) was third in the Grand Masters pairs, Martin Cantor and Bazil Caygill were third in the Life Masters pairs; Ian and Julie Grant were third in the Masters pairs and Alex and Jakub Gembicki were fifth in the National Newcomers pairs.

York A's victory in division one of the Yorkshire league was the first in 21 years by a team other than Bradford and Sheffield.

Results of other events: Peter Littlewood Seniors Pairs1 Barbara Boaler and Chris Quigley, 2 Pauline Cooper and Alan Martindale, 3 John Gibson and Terry Jacobs; Sheffield charity Swiss teams 1 Mick Lindley, Terry Jacobs, Denise Glossop and Sandra Monks, 2 Stan Haywood, Shirley Morrison, Gill Woodcock and Janet Rodgers; equal 2 Jean Stevenson, Margaret Maddy, Pat Latham and Joan Gordons; West Yorkshire open Swiss teams 1 Jim Proctor, Peter Franks, Mike Ingham and David Lewis, 2 Nick Woolven, Martin Edge, Cedric Cockcroft and Bill Townsend, 3 Sandy Davies, Carole Kelly, Tom Gisborne and Bazil Caygill.

Scarborough Congress: mixed pairs Maureen Tebb and Anthony Swiers, Flitch Margaret and Peter Savage, men's pairs 1 Steve Codling and Roger Taylor; women's pairs 1 Janet Whitley and Janet Thompson; championship pairs 1 Steve Codling and Peter Franks, 2 Dorothy Dransfield and Mavis Bamforth, 3 Joyce North and Bernard Swalwell; Swiss teams 1 David Colley, Janet Mason, Alan Martindale and Richard Hilton, 2 Peter Franks, Mike Ingham, Steve Codling and Peter Morris, 3 June Dyal, Margaret Maddy, Toby Wall and Ann Wall.

Castle Swiss pairs 1 Cedric Cockcroft and Jim Proctor, 2 Janet Mason and Richard Hilton, 3 David Robinson and David Waxman: Yorkshire individual 1 Roger Smith, 2 Peter Radley, 3 Wendy Kemp.

Diary dates: June 1-3 Yorkshire Congress (Harrogate); June 5 Nonleague Clubs Trophy, Tickton; June6 League Clubs Trophy, Tickton; June 11 John Gerrard sim pairs, clubs; June 15 county AGM and council meeting, Bradford; June17 Malton Swiss teams, New Earswick; July 1 Flitch, Harrogate; July 8 Waddington Cup final, Leeds; July15 Newcomers pivot teams, Doncaster; July 22 Harrogate Swiss teams.

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