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What a success the new congress at Harrogate proved to be! The attraction of this event, in a new venue, was so great that many players had to be turned away. And there are two more new events coming up. A congress just for seniors (over 50) and veterans (over 65) is being held down by the sea at Eastbourne in July, and June sees the launch of the Shrewsbury Summer Congress, which takes the place of the BBL Buxton Congress (see Page 29). Grab your partners, and book your places.

## Please, Minister

The campaign to win recognition of bridge as a sport goes on. As *English Bridge* was going to press, Phil Lloyd, General Manager of the EBU, and Peter Stocken, together with chess representatives, were having a meeting with Kate Hoey, Minister for Sport. Meanwhile members are urged to continue to put pressure on their local MPs whenever they get the opportunity.

## Pat Davies bows out

It's the end of an era. The British women's team, who have had outstanding success in recent years, have competed in their last world event. In future England, Scotland and Wales will compete individually. At the same time, Pat Davies, whose partnership with Nicola Smith has provided the backbone to the team, has decided this is the right time to retire from international bridge – Page 15.

## Read all about it ...

Who buys all the new bridge books that are available at the moment? New titles seem to be pouring out. In this edition we have two pages of book reviews – Pages 25 & 41.



Note that the EBU has a new postcode: HP19 8AZ

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## Refreshing the parts ...

By Alaine Hamilton

We are looking for a volunteer (or two) to join the Editorial Board of *English Bridge*. Numbers have reduced to EBU Chairman David Harris, Editor Ken Rowe and myself. Ken and I share similar backgrounds in news and books publishing, so I am hoping to find playing-members of the EBU with different skills and experience to contribute. These might usefully relate to online activities, or be connected with marketing and advertising.

The Editorial Board meets six times a year, and its main business is to guide the general direction of the magazine, review the issue just published and approve the content of the next one. Meetings are held at Aylesbury, and are usually attended by Phil Lloyd, EBU General Manager, Sue Maxwell, Marketing Manager, and Adam Dunn, Publications Executive.

There are also numerous volunteer proofreaders, so you don't have to be expert in that field – but please not dyslexic!

If you are interested in joining us, write to me c/o the EBU, Aylesbury.

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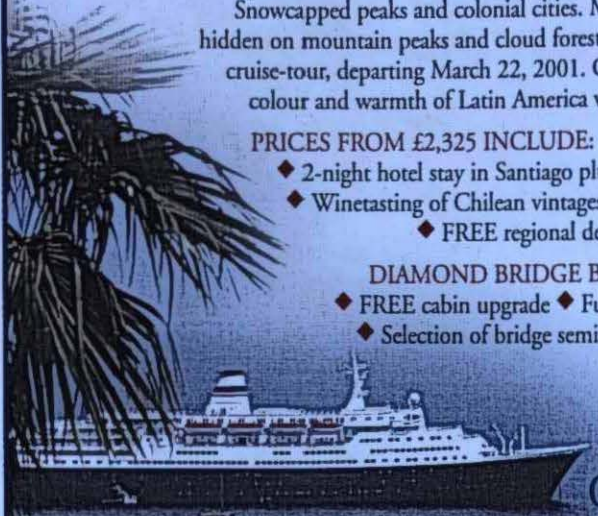
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David was born in Wales and brought up in Shillington, Beds. He became one of Bedfordshire's youngest ever county councillors at the age of 26, representing his own local area. He was appointed

## Profile of the new EBU chairman by Ann Mayhew

chairman of Further Education for the county and vice chairman of the Board of Governors for Luton College (he was a student at the college at the time).

After beginning his working life in the sales department of Vauxhall Motors in Luton, David moved into the construction industry, eventually founding his own business, Tudor Rose Estates. The company expanded into landscaping and property development but went under in the recession of the late eighties.

David cast around for a new career and, deciding on the law, called the Bar Council and asked: "I want to be a barrister, where do I sign?"

He gained his law degree at Luton and was called to the bar in 1997. He is a member of Lincoln's Inn and is attached to chambers in St Albans, Herts.

When David lost his business, he lost his beloved Porsche and switched to a mode of transport he had abandoned in his youth: the motorbike. David became a familiar figure on his Harley Davidson at college and at bridge clubs throughout the area, though he invested in a Yamaha XJ900 for his last year at Bar School in Holborn.

"I was afraid that the Harley would get stolen in London," he explained.

The Yamaha died in a collision last year. David was lucky to escape with a broken arm. He still has the Harley but uses it only occasionally.

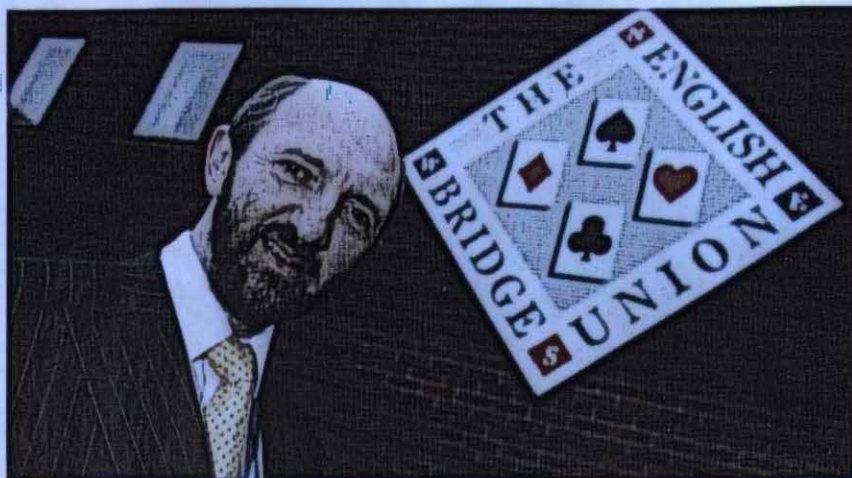
David discovered bridge when his first wife's grandfather moved to the area. He taught David the game and encouraged him to go to classes in nearby Barton-le-Clay. David began to play competitive bridge in 1980 and swiftly rose through the ranks to become a formidable opponent. He reached the rank of Grand Master in 1992.

He joined his county committee in the early 1980s and within a few years became vice-chairman, then chairman of Bedfordshire. He joined the EBU board about ten years ago and has been a member of the *English Bridge* editorial board since its inception.

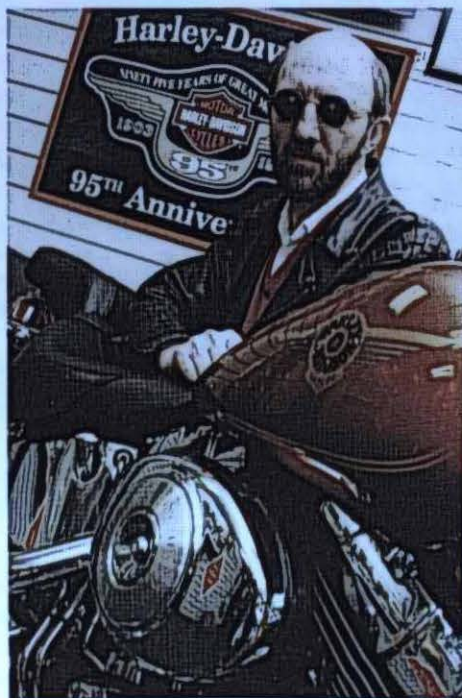
He is very keen to encourage junior players and successfully captained the Junior Camrose team this year, and the Peggy Bayer for the previous two years.

"They are the future of the game," he said, "and it is important to encourage them to play the game in the right spirit and to help with its promotion."

David's aim as chairman of the English Bridge Union is to form closer links between the Aylesbury HQ and the clubs, and between the counties and the clubs. He is keen to expand the service to clubs and to encourage the integration of all players within the EBU structure. He sees



# New Chairman is a man of many parts



David – the biker

*Bridge for All* as a step in this direction.

"The game has changed," David acknowledged. "Twenty years ago, counties were the driving force for competition. Counties organised the leagues and ran their own events. That emphasis has shifted.

"This may be because clubs have increasingly expanded their areas of activity and provide the main diet for their members. Many clubs now meet more than once a week, they provide teaching and organise special events, including their own congresses. A number also arrange bridge holidays for their members.

"Some clubs manage to obtain their own premises and capital funding may be



David – the barrister

more readily available if bridge receives Government recognition as a sport, enabling applications to be made to the Lottery Commission."

He added: "The role of the counties is changing but it is crucial they stay involved. There is lots of willing help out there. It is a case of mobilising it and putting it to the best use."

David went on: "Devolution has taken place and we are now a national contract bridge association. This is a new era and the BESG (Business Effectiveness Study Group – a sub-committee of the Board of Directors) has been set up to look at ways to improve effectiveness of the decision-

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### Calendar of Events Year 2000

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David – the player

## New Chairman

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making process and ensure the continued success of bridge in this country.

"At some stage I believe we should seek to achieve full EBU membership of all club members. Surveys of non-EBU members of clubs suggest that the issue is not cost but the perception of what EBU membership entails.

"Many think that being an EBU member is all about being a serious tournament player. In fact, most members do not play in national tournaments but play at their local club and in their local league."

David is keen to promote an atmosphere within which all players can enjoy the game in a convivial atmosphere and where new players will be encouraged to take part.

"We have to make sure that our members get value for money. Because many club members do not join the EBU, those who do are paying a disproportionately high fee towards the running costs of the EBU. More members would help to spread the costs on a more equitable basis.

"I know that full membership will not happen overnight. It will be a gradual process, but in the fullness of time I would like to see it happen and believe it will be in the best interests of the game."

Membership of many sporting bodies includes automatic membership of the sport's national body. In some countries, in France and the Netherlands for example, bridge-club membership also brings automatic membership of the national body. Why not here? he asks.

David still lives in Shillington, the village where he grew up, with his second wife Diana. They met at a bridge club in Houghton Regis. His new career and his duties as chairman of the English Bridge Union leave David little time for playing bridge these days, though he still plays for his county when he can, with his regular partner, Jon Williams.

# Hat-trick Hacketts are unstoppable

PAUL Hackett and twin sons Jason and Justin have just pulled off an incredible hat-trick by winning three major events around the world. Since the start of the Millennium they have been virtually unstoppable.

Their most recent success was to win the Gold Coast Congress, Australia's largest event. With team-mates Ursula and Ross Harper, they beat Australia's top team to win the final. For the last two years they had been runners up.

This latest victory came within weeks of the three Hacketts (with Brigitte Mavromichalis and John Armstrong) winning the Y2K NEC Cup, the prestigious invitational event in Japan, and the Bermuda Regional (with Brigitte Mavromichalis and Brian Senior).

In Japan the event was contested by many of the world's top teams. In the qualifier, the British team scraped into the knockout phase in seventh place. But in the quarter-finals they beat the Indonesian international side by 44imps. In the semi-final they beat Australia by 45imps, setting up a final confrontation with the defending champions from Japan.

Victory over Japan was particularly sweet as they had lost to these opponents

in the previous four meetings. The final was an exciting, fiercely fought contest witnessed by a viewgraph audience.

The Hacketts, along with team-mates John Armstrong and Brigitte Mavromichalis (England) and Mark Lair (US) finished fourth in the World Transnational Teams in Bermuda, and then Paul and sons stayed on to win the teams event in the Bermuda Regional, Bermuda's major tournament. Justin Hackett and Brian Senior finished 2nd in the Bermuda Regional Pairs.

## Freak hand in the Gold Cup

HANDS with extreme distributions are rarely found. Indeed, in the whole time that the EBU duplimate-dealing machine has been producing hands for tournaments, there has not been an eleven-card suit, writes Adam Dunn.

However, I had a phone call from David Bakhshi to tell me about a hand that his team (Probst, Sheldon, Cearns) encountered in a randomly dealt, second round match in the Gold Cup.

### CARD PLAY by Bob Rowlands

In both problems you are South playing in a No Trump contact. Assume plenty of entries to either hand. How would you handle the two combinations below? Use a suit from a pack of cards if it helps.



(a) 4 tricks needed



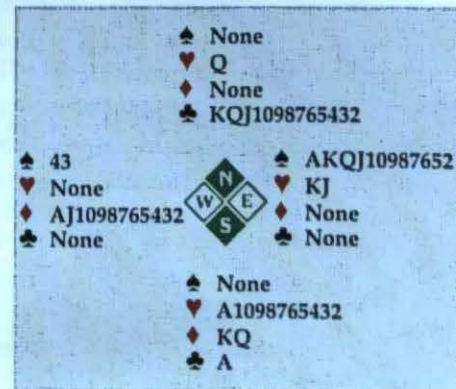
(b) 4 tricks needed

Answers:

A) Clearly you can win all the tricks if you can guess the location of the queen. Whichever way you decide to finesse you should cash a top honour first just in case ♠ Q is singleton. In the absence of any clue you can give yourself an edge by starting with ♠ (who knows, West might cover). Intending to win with the ♠ A and to then finesse East for ♠.

B) Playing ♠K, then running ♠J would win all four tricks if West started with ♠9875, or ♠ alone, or ♠x, or ♠xx but would fail if West held ♠Qxxx, whereas playing ♠A first and then finessing against East works if East holds ♠9875, ♠Q alone, or ♠x, or ♠xx.

If you are absolutely certain of a 3-2 split you might try the effect of leading ♠J initially but on balance the straightforward play of ♠A and then finessing against East looks preferable.



The probability of getting the hand shape of North is 0.00000003%. The probability of a flat board? Almost guaranteed: 7♣ doubled at both tables.

## WINNING CAPTION

Winning caption for the David Burn 'Easy Rider' picture - a competition in the February edition - was judged to be a speech balloon over the pony saying: "If he mentions bridge once more I'll buck him over the next one!" - contributed by Mrs. Jean Beaumont, of Harrogate. Runner up, from D Smith, of Whitby, was a balloon over David: "I thought my partner asked if I would care to try the Phoney Club!"



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THERE are three categories in our competition: for players up to and including County Master, for those up to and including Regional Master, and the third for those with higher ranking. You are declarer and your hands and dummy's are displayed on the right. How would you play? Write briefly, indicating your plan, and analyse problems which the defenders may pose.

# PRIZE PLAY

## Rookies, Beavers and all get a new playground

By Christine Duckworth

THERE'S a new venue for this year's Teach-In for young people under the age of 21. Marlborough College, where the event has been held for the last few years, is undergoing major refurbishment, so we are off to Nottingham University. The date hasn't changed – the first weekend in September, Friday 1–Sunday 3.

Accommodation and teaching will be in Sherwood Hall, one of the university's halls of residence, in their parkland site just on the edge of Nottingham city. The hall will take even more people than could be fitted in at Marlborough, with single rooms for everyone. It is conveniently located near the campus sports centre, swimming pool and other recreational facilities.



The essential nature of the Teach-in will not change. It provides a packed weekend of entertaining bridge tuition and play in the company of other like-minded individuals, catering for all ages and all levels of experience. Players are divided into groups according to how long they have played:

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The Fledglings and Beavers usually divide again into two sections according to age, so no class is too large.

Parents and teachers are welcome to accompany young people and to join in the lessons. We have two teachers for each group, ensuring lots of attention and tuition geared to the individuals. Our staff includes very experienced bridge teachers and star players, so everyone gets to learn a lot.

Everyone comes together on Saturday afternoon for non-bridge activities – sports of all kinds, including the traditional, fiercely fought, rounders match, or just rest and relaxation – and again on Sunday afternoon for the wide-ranging fun quiz, followed by the presentation of prizes and final farewells.

The price for the weekend, including accommodation, all meals and tuition, is just £55 per young person, whilst the cost for accompanying adults is £65 – quite a bargain for everyone! For more details, and to reserve a place, get in touch with Chris Duckworth or Paul Still at Aylesbury (01296 317206).

And don't forget to do so soon! Last year we had turn away a few people, and this year promises to be even more popular.

Board 1

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

West	North	East	South
2NT	No	6NT	

North leads the ♥J.

Board 2

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

West	North	East	South
2♣	No	3♣	No
3NT	No	6NT	

North leads the ♦9.

Board 3

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

West	North	East	South
2♠	3♠	No	4♠
4♥	No	4♠	

At green vulnerability North/South put up a diamond barrage that prevents you from finding your best spot of 6♣. North leads the ♦K followed by the ♦Q.

Board 4

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

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	INT <sup>(1)</sup>
2♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	No	3♣	3♦
No	No	Dbl	No
3♥	4♦	4♥	No
No	Dbl		

<sup>(1)</sup>12-14 points. <sup>(2)</sup>Spades and another suit.

After a typically undisciplined pairs' auction you arrive in a highly dubious heart game. North leads the ♦J. This wins trick 1 and at trick 2 North switches to the 7♣. Dummy's ♣A takes this trick and South plays the ♣Q. You continue with the ♣K, South following with the ♣J and North with the ♣9.

(1) Construct missing defenders' hands and show them in a diagram. (2) State your line of play. From now on whenever the defenders gain the lead they will lead diamonds.

Entries to: Andrew Kambites (Prize Play), 1 Stratford Court, Stratford Road, Stroud, Glos, GL5 4AQ, to arrive by mid-day April 25 – and indicate on the top left of the envelope which category you are entering. Entries will be opened by Andrew Kambites and the first one in each category that, in his judgement, describes the best strategy will win a £15 EBU voucher.

## Puzzling

A puzzle to tease you, from *Improve Your Game, 50 Bridge Puzzles*, by Paul Lamford (Chameleon Books, £4.99).

♠ 5 4
♥ J 6
♦ A 8 5 4 3
♣ 8 7 4 3

Love all;  
Dealer South  
Contract: 4♠  
by South  
Opening  
Lead: ♠Q

South opens a strong 2♠ on this hand and North responds Two No Trumps, showing less than seven points. South rebids 3♥ and North goes to 4♠ with his five points. How would you play on the lead of the ♠Q?

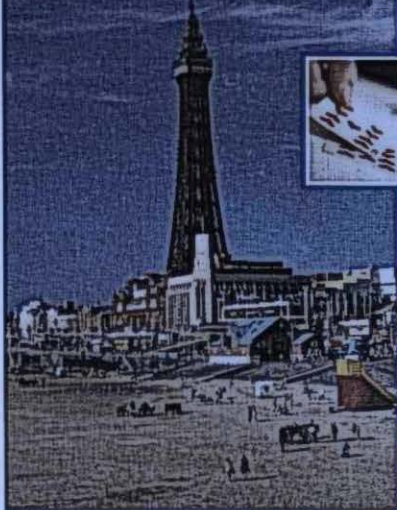
(Solution page 41)



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## Player, aged 10, gives everyone a lesson

I READ Gerald James' letter concerning a lack of 'decent' opposition in the Home Internationals. It would, of course, be insensitive of me to point out the scores in the current Camrose series (England losing three out of four), but two incidents in the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer competitions highlight an alternative interpretation of the word 'decent'.

During the final session, the intense silence of the Open Room was broken by a 10-year-old voice saying 'Thank you partner' (to her sister!) as dummy went down. But in another part of the Open room, a pair left the table at the end of play in too much of a huff over their bridge performance to heed a request from the recorder to check scores.

At the dinner that evening, all the teams were generously applauded by the other players. But the loudest applause was reserved for the team coming last in the Peggy Bayer, who had taught us and the other players so much.

I was also interested in the figure quoted for expenditure by England on Home Internationals. In Wales we appear to spend half that amount. Perhaps with a few economies England could afford to play matches against more cut-throat opposition and still take part in the Home Internationals – Val Kennewell, Swansea.

## Players pay tribute to Pat Davies

I AM sure that many of your readers will know that Pat Davies is retiring from international bridge (Page 15). As well as being an excellent player, Pat is a lovely person. She has encouraged many a weaker player, particularly in Avon where she has been very influential.

Her courtesy and generosity at the bridge table are an example to us all, and we wish her well in the future – M Elliott, G Hartley, R Glass, J Rickard, I Morton, D Nicholls, N Reifenberg, T Letts, H Oliver, T Gammon, R Dunn, P Blake, D Nicholls.

## Letters welcome!

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## A better shuffle and how to do it

WITH reference to Harry Freeman's article on shuffling (*English Bridge*, Feb) the main problem is one of time – especially when using rented premises which often limits the time for shuffling 27 or so boards to 10 to 15 minutes by a relatively small number of players.

As non-playing TD I pre-deal the cards for our internal events, as curtain cards are needed, and experience has shown that to ensure a completely random hand the cards need to be shuffled for 3½ minutes. This ensures, for example, that several boards have cards where one or more hands has a void. (Some members do tend to mutter that the cards have been 'fixed'). To do this on a club night with 28 boards and seven members being available would require 14 minutes for the shuffling alone, plus the time for dealing after the shuffle – NF Taylor, secretary, Northfield BC, Birmingham.

## All the players should help

I WAS very impressed by Harry Freeman's article, proving that the typical, insufficient, shuffle definitely leads to an unusually large proportion of flat (and boring) hands. His solution – brief pre-shuffles of three individual hands from the board – is elegant and straightforward. But his recommendation that this is done by someone before the boards are handed out is not the easiest way.

All the players could do it to their own hands on the last round of a session, before replacing them in the boards. The TD could remind them when he announces the last move. Then they would be ready for a normal, but more effective, shuffle next time – John Swingler, Claygate, Surrey.  
□ The suggestion in the 2nd paragraph has also been made by several other correspondents.

## Bugbear leads to a solution

THERE seems to be no incompatibility between 5-card majors and a weak NT (*English Bridge*, Feb). It is uncommon simply because standard Weak No Trump Acol is so effective. It is a natural system suitable even for beginners, yet it guarantees opener a safe rebid in an uncontested auction over any first response by partner – an ele-

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*you write*

gant feature that many Acol players themselves don't realise!

Five-card major systems find 5-3 fits better, but always need an artificial bid to cover hands such as 4432 with both majors. My preferred solution is to make 1♣ a one round force showing either a natural club suit or a 15-19 hand with no 5-card major. The rebid clarifies the shape. 1♦ is a weakness response with 0-5 points.

Strangely, I arrived at this system from a different direction, when trying to overcome the Acobugbear of opening one of a suit with 15-19 points and a 4441, 4432 or 4333 shape, only to hear partner pass, and struggling in a 5 or 6-card trump fit with an easy NT or suit contract available. A 'forcing club' system can give the best of both worlds! – Ian C Kemp, Abingdon, Oxfordshire

## Memories of Roy raise a smile

I READ the article by John Williams about Roy Higson (*English Bridge*, Feb) and the memories raised a smile. I had the privilege to belong to the GEC/AEI Bridge Club in my home town of Leicester during the late sixties and early seventies at the same time Roy was there.

I can add one anecdote to those that John presented. At a lunchtime session when Roy was an opponent, holding something like ♠Q42 ♥74 ♦Q4 ♣AK8642, he opened 1NT, which was passed out for a pretty good result.

In the brief discussion afterwards, he clarified that the hand

was balanced. The vital point was that he was not 2-2 in the majors. He had a valid response if his partner had used Extended Stayman.

County News keeps me informed about some of the happenings in Leicestershire but I often wonder what happened to my team-mates, Mike Ayers, Bernard and Adrian, Dick and Lucy, Clive and Roger. I moved away in October 1977 and have lost touch with them. – Roger R Gowland, Harrogate.

## More memories

I EXPECT a lot of people will think it very amiss of me to say, after reading the tribute to Roy Higson (*English Bridge*, Feb) and seeing his photograph, that it brought a smile to my face. I was sad that Roy had passed away, but the earlier thoughts of him and the photograph catching his expression, together with his forelock, brought a smile to my face.

His seminars were always a joy. On one occasion I was sitting next to a large flamboyant American lady who had long hair, which was kept in a tight hair style with a mass of hair pins. As usual, Roy kept lifting his forelock from his forehead with his hand. The American lady's voice boomed out: "Roy do you want to borrow one of my hair clips." He joined in the laughter that rippled through the audience. He will long be remembered – Thomas Beven, thomas-beven@torene.freeserve.co.uk

## So you think you've heard them all?

North opened the bidding with "One Heart". East passed. South bid "One Spade". West bid "One No Trump". North enquired "Is that the Unusual?" East replied: "That's very unusual. He has never bid that before." – Louis Baker, Pinner, Middlesex.





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ATOL 1368

NOTE: There may still be time to join us for Easter, 21st - 25th April, at Frimley Hall Hotel, near Camberley. If you have not made any plans, just call us, and if we can take you, we will. It is a most delightful venue and the price is just £225.00 halfboard for 4 nights!



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ENGLAND went into the Camrose fixture with N Ireland with much to play for – honour, reputation and the new Billy Kelso Trophy. Only one target was missing: the Camrose Trophy itself because England, perennial champions in recent years, had already lost to Wales, Republic of Ireland and Scotland. All members of our team carried bruises from one or more of these encounters so the mood in the home camp was unavoidably a little tense.

Matches against N Ireland invariably make for cordial weekends, as evidenced by the new trophy – a tribute to the N Ireland BU secretary from 1976 until his death from a heart attack more than 20 years later. The trophy is a claret jug (a reminder of Billy's favourite tippie) and the two countries have pledged to drink from it together annually. Like our last home match two years ago it was staged (magnificently) by Oxfordshire CBA at the Oxford Moat House. Our visitors have many friends in the county but this alone did not account for the packed viewgraph theatre.

England came out of the blocks fastest on Saturday afternoon – two typically aggressive efforts by Brian Senior – but N Ireland soon recovered and went on to establish a winning lead, taking the second 10-board stanza by 39imps and resisting a fight-back in the third to prevail by 25imps (19-11 in vps). Maybe we were feeling our bruises a little, but it's always too easy to look for your own mistakes, rather than acknowledging that opponents have done well. Look at the following:

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

Both sides declared 3NT from the East hand after West had shown 5+ spades and 4 hearts and East had declined to bid diamonds. Both Souths led ♦Q. With England defending, Nick Sandqvist overtook with ♦K and when this held he returned ♦10.

A switch to ♣Q was not unattractive, obviously, but why had declarer ducked ♦A if she had it, exposing herself to the switch when there might be nine top tricks? (and without ♦A she surely held ♠A and ♣AK?). Diane Greenwood won the second round of diamonds and played a third, establishing nine tricks safely. An end-play on South secured an overtrick later for +430.

There were reasons for Nick to avoid being conned: firstly, partner was marked

# Bruised England salvage some pride



England NPC John Williams receives the Billy Kelso Cup, from his widow, Marjorie

on the bidding with at least 5 hearts and 2 spades so may well not have genuine length in diamonds. Bearing that in mind, the club switch may still be best, even if not immediately. But give declarer credit for creating psychological pressure – it's very hard for defenders not to swallow this kind of bait.

At the other table Joe Fawcett for England won ♦A at trick 1 and played ace and another spade. When the jack appeared he decided to duck. Greer Mackenzie, South for N Ireland, was now the man under pressure. A passive heart exit would hurt him more than declarer when the spades were run, leading to end-play possibilities, whilst ♦J or a club would be immediately fatal. But he found the killer card, a low diamond to partner's 10. When ♣Q came through Joe, no doubt sensing his fate, covered. The defence thus made the nine tricks he had aspired to, for an unusual score of 250.

It was clear that England would not succeed unless all three pairs were able to impose themselves on the match, so after dinner Rob Cliffe and Nick Sandqvist were dispatched to the viewgraph, in the certain knowledge that the opposition would exercise the option to send in the Greenwoods, who had given them such a torrid time in their only other set to date.

On the first board Diane held ♠Q43 ♥76 ♦AQ8764 ♣43, first in hand at favourable vulnerability. She passed and Nick on her left opened a weak 2♠ which was followed by two in-tempo passes. She decided to back in with 3♦ and five minutes later was writing 1100 in the minus column (Rob had a 15-count with a spade void). The defining moment had come and gone.

A few boards later (*top of next column*): Steve Ray made 4♠+1 for England, reading the cards excellently after East had shown his strong club suit. Diane had shown his strong club suit. Diane had to play the same contract after Nick Sandqvist had passed throughout and led ♣J! (South had cuebid his club void). Cliffe seized the opportunity to sever contact with dummy at the optimum

Game All	♠ Q J 10 9 7 4
Dealer South	♥ 10
	♦ Q
	♣ 8 7 6 5 3
♠ A 8 6 2	♠ None
♥ A 8 7 2	♥ 9 5 3
♦ J 8 4 3	♦ 7 6 2
♣ 2	♣ A K Q J 10 9 4
	♠ K 5 3
	♥ K Q J 6 4
	♦ A K 10 9 5
	♣ None

moment, ducking ♥A, overruffing the second club, drawing dummy's last trump and exiting with a diamond. Declarer lost two trumps and two clubs.

England won the second and third matches by 25-5vps to take the Kelso Trophy 61-29.

It's ironic that England's worst-ever results in the Camrose have come in the very year we achieve separate international status, and with it the ability to perform on the world stage. It may awaken us to how far we have to go in order to perform creditably on that stage.

The talent on view at Oxford, added to that of players not currently engaged in Camrose competition, promises well. But England has to learn how to harness talent in committed and productive partnerships and to school players, coaches and captains.

It's a hard and very expensive new world we're entering. The powers-that-be know this, of course, but EBU members need to understand also and to appreciate that international success is worth the pain it entails. Fortunately, bridge remains an extraordinarily cheap pastime and we have enough members to absorb the financial impact. EN-GER-LAND! EN-GER-LAND! Go for it, EBU!

**England team v N Ireland:**  
Rob Cliffe & Nick Sandqvist, Joe Fawcett & Glyn Liggins, Brian Senior & Steve Ray; npc John Williams

Table after four weekends:	Played	Won	Vps
1 Wales	3	3	179
2 Rep of Ireland	3	3	164
3 England	4	1	158
4 Scotland	3	1	127
5 N Ireland	3	0	90



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# Farewell to Pat Davies



Pat Davies (left) with partner Nicola Smith

ENGLAND's Pat Davies is retiring from international bridge, bringing to an end her partnership with Nicola Smith – one of the most successful women's pairs in the world, writes Ken Rowe.

Pat was thinking of retiring two years ago when she reached 50 but then the British women won the European championship, qualifying them for this year's world championships in Bermuda.

Now that is over, and the British team is breaking up because the home countries are each competing separately in internationals, she has finally decided to go.

"I've been playing at the top for over 20 years and it is tiring. International events are very exhausting – it's difficult to sleep at night after a big match, with the adrenalin high, and then the next day you have to wake up to play again.

"Now I just want to enjoy bridge at my clubs in Bristol and Bath, and to just play socially."

She told me: "The saddest thing is parting from Nicola. She has been a wonderful partner. We were always on the same wavelength. If anything came up at the table we hadn't discussed we always seemed instinctively to take the same view. And when we did discuss something new we both would have the same idea."

Pat won her first European teams in 1979 and teamed up with Nicola in 1980, winning the European title again and the world title the following year. From then on they dominated international women's bridge, winning the world championship again in 1985.

Two years ago playing against some of the best men in the world in the Macallan invitational pairs in London they came 2nd, the best ever performance by women in this event.

In a recent book\* Nicola is quoted as saying: "Over the years we have developed the perfect balance, so that we both do the pitching and catching. I often hear comments such as 'Pat is the perfect foil for Nicola'. Most people would consider me the aggressive one and Pat the 'rock'. While that may have been true in the distant and barely remembered past it is no longer the case. We have grown into a true partnership and picked up many of each other's best qualities. Pat has the most fantastic temperament and I hope I have picked that up from her."

Pat will be much missed on the international scene, for her agreeable personality as well as for her immaculate bridge.

\*World Class, by Marc Smith

## No medals as British women bow out

THE British Women's team of Nicola Smith, Pat Davies, Heather Dhondy, Liz McGowan, Abbey Walker and Sandra Landy went to Bermuda for the Orbis Venice Cup as European Champions and with hopes of a medal. But they came home with nothing, having failed to reach the knockout stages.

The team started reasonably but then suffered a long run of defeats and left themselves too much to do. They finished eleventh out of twenty in the round robin, well short of the crucial eighth place.

The field was a strong one, but the British performance was still a big disappointment, more so because it was the last time that we shall be playing as Great Britain in a European or World Bridge Federation Championship. In future England, Scotland and Wales will compete separately.

There will be a new look to the team which represents England in Maastricht later this year. It was already understood

### By Brian Senior

that Liz McGowan has chosen to represent Scotland in future, leaving Heather Dhondy to find a new partner, and now Pat Davies has retired from international bridge.

Of course, there were bright spots in the performance. This deal comes from the first match of the round robin, against the strong Chinese team (see top of next column).

Both West players declared 4♥.

Nicola Smith led the ♦K to dummy's ace. Wang led a club to the jack and ace and Smith switched to a trump. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed a diamond, then ruffed a club. After ruffing another dia-

Board 6	♠ A 6 5
Dealer East	♥ 8 6 5 2
E/W Vul.	♦ K Q 3
	♣ A 8 5
♠ Q 3	♠ 10 9 8 7 4
♥ K J 10 9 4 3	♥ A Q
♦ 4	♦ A J 8 6 5
♣ K J 10 9	♣ 2
	♠ K J 2
	♥ 7
	♦ 10 9 7 2
	♣ Q 7 6 4 3

mond back to hand, she drew the remaining trumps and cashed the ♣K. There were two spades and a club to lose now for -100.

The play followed exactly the same lines in the other room except that Heather Dhondy did not cash the ♣K after drawing trumps. She was down to ♣K10 and ♠Q3 and South had been squeezed out of a spade. South actually bared the ♠K to keep three clubs, but it didn't matter. Dhondy exited with a spade and South had to win and lead a club into the tenace. That was +620 and 12imps to Great Britain, helping them to a good win over a team against whom they have had trouble in recent years.

The Venice Cup had a fantastic finish with The Netherlands (Bep Vriend, Marijke van der Pas, Wietske van Zwol, Martine Verbeek, Anneke Simons and Jet Pasman) becoming only the fourth nation to win the event, defeating USA1 by half an imp!

The Americans went into the final with a 3imp carry-over advantage from their round robin meeting but during the final were fined 2.5imps for slow play. The

Dutch won the 128-board final by 1 imp.

This excitement made for gripping viewing and compensated for the Orbis Bermuda Bowl final, which was totally one-sided, USA1 (Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth, Nick Nickell, Dick Freeman, Bob Hamman and Paul Soloway) beating Brazil by a record margin of 218imps.



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## Opening the bidding at the two level

GOOD hands are not just those with lots of points. Long suits and distribution are just as valuable for taking tricks. After all thirteen spades will take thirteen tricks when spades are trumps and that is only ten high card points.

In the last edition we looked at a 2NT opening bid for strong balanced hands. Now consider some other hands where the point count is high, but which are unbalanced – hands where we would be worried about missing game if partner were to pass a one opening.

An opening bid of two of a suit is the answer. It is forcing for one round – partner must reply even with no points – so we are able to show strong one-suited or two-suited hands. Since we are forcing the bidding up to the three level, an opening two bid will have at least eight tricks obviously available, plus a bit extra that might give a ninth.

An opening bid of 2♦, 2♥ or 2♠ shows:

- A good suit of at least five cards and often more
- A hand where with reasonable breaks we can count 8 and a bit tricks
- A strong hand with high cards, usually in the 18 to 23 point range

♠ None  
♥ A Q J 10 9 3 2  
♦ A K 2  
♣ Q J 10

One suited hands are opened with a two bid, when we can count at least eight playing tricks. With normal

breaks the hearts will play for six tricks, the diamonds for two and the clubs for one. This is a typical 2♥ opener. Rebid 4♥



## Standard English by Sandra Landy



over a 2NT negative and hope to find a tenth trick from somewhere.

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

We can see eight tricks in high cards plus the fifth spade makes nine tricks. It has two suits but a 5-4 distribution

does not generate so many extra tricks, so we will need more high cards. Here 20 points are enough to open 2♣ and rebid 3♣.

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

This hand has only 16 points but 5-5 distribution generates more tricks. With luck it should win four spade

and five heart tricks. You would hate to open 1♠ and hear partner pass. Open 2♣ and plan to rebid 3♥. If a small club were a small spade, open 2♠ and rebid 4♥.

♠ None  
♥ A K 2  
♦ A K Q 10 5  
♣ K Q 8 5 4

This hand has 21 points. We need more points with minors, as it is more difficult to assess the best game. Nevertheless, open 2♦

planning to rebid in clubs or raise hearts if partner bids them.

My class found Strong Two bids easy to

## Responses to an opening two bid

Partner opens 2♥

Pass	Pass is not allowed, as a two bid is forcing for one round.
2NT	A negative bid showing a poor hand, usually fewer than 8 points though sometimes a bit more with no suitable bid available.
2♠, 3♣ 3♦	A 5-card suit headed by a high honour and 8 or more points. Game force.
3♥	A simple raise of partner's suit is a game force, with one or more controls. Allows room to explore for slam.
3NT	Flat hand with some sort of stop in ♠ ♦ and ♣ and 8-11 points.
4♥	3 or 4 hearts, no aces, no slam interest.
Other bids	Other bids have meanings but are part of more advanced treatments.

follow and the responses clear. At least, I thought so until a hand which was opened 2♦.

♠ K Q J 7 3  
♥ J 9 3 2  
♦ J 2  
♣ J 10

Barbara with these cards responded 2♣ and heard opener rebid 3♣. Barbara passed 3♣ because she thought she had shown her hand and had no more to say. But her positive response of 2♣ created a game force. Following any response, apart from 2NT, neither partner can pass until a game call is made. She should have bid 3NT.

John wanted to respond 3♣ with this hand after his partner opened 2♠. Very reasonably, he said that he would have raised 1♠ to 2♠. However, we use 3♣

for a more interesting raise and should bid 4♣ on this weaker hand. 4♣ says that the hand has no aces, but it is worth going for game.

♠ 6 3  
♥ 10 8 6 4  
♦ A 10 5  
♣ A 8 5 4

John understood better when he opened 2♥ and his partner bid 3♥ with this hand. Like the hand above there are eight points but two aces are much more useful than queens and jacks. The aces plus the spade doubleton were just the cards needed to make a slam.

Jean heard partner open 2♦. Calling me over, she said she wanted to bid 2NT to show her ten points but I had said that was a negative, showing a poor hand.

She suggested 3♣, but that usually shows a 5-card suit, so we worked out that 3NT would do nicely. We have the stoppers and we hope partner has lots of diamond tricks.

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LET'S look at the logic that determines how you tackle a critical suit. In all examples assume you have plenty of entries to either hand unless you are told otherwise.

In (a) you wish to play the spades for as many tricks as possible.



The principle of leading up to honours may suggest to you that you should start with low to the ♠J, but here you have a finesse which you are bound to take (for the ♠K), and a finesse which you might choose to take later (for the ♠10). That changes your approach.

Tackle this by looking at your main objective, which is making three tricks (at least) if spades are 3-2. That rules out the possibility of starting with low from South to North's ♠8 because you could lose two tricks if East started with ♠K 10 5. That doesn't mean that you will never take a finesse against the ♠10, but you will only consider it (unless it is marked) if the finesse against the ♠K wins. To find out, while still keeping your options intact, start with the ♠Q.

If West covers with the ♠K you are guaranteed three tricks. Win the ♠A and return to your hand for a finesse to North's ♠9. If successful you will take all four spade tricks.

If the ♠Q loses to East's ♠K, when you next gain the lead, try cashing the ♠A. If East shows out return to your hand for a marked finesse against West's ♠10.

Now try (b), given that you have no outside entry to the South hand.



Your main strategy is to play out your top three honours, making four tricks if the suit breaks 3-3 or if the ♠J is doubleton or singleton. It is too easy to start automatically by cashing the high card from the shorter holding. Instead you should ask if you can see any secondary chances you can utilise without prejudicing your main chance.

Consider the layout in (c).



If you start with the ♠K and then lead to North's ♠A you are in the wrong hand to take the marked finesse against West's ♠J. Correct play is to start with North's ♠A and then cross to South with the ♠K.

Look at this principle in the context of a real hand. Consider your play in hands (d) and (e). In each case the contract is 7NT and North leads the ♠J (see next column).

In (d) your main chance is to find hearts 3-2 or a singleton ♥J, hence you will not



## Andrew Kambites

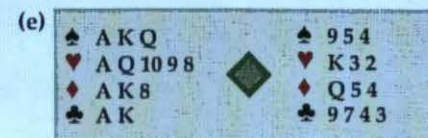
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take any finesse against the ♥J unless it is marked.

You are unlikely to succeed if North has ♥J 7 5 4. To cater for South holding ♥J 7 5 4 you should tackle the hearts by cashing the ♥A, and entering dummy with the ♥K. (It doesn't do any harm to try the ♥10 to dummy's ♥K on the second round, but only a very naïve North would cover with the ♥J.)

(e) looks very similar to (d), but this time your extra entry to dummy lets you succeed if South has all five hearts. Again the contract is 7NT



Start by entering dummy with the ♥K.

If North shows out finesse your ♥10, cross with the ♦Q and finesse again.

If both defenders follow suit return to the West hand with the ♥A. If South is seen to have started with ♥J 7 5 4 you have the ♦Q as an entry to dummy to take the marked finesse.

Sometimes when you have a two-way finesse with nothing to guide your choice you should decide by looking at your subsidiary chances.

How should you tackle the combinations in (f) and (g)?



In (f) you can catch ♥Q 6 or ♥Q 7 6 in either hand if you correctly guess which way to finesse, while ♥Q 8 7 6 in either hand will leave you with one heart loser whatever you do. So can you deal with any 4-1 heart break? You can cater for West holding the singleton ♥Q if you start by leading low to the ♥A, intending to subsequently finesse your ♥J.



In (g) your main chance lies in a 3-2 diamond break with you correctly guessing the position of the ♦Q. Provided you start by cashing one top honour before taking the finesse (eg. ♦A, then finesse North's ♦J) you won't lose to a singleton ♦Q. How about other 4-1 breaks?

Possession of the ♦8 in your hand does give you extra options. You must start by cashing dummy's ♦K. Then lead the ♦J. You are playing East for the ♦Q.

If East fails to cover the ♦J let it run and you will be guaranteed four diamond tricks.

If East covers the ♦J with the ♦Q you will take the ♦A. Then if the layout is as in (h) you will have a marked finesse against East's ♦9.



In the final example your play is determined by how many tricks you need in a vital suit. You have bid hand (i) to 6♣ playing teams of four. How do you tackle the trump suit?



You have some chance of avoiding a spade loser. If South has the ♠K doubleton you can lead the ♠6 from the East hand to your ♠Q and then cash the ♠A, felling South's ♠K.

However you should not be thinking in this way. You can afford one spade loser, so your first question is: 'What is my main chance of losing only one trick?'

Clearly you will succeed if trumps are 3-2. Do you have any realistic chance of avoiding two trump losers if the suit breaks 4-1? Sadly, not much, but you can succeed if either defender started with a singleton ♠K. You must start by cashing your ♠A. If both defenders follow small you will need a 3-2 break.

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The programmes were signed by every player who took part, with the addition of MP Peter Bottomley who popped in to see some of the match.

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The money raised will go to Save the Children. So make us an offer! To make your bid, call or write to Chris Brown at the EBU. The auction will close on April 28. All bids will be treated in strict confidence. The winners will be announced in *English Bridge*.

## Competition winners

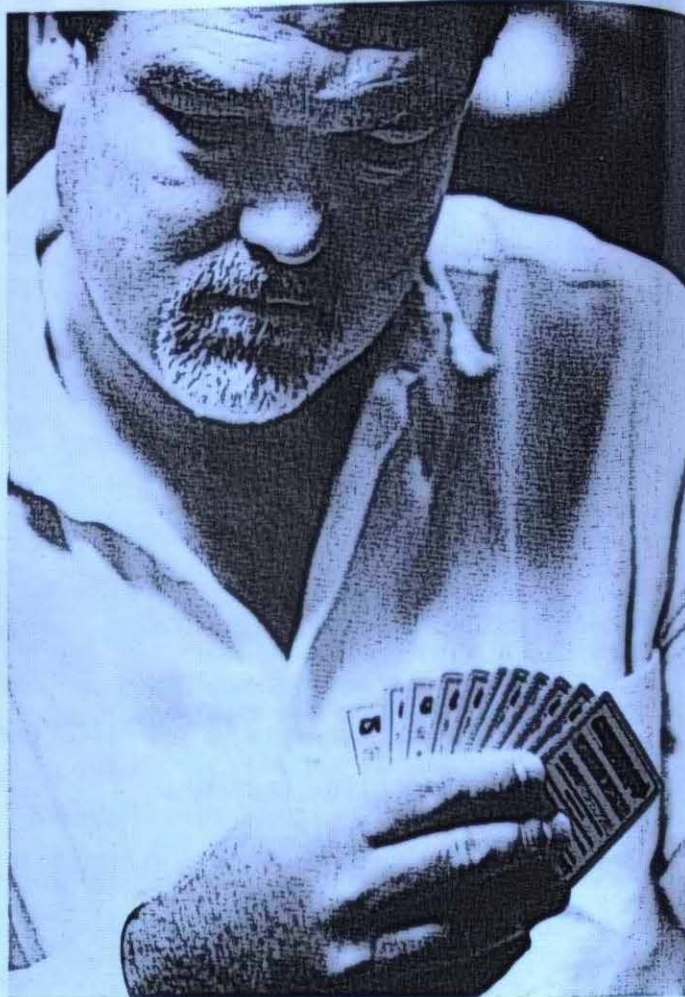
Student Julia Brown, of Sidcup, Kent, was the winner of our December competition to identify which of the people in our pictures does not play bridge. The answer was Princess Anne, who is president of Save the Children.

Julia's prize was to be able to play, with the partner of her choice, in the Pro/Celebrity charity match. Julia brought Monica Carvin, a fellow-player at the St Lawrence Bridge Club in Sidcup.

Julia only began to have bridge

lessons in 1997, though she learned the rudiments of the game years ago from her parents. She has never played in a tournament, has no regular partner and her hands were literally shaking as she bid the first board.

Said Julia: "Everyone was very kind and made great efforts to put us at ease. It was a completely new experience for us, especially having an audience. We had a wonderful day and will remember it forever."



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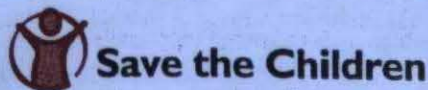
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# Great success for Millennium charity events



A HUGELY successful Pro/Celebrity Charity Challenge was organised by the EBU, with the London County association, to launch the Millennium fund, raising money for Save the Children.

Already clubs and counties have been holding dozens of events all round the country, and money has begun pouring in. One outstanding success was the EBU Simultaneous Pairs.

The Pro/Celebrity Challenge, at London's White House Hotel was a delightful occasion, writes *Kitty Teltcher*. Autograph hunters had a field day: sport was represented by Mike Gatting and Kit Jackson, thespians by Liz Fraser, James Smith, Peter Wyngarde, Hilton McRae, David Rintoul and Benjamin Whitrow, music by Leo Phillips, the violinist, and Ian Partridge, the famous tenor, and politics by Michael Mates MP, Tony McWalter MP and Dr Evan Harris MP, plus James Mates, ITN correspondent in Washington.

The professionals were represented by Peter Donovan, David Burn, David Harris, Elena Jeronimidis, Sandra Landy, Tony Priday, Nicola Smith, Bernard Teltcher, David Bird, Su Burn, Adam Dunn, Mark Horton, Patrick Jourdain, Paul Mendelson and Andrew Robson.

Bernard drew David Haig, the Olivier Award winner, familiar to TV comedy fans as Inspector Grim in *Thin Blue Line* and as Richard in *Keeping Mum*.

David, who now concentrates on writing, though he is still very much in demand as a performer, used to play a lot of bridge, but the demands of his career as well as spending time with his family (five children aged two months to twelve years!) have prevented him from playing as much as he would have liked to in recent years.

Nevertheless, he played well and did quite a few good things. He slightly fell from grace on the following hand:

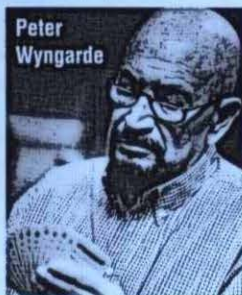
Dealer East;	♠ 6
Love All	♥ QJ1075
	♦ QJ1064
	♣ 98
♠ AKJ75	♠ 82
♥ A2	♥ K9
♦ AK2	♦ 9753
♣ J52	♣ AKQ103
	♠ Q10943
	♥ 8643
	♦ 8
	♣ 764

West	North	East	South
Burn	Teltcher	Fraser	Haig
-	-	1♣	No
2♣	No	3♣	No
4NT	No	5♦	No
5NT	No	6♥	No
7NT			



Winners Ian Partridge and Su Burn, with one of the organisers, James Smith

Once Liz had opened 1♣, David Burn, with 20 points was bound to propel them to a slam; at pairs 6 NT seems right. This just requires the spade finesse, a 3-3 spade split and the extra squeeze chance in diamonds! However, David never one to shy away from a challenge, bid 7 NT, which was somewhat optimistic. As Liz put her dummy down she said plaintively: "All I did was open one club and rebid clubs, partner". David's demeanour betrayed nothing as he surveyed the situation.



From another table Paul Mendelson was heard to cry "What bastard set these hands!" If David felt the same way, he concealed it well. Bernard led the queen of hearts, taken in dummy. Now a successful spade finesse was taken ("No finesses in a grand slam partner - my nerves can't take it," groaned Liz) and David proceeded to cash clubs.

On the last two clubs David Haig discarded spades and the grand slam rolled home. "I'm so sorry," apologised David Haig. "Defending a grand slam threw me and I forgot that spades had been bid."

"Easily done," said Bernard. It was a day of good manners and diplomacy and when the winners were announced, it was a popular victory: Su Burn partnering Ian Partridge had won with a huge percentage.

Throughout spectators were free to kibbitz and were able to mingle with all the players over supper. The Pro/Celebrity Challenge was a great success. Result: 1 Su Burn & Ian Partridge 66.37 %; 2 Nicola Smith & James Smith 61.61; 3 Mark Horton & Kit Jackson 60.12.

## Over 7,400 play in EBU Sim Pairs

The Millennium Simultaneous Pairs, organised by the EBU to raise money for Save the Children, attracted 7406 players, taking part in heats at 189 clubs throughout the British Isles, writes *Marian Edwards*.

Fifteen clubs had so many playing they had to run two sections. What is more, 30 clubs took the opportunity to send donations in addition to their entry fees, and some clubs which could not hold a heat sent donations in lieu. The donations alone totalled some £700 and the generosity of those members contributing is much appreciated.

### The results:

- 1 WT Udall & P L Hunt, Wessex 72.99%
- 2 Colin Pote & Michael Booth, Liskeard 72.86
- 3 Richard Bowdery & Peter Kaufmann, Acot 71.66
- 4 Tony Cordery & Andy Howarth, Wigan 70.35
- 5 Mike Fricker & Don Tuff, Balmoral 70.31
- 6 Peter Cotterill & Jean Hodgson, Mitchell Troy 70.24
- 7 Jenny Berkley & Brian Berkley, Ann Owen 69.55
- 8 Colin Talbot & John Vaughan, Medway Towns 68.77
- 9 Owen Leigh & Heather Maidment, Petersfield 68.75
- 10 Vivien Peters & Ken Rowe, Exeter, 68.07.

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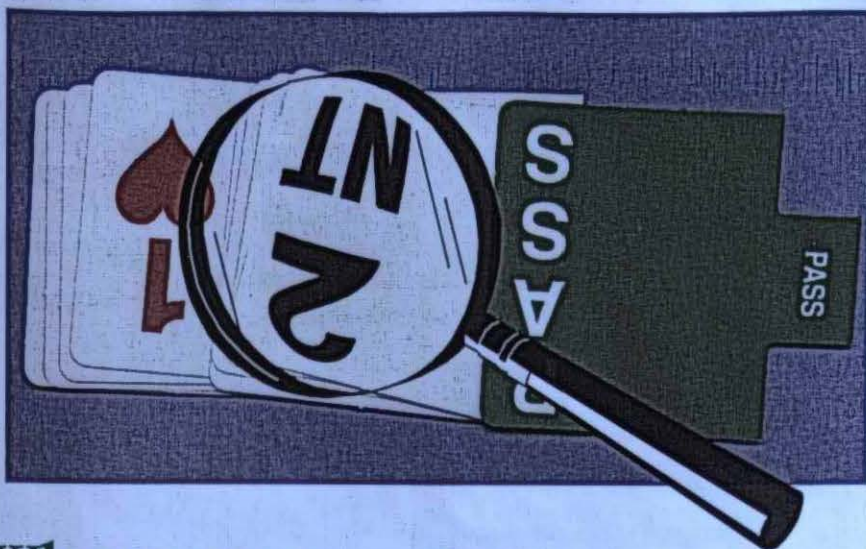
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In this new series, **BRIAN SENIOR** turns his back on conventions and looks at the meaning of natural bids



**CONVENTIONS** are very popular. Many players feel that if they can add the right conventions to their bidding methods they will see a great improvement in their results.

Well, conventions have their uses, and I would not wish to dissuade anyone from taking up artificial methods, so long as they understand them properly, and in particular know how to cope with opposition interference. However, conventions are the frills, the optional extras if you like, and will not give you an effective bidding system unless you also have the basics tied down properly.

In this new series I will be looking at various natural sequences, explaining what they should mean and how they should best be played. If I make no special comment, then you can assume that I am stating what I believe to be 'standard practice'. When something is not universally accepted, but is merely my personal preference, I will say so and normally also describe the alternative meaning.

In this first article, let's take a look at sequences in which responder has made a limit response and opener's rebid is 2NT.

1♥ - 2♥  
2NT - ?

In standard Acoll, the 2♥ raise shows about 6-9 points or a nine-loser hand. It does not guarantee four-card heart support, whatever we may teach beginners for simplicity's sake. Any hand within the required range of strength which has three-card support and a singleton, will raise rather than respond 1NT, and many hands with three-card support and a weak doubleton will also do better in the long term to start with a simple raise.

After 1♥-2♥ the 2NT rebid shows around 17-18hcp, with a balanced hand. An unspectacular 19-point hand should also rebid 2NT; for example:

♠A76 ♥AKQ5 ♦J83 ♣AJ5

With no intermediates, poor honour combinations, no long suit, and not even two four-card suits to offer potential long-suit tricks, 2NT is sufficient. If partner passes 2NT, the chances are that game will be a poor bet. From experience, I know that a lot of players find it hard to show the discipline to stop out of game with such a hand but I promise that you are losing points in the long run by always driving to game.

If responder has four-card support, he will normally bid 3♥ with a minimum raise and 4♥ with a maximum.

Suppose that he has three-card support. There are two main possibilities. He may have a balanced hand including a weak doubleton, such as:

♠85 ♥K95 ♦QJ32 ♣8764

With a minimum and only three-card support, the best bet is to pass 2NT, as opener will have only four hearts most of

## Whatever does that bid mean?

the time. Add the queen of clubs and the hand is near enough to a maximum to justify a raise to 3NT. In the latter case, partner can always correct to 4♥ if he happens to hold five as he knows that you hold three-card support.

There is another possibility. Responder may be unbalanced with three-card support. If he holds a long minor he may bid:

1♥ - 2♥  
2NT - 3♣/♦

This normally shows a six-card suit and is basically to play. For example:

♠7 ♥K53 ♦QJ7532 ♣854

Opener should understand that this is a weak sequence. Holding a maximum, for example the same hand but with the queen of hearts or clubs, and partner would probably have scraped up a 2♦ response in the first place because of the heart fit.

Opener is expected to pass 3♦ on most hands. The time when he can bid on is when he has a good fit for the minor:

(a) ♠A7 ♥AQ654 ♦AK3 ♣1095

(b) ♠QJ5 ♥A1086 ♦AK7 ♣A32

Hand (a) can bid 4♥, knowing that there is both a 5-3 trump fit and a source of tricks in the side-suit. Hand (b) can bid 3NT, expecting to run six diamond tricks most of the time.

Without a good fit for the minor, just pass.

In the auction:

1♠ - 2♠  
2NT - 3♥

the new suit is a major. There would be some disagreement as to whether this sequence showed the same hand type as if it were a minor, or whether it could be, for example, a 3-5-3-2 eight-count, looking for the best game. Probably, it is best to keep it the same as the other sequences, but bear in mind that one of opener's options is now to raise to 4♥.

1♠ - 1NT  
2NT - ?

This sequence is very similar to that in which the initial response was a simple raise. Opener has shown much the same type of hand and expects that responder will usually either pass with a minimum hand, or bid 3NT with a maximum. Again, however, there may be a safer part-score available if responder has a long minor. If he now bids 3♣/♦, he is showing a weak hand with a six-card suit. Just as in the previous situation, his bid is not constructive, merely a suggestion that this may be a better spot. Opener is expected to pass the 3♣/♦ bid unless he has a good enough holding in the suit to think that it may run for six tricks and allow 3NT to be made.

But I think that the sequence:

1♠ - 1NT  
2NT - 3♥

is best played as forcing, showing only a five-card suit, and looking for the best game. There are plenty of hands that are not worth an initial two-over-one response but now want to play in game, though it's not clear whether a 5-3 heart fit may be better than No Trump.

Finally, if responder's bid over 2NT is three of opener's major, logically this should be forcing. Responder would not be able to judge that 3♣ was a better spot than 2NT as he has no way of knowing whether opener has four or five cards in his suit. The sequence:

1♠ - 1NT  
2NT - 3♠

says that responder is maximum, so wishes to accept the game invitation, but has three cards in spades and is unsure whether 3NT or 4♠ will be the better contract. Opener will often have five spades and if so can choose to play the suit game.

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A Ladies Bridge Festival, under the auspices of the European Bridge League, is being held in Prague from May 23-28. It is aimed at players of all standards, rather than international stars.  
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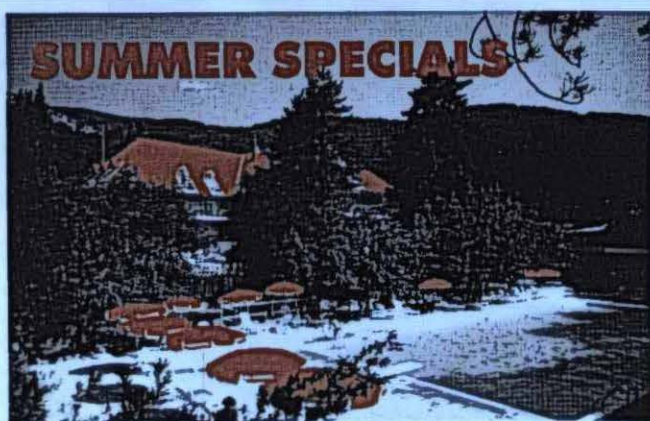
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## Around The World In 80 Hands

By Zia Mahmood with David Burn  
(Master Point Press, Toronto, £10.99)

ZIA makes no apology for the fact that this entertaining title is largely based on material previously published in *Bridge Today* and the *Guardian* newspaper. It works well as a book, with the material in short, appetising chunks, well within the attention span of even the doziest reader. Not that one is tempted to nod off as Zia, ever the exotic butterfly, flits around the world with faithful scribe Burn in tow (slightly out of breath, I suspect).

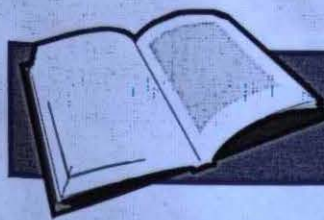
These marvellous tales feature today's famous names of bridge as well as Runyanesque characters such as Harry the Horse, The Terrorist, and Hannibal the Cannibal (chapter heading 'Silence of the Slams', of course). One stopover destination is Alcatraz, where prisoner Fingers Malone, partnering Legs Diamond (so called on account of the lethal metal objects strapped to them), fails to execute the Alcatraz Coup and is set to become No Fingers Malone, as Zia's balloon takes off again.

Many of the stories are about 'money' bridge hands, because above everything else (except golf, possibly) Zia revels in the excitement of playing rubber for big stakes where brilliant card play is what counts. Nonetheless, some instructive points of principle emerge on all aspects of the game, and Zia keeps readers on their toes by popping in teasers from time to time.

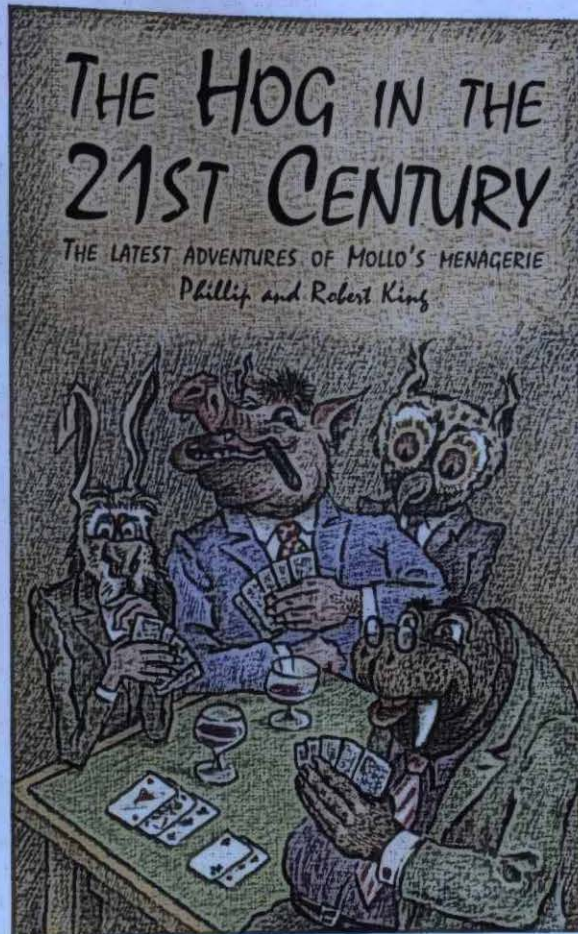
For example, vulnerable, you pick up ♠KQJ98743 ♥K10 ♦None ♣AQ2. LHO opens 1♥, partner overcalls 1♠ (O frabjous day!). 4♥ from RHO, and now it's you. A joyful leap to 6♠? No, says Zia sternly. Don't tempt the opponents, who are probably both void in spades, to take out insurance in 7♥ where you may extract a penalty less than the value of a game. Better to score 680 in 4♠ than 500 against 7♥. So bid a disciplined 4♠ – and just have a perfect day.

Zia's sometimes over-ebullient style has been nicely honed and tempered by the expert and witty pen of David Burn, and the 'pitch' is just right. I also liked the typography, with the hands set in sans serif, the page layouts (lots of blessed white space) and the quirky chapter headings.

There are a few minor flaws (watch out for some of the bidding orientations) but I'm just being picky. Raconteur, gossip, gambler, philosopher ('Hell is a state of existential despair reserved for helpless dummies forced to watch as their partners butcher cold contracts'), Zia remains irresistible entertainment. As Fingers Malone might have said, you gotta love da guy – Alaina Hamilton



# BOOKSHELF



## THE HOG IN THE 21ST CENTURY

THE LATEST ADVENTURES OF MOLLO'S MENAGERIE  
Phillip and Robert King

## The Hog in the 21st Century

By Phillip & Robert King  
(Batsford £10.99)

AS the title suggests *The Hog in the 21st Century* is a series of wonderful stories about the late Victor Mollo's characters. Authors Phillip and Robert King have again produced a book with a feast of great deals, each in a very readable setting. Inevitably most of the hands (or the themes) will be familiar to anyone who was an avid reader of Mollo's books but on many deals the authors have produced a new twist.

With only 144 pages the book seems at first sight a little pricey at £10.99 but what it lacks in quantity it makes up for in quality. The pen portraits of the characters give the reader a taste of the joys to follow and at no stage will you be disappointed.

One of my favourite hands:

North-South	♠ 53	♠ AK4
Game	♥ Q53	♥ 97
Dealer East	♦ 54	♦ 10876
	♣ KQ8432	♣ J1096
	♠ J1087	
	♥ 8642	
	♦ AQ32	
	♣ 7	
		♠ Q962
		♥ AKJ10
		♦ KJ9
		♣ A5

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	No
2NT	No	3NT	

West led ♠J, East won ♠K and continued with ♠A and another. HH, the declarer, cashed four hearts, noting that West started with four small hearts. Then he cashed ♣A and exited with ♠9. If West had no more clubs he would have to play a diamond, giving declarer his ninth trick. Should West exit with a club there is only a problem if he started with four clubs, in which case he must have ♦A singleton, because East with seven diamonds and ♠AK would surely not have passed originally holding ♦A as well. Should this be the situation declarer would simply win trick ten with ♣Q and lead a diamond to his nine (or Jack) forcing West's ♦A. At trick twelve West would have to lead a club allowing declarer to win the last two tricks with ♣K and ♦K. Any other line of play might lead to defeat if declarer mis-guessed which defender had ♦A.

In typical Hideous Hog fashion he claims that even a player with half a brain

## World Class

By Marc Smith  
(Master Point Press, £12.99)

MARC SMITH is in conversation with 25 leading lights in the bridge world, in five categories: all time greats, today's stars, women stars, rising stars and bridge writers.

The players discuss their early days, partnerships, playing with the best, ups and downs, and their thoughts of the future. Marc also lists their major achievements.

I particularly liked the interviews with John Collings (a personal favourite), Nicola Smith and Gabriel Chagas.

The readers get an insight from the stars about their love of the game and they are generally very positive about other top players and partners.

The photographs are good and the format is easy to read and flows well. The hands the players use are excellent in that they are informative and easy to follow. Ideal for the experienced and non-experienced alike, as you get an insight to what makes our heroes tick.

The only downside is, as with any collection of top players, there are the omissions. I believe Tony Forrester and Sandra Landy should have been in the Galaxy, but you can always think of someone else – John Young

(Bookshelf continues on page 41)



## Answers to some frequently asked questions



WHEN you first start out in the world of computers and the internet, you will find many strange terms. One of these is FAQs, standing for Frequently Asked Questions. So here is a FAQ list about the new EBU Online Club:

*Why is the EBU Online Club better than other online clubs?*

For British players, the EBU club has the advantage that Acol is the primary bidding system, unlike other online bridge groups which use Standard American, with which few British players are familiar. The EBU Online BC is already regarded as the most chatty and friendly of all the alternatives.

*What is the connection between the EBU and Bridge Player Live?*

BPL runs the International Online Bridge Club (IOBC), as well as providing the programming and software for the EBU Online BC. The two clubs are now run on separate servers.

*How does Gameplay.com fit in?*

Gameplay will provide backing and investment to develop the EBU Online BC, and will retain the game of bridge within its portfolio of games, following the closing down of Wireplay Bridge at the end of last year.

*What will the subscription charge be?*

Membership subscriptions will be charged once the club is substantially operational. The expected

subscription rate will be £40 for EBU members. Trial periods will be available on a guest basis for up to a month.

*What systems are played and allowed in the club?*

At present there is no restriction on the systems that may be played, but a limitation at Level 4 will probably be imposed. Benjamised Acol and the Multi 2♦ are very popular, but all players are happy to play Basic Acol with a new partner. Occasionally pairs play a Strong Club system.

*Is it possible to play with more than one partner in a competition?*

For the on-going competitions, it is possible to have more than one partner. These competitions are run on an individual basis. For the Butler Pairs, we are also taking the accumulated scores over all the competitions during a whole month, the first monthly winners being Sheffield's Pig Trader for January and Leicester's Sir Gary for February. In April and May, the competition winners will receive a prize of free entry for two for the Swiss Pairs at the first weekend of the Brighton Congress.

*Do players get Master Points?*

It is hoped to start a scheme of awarding Net Points, which will be credited to a player's Master Point ranking list by direct credit.

## A new online club exclusively for members of the EBU

AN exciting new development in online bridge has been launched by the EBU – an internet bridge club just for members.

The EBU Online Bridge Club is already up and running under a joint venture with Gameplay.com, the successful internet games company, and Bridge Player Live, who are providing all the necessary bridge software expertise.

The great advantage of the EBU club is that most players are playing Acol, and it is using software

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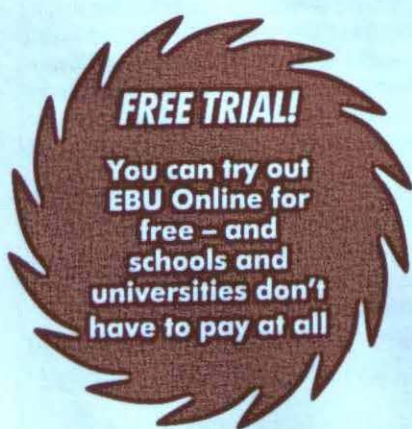
which has already proven itself. The club is already regarded as the friendliest way to play online bridge.

At present players can take part in duplicate imp-scored competitions and rubber bridge, but soon they will be able to enjoy Match Pointed Pairs and Teams of Four. A Simple System section for players new to duplicate is also a possibility.

And there are other intriguing opportunities – team practice, inter-club matches, exhibition games and online teaching courses.

What's more, a scheme will be introduced so that Net Points will be issued, and automatically credited to your Master Point rating.

Pairs competitions are being run on a basis that players come online when it suits them. When a table is made up, they play boards from the current event which may last for a period of several days. The intention is to start a series of evening



## The EBU Online Bridge Club

The EBU has appointed Barrie Partridge as Online Bridge Club Manager. If you have any enquiries relating to the EBU Online Bridge Club, email [Barrie@ebuonline.co.uk](mailto:Barrie@ebuonline.co.uk). Alternatively, phone Barrie on 01629 584567 or fax 01629 580474.

Barrie started playing online in 1998 and has taken a leading role in representing the playing community in the development of the new EBU Online BC.

Barrie, a 46-year-old chartered civil engineer, has been on the committee of Sheffield BC for the past ten years, before

which he was Trowbridge BC and BC.

For ten years Barrie has been writing a series of articles for *English Bridge*.

Barrie is an EBU Tournament Director and has been playing bridge for nearly 30 years. He is a National Master, with a rank of 488th!



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gameplay



Ian Kenyon, a director of Gameplay.com (centre), and Nick Justice, Managing Director of Bridge Player Live (right), with EBU General Manager Phil Lloyd, following the signing of contracts to launch the EBU Online Bridge Club.



duplicates, which will follow more closely the format of play at bridge clubs.

There is nothing intimidating about online bridge. All you need is a computer and internet access. You can download the necessary software from the internet. Just go to the web site [www.ebuonline.co.uk](http://www.ebuonline.co.uk) for instructions. It is all quite simple.

But watch out...this is only the beginning. For many players the EBU Online Club will change the face of bridge in this country.

## Manager

club secretary for and Sheffield University

Barrie has produced the newsletter, a 16-page quarterly. Recently he has been on online bridge for

EBU-qualified club level director. He has been playing 30 years and is a Premier with a current Gold Point

The great advantages of playing on EBU Online is that the people are friendly, the drinks at home are cheaper, and I can smoke - Alan Morrin, Twickenham.

## Just the same friendly people...

PLAYERS on the EBU Online Bridge Club are a cross section of players, just like the people you meet at your local club, but there are some players for whom the Online BC is their only club, writes Barrie Partridge.

The first player I would like to introduce to you is Bill Barclay, who set up and runs the Community web site, which contains the Online Club news, results and features. The Community site is at present being restructured and the home page address is now [www.ebuonline.co.uk](http://www.ebuonline.co.uk).

Bill plays under the name Bluecoat and is a 46-year-old chartered engineer, living in Wokingham, near Reading. Although he plays at St Sebastians, Crowthorne and Longmead BCs, he enjoys the convenience of the EBU Online BC, and the fact that he is still able to play Benji most of the time.

Two further players have the roles of Community Captains and represent players' interests and help to welcome new players as they arrive online. John Golding lives in East Finchley, London, and is a newcomer to duplicate bridge, while Sue Page is very well known in Worcestershire, as she is their county association secretary!

Many players come on line when it suits them and play with whoever else needs a partner. But regular partnerships can play, too. I have been able to play again with a regular partner of some years ago, when I lived for over two years in Wiltshire. Jim Corbett is 76 and plays at Bath, Trowbridge and Devizes BCs, and plays online whenever else he can! Reverse Benji is his favourite system.

Two brothers, Gary and Trevor Duddle, living miles apart in Leicester and Cumbria, are now able to play again together.

So old partnerships can be reunited, but online bridge can bring together new partnerships. I formed an online partnership with Alison Grimley, from Bath, and we now meet up to play at events around the country. She finds that the demands of her work prevent her from playing very often in a club and so she finds online bridge very convenient. Her favourite system is Acol, with the Multi.

The EBU Online BC also welcomes players from Wales and Scotland. Pat Fielding, who lives just over the border in Newtown, Powys, prefers five-card majors within a Basic Acol setting, and has been a regular player online for over two years.

The club welcomes players from all over the world, but they need to become EBU



Jim Corbett



Bill Barclay



Alison Grimley



Sue Page



Pat Fielding



Sue Maxwell

members and ideally like playing Acol. There has been much interest from expatriate players who have moved abroad and are homesick for Acol!

You need never be too old to play, either. While the youngest player I have met so far is a fourteen year old from Northern Ireland, the oldest is Frank Whiley who is 93 and lives in Worcestershire. Frank is unable to travel to bridge clubs and plays all his duplicate bridge online at home. Frank's 50-year-old grandson, Mike Fisher, is a regular player online, too!

An advantage for others is that there are no smoking restrictions on the EBU Online BC! This has enabled several players deterred by anti-smoking regulations at clubs to resume playing. Of course, smoking does damage your computer's health as well as your own.....!

There are two further players who I would like to introduce. One plays under the name of Hotspur. He has been playing for only one year, mostly at Thame BC, and has reached the rank of Club Master through the *Bridge for All* programme. Who is he? Well, none other than EBU General Manager, Phil Lloyd.

And EBU's Marketing Manager, Sue Maxwell, is also an online regular. Sue's family home is in Shrewsbury and she is a member of Conover and Shrewsbury BCs. Sue often logs on from Shrewsbury as Suesebu on a Sunday night, drives down the 120 miles to Aylesbury where she works, and resumes as Smaxi at about midnight! She plays at Thame and Princes Risborough during the week.

So when do all these players come online? Strange to relate, late evening is the most popular. The two busiest evenings are Fridays and Sundays, probably because not many clubs are open.



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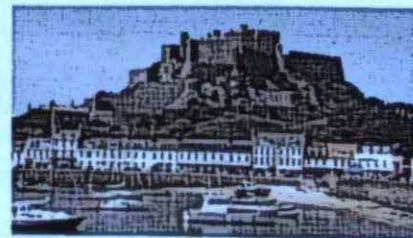
The Easter Festival of Bridge opens at the Royal National Hotel, Bedford Way, at 2pm on Friday, April 21, with a choice of either Mixed Pairs or Open Pairs. This is the prelude to one of the tougher events in the calendar, the Championship Pairs. This is a three-session event scored across the field, where the leading eligible pair will represent England in the 2001 European Pairs championship and, if acceptable to the EBL credentials committee, will be offered free entry to that event. The first session begins 7.30 on Friday evening and the event runs through Saturday, with 1pm and 7.30 starts. Sunday sees a two-session flighted Swiss Teams, followed by flighted Swiss Pairs on Monday.

## THE EASTER FESTIVALS

## Blackpool

The Thwaites Easter Bridge Festival is renowned as one of the most friendly and relaxed events in the EBU calendar. Combining our most popular venue, the Stakis Hotel, Blackpool, with the generous hospitality of the Thwaites sponsorship, it provides the recipe for a perfect Easter Break (if only we could guarantee the weather!). The bridge starts on Friday, April 21, with a two-session Championship Pairs qualifier, from which the top 28 pairs go to an all-play-all final. This is also held over two sessions on the Saturday from 1pm-6.15 and 7.45-10.45. Non-qualifiers and others may enter the concurrent one-day Swiss Pairs, with seven 7-board matches, assignments one round in arrears. The Swiss Teams on Sunday, April 23, is also a one-day event with seven 7-board matches. There will be short refreshment breaks throughout the day, but otherwise play will be continuous. Both of the Easter Festivals are very popular and booking early is the only guarantee of a place.

## Holiday fun in Jersey



The Lambourne Jersey Festival of Bridge is a joint venture between the EBU and the Channel Islands. This congress provides a wonderfully attractive holiday in the springtime with a full programme of bridge played over ten days from April 28 - May 7. The family owned Portelet Hotel is hugely popular. It enjoys one of the most outstanding views of the island overlooking the south-coast bays of Ouaisne and St Brelade and is renowned for its superb cuisine. The emphasis is on bridge in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and this is why many bridge players return year after year.

Entries are strictly limited and should be sent to: Gillian Hall, Les Pieces, St Martin, Jersey JE3 6AF. Packages, including air or sea travel from the UK, return transfers between the airport/harbour and the Portelet Hotel, and accommodation, can be arranged by Simply Jersey. Call 01534 59366.



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# Tournament Diary

## Just for seniors and veterans

IN response to enormous demand the EBU is staging a new congress in July especially for the over-fifties. The venue chosen is Eastbourne, a favourite hotspot.

Eastbourne boasts some magnificent Victorian hotels, many overlooking the seafront. Everything is in easy reach with the promenade virtually leading straight to the foot of the beautiful Eastbourne Downs and Beachy Head.

The world famous Carpet Gardens will be at their very best in July and the centrally located Victorian Pier is an ideal spot for an evening stroll after dinner. Players can visit the Italian Gardens just yards from the Holywell beach and see the Millennium in Bloom flower bed designed by local schoolchildren. At the cliff top visit Helen Gardens to play pitch and putt or boules.

The bridge will be at the famous Winter Gardens where a full programme of Green Point events has been put together to optimise the holiday/bridge atmosphere. Late starts, leisurely dinner breaks, and not-too-late finishes combine to make this a super weekend, from July 7-9. Players have to be over 50, with a pair's ages totalling 110, to enter the Seniors. Both need to be 65 to enter the Veterans.

Yet again, the EBU is delighted to receive the support of Bridge Holidays Abroad, who will be donating some fine bridge holidays and bottles of champagne.

### ONE-DAY EVENTS

**Saturday, May 20:** Avon Swiss Teams, Thornby Leisure Centre, Brenda Pullen 0117 969 6994

**Sunday, May 21:** Hants & IoW, Swiss Teams, The River Park Centre, Winchester, Marian Rudd 01264 355572.

London Swiss Teams, Royal National Hotel, Russell Square, Roger Morton 020 8643 4930  
rhmorton@btinternet.com

Warwickshire Swiss Teams, Warwick Hilton Hotel, Alan Pagett 0121 777 3658

## Hubert Phillips Bowl

The closing date for entries for the English open mixed teams-of-four championship has been extended by a week until April 10. So there's still time to get in your entry.

## Spring Bank Holiday

The Spring Bank Holiday Congress is held at the Carrington House Hotel (formerly the Moat House), Bournemouth, from May 27-29 and is the type of relaxed event that has great appeal for players of all abilities.

Saturday and Sunday are devoted to Pairs. There is a Championship Pairs qualifier, semi and final, and a Swiss Pairs running throughout. On Monday there is

**NEW  
THIS YEAR  
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□ The new Shrewsbury Summer Congress takes the place of the BBL Summer Congress at Buxton. It is to be held on June 23-25 at the delightful Albrighton Hall. This elegant 17th century location is set in 14 acres of grounds on the outskirts of Shrewsbury. The congress comprises the Shrewsbury Bridge Club's Open Pairs, as well as Swiss Pairs and Teams.

A guided walking tour has been arranged for Saturday morning, which will explore the historical sites, events and people that inspired Ellis Peters' *Chronicles of Brother Cadfael*, set in 12th century Shrewsbury. A coach will transport you to the centre of town and return you to Albrighton Hall in time for some lunch before play starts.

At only £5 per head, this is a great opportunity to delve into an intriguing period of Shropshire's past.

### • April •

- 8-9 Lady Milne Trials (II), London
- 12-13 BGB Simultaneous Pairs, clubs
- 15-16 National Pairs/Newcomers Pairs (final), Coventry
- 21-23 Easter Festival of Bridge, Blackpool
- 21-24 Easter Festival of Bridge, London
- 28-7 May Jersey Congress, Jersey
- 28-2 May Spring Foursomes, Stratford

### • MAY •

- 11 EBU Spring Sim Pairs
- 13 Garden Cities (Reg Finals), various
- 13-14 Friendly weekend v Netherlands, Netherlands
- 20 One-day event, Avon
- 20-21 Crockfords Final, West Bromwich
- 21 One-day events, Hants & IoW, London, Warwicks
- 27-29 Spring Bank Holiday Congress, Bournemouth

### • JUNE •

- 2-3 Worldwide Sim Pairs, club
- 2-4 Lady Milne Trophy, Hove
- 3-4 Corwen Trophy, West Bromwich
- 17 Garden Cities, Coventry
- 17 One-day events, Essex, Lancs, Sussex
- 18 One-day events, Berks & Bucks, Devon, Hereford, Lincs, NEBA
- 23-25 BBL Summer Congress, Shrewsbury
- 24-25 Pachabo Cup, West Bromwich

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WE start at the 1960 Olympiad in Turin. Reese/Schapiro and Flint/Swimer have been put in to bat against the Americans. It's rather crowded at Reese's table. Let's take a seat behind Jeremy Flint instead.

1. Love All. Dealer West

♠ KQ5	♠ J84
♥ QJ9	♥ A762
♦ KQ109862	♦ A5
♣ None	♣ AQJ5

Flint	Swimer
1♦	1♥
3♣	6♣

That's how the old timers used to bid 'Get there as quickly as possible' was their motto and who are we to dismiss such an approach? From Swimer's point of view it was a near certainty that his partner held some sort of spade control. Even if he didn't, a non-spade lead might allow declarer to throw his spade losers on the club suit.

The American North, Ogust, led the ace of spades (from ♠A1062 ♥53 ♦J43 ♣K863). He then switched 'cleverly' to a club, hoping to deter declarer from taking a finesse in the suit. Flint wasn't in the least deterred! Dummy's club queen won the trick and Flint was able to throw one heart, draw trumps, then return to dummy to discard the other heart.

At the other table the Americans bid unconvincingly: 1♦ - 1♥, 2♦ - 2♠, 4♥ - 4NT, 6♣. Reese led a trump, won the spade ace at trick 2 and led another trump. One down.

The slam is fairly good because a club lead will give it to you. On a heart lead you may be guided by the size of the spot-card led whether to finesse in hearts or to take the ruffing finesse in clubs.

Awards: 6♣ - 10, 5NT/5♦ - 7, 6NT - 6, 4♥ - 3.

On now to the 1962 Bermuda Bowl, played in New York. Once again Great Britain are facing the Americans (did we fully appreciate, back then, what great players we had in this country?) Claude Rodrigue and Kenneth Konstam occupy the East-West seats.

2. Game All. Dealer North


♠ 852	♠ Q96
♥ AK873	♥ J6
♦ Q763	♦ K2
♣ J7	♣ A109853

West	North	East	South
Rodrigue	Nail	Konstam	Key
-	No	No	1♠
Dbf	No	No	2NT
3NT	Dbf		No

# Beat the experts

By David Bird



South made a psychic opening of 1♠, which caused Rodrigue and Konstam no problem whatsoever. When they climbed to 3NT, the American North (impressed by his 10 points facing a vulnerable opening bid) saw fit to double. Konstam won the jack of spades lead with the queen, crossed to dummy with a club and ran the jack of diamonds successfully. That was two overtricks and 1150 to Great Britain.

What do you make of North's double? You hear people say 'He had to double, otherwise he would be fielding partner's psyche.' In my opinion, this is absolute nonsense. It could hardly be more obvious that East had about 11 points and West at least 14 points. Anyone who doubles 3NT on the North cards is not being honourable or ethical, they are just being plain... no, I'd better not be as rude as that... unwise.

Awards: 3NT - 10, 4NT - 7, 5♣ - 6, part scores - 3.

The Time Machine has taken us to the world championship of 1981, played in Port Chester, New York. The Brits were there again (yes!) but it was Pakistan who reached the final to challenge the mighty Americans. Munir and Fazli had an immaculate, natural auction on this deal:

3. N-S Game. Dealer West

♠ AK109	♠ 82
♥ QJ	♥ AK72
♦ 9	♦ KQ1042
♣ AQ9842	♣ K3

Munir	Fazli
1♠	1♦
1♣	2♥
3♣	3NT
4NT	6♣

The key to this successful auction lies with Fazli's second bid. Since he had strength to spare for a 3NT bid, he marked time with a bid in the fourth suit. When Fazli bid 3NT on the next round, Munir correctly deduced that partner held closer to 16 points than 13. He made a natural try of 4NT and was happy to pass partner's suggestion of 6♣ as a contract.

The American auction was identical up to 4NT. Then a wheel came off and they stopped strangely in 5NT.

Awards: 6NT/6♣ - 10, games - 5.

We travel back into the mists of time now, to the 1949 Masters Teams-of-Four, played in Chicago. Sidney Silodor gained a 'big swing in our favor' on this deal, reported his partner, Charles Goren.

4. East-West Game. Dealer East

♠ 98	♠ AQJ1064
♥ AQ	♥ KJ1085
♦ AKJ94	♦ Q
♣ KJ32	♣ 8

West	East
Goren	Silodor
-	1♠
2♦	2♥
3NT	5♠
6♣	

Goren was faced with the same dilemma as Fazli on the previous deal - he had more than enough strength to bid 3NT. A bid in the fourth suit was not available to him in those unenlightened times, and he decided to bid only 3NT. Silodor's continuation of 5♠ seems rather wild to me. Would it not have been better to show his extra values below the game level, with a rebid of 3♥ instead of 2♥? Goren could hardly reject the slam invitation, with 18 points before his eyes, and a moderate slam was reached. South led the ace of clubs and Silodor made the slam with a trump coup, shortening his trumps twice and picking up North's ♠K753.

A club lead is fairly certain if you play the slam in spades, so 6♣ is not a particularly good contract. 6NT by West is somewhat better, since on a club lead you might score twelve tricks even when the spade king is offside.

Awards: 6NT - 10, 5♠/5NT - 8, 6♣ - 7, others slams/games - 5.

It's time to visit the 1977 World Championships, played in Manila. Taiwan faced Argentina when this deal arose.

5. Game All. Dealer West

♠ A532	♠ K9
♥ K	♥ A7
♦ 109874	♦ AQJ63
♣ KQJ	♣ 10987

West	North	East	South
Cabanne	Cheng	Scanavino	Hsiao
1♦	2♥	3♣	No
			3NT

I don't know why East thought that 3♣ was a good idea. Why not bid 3♥, to show a strong diamond fit? Expecting to make a large number of club tricks, West rebid 3NT and was allowed to play there. North led a heart, won with the king, and Cabanne continued with a sneaky ♣J. North, who held seven hearts and could hardly place his partner with three, was reluctant to release his only card of entry, the club ace. Fatally, he ducked. Now Cabanne could switch to diamonds, making his game even though the diamond king was offside.

The safest game is in diamonds. Since you need the diamond finesse to be right

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# Beat the experts

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to make 3NT, you might as well bid 6NT or 6♠, which both depend on the same finesse! (I have marked 6NT slightly lower since you may lose 400 when it fails.)

Awards: 5♦ - 10, 6♦ - 8, 6NT - 7, 3NT - 4.

We end at the semi-finals of the 1981 Spingold, played in Boston. Sam Stayman (a tall man, I saw him once at the *Sunday Times Pairs*) is about to open the bidding in the East seat.

6. Love all. Dealer East

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

West	East
Tornay	Stayman
-	1♥
1♠	2♠
3♠	3♠
4♥	5♠
6♠	

The first point to make is that 2♠ is easily the best rebid on the East cards. Inexperienced players say 'I don't like to raise without 4-card support.' The effect of that policy, of course, is that they often play in 2♥, on a 5-1 or 5-2 fit, when they have a 5-3 fit available in spades. Even a 4-3 spade fit will play satisfactorily at the part score level. When responder is going to game, he should bid 3NT on a shape such as 4-2-3-4, warning partner that he has only four spades.

Back to the Spingold. Tornay tests the water with an apparent game try of 3♠, hearing that partner has a minimum hand. Appreciating that a slam may still be made by running the two long suits, he makes one further try - a cue-bid of 4♥. Stayman can see three good cards in his hand. Since he has made minimum bids to this point, and partner is still looking for a slam, he is fully justified in going past the game level to show his club control. This is just what Tornay wanted to hear and the excellent slam is reached.

A club lead may cause communication problems in 6♠, should the spades break 4-1. These can be circumvented by playing in 6NT (or, strangely, 6♥).

Awards: 6NT/6♥ - 10, 6♠ - 8, Games - 4.

## Final Rankings

51-60	Bermuda Bowl
41-50	Gold Cup finals
31-40	County Swiss Teams
21-30	Local duplicate
0-20	Aunt Elsie's bridge afternoon

Our experts bid well, scoring 49 points. The hands were of average difficulty, it seems to me. If you came within a few points of the experts' score, you can be pleased with your efforts.

# Fun at Harrogate - and the police don't interfere!

IT WAS great to see a national congress back at Harrogate, which seems to me to be a perfectly placed inland venue for a northern-based event. Many other players must have thought so, because entries far exceeded the places available, with some twenty teams being disappointed. And they were right to be disappointed! The Cairn Hotel, the officials and the competitors all contributed to the very good congress atmosphere.

This new congress replaces the old BBL Spring Congress at Buxton, following the recent break-up of the BBL. Strangely enough, the first-ever national contract bridge congress was planned at Harrogate way back in March 1934 under the auspices of the original British Bridge League - until it was banned by the police who associated cards with gambling and unseemly behaviour! The authorities reluctantly allowed it to proceed the following year.

So here we were 65 years later, against the very different background of bridge being considered for Olympic status and card players being made very welcome at Harrogate!

Two green-point championships were at stake, and the current national Seniors Pairs champions, Heather Hobson & Roy

## By Peter Littlewood

Garthwaite (Yorks), appeared to be dominating the Swiss Pairs at the top tables throughout, but eventually had to settle for second place behind Derek Williams & Paul Crosswell (Kent). Third place went to Olivia Woo & Alan Woo (London), with Ron Davis & Jon Williams (Beds) fourth.

Interest in the closing stages of the Swiss Teams revolved around the teams destined to take the top three places. Piers Pennant, Rosemary Fellows, Chas Fellows & John Durden (Surrey & Kent) seemed to have won the vital match by beating John Young, Catherine Jagger, Chris Jagger & Gareth Roberts (Cams & Hunts, & Lancs) to lead by 6vps with one match to go.

However, Julian Gibson, Clive Owen, Bill Townsend and myself (North East & Yorks) had shot up to table one by winning our penultimate match 20-0, still 13vps off the lead. Then we beat the leaders 19-1 to guarantee at least second place. Young's team gratefully accepted the reprieve by winning their last match at table two 20-0 to take the title!

It was marvellous to have pre-dealt boards in the Swiss Teams, so that every-

body played the same hands. The following deal had the E/W pairs at sixes and sevens:

Dealer N	♠ 8 6	♠ A K Q 7 3
Love All	♥ 8 7	♥ 10
	♦ A Q 9 7 6 5 3	♦ None
	♣ 8 2	♣ A K Q 7 5 4 3
	♠ J 9 5 4	♠ 10 2
	♥ A Q 4 3	♥ J 10
	♦ J 10 2	♦ 10 2
	♣ J 10	♣ K J 9 6 5 2
		♣ K 8 4
		♣ 9 6

What should East bid over North's opening pre-emptive 3♦?

When I discussed the hand afterwards with local player Ted Latham, who had been sitting East, he said that if he been given the opportunity to open the bidding he would have started with 4NT, asking partner to show specific aces. A 5♥ response to show the ace of hearts would then have allowed him to bid 7♣.

But over North's 3♦, he had not been able to use that convention, so he and his wife eventually subsided at the six level, with 13 easy tricks available in either black suit.

In the scoring up process, Ted had mentioned his dilemma to his teammates, Hobson & Garthwaite, who explained that they had the special agreement that an immediate 4NT over a pre-empt such as this was like an opening 4NT, enabling partner to show specific aces or more than one ace. The Lathams have now agreed to use this convention, so it struck me that other partnerships might want to adopt it.

Without using that convention, the normal action by East was 4♦ to show a two-suiter, followed by jumping to 6♣ over West's 4♥ response. Knowing that East had both black suits, West converted this to 6♠, which became the final contract.

Once East has bid in this way, the partnership is destined to play in a black suit, so should not a 6♥ bid by West over East's 6♠ be a cue-bid agreeing spades? If so, that would enable East to bid the grand slam, but perhaps 6♥ is not a bid with which test your partner at the table!

## NO TRUMP AGE

Overheard at the banquet after the Junior Camrose: A Scot asked the only male member of the Welsh Under 19 team: "How old are you?" Came the reply: "1NT". Of course, 12-14 (or could it be 15-17) - reported by Anne Jones, Cardiff.



# Hymie wins Sim Pairs at 95!

IT'S remarkable that Hymie Zolkwer is still spritely enough to be playing bridge regularly – for he was 95 this year. It's even more remarkable that he is still playing well enough to win events.

Partnering Jack Samuels he came first in the Millennium Simultaneous Pairs organised by Yorkshire CBA, an event which attracted 854 players in Yorkshire and adjoining counties.

Not that the result was a surprise for Hymie's friends. They know how well he plays – he still represents Whitefield Albatross in the 1st Division of the Manchester League.

Hymie, born and educated in Manchester, has played bridge all his life after learning from his father and starting to play with him at a synagogue. He still plays five afternoons a week at the golf club, besides other places. In the Millennium Sim Pairs he was playing at Besse's o' the Barn, near Bury.

It was a year ago that Tony Philpott from Wensleydale Bridge Club wrote to the Yorkshire CBA asking them to consider organising a Millennium Sim Pairs. Everyone on the management committee was in favour, and agreed all the profits should go to Save the Children, the EBU's millennium charity.

Ted Bond, who has organised many Yorkshire sim pairs in the past, volunteered his services once again. To create something a bit out of the ordinary, the event took the form of a 'Play with the Experts' with the hands taken from previous World Championships.

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## Meeting Princess Anne

EBU members John Herbert and his wife Dawn being presented to Princess Anne at a reception held at St. James's Palace to thank a representative group of people from organisations who support Save the Children.

John and Dawn, of Merseyside and Cheshire, have helped with the EBU's millennium campaign to raise money for Save the Children, of which Princess Anne is the very active president.

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 bouring counties were invited to take part. So, in what Yorkshire believe to be the first ever 'Play with the Experts' Sim Pairs to be held in this country, heats were held at 24 different venues in ten counties, and at two bridge holidays.

There were cash prizes for the leading overall pairs, along with commemorative pens for heat winners. Bunny Davies and Gill O'Neill (Merseyside Bridge Centre) were the winners E/W, while Hymie and Jack took the honours N/S.

One of the competitors was a certain Mr HEINZ. No prizes for guessing where he and his partner finished – yes, in position 57!

Philip Mason, the Yorkshire chairman, in thanking everyone who helped, organisers and players, was delighted to announce that over £1,000 had been raised for the charity.

## You write

### Mobile phones 'an intrusion'

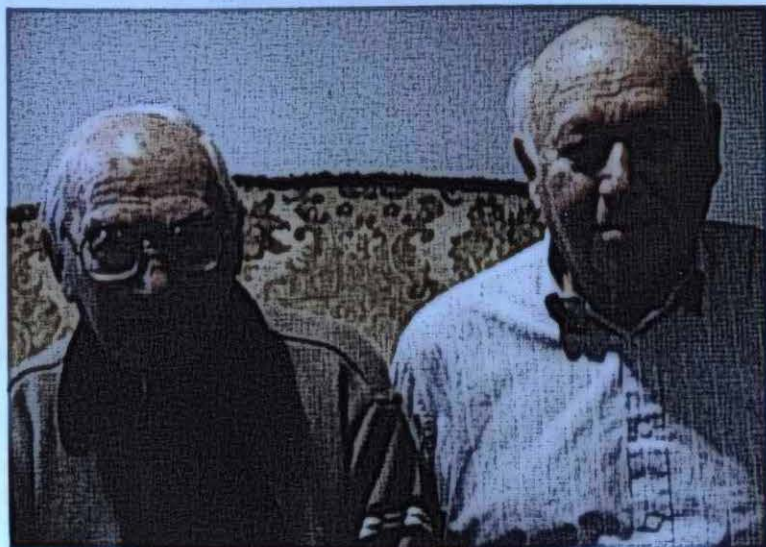
AS a confirmed 'anti-mobile phone', I am astounded to read (*English Bridge*, Feb) of the audacity of a player in placing a phone on the table and your correspondent apparently not doing anything about it. I believe that people who could be 'called out' should not even start an event at whatever level. What happens if they have to leave mid-stream?

I feel that mobile phones are an intrusion into my space, whether it be in the queue at the Post Office or at the bridge table. Is life so frantic and urgent that people cannot separate one part of their life from another? TDs beware! I will certainly call them if a phone appears – Roy Seaman, Royat28@tesco.net

### 'No more slams'

IN reply to Nick Peel, Sheffield:

1. I disagree with the concept of a Micro Slam. There are already two slams so there is no need for a third. A beauty of Contract Bridge lies in the choice between 5♣/5♦ or settling for 3NT, which does not usually arise with 4♥/4♠.
2. I agree with him about bidding boxes, Box ditherers can be irritating – I Grant, Birmingham



Hymie Zolkwer, left, with partner Jack Samuels



# PRIZE

## BIDDING

### Solution to the February competition.

The general principle with these hands is that if a player makes a take-out double, seemingly asking partner to choose, and then overrides the choice by suggesting his own denomination, that player shows a strong hand.

#### HAND 1. GAME ALL.

South	West	North	East	(a) ♠ KJ743	(b) ♠ A6	(c) ♠ 74
-	-	1♥	Dbf	♥ 8	♥ 753	♥ AQ2
No	2♣	No	2♦	♦ AJ843	♦ AKQ98	♦ AJ974
				♣ K5	♣ AK8	♣ AQ3

East's bidding shows a hand too strong for an immediate 2♦ overcall.

With (a) East would start with an overcall of 1♠, hoping to get a chance to introduce his diamonds later. Some players would make a two-suited overcall on the hand (eg. 2♥ to show spades and a minor suit).

(b) is correct. East shows a hand too strong for an immediate 2♦ overcall. With (c) the diamonds are poor and East would do best to make an immediate overcall of 1NT.

#### HAND 2. LOVE ALL.

South	West	North	East	(a) ♠ K9832	(b) ♠ A6	(c) ♠ Q98
-	-	-	No	♥ 74	♥ 753	♥ AQ5
No	No	1♥	Dbf	♦ AJ543	♦ AKQ98	♦ K9875
No	2♣	No	2♦	♣ 9	♣ AK8	♣ 86

This time East has already passed, so he cannot have a hand too strong for an immediate 2♦ bid. Thus it makes sense to use the sequence to show hand (a).

Of course with (b) East wouldn't have passed as dealer! With (c) East should pass, not double, which would be for take-out.

#### HAND 3. LOVE ALL.

South	West	North	East	(a) ♠ A1096	(b) ♠ AJ109	(c) ♠ AJ109
-	-	1♥	Dbf	♥ 92	♥ 92	♥ 92
No	1♠	No	2♣	♦ KQ7	♦ KQ7	♦ AK7
				♣ A952	♣ AK52	♣ AK102

This time East is happy with West's choice of suit, and wishes to show support. To decide how high to raise, East imagines that he has opened 1♣/♦ and West has responded 1♠. East decides how high he would then raise 1♠, and bids one fewer. That corresponds to common sense because if West had responded 1♠ he would have shown 5+ points. After a double West is forced to respond with nothing!

With (a) West should pass. He has no more than he has shown.

(b) is correct. If East has opened 1♣ he would have raised a 1♠ response to 3♠, so he bids 2♣ now.

With (c) East would double and raise 1♠ to 3♠. Of course if West really does have nothing he will probably fail in 3♠.

#### HAND 4. GAME ALL.

South	West	North	East	(a) ♠ A87	(b) ♠ 7	(c) ♠ 7
-	-	1♥	Dbf	♥ AQ	♥ AQ75	♥ AQ75
No	1♠	No	1NT	♦ KQ53	♦ KQ62	♦ KQ62
				♣ AJ85	♣ AQ75	♣ QJ63

East has shown a hand too strong for an immediate 1NT overcall, so he has a balanced 19-20 points.

(a) is correct.

With (b) East does best to overcall 1NT immediately, despite the...

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The course will be presented by internationals Sandra Landy and Chris Duckworth, with lots of hands-on play.

It will start at 10am and finish at around 4pm each day, so you can still play in the evening congress events (and put your new-found skills into practice!) The course is non-residential, though participants can stay as a group in the university accommodation if they wish. This is good value, will ensure you are among friends, and solves parking problems!

The cost of the course is £40 for EBU Teachers' Association members, £45 for others. To reserve a place, send a cheque payable to EBUTA to the Education Department at Aylesbury. Or if you would like to know more, contact Sandra or Chris (01296 317218 or 317225). We expect this course to be very popular, so do make sure you book your place soon.

## Tournament changes

PLAYERS who represent their county in inter-county leagues will in future be able to play for moderate Green Point awards. The EBU Tournament Committee has approved the awards to take effect, subject to certain conditions, for any league whose playing season started after March 31 this year, writes Philip Mason, chairman of the Tournament Committee.

Two changes have been made, subject to EBU Council approval, in the regulations for EBU knock-out competitions. For events which have yet to start, the away team requesting a halfway venue will now retain the right to offer dates, but will remain responsible for making the arrangements for the venue and paying the costs, including refreshments.

For matches played privately, the regulation on smoking has been amended so that the provi-

sion of smoking areas (if any) is now at the discretion of the host. Team captains should continue to discuss smoking arrangements in advance.

The Tournament Committee is considering having EBU simultaneous pairs events on two consecutive days in line with the current Bridge Great Britain (formerly BBL) policy.

In general, EBU Congresses are being very well supported and the introduction of pre-duplicated boards has added to the enjoyment, as well as helping to create a level playing field.

But there is concern over the Men's and Ladies' Pairs on the third day at the Year End Congress in London where attendances have dropped significantly in recent years. The committee will consider changes at its next meeting on May 11.

With (c) East should pass. There are many hands that would qualify for an opening bid which should be passed after an enemy opening, many of them having length in the enemy suit.

### February Winners

**Open:** Dr W E Medd, Woking  
**Regional:** Mrs D Hutchings, Tisbury, Salisbury  
**County:** Leigh Chapman, Bexley, Kent



HAVING failed miserably over the past nine years to help the Welsh team remove the Junior Camrose Trophy from England's tenacious grip, it was time to retire disgracefully, and let the new generation make their attempt. But just because I'd been put out to pasture (at twenty-five!) it was not going to keep me away from the most vibrant and entertaining weekend in the British bridge calendar.

Suitably enough, the event was being held at 'The Rest' in Porthcawl, which has a long and distinguished history of welcoming the convalescent. With the arrival of the cream of Britain's young hopefuls on Friday night the name began to seem curiously inappropriate.

To begin with, the Irish team had been making the most of Welsh hospitality in Cardiff where they had spent the previous few days, initially focusing on the task ahead, and finally just trying to



report by Adam Dunn  
put out to grass at 25

focus. There were whispers of side bets with Scotland after their recent battles during the World Junior International Teams.

The Scots were determined to overturn that result (one place behind the Republic) and, in a touching display of national pride, turned up to play killed, although we didn't discover whether what they say is true... The Welsh, of course, enjoyed the inestimable benefit of playing in the Land of their Fathers with a mass of enthusiastic home support to cheer them on.

Nevertheless, the English teams, as usual, were firm favourites for both the Under 25 (Junior Camrose) and Under 19 (Peggy Bayer) events. Sadly, Northern Ireland were missing from the Under 25s and the Republic from the Under 19s this year, although we all hope to see them both back again in Scotland next season.

England took control of both events fairly early on, and they ran out winners in the Junior Camrose by a healthy 46vps. The team was led by the seasoned junior internationals Jon Green and Graham Hazel. Keith Bennett and Richard Hillman made a very impressive international debut, playing some very solid bridge, and they were backed by the crowd-pleasing antics of Richard Probst and David Gold. This pair are known on the tournament circuit to be slightly 'off-centre' (indeed, Richard would be ashamed of a more conventional reputation), but at times they can be brilliant.

As a safety play, the English NPC, David Harris, fielded David and 'Dickie' on view graph only after victory was assured, much to the disappointment of the audience.

The battle for second place, which was always less predictable, wasn't decided until the very last stanza, when Scotland,

## Sublime and ridiculous ...English juniors win

had a good win against the home team, relegating the Welsh to third place.

The winning margin in the Peggy Bayer was one of the largest ever seen. A very impressive English team ended 76vps clear of Northern Ireland. The team contained the two pairs who had run out clear winners of the trials, Oliver Burgess & Andrew Woodcock, and Ben Handley-Pritchard & Alex Hydes. Alex is an extremely experienced international, and Andrew won the Young Player of the Year Award last year after some very impressive tournament results.

These pairs were ably backed by Susan Stockdale and Duncan Happer. The same team had won the Channel Trophy a month earlier (competed between England, France, Belgium and Holland). We wish them the very best of luck for the European Juniors in Turkey, later this year.

The bridge, of course, ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous. It is a feature of the game that the fate of a contract can rest on the play of a single card. However this was taken to extremes when Jon Green was put into a dubious looking 2♣ doubled and a slight defensive slip meant that he made his contract instead of going for 1700!!

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

West	North	East	South
Cleaton	Hazel	Roderick	Green
INT	2♣	Db1	1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Could have been 3 cards

Hazel decided to compete to 2♣, a brave action at adverse vulnerability, and stood his ground when doubled. I'm not sure that Jon Green would have been delighted to see dummy, but on the ♥J opening lead he smiled, thanked his partner and led the ♣K at trick two. This was ducked all round, so scrambling for tricks he now led the ♠J. Mark Roderick took this and returned the ♣J, which Green ducked. At this point if Mike Cleaton plays the nine for a diamond switch, the defence can take the rest of tricks. Unfortunately he overlooked to clear

trumps and Green could now just play on hearts to make his contract.

Mike did however prove that this was a momentary lapse when faced with the South cards below:

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

West	North	East	South
Mackenzie	Roderick	MacCormac	Cleaton
1♥	No	2♣	No
3♥	3♣	4♥	2♣

Partner led the ♠8 to his king and it was by no means obvious that partner had five spades on this auction. However, Mike went with his instinct and decided that a club switch looked like the winning action. He was justly rewarded when he found partner with the ♣K and the ace of trumps and when he received his club ruff he could probably hear the applause from the other end of the corridor (this thoughtful defence was also mirrored by Alex Hydes in the Peggy Bayer). All of the other defenders who tried to cash the ♠A soon saw declarer wrapping up 10 tricks.

The event was an unquestionable success and it was wonderful to see players as young as 10 years old competing at this level. It was also great to see so many girls playing in the Peggy Bayer, an indication of the future, perhaps. Many thanks to the East Wales Bridge Association and in particular Val Kennewell, the Match Manager. It is not an easy task, but the event was very professionally run by Val and her team and the venue was absolutely ideal.

### Passing Thought

A bid of 1NT from one lady was passed by her partner and there was no further bidding. When dummy went down it was a well balanced 16pts! First lady: "Don't you think you could have put me up?" Came the reply: "No, not this afternoon. You are not playing very well." - from the Worcester Bridge News.



# Scribblings from the sticks

By Eddie Scott

A TABLE of four suddenly collapsed into hysterical laughter, and I felt curious enough to discover why.

Apparently, the following bidding sequence had stumbled into the most dubious of grand slams: at best it depended on a trump finesse. But why the hubbub? It transpired nearly every bid on the successful journey was, to say the very least, irregular.

♠ AK3	♠ 75
♥ AQJ1074	♥ 96
♦ A4	♦ K1072
♣ A5	♣ K9862

West	East
1♥?	2♣?
4NT <sup>(1)</sup>	5♦?
5NT <sup>(1)</sup>	6♦?
7♥?	

<sup>(1)</sup>Standard Blackwood

With some trepidation, East tabled her cards and gamefully endured the guffaws. She said: "I realised I'd made a mistake on aces when I saw the expression on your face, so I decided to make up for that by denying one of the kings!"

The play eclipsed the bidding. Declarer took the ♠Q lead with the ace, cashed the ♠K and ruffed a spade in the short hand. The one available heart finesse worked and the ♥K fell on the ace! A happy conclusion for declarer.

This chapter of accidents brought to mind my P&O Line years and a popular captain who hated card games. Years before, he had been dragooned into 'making up' with three aged aunts. "The previous week, I'd heard Aunt Maude say Three hearts and I liked the sound of it. So on every hand I said Three Hearts. They didn't ask me again."

A married couple courted confusion with a difference. The husband opened 2♣ and after 2♦ from his spouse, he jumped to 4♣. His wife was completely non-plussed. After much card searching she elected (with her two jacks) to pass.

"I'm sorry, I just didn't understand your four club bid," she ventured.

"Well I think you should have done. It showed my suit was clubs and it was also Gerber." He compounded the explanation by adding: "It's called the Multi Two!"

A retired husband arrived alone for a game at my club, as his wife was otherwise engaged. A lady member, also retired, arrived partnerless and I suggested the two might like to play together.

"I love coming here," said the lady with confidence, "and I'm learning to dance."

Said he: "My wife and I are also enjoying this time of our lives; we love the bridge and we are struggling to learn Latin."

"Really," came the response, "and does your wife perform in short skirts?"

Take your seat for the next numba...

# Gallimaufry

By PETER LITTLEWOOD

## a dip into bridge's rich past

**M**ANY words and phrases from card-games have acquired a more common meaning in the English language, and it is interesting to play the Derivation Game to see how many one can identify. Some caution is required, because the derivation is not always clear.

Obvious ones include 'grand slam', for winning the lot in sports and games such as tennis, where 'aces' and 'deuces' are also commonplace. Mind you, before being adopted as names for playing cards, the ace and the deuce started life as the one and two on dice.

Less obvious ones include 'the buck stops here' to accept responsibility, and 'pass the buck' to shift responsibility to someone else. The *Oxford English Dictionary* explains that in poker any inanimate object, called the buck, can be thrown into the pot and temporarily taken by the winner of the pot. "Whenever the deal reaches the holder of the buck, a new jack pot must be made." Strangely, *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase & Fable* extends the origin of the latter phrase with: "The term is from poker and was the equivalent of passing in bridge".

'To sweep the board' is to win everything. Also called the Vole, it originated in the card game Ombre in the 17th century, when the Ombre, or declarer, announced that he would make all the last five tricks, despite both opponents being able to look at all the cards.

If successful, the Ombre would win not only the pool but all the stakes on the table as well.

In 1755 Dr Samuel Johnson described 'above board' as meaning: "In open sight, without artifice or trick. A figurative expression borrowed from gamblers, who, when they put their hands under the table, are changing cards."

More obscure is 'in spades', meaning in abundance. Richard Nixon used it in 1978, when writing about toughness. He pointed out that 'all three of the Soviet leaders have this in spades'.

On the subject of American Presidents, Harry S Truman had what is known as a 'dummy digit', because he had only two names but added the 'S' to appear more important. The use of 'dummy' to mean counterfeit or sham came from Dummy Whist.

Many phrases include the word 'card' or 'cards', while 'shuffle', 'deal' and 'hand' have created many sayings, but care is needed regarding the origin of

phrases using the word 'hand', which has so many non-card meanings.

Describing a man as a 'card' suggests a humorous disposition, and 'the joker in the pack' is unpredictable because in some games the joker is a floater. A 'joker' can also be an unobtrusive clause put into a legal contract to frustrate the outcome.

'Honours are even' produces an equitable position, stemming from when both sides counted their honours in whist. A captain can 'declare' at cricket, thereby limiting his side's score, but the word originated in the card-game Bezique, as the act of laying down the cards which yielded the score.

Some phrases go back as far as Shakespeare or before. In *Titus Andronicus* Aaron says 'as sure a card as ever won a set'. A game scored at cards was a set, and even nowadays a sure card wins a trick.

In *Henry VI Part 1* Suffolk says 'there lies a cooling card', meaning a check or a deterrent, because a cooling card is the one played which dashes the opponent's hopes. The forerunner of our modern saying 'to lay one's cards on the table' appeared in 1581, when Edward Campion used the phrase: "I would I might be suffered to shew my cards."

One of the earliest card-based sayings originated in William Patten's *Expedition into Scotland* 1548, with the phrase 'let them tell their cards, and count their winnings', which a century later became the saying 'tell [count] your cards and tell me what you have won'. A more recent version of it is in a short story by James Joyce: "She counted all her cards ... She felt sure she would win."

'Holding a strong suit' shows some dominance, while 'to slam' is to beat completely. 'To turn up trumps' also means to do well. In 1785 the phrase was included in a dictionary as 'something may turn up trumps - something lucky may happen'. Holding a 'full house', a 'nap hand' or 'all the aces' should also promote the feel-good factor, although with such goodies it may not be easy to remain 'poker faced'.

'To follow suit' has long meant doing the same as someone else, and it was used in that form by Herman Melville in *Moby Dick* in 1851. 'Leading from one's strongest suit' often brings justified success, compared to 'dealing from the bottom', which suggests a more dubious method of succeeding. Finally, if you 'go bust', blame it on the card-game Vingt-et-un!



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Mrs AE Corlett  
Mrs P Paulus  
Mr DJ Stimson  
Mr KD Watson  
Mr J Wood  
Master  
Mrs P Brimmer  
Mr V Coombs  
Mr PC Ellinger  
Mrs D Ginnel  
Mr AJ Laing  
County Master  
Mrs SM Dorsett  
Mrs BS Hickling  
Mr KC Monk  
Mrs MA Palmer  
Mr JR Stobo  
District Master  
Mr K Bains  
Mrs J Daufel  
Mr JD Eyre  
Mrs M Kaye  
Mrs J T Last  
Mr R W Last  
Mrs F Lough  
Mr RH Marriott  
Mrs C Wheatley  
Mr GD Wheatley  
Mrs I Willis  
Club Master  
Mr R Windler

### Lancashire

Mr RIF Dixon  
National Master  
Mr RJ Halliwell  
Mr GO Roberts  
1\* Star Premier Regional  
Master  
Mr S Green  
Premier Regional Master  
Mr OH Burgess  
2\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs B Heaton  
1\* Star Regional Master  
Mrs VA Cleaver  
Mr E Heaton  
1\* Star Tournament Master  
Mr AW McNaught  
Mr N Mitra  
5\* Star Master  
Mrs MJ Maurer  
4\* Star Master  
Mrs R Barker  
Mrs AE Burgess  
Mr J R Johnston  
Mr A S Pollard  
3\* Star Master  
Mrs P Cox  
Mrs J Passet  
2\* Star Master  
Mrs J Cowan  
Mr BC Iflam  
Mr L Macauley  
Mrs J Molyneux  
1\* Star Master  
Mrs M Brown  
Mr NJ Brown  
Mrs M Pal  
Mr T Rimmer  
Advanced Master  
Mrs VM Carr  
Mr TE Fleetwood  
Mr ER Jones  
Mr PM Lockett-Ball  
Mrs M Lunn  
Master  
Mrs PJ Bottell  
Miss EM Gallagher  
Mr D Harris  
Mr R J Heslop  
Mrs A M Ryder Jones  
Mr B Seed  
County Master  
Mr MC Lewtas  
Mr C Pollard  
District Master  
Mr JK Harris  
Mr L Jarvis  
Mrs L Lloyd  
Mrs GF Masby  
Mrs M Riley  
Mrs SP Townsend  
Mrs L Willacy  
Club Master  
Mrs E Giddens  
Mr J Giddens  
Mrs J Timms  
Mr B Willacy

### Leicestershire

Premier National Master  
Mrs BM Cooper  
National Master  
Mr T Glover  
Tournament Master  
Mr J Campbell  
3\* Star Master  
Mrs EP Smith  
2\* Star Master  
Mr C Davies  
Mr GD Price  
1\* Star Master  
Mr A Wheatley  
Advanced Master  
Mrs S Shipman



# Master Point Trophy

## Master Point promotions from 4th January 2000 to 2nd March 2000

**Master**  
Mr D Lashley  
Mrs J Lashley  
**County Master**  
Mr GB Beauchamp  
Mrs B Farrell  
Mrs M Homan  
Mrs S Moore  
**Club Master**  
Mrs SZ Ashley  
Mr R Baxter  
Mrs J A Hill

### Lincolnshire

**Advanced Master**  
Mr RHB Beach  
Mrs H Gillatt  
Mrs BR Peters  
**Master**  
Mrs AR Grant  
**County Master**  
Mr M Clendinning  
Mr JD Davies  
Mr DG Fearn  
Mr J M Sizer  
**District Master**  
Mrs JH Combs  
Mrs DM Fell  
Mr MF Grant  
Mrs DM Swaby  
**Club Master**  
Mrs J Morris  
Mrs SP Rouse  
Mrs K A Ward

### London

**Premier Regional Master**  
Mr GS Holman  
**1\* Star Regional Master**  
Mrs T J Gould  
Mrs N Matsumura  
**4\* Star Master**  
Mrs E Lowenthal  
**3\* Star Master**  
Mr EGB Paul  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mrs R Jaffer  
**Advanced Master**  
Mrs WR Cymbale  
Mrs CR Juffs  
**Master**  
Mrs K R Barnett  
Mrs K Jackson  
**County Master**  
Mrs M Berry  
Mrs R Cumming-Bruce  
Mrs M Harrison  
Mrs E A Leatham  
Mrs C Poulton  
Mrs CMM Wood  
**District Master**  
Mrs C Cardyn  
Mrs B G Cox  
Mrs DTH Davenport  
Mrs G Golding  
Mrs S J Golding  
Mrs C S Gregson  
Mrs L Kennedy  
Mrs G Toeselli  
Mrs JS Whacker  
**Club Master**  
Mrs N Abdul  
Mrs CE Brozman-White  
Mrs LL Green  
Mrs D Griz  
Mrs B Macdonnell  
Mrs PL Macdonnell  
Mrs S Sauson  
Mrs S Sepulveda  
Mrs T Stevens  
Mrs G Vignar  
Mrs B G Weatherstone

### Manchester

**Life Master**  
Mrs MD Alexander  
**1\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mrs G Burns  
Mrs BE Davies  
Mrs HA Kay  
**4\* Star Master**  
Mrs DN Day  
Mrs BR Fiddwick  
**3\* Star Master**  
Mrs F Morris  
Mrs A Richards  
**2\* Star Master**  
Mrs WD White  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mrs L Wentkove  
**Advanced Master**  
Mrs J Gilder  
Mrs E Nevechia  
Mrs H Saleh  
**Master**  
Mrs YM Brooks  
Mrs E Dunsley  
Mrs ED Gilroy  
Mrs B Newgrosh  
Mrs M G Quirk  
**District Master**  
Mrs L Bloukin  
Mrs GJ Venter  
**Club Master**  
Mrs JL Berry  
Mrs PM Berry  
Mrs C V Burston  
Mrs K Higgins  
Mrs L Hill  
Mrs J W Parkinson  
Mrs E Rose

### Merseyside/Cheshire

**Grand Master**  
Mrs RA Gullan  
**Regional Master**  
Mrs DN Flacks  
**1\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mrs JH Hogg  
**3\* Star Master**

Mrs LM Cullingworth  
**2\* Star Master**  
Mrs KE Schneider  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mr JS Kellert  
**Master**  
Mrs C Andrews  
Mr AV Gray  
**County Master**  
Mr N Painter  
**District Master**  
Mrs S Johns  
Dr P J Murphy  
**Club Master**  
Dr O P Arya

### Middlesex

**Life Master**  
Mr S Root  
**National Master**  
Mr R Lallah  
Mr NA Malik  
**2\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mrs J Mizel  
**1\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mrs J M Morris  
**Premier Regional Master**  
Mrs MER Courtney  
**1\* 0\* Star Regional Master**  
Mr MJ Heinze  
**5\* Star Regional Master**  
Mrs DB Miller  
**2\* Star Regional Master**  
Mrs D Lee  
**1\* Star Regional Master**  
Mr J Hoffman  
**6\* Star Tournament Master**  
Mr V Reader  
**4\* Star Master**  
Miss VE Dugdale  
Mrs J Simpson  
Mrs E Williams  
**3\* Star Master**  
Mr PH Vernon  
**2\* Star Master**  
Mrs B Chernett  
Mrs KLA Glanville  
Mr E Littlejohns  
Mrs J Mason  
Mr PT Wilson  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mrs H Broomberg  
Mrs MI Campbell  
Mrs E Gold  
Mrs R Hochenberg  
Mr J Osgood  
Mr J Vos  
Mrs G Western  
Miss MF Wilson  
**Advanced Master**  
Mrs N Donn  
Mr L Fodor  
Mrs AM Gayfer  
Mrs S Kay  
Mrs M Page  
Dr JH Schryber  
**Master**  
Mr IS Anderson  
Mr PN Ryan  
**County Master**  
Mr SR Anderson  
Mrs LS Blair  
Mr RC Boskin  
Mrs S Grant  
Mrs P Thomas  
**District Master**  
Mrs J Barnett  
Mrs B Brindley-Clark  
Mr GN Hagi-Savva  
Mrs LC Langer  
Mr B Murray  
Mr M Orenstein  
Mr J P Rafferty  
**Club Master**  
Mr M I Esterson  
Mr T Ridgwell  
Mrs M Yamauchi

### Norfolk

**2\* Star Tournament Master**  
Mrs J Caplan  
Mr L Gurney  
**5\* Star Master**  
Mrs TO Outred  
**3\* Star Master**  
Mr DS Birrell  
Mr A J H Meicall  
**2\* Star Master**  
Mrs V Stacey  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mr T Gallagher  
Mrs B Howlett  
Mr P Howlett  
Mr GK Parnham  
Mr CM Pennington  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mr A Brown  
Mr MP Cook  
Mrs JM Gough  
Mrs AW Howard  
Mrs S Hutchings  
Mr C D Owen  
Mrs J Wells  
**Advanced Master**  
Mrs P Alston  
Mrs A Ellis  
Mrs J Murfit  
**Master**  
Mrs MA Smith  
Mrs D Stubbs  
Mrs JM Wace  
Mrs M Whipp  
**County Master**  
Mrs CM Bullock  
Mr W E Whipp  
**Club Master**  
Mr EM Kempe  
Mrs J A Papworth  
Mr R Stenson  
Mrs S A Swan

### Northamptonshire

**9\* Star Regional Master**  
Mrs D Moss  
**2\* Star Regional Master**  
Mr C Tutton  
**1\* Star Regional Master**  
Mr D Baines  
**5\* Star Master**  
Mrs B Davies  
**4\* Star Master**  
Mr CK Mallon  
**3\* Star Master**  
Mrs CA Beatty  
**2\* Star Master**  
Mr G Dalby  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mr MH Aldridge  
Mr MD Hunt  
Mr J Posner  
**Master**  
Mr MJT Bowthorpe  
Mrs M L Jerome  
Mr DW Sutton  
**County Master**  
Mr C Ballard  
Mr W Chadwick  
Mr R Leyland  
**Nottinghamshire**  
**1\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mrs CA Fisher  
**Premier Regional Master**  
Mr I Dovey  
**2\* Star Master**  
Mr D Hoyle  
Mrs MA Hoyle  
**Advanced Master**  
Mr J J F Robinson  
**County Master**  
Mr A R Lloyd

Prof A Young  
Mrs DM Young  
**North East**  
**Premier Life Master**  
Mrs EM Hall  
**National Master**  
Mr MH Stanbury  
Mr DM Turner  
**10\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mrs P Somerville  
**6\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mrs B Boast  
Mrs J McCourt  
**3\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mrs J Hancock  
**Tournament Master**  
Mr A Couchman  
**5\* Star Master**  
Mr J N Dobson  
Mr V Jones  
Mr TE Smith  
**4\* Star Master**  
Mr P Burnip  
Mr HK Dryden  
Mrs EO Foley  
Mr J Hodgson  
Mrs L Oliver  
Mr N Oliver  
**3\* Star Master**  
Mrs P Durie  
Mr AE Gordon  
Mrs JL Gordon  
**2\* Star Master**  
Mrs JB Downham  
Mrs J Finney  
Mrs M Hook  
Mrs G Lawson  
Mr H Robinson  
Mrs A Welsh  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mr KE Bodenham  
Mr J Cook  
Mr B Crawford  
Miss T Lenaghan  
Mrs PA Peters-Jones  
Mr D Watson  
Mrs E Wilkinson  
**Advanced Master**  
Miss A Caygill  
Miss S Caygill  
Mr B Graham  
Mrs HD Graham  
Mr D Lambert  
Mr A Lester  
Mr D Morrison  
Mr B Myers  
Mrs P Procter  
Mr C Stenning  
**Master**  
Mr A Quick  
**County Master**  
Mrs L Bennenworth  
Mr M Craig  
Mr J Faichney  
Mrs B Kelly  
Mrs A Waite  
Mr H Wood  
**District Master**  
Mrs A Bell  
Mrs D Cook  
Mr P Coultate  
Mr E Dodds  
Mrs E Holgett  
Miss J Mylrot  
Mr BD Shindler  
Mr MJ Stanners  
**Club Master**  
Dr ML Andrew  
Mrs E Bell  
Mrs E Dexter  
Mr AM Pryor  
Mrs N Robson

### Oxfordshire

**Premier Regional Master**  
Miss S Cohen  
**3\* Star Regional Master**  
Mr N Gascoyne  
**1\* Star Regional Master**  
Dr J S Bygott  
**Tournament Master**  
Mr J Luck  
**5\* Star Master**  
Mr J U Viney  
**3\* Star Master**  
Mrs G Porter  
**2\* Star Master**  
Mrs BA Bailey  
Mrs K Daszkiewicz  
Mrs P Lawrence  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mrs JR Percival  
**Advanced Master**  
Mr G O Carroll  
Mr G Chaffey  
Mrs R Finch  
Mr A Ridgely  
Mr DE Simms  
**Master**  
Mrs JM Fletcher  
Mrs G Hamilton-Smith  
**County Master**  
Mr H Ewing  
**District Master**  
Mrs P Adamson-Jones  
Mr NS Bresler  
**Club Master**  
Mr TE Haines

### Somerset

**1\* 2\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mrs J Lowe  
**4\* Star Regional Master**  
Mr SJ Upton  
**5\* Star Master**  
Mr DG Boyle  
Mrs PA Moore  
**4\* Star Master**  
Mrs PA Morgan  
**2\* Star Master**  
Mr P Cox  
Mrs E Gilbert  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mrs MJ Broome  
**Advanced Master**  
Mrs L Baker  
Mr D Thrush  
Mrs B Walseley  
**Master**  
Mr P Jackson  
**County Master**  
Mrs PC Parkin  
Mrs J Rendall  
Mrs S Stuttard  
**District Master**  
Mr R E Feenby  
Mr A Nicholson  
Mr DC Parkin  
**Club Master**  
Mrs AJ Morgan  
Mrs J Morgan

### Staffs & Shropshire

**4\* Star Regional Master**  
Mrs MN Dummer  
**2\* Star Regional Master**  
Mrs B Foster  
**4\* Star Master**  
Mrs A Richards  
**2\* Star Master**  
Mr DL Roberts  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mrs P Groucutt  
**County Master**  
Mr W K Greatorex  
Mrs PA Tate  
**Club Master**  
Mrs C S Weston  
Mr JG Weston

### Suffolk

**3\* Star Regional Master**  
Mrs A Edwards  
**Tournament Master**  
Mrs SA Keeley  
**5\* Star Master**  
Mr D Spall  
**4\* Star Master**  
Mrs E Alexander  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mr G Douell  
**Advanced Master**  
Mr W G Hammetton  
**Master**  
Mrs IJ Armitage  
**County Master**  
Mr JM Leigh  
Mr R A Oinn  
Mrs MG Power  
**District Master**  
Mr PG Rains  
Mr R W Sydenham  
**Club Master**  
Mrs C Jeal

### Surrey

**Life Master**  
Mr AH Ruff  
**Premier National Master**  
Mr TB Denby  
Miss ACM Roberts  
**National Master**

### Sussex

**Premier Life Master**  
Mrs C Jepson  
**National Master**  
Mrs B Garrini  
**6\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mr DF Spencer  
**4\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mrs O F Ellison  
**10\* Star Regional Master**  
Mrs DE Hopper  
**7\* Star Regional Master**  
Mrs J Hinden  
Mrs M McGuire  
**4\* Star Regional Master**  
Mr C A Smith  
**2\* Star Regional Master**  
Miss SA Blunt  
**3\* Star Tournament Master**  
Mr F Ghalib  
**2\* Star Tournament Master**  
Mrs BJ Youngjohns  
**1\* Star Tournament Master**  
Mrs GN Phillips  
**5\* Star Master**  
Mrs JM Cummings  
**4\* Star Master**  
Mrs D E Button  
Mrs J E Griffiths  
Mrs D Hilbourne  
Mrs WJ Picton  
**3\* Star Master**  
Mrs AH Bondi  
Mrs V M Francis  
Mrs KS Kent  
Mr FC Kent  
**2\* Star Master**  
Mr RT Green  
Mrs B E Herold  
Mr R J Pyart  
Mr D Woodfine  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mrs A Q Shillam  
Mrs MA Stacey  
Mrs DN Winter  
**Advanced Master**  
Mrs RE Cannings  
Mrs J Handley  
Mr MJ McNish  
**Master**  
Mrs NH Brown  
Mrs A M Davidson  
Mrs M J Goad  
Mrs J Maunder  
Mr MW Murphy  
Mr D Thomas  
**County Master**  
S/Ldr G W Barnett  
Miss L J Barnett  
Mrs MJ Barton-Smith  
Mrs M Giddens  
Mrs AJ Sellier  
Mr AJ Studdard  
**District Master**  
Mrs P E Abbott  
Mrs C W Andrews  
Mrs J Dunlop  
Mr M J Heasman  
Mr DJ Osborne  
Mr HFM Page  
Miss SM Penny  
Mrs J Prescott  
Mr C Reimoser  
Mr CP Sellier  
**Club Master**  
Mrs R Edwards  
Mrs GFJ Miller  
Mr M P Symons

### Warwickshire

**Premier Life Master**  
Mr SJ Byrne  
**Premier National Master**  
Mr CR Dean  
**5\* Star Master**  
Mr D P Brett  
Mr JP Shugler  
Mr JS Wright  
**4\* Star Master**  
Mrs JC Ogg  
**3\* Star Master**  
Mrs K Marcus  
**2\* Star Master**  
Mrs B Dyke  
Mrs RE Morris  
Mr AB Taylor  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mrs JM Macleod

### Warwickshire

**District Master**  
Mrs P Childs  
Mrs MB Dowse  
Mrs EM Goddard  
Mrs LA Harding  
Mrs JH Lewis  
Dr T McGloughlin  
Mrs A Richardson  
Mr PA Richardson  
Dr JCH Richings  
Mr D H Ruch  
Mrs PA Scammell  
Mr G E Searle  
Mrs A Speranza  
Mr N Taylor  
Mr PI Turl  
**Club Master**  
Mrs V Anderson  
Mr J Legg  
Mrs K Legg  
Mrs M Manerings  
Mr RJ Matlach  
Mr A A Moreton-Smith  
Mrs A Penney  
Mr D R Sedgwick  
Mrs DJM Stearn  
Mrs PM Taylor  
Mrs R L Thompson  
Mrs J Wells  
Mrs EM Williamson  
**1\* 2\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mrs SM Barrett  
Miss C Dyer  
Mrs V Smith  
**8\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mrs J M Leslie  
**4\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mrs JL Anderson  
Mr M Camina  
Mrs S Kennard  
Mrs JK Retter  
Mrs PD Stewart  
**3\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Dr AF Cockerill  
Mrs SM Cockerill  
Mrs ME Linwood  
**Premier Regional Master**  
Mr G F Thompson  
**7\* Star Regional Master**  
Mrs BJ Butterworth  
**5\* Star Regional Master**  
Mr M C Patel  
**4\* Star Regional Master**  
Mrs JM Brown  
Mrs VP Pender  
**3\* Star Regional Master**  
Mrs S P Price  
**1\* Star Regional Master**  
Mr A Webster  
Mr MM Wilcock  
**1\* Star Tournament Master**  
Miss JM Morgan  
**5\* Star Master**  
Mr R Bragman  
Mr RH Forbes  
Mr BA Martin  
Mrs MM Nicholls  
Mr P Thorpe  
Mr T Wilcock  
**4\* Star Master**  
Mrs MK Blundell  
Miss EM Connor  
Mr MR Dancock  
Mr BA James  
Mr GJ Main  
Mrs MR Main  
Mr RR Munro  
Mr AT Norman  
Mrs B Roseaman  
Mrs M Shoosmith  
Mrs EB Skerry  
**3\* Star Master**  
Mrs GL Brown  
Mrs KP Byramji  
Mrs ZH Greville  
Mrs EG Johnson  
Mr GJ Suckling  
Mrs LC Tan  
Mrs CA Tuninga  
**2\* Star Master**  
Mrs U Adiz  
Mrs MCM Farquhar  
Mr N Frankham  
Mrs TL Hamilton-Smith  
Mrs EB Martin  
Dr D McHale  
Mrs DC Wharton  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mr PL Clare  
Mrs JS Green  
Mr AJ Maley  
Mr JH McKimmie  
Mr D F Sheppard  
Mrs A Smith  
Mrs C Vandenberg  
Mrs RE Wright  
**Advanced Master**  
Mrs J Baker  
Mrs J A Crabtree  
Mr DJ Dishman  
Mrs IF Jordan  
Mrs BA Lockwood  
Mrs L W Paine  
Mr J Piets  
Mr AG Pratt  
Mr J Rieden  
Miss RM Stuchfield  
Mrs MM Tessler  
Mrs CEA Weber  
Mr DPA Wells  
Mr R Wharton  
Mrs V Willey  
**Master**  
Mr DC Betts  
Mrs S Briars  
Mr DE Cole  
Mr A Jukes  
Mrs KJ McKimmie  
Mr PG Rowley  
Mrs R Rowley  
Mrs BA Sylvestre-Evans  
Mrs NE Wilcox  
**County Master**  
Mrs MA Aitchison  
Dr M J Bottomley  
Mr G Clarke  
Mrs P De Marco  
Mr K H Francis  
Mrs S Frankland  
Mr JM Gallery  
Mr SAD Hearden  
Mr ED Humphrey  
Mr JB Johnston  
Mr MA Keith  
Mr AS Leaf  
Mr WV Pereira  
Mrs A Ray  
Mrs JM Routledge  
Mrs JM Ryan  
Mr WA Shebridge  
Mrs RJ Skerry  
Mrs A Stark  
Mrs E Stewart

**District Master**  
Mrs P Childs  
Mrs MB Dowse  
Mrs EM Goddard  
Mrs LA Harding  
Mrs JH Lewis  
Dr T McGloughlin  
Mrs A Richardson  
Mr PA Richardson  
Dr JCH Richings  
Mr D H Ruch  
Mrs PA Scammell  
Mr G E Searle  
Mrs A Speranza  
Mr N Taylor  
Mr PI Turl  
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Mr J Legg  
Mrs K Legg  
Mrs M Manerings  
Mr RJ Matlach  
Mr A A Moreton-Smith  
Mrs A Penney  
Mr D R Sedgwick  
Mrs DJM Stearn  
Mrs PM Taylor  
Mrs R L Thompson  
Mrs J Wells  
Mrs EM Williamson

### Sussex

**Premier Life Master**  
Mrs C Jepson  
**National Master**  
Mrs B Garrini  
**6\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mr DF Spencer  
**4\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
Mrs O F Ellison  
**10\* Star Regional Master**  
Mrs DE Hopper  
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Mrs KS Kent  
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Mr RT Green  
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Mr R J Pyart  
Mr D Woodfine  
**1\* Star Master**  
Mrs A Q Shillam  
Mrs MA Stacey  
Mrs DN Winter  
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Mrs J Dunlop  
Mr M J Heasman  
Mr DJ Osborne  
Mr HFM Page  
Miss SM Penny  
Mrs J Prescott  
Mr C Reimoser  
Mr CP Sellier  
**Club Master**  
Mrs R Edwards  
Mrs GFJ Miller  
Mr M P Symons



# Master Point Trophy

Mr JW Parkes  
**Advanced Master**  
 Mrs S Littlestone  
 Mr LP Morris  
 Mr S Walsh  
**Master**  
 Mr N Littlestone  
**County Master**  
 Mr R Cambery  
 Mr PW Clancy  
 Mr J A Corfield  
 Mr IT Lee  
 Ms B Wigmore  
**District Master**  
 Mr B Green  
 Mr B Holloway  
 Dr J A Sherringham

## Westmorland

**4\* Star Master**  
 Mrs P Broadie  
**Master**  
 Mr B Gosling  
 Mrs J Gosling

## Wiltshire

**4\* Star Master**  
 Mrs JC Cash  
 Mr J Gray  
**3\* Star Master**  
 Mr PH Gregory  
 Mr C Wood  
**2\* Star Master**  
 Mr A Allpress  
 Mrs GA Dalton

**1\* Star Master**  
 Mr D Cutler  
 Mr SE Powell  
 Mr AH Spurway  
 Mr C Webb  
**Advanced Master**  
 Mrs EA Berry  
 Mr J Elder  
**Master**  
 Mrs S Nesbitt  
 Mrs EM Siderly  
 Mr RV Woodward  
**County Master**  
 Mr AJ Bullen  
**District Master**  
 Mrs J Glasson  
**Club Master**  
 Mr A F Griffiths

## Worcestershire

**Life Master**  
 Mrs JA Skelton  
**7\* Star Regional Master**  
 Mrs G Lincker  
**3\* Star Regional Master**  
 Mr P Hooker  
**2\* Star Tournament Master**  
 Mrs PR Moore  
**1\* Star Tournament Master**  
 Mr DDM Brettell  
**Tournament Master**  
 Mr LR Swift  
**3\* Star Master**  
 Mrs G Young  
**2\* Star Master**

Mrs GE Clarke  
 Mrs JG Hodge  
 Mr B Stewart  
**1\* Star Master**  
 Mr RG Singleton  
**Advanced Master**  
 Mr C Lees  
**Master**  
 Mrs M Hughes  
 Mr W Myers  
**County Master**  
 Mr KJ Adderley  
**District Master**  
 Mrs E Boyes  
 Mr CH Richards  
 Mr DJ Richards  
 Mrs GS Richards  
 Mrs PAW Scholefield  
 Mr HB Walker  
**Club Master**  
 Mr A Carter  
 Mrs J Little

## Yorkshire

**Life Master**  
 Mrs A Blewitt  
**Premier National Master**  
 Mr MC Jackson  
**9\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
 Mrs A Singleton  
**3\* Star Premier Regional Master**  
 Mr DA Ward  
**2\* Star Premier Regional Master**

**Master**  
 Mr N Mumby  
**Premier Regional Master**  
 Mr H Peck  
**10\* Star Regional Master**  
 Mr DH Bland  
**7\* Star Regional Master**  
 Mr RC Beevers  
**6\* Star Regional Master**  
 Mr WA Johnson  
**5\* Star Regional Master**  
 Mrs M Ingham  
**4\* Star Regional Master**  
 Mr AR Brosgill  
**3\* Star Regional Master**  
 Mr JA Proctor  
**2\* Star Regional Master**  
 Mr G Ashmore  
**1\* Star Regional Master**  
 Ms F Reid  
 Dr JR Worters  
**Regional Master**  
 Mr RA Mayo  
**Tournament Master**  
 Mr RB Cassidy  
 Mrs EA Hooke  
 Mr BA Philpott  
 Dr M Thompson  
**5\* Star Master**  
 Miss J Bowie  
 Mrs P Cooper  
 Mr K Hawkins  
 Mrs G Thompson  
**4\* Star Master**  
 Mrs M Chaney  
 Mr N Smith

**3\* Star Master**  
 Mrs PA Coggrave  
 Mr BR Harley  
 Dr PW Hempson  
 Mr JW Williams  
**2\* Star Master**  
 Mr P Cook  
 Mr EJ Crebbin  
 Mrs KA Crebbin  
 Mr P Lloyd  
**1\* Star Master**  
 Mrs J Buchanan  
 Mr T Douglas  
 Mr W Jones  
 Mr C Milton  
 Mrs ER Vincent  
**Advanced Master**  
 Mr CM Foster  
 Mrs MN Hey  
 Mrs B Hoyle  
 Mr D Kirbright  
 Mrs JW Muir  
 Mr D Newman  
 Mr D Robinson  
**Master**  
 Mr GA Ball  
 Mr R Bond  
 Mr MH Burton  
 Mrs A Candlish  
 Mrs J Hey  
 Mr SC Hinch  
 Mrs SL Hird  
 Mr D Loveden  
 Mrs RS Stallard  
**County Master**  
 Miss N Brown

Mrs D C De Le Haye  
 Mrs A Drake  
 Miss B Gabbitts  
 Mr TJ Gaskell  
 Mr K Howard  
 Mr DV Hudson  
 Mrs L Ingall  
 Mrs M Jones  
 Mrs H Maltman  
 Mrs B Mills  
 Mr SF Pooley  
 Mrs P Walker  
 Mr E Ward  
**District Master**  
 Mrs J Bowes  
 Ms M Erhart  
 Mr M Ferguson  
 Mr W Gallagher  
 Mr JS House  
 Mrs M E Lethaby  
 Mr PF Lovel  
 Mr A R Newson  
 Mr EJ Pearson  
 Mrs PA Turner  
 Miss W H Van Gelder  
 Mr IL Walker  
 Mr BE Walsham  
**Club Master**  
 Mrs Barnes  
 Mr MJ Collier  
 Mrs GJ Farry  
 Mr C Fort  
 Mrs H Harvey  
 Mr TB Hodgson  
 Mrs V Lowndes  
 Mr D Page

**Crockfords Cup:** Round 4 is well underway and captains of teams through to the last sixteen are: Rolf Alexander of Surrey, Michelle Brunner of Manchester, Unal Durmus of London, Jeremy Dhondy of Middlesex, Paul Hackett of Manchester, Julian Pottage of Hants & IOW and Kathy Talbot of Oxfordshire.

**Hubert Phillips Bowl:** Rhona Goldenfield of Manchester has reached the final by defeating Norah Allen of Cheltenham in a close match. The final will be an all-Manchester affair if Michelle Brunner is successful in her match against Marian Day of Oxfordshire.

**Silver Plate:** Last year's final was played recently and Pete Kelly's Derbyshire quartet

## Round-up Competition

By Ian Mitchell & Brian Claridge

won a very close match of 48 boards by 100-98 against Nick Doe's team from London and Bucks. This year's competition has started with the losers of the first round of the Gold Cup doing battle. The numbers will be augmented by the addition of teams who lost in the second round of the Gold Cup.

**Inter-Club Knock-Out:** We are down to the

last 32 and most teams seem to have won fairly comfortably with only two matches with the margin in single figures. These were Richard Hillman of the Young Chelsea scraping home by just 1 against Byron Crittenden of Wimbledon and Cyril Samuels of Bristol by 7 against John Durrant of Yeovil.

**Inter-Club Plate:** The same stage has been reached in this competition with the closest matches being Keith Goswell winning by just one against Pauline Serby of Basingstoke, Alison Kingsley of Clare Suffolk by 8 against Roger Cortis of Wymondham, and Bill Sherman of Avenue by 9 versus Pamela Arnold of Reading.

## THE RESULTS SERVICE

### INTERNATIONAL

**Camrose:** England (Glyn Liggins & Joe Fawcett, Steve Ray & Brian Senior, Nick Sandqvist & Rob Cliffe, npc John Williams) beat N Ireland 61-29. England (Jeremy Dhondy & Ian Pagan, Joe Fawcett & Glyn Liggins, Steve Ray & Brian Senior, npc Richard Fleet) lost to Scotland 34-56.

**Junior Camrose (Under 25s):** England (Keith Bennett & Richard Hillman, David Gold & Richard Probst, Jonathan Green & Graham Hazel, npc David Harris) 177vps; Scotland 131; Wales 128; Rep of Ireland 97. Peggy Bayer (Under 19s): England (Oliver Burgess & Andrew Woodcock, Ben Handley-Pritchard & Alex Hydes, Duncan Happer & Susan Stockdale, npc Phil King) 203vps; Northern Ireland 127; Scotland 123; Wales 74.

### NATIONAL

**Lady Milne, England 1st Trial:** 1 Christine Duckworth & Jane Moore 191vps; 2 Gillian Salt & Anne Rosen 186; 3 Sandra Penfold & Sarah Teshome 183.

**National Swiss Teams:** 1 Marc Smith (Hants & IOW), Peter Czerniewski (London), Cameron Small (Surrey), Lior Zivan (Cambs & Hunts) 192vps; 2 Heather Maidment, Steve Preston (Hants & IOW), Louise Solomon, Warner

Solomon (Devon) 171; 3 Malcolm Pryor, Tony Eastgate, Tim Pike, Rolf Alexander (Surrey) 166.

**National Women's Pairs (89 pairs):** 1 Detta Bentley & Angela McCreedy (Surrey) 58.16%; 2 Sandy Blunt & Brenda Garrini (Sussex) 58.04; 3 Carolyn Fisher & Jane Hall (Warwickshire) 57.32.

**National Men's Pairs (72 pairs):** 1 Hugh McGann & Tommy Garvey (Ireland) 58.74%; 2 Peter Tobias & Jerry Harouni (Middlesex) 57.84; 3 Jon Cooke (Kent) & Amit Badiani (Oxfordshire) 57.37.

**Tollemache:** 1 Middlesex (Jeremy Dhondy, Ian Pagan, Heather Dhondy, William Pencharz, Jerry Harouni, Ray Robinson, Victor Silverstone, Tony Waterlow) 82vps; 2 Warwickshire 75; 3 Leicestershire 75; 4 Norfolk 73; 5 Gloucestershire 73; 6 Berks & Bucks 68; 7 Cambs & Hunts 66; 8 Avon 48.

**Silver Plate final:** Peter Kelly, Alex Hogg, Ian Hall, Roger Mallinson (all Derbyshire) beat Nick Doe & Simon Husband (Berks & Bucks), Richard Hillman & Matt Quinn (London) by 2imps.

**Ranked Masters: Grand Masters:** 1 Andrew Thompson & Michael Walsh 189imps; 2 Peter Lee & Bob Rowlands 128; 3 Jacqui Tobias & Jerry Harouni (Middx) 84. **Premier Life Masters:** 1 Dave Debbage & Steve Capal (Manchester) 107imps; 2 Keith Wilson & Penny

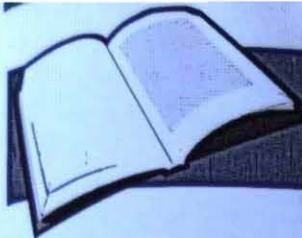
Macleod (Surrey) 87; 3 Dave Baker & Mark Rose (Essex) 86. **Life Masters:** 1 Tracy Capal & Sid Travers 56.10%. **National Masters:** 1 Brent Wormald & Peter Oldbury 59.97%. **Regional Masters:** 1 John Doran & Hugh Thomson 58.35%. **Star Masters:** 1 Mandie Campbell & Anthony Nash 56.63%.

**59th Annual Varsity Match:** Cambridge (Gareth Birdsall, Ben Zalin, Rachel Wade, Dan Faber, Sonia Zakrzewski, Ian Greig, npc Alistair Flutter) beat Oxford (Alex Hydes, Iain Au Yong, Tim Prior, Dan Holloway, Nigel Cundy, capt, Eugene Goh) 224-192. **Premier League play-off** (to represent England in the World Teams Olympiad, Maastricht): David Burn, Brian Callaghan, Joe Fawcett, Glyn Liggins beat David Price, Lionel Wright, Tom Townsend, Nick Sandqvist, Gunnar Hallberg, Colin Simpson 366-267imps.

### COUNTY

**Manchester Congress:** Championship Pairs (72 pairs): 1 Michelle Brunner & John Holland; 2 Bill Hirst & Ron Morrish; 3 Jeff Smith & Mark Halliwell. Championship Teams (36 teams): 1 Michelle Brunner, John Holland, Bill Hirst, John Hassett 127imps; 2 Jeff Morris, Leslie Klein, Dave Barton, Alan Jones 121; 3 Rhona & Bernard Goldenfield, Boris Ewart, Jim Luck 113.





# BOOKSHELF

(Continued from page 25)

## The Hog in the 21st Century Continued

would have deduced this. Even Papa on one of his good days would have found the right line. I liked this deal because it is an exercise in clear thinking, deduction and counting.

Most of the deals are far more spectacular, and of course less instructive for practical purposes, but overall this book is a great read. In order to savour it properly the reader should not be greedy but settle for reading only a chapter or two at one sitting. As I discovered this wasn't easy; I found it hard to put the book down. Whether you are familiar with Mollo and his menagerie characters or not, treat yourself. Buy it! – **Bob Rowlands**

## Your First 20 Deals

by Tony Sowter

## Simple Conventions

by Mark Horton

## Competitive Bidding

by Brian Senior

(all Batsford, £5.99)

BATSFORD have published a series of books specifically aimed at new players aiming to cut their teeth in the competitive world of bridge. I hope they end up less confused than I did after reading some of them.

Tony Sowter's contribution is called *Your First 20 Deals*, which presumably means just that, but on deal number two we are expected as a defender to leap up with an honour second in hand to preserve partner's entry. Some beginner.

The bidding is confusing too, aimed at an American market it seems, but even over there do they still reply 2NT on a balanced 14 count to partner's opening bid of one diamond? (In the example given the main effect is to get the hand played the wrong way round.)

Typographical errors abound, with some hands containing only six cards or the nought of spades. Whether this is the fault of the proof reader or type-setter I am not qualified to say, but the outcome is one of shoddiness.

Mark Horton's *Simple Conventions* has its fair share of mistakes too, such as part of one chapter appearing mysteriously in another. But again my grumble is about the content. Surely one of the main reasons Stayman is such a good convention is because you can use it on a wide range of hands? But we are told that the sequence INT-2♣, 2♦-2♥ promises 8 or 9 points with the opener free to pass, raise hearts or bid 2NT. I shudder to think of some of my students reading this and

wondering why they have been taught so differently. For the most part there is nothing here that hasn't been said a hundred times before, and aimed at a British market too.

*Competitive Bidding* by Brian Senior is much better altogether. He writes with a great deal of clarity on the main principles behind overcalling, and how to proceed constructively facing a partner who has overcalled. I particularly liked the chapter on protection, because it is such a difficult concept for the beginner to come to terms with. The hardest thing for relative novices to understand is why they cannot bid on any hand in second position with as many as twelve points.

Maybe I was inured to them by now, but the dreadful typos seemed to have disappeared by the time I came to this volume, and that made reading it all the more enjoyable.

I would like to say that I found all these slim volumes worthwhile, but in all honesty I cannot. With the exception of Senior's I got the impression that they had been put together in a great hurry. One other thing puzzled me as well. There is a foreword by Bobby Wolff saying how pleased he is to welcome the series, and commenting on the enjoyment he is sure any beginner will get from them. I just can't help wondering how he wrote that three years ago when they have only just been published – **Dave Huggett**.

## Really Easy Practice

(EBU, £5.99)

I HAVE studied with great interest the novel idea of *Really Easy Practice*, produced by the EBU's *Bridge for All* team.

The hands for bidding and playing are very good indeed, and the "What should we have done?" section is excellent, introducing a first class selection of card play techniques. There are some minor aspects of bidding which do not fit my pattern of teaching, particularly for beginners, eg opening 1♠ with 4/4 in the black suits, and a hand unsuited to a 1NT opening:

♠AQ72 ♥632 ♦42 ♣AK85

I would not recommend beginners, invariably most fearful of playing in NT, to open 1♠ on the above holding (with 5/5 in the black suits, I concur with a 1♣ opening). Such slightly differing views are hardly significant; my style is very much in tune with the principles of Standard English.

Although the publication is titled *Really Easy Practice*, I feel it would greatly benefit bridge improvers who have attended, at the very least, a complete year of classes (maybe even as much as two units of *Bridge for All*). Maybe I'm dim, but I needed to read the section 'How to use this handbook' twice. To avoid 208

playing cards becoming scrambled, it seems essential to state all four packs require different logos or colours on their backs.

The competent section on Duplicate Bridge Scoring and How to Score will be better understood by students with a sustained period of learning behind them.

Unless the beginners are young and very quick learners (alas, this is a very small minority in my teaching experience) perhaps expectations are rather high.

There are fewer misprints than in *Really Easy Bidding* (which gave the impression of being hurried and now corrected in the later edition) and I really like the choice of font which presents the edition with all important clarity.

In conclusion, an excellent concept with very good examples – for improving bridge players with genuine potential.

Sandra Landy plays bridge at the very highest level, yet she has still managed to find the time for prodigious work and dedication to *Bridge for All*. This surely deserves the consideration of national recognition. – **Eddie Scott**

## Other books received:

*Improve Your Bidding and Play*, with 59 instructive hands by Derek Rimington & Ron Klinger (Gollancz, £7.99); *Famous Bridge Disasters*, a collection of spectacular and amusing calamities presented by David Bird (Gollancz, £7.99); *Bridge Conventions for You*, a revised edition, by Ron Klinger & Andrew Kambites (Gollancz, £7.99)

# Puzzling

(Solution to puzzle on page 9)

♠ QJ10	♠ 92
♥ 10973	♥ K54
♦ KJ76	♦ Q1092
♣ 65	♣ QJ109

♠ AK8763
♥ AQ82
♦ None
♣ AK2

South should win the opening lead with the ♠K and immediately lead the ♥Q. If East wins, then the ♥J is an entry for declarer to get to the ♦A. If East ducks, then declarer plays the ♥A and ruffs a heart with the same result. No other line produces ten tricks on the above hand. If, for example, you play ace and another heart, East will win and return a second trump and you have lost your heart ruff in dummy.



ONLY 87 teams entered the National Swiss Teams Congress this year. It is to be hoped that this will grow now that the decision makers have dispensed with a Friday evening session and condensed the event into two days. This was a popular move among many players with whom I spoke.

The Leeds venue remains one of the best on the English tournament circuit – there are plenty of nearby restaurants and pubs to choose from, and the Queen's Hotel provides excellent playing conditions. The weather in January is a fickle thing, and in the past I have endured some fairly horrendous mid-winter treks from one end of the country to the other. Not so this year, when the conditions were positively spring like.

A major improvement was the use of duplicated boards throughout, so that everyone played the same hands. This is

by Marc Smith

fairer, as it means that when you are dealt a flat set of boards on which you struggle to win 12-8, the teams around you are not enjoying a set with four difficult slam hands that are producing 20-0 scores. It also allows you to compare scores with players from other teams and to discuss interesting hands.

My team travelled North with three-quarters of our regular squad, and no great expectations: Peter Czerniewski and I had not played for two months and our third member, Cameron Small, had teamed up with promising junior Lior Zivan for the weekend. What a partnership they proved to be! Whenever we produced a sub-standard set of boards, they rescued us with some amazing results.

In our match against the team that eventually finished second, we twice bid slams that failed when key kings were offside. On both occasions, Lior & Cameron found a way to beat *game* in the same suit. Indeed, we even gained imps for going one down in 6♠, as they defeated 4♠ by two!

Their result on this hand was unusual to say the least...

### WHAT TEACHER SAID

Bridge teacher Clair Sexton was playing in 6NT, which was doubled on his left. He received the lead of a small diamond. Dummy tabled and sure enough they were missing the ♦AK. To his surprise his queen won. After making 12 tricks he asked the lady on the left why she had not led her AK. She replied that she had been taught to lead the fourth highest against No Trump contracts. Even worse, Clair had been her teacher.

# When partners make scoring up a pleasure...

N/S Game ♠ A Q  
Dealer East ♥ 7 5  
♦ K Q J 10 3  
♣ K J 5 3

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

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

West	North	East	South
-	Cz	1♥	No
1NT	2♦	4♥	5♦
No	No	5♥	No
No	Dbl		

I led a club to the ace, and declarer played a spade. Czerniewski won with the ace and led the ♦K. We scored those two tricks plus the ace of trumps to beat the contract, but we never found our spade ruff. At least we had managed a plus score, but how good would that be?

As it happened, our result was duplicated at numerous tables. Other common results also included 4♥ either making for E/W +420 or going one down for N/S +50, and 4♦ making (N/S +130) or 5♦ going one down (E/W -100). Only Small and Zivan managed to come back with a score that was worth 13 imps opposite our modest +100.

West	North	East	South
Zivan	-	4♥	No
No	Dble	No	4♠

Small's decision to pre-empt gave both North and South tough decisions, which they resolved in questionable ways. Certainly, the final contract was not a pretty one. Zivan led a heart and declarer grabbed the ace and immediately took a trump finesse. Small won his ♠K, cashed a heart winner, and played a third round of the suit into the triple void. Declarer ruffed in hand and Zivan overruffed with the eight. Declarer overruffed with the ace and played the ♦K, but that was his last trick. Small's hand was now high except for his partner's club ace. 4♠ minus seven, vul, meant +700 for E/W!

Curiously, N/S had taken the same three tricks at both tables!

The next hand was nicely played by Peter Czerniewski:

Game All ♠ J 8 6 5  
Dealer North ♥ A K 4  
♦ A K  
♣ K 10 6 2

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

♠ K Q 3  
♥ 8 7 6 2  
♦ Q 8 2  
♣ 7 4 3

West	North	East	South
-	Smith	No	Cz
-	1♠	No	1NT
No	2NT	No	3NT

West led a diamond to dummy's king. He then erred at trick two, capturing the ♠K with his ace (there is a risk that declarer is trying to steal his ninth trick, so ducking is not obvious). Czerniewski won the diamond continuation and played a low heart. East went in with the ten, and West missed his last chance to beat the contract – he must overtake and play a club.

When the ♥10 held, East exited with a heart. Czerniewski cashed dummy's other heart winner, played the ♠J and a spade to the queen, cashed the ♦Q, and exited with the fourth round of hearts to East's jack. East was end-played, with the ♠K and dummy's long spade bringing declarer's total to nine tricks.

Only occasionally do you play in an event that you seem destined to win, and this proved to be one of them. It still never ceases to amaze that the Swiss format makes it nearly impossible for a team to open up a significant lead. Even when you keep winning, there always seems to be someone new right on your tail. After ten consecutive victories, we had opened up a gap of a full match, only to slip up 7-13 in Match 11. A comfortable victory in the penultimate match saw our 20+ vp advantage restored, thus avoiding the possibility of blowing things at the death.

- 1 Marc Smith (Hants), Peter Czerniewski (London), Cameron Small (Surrey), Lior Zivan (Cams & Hunts) 192 vps;
- 2 Heather Maidment, Steve Preston (Hants), Louise & Warner Solomon (Devon) 171;
- 3 Malcolm Pryor, Tony Eastgate, Tim Pike, Rolf Alexander (Surrey) 166.



# COUNTY NEWS



## Avon

It was with great sadness that Avon members learned of the untimely death of **Richard Alner**, a talented and courteous player, and a sympathetic partner.

Somewhat belatedly, we congratulate our **Tollemache** team who won their qualifying group and took their place in February's final - the first time for several years that the Avon team had qualified. The team: Robert Coville, Richard Dunn, Mike Elliot, Brian Goalby, Graham Hartley, David Jones, Kais Khdair, Tony Letts, Peter Sherry.

**County Multiple Teams championship**, at Bristol BC, was won by Mike Booker, Gareth Evans, Irene Robinson, Andrew Urbanski.

**Diary Dates:** Men's and Women's Pairs Championships, April 9, Bristol BC. Don't forget Avon's Green point Swiss Teams event, May 20, Thornbury Leisure Centre (details Mrs Brenda Pullen 0117 9696994).

## Bedfordshire

Clifton Bridge Club strengthened its stranglehold on the teams scene by adding the **Inter Clubs Teams of Eight** title to the Teams of Four it won in the autumn.

Bev & Arnie Drill, Margaret & Bernard Eddleston, Gaynor Tinsdale & Pat Barnett, Freda Warner & Peter Pye saw off Bedford A (2nd) and Milton Keynes B (3rd).

The **County Swiss Teams** was won by Iain Roberts & Alan Shillitoe, Philip Gee & Peter Coles. Terry Pearce & Chris Parkin, Mike Vogel & Brian Wharton finished strongly in second place.

From the County Pairs semi-final the top 14 pairs qualify for the final. Replacements are permitted and anyone needing to drop out should let David Gilling know as soon as possible.

The county is to hold a **Simultaneous Pairs** competition in clubs in aid of Save the Children in the week July 10 to 16. Is your club holding a heat? Club secretaries are asked to let Anne Klarskov have their chosen date so that all may be published in forthcoming events.

**Diary Dates:** County Pairs Final, Woburn, April 2, 2pm; Men's & Ladies' Pairs, Woburn, April 8, 2pm; Cadet Pairs Final, Bedford, April 27, 7.30pm; AGM/EBU SP, Flitton, May 11, note the time, 7pm!; Restricted Pairs, Cranfield, June 22, 7.30pm; Bedford Congress, Cranfield, July 8/9.

## Berks & Bucks

**County Flitch** (Jack McDougall Memorial Cup): Gill and Eric Vickers; runners-up Janet & Ray Anstis. **Express Cup Mixed Swiss Teams:** David & Renee Beever, Steve Gore, Brenda Vinty; runners-up Rex Avery, Carole Mueller, David...

**County Mixed Pairs:** Joan Murphy & Tony Bowry; runners-up Hedy Brown & Nigel Guthrie. **Swiss Pairs** (Denys Jenkins Trophy): Ted Martin & Peter Hall; runners-up John Thrower & Hilda Hope.

**Committee Cup** first semi-final: Richard Bridgen, Elaine Taylor, Dory & Nigel Thompson; runners-up Charles King-Farlow, Dave Rees, Ron G Vass & Ron M Vass.

**Lederer Salver:** Peter & Ean Regan; runners-up: Nathan Piper & Gordon Bane. Graham & Monica Lucy were in the team placed third in the A Flight of the London Year End Swiss Teams.

Tim Rees & Peter Goodman have starred in the Wales national team, beating England in the **Camrose**. Nick Doe & Simon Husband played in the **Silver Plate Final**, their team losing by 2imps.

## Cambridge & Hunts

The **Newmarket Open Swiss Teams** was won by Ann Curtin, John Turner, Tapan Pal, and Peter Shawden, pipping last year's winners S Dempster, E Howard, V Milman, and N Stelmashenko; ascenders' prize: A Gerloch, M Raven, P & W Lefort. This year the event will be held on October 29. Please make a note in your diary.

The County qualified for the **Tollemache Final** for the fourth time in five years, but disappointingly finished seventh. The team: P Barden, (Mr) C Jagger, D Kendrick, C Larham (npc), E Linfield, J Mestel, F Warren, J Wightwick, J Young.

At the time of writing, Cottenham are leading the **South Cambs League**, on a split tie with the Cambridge and Thursday clubs. Watch out for Saffron Walden, who have played only three matches, but have yet to drop a victory point.

Lior Zivan won the **National Swiss Teams** in Leeds in convincing style. Giles Woodruff and Gerard Thompson were runners-up in the **Men's Teams** (and were also both in a different team which finished third in the Eastbourne Bowl at Bournemouth). Catherine Jagger reached the semi-final of the **Ladies' Teams**. Gareth Roberts and John Young were third equal in the **Two Stars Pairs** at Bournemouth. At the **Year End Congress**, Michael Ashe and Gerard Thompson won the Millennium Pairs. Chris Jagger & Giles Woodruff were runners-up in the Swiss Pairs. Chris & Catherine Jagger, with John Young, came 2nd in the Swiss Teams. Catherine Jagger was runner-up in the Ladies Pairs.

The **County Knock-Out** has started and already there have been two surprises. J Frances (D Glover, L & R Yeatman) knocked out the University 'A' team. On the other side of the draw, M Jude (J Patten, C Campbell, J Tidswell) eliminated Woodruff. Other good performances include Tahseen knocking out both Curtin and Harrison. Last is the first through to the semis, beating Larham in the quarter-finals.

Congratulations to Saffron Walden 'A' who finally broke the Town & Gown grip on the **Garden Cities** qualifier. The University were second and Cambridge were third.

Chris and Catherine Jagger continued their game of ping-pong with the **County Pairs** trophy. This year it was returned to Catherine, partnered by Giles Woodruff; 2 D Oxbrow & K Haddock; 3 H Bergson & P Huggins; 4 P

Wraight & S Wraight. The leading three pairs will be invited to represent the County in the Corwen Trophy.

Congratulations to Len Scofield, who enhanced Huntingdon's good record in the **County Individual:** 1 L Scofield, 2 M Anderson, 3 L Ledwidge.

We are pleased to report that Cambridge (Birdsall, Faber, Greig, Wade, Zakrzewski, Zalin) won this year's **Varsity Match** by 32imps. The University also won the Undergraduate Varsity match in style, by 127imps.

**Balsham BC** will run a Millennium pairs in support of Save the Children, the final being on June 11 in Fulbourn, over two sessions, in a similar format to the popular Jubilee Pairs. Qualifying is from club heats. Please support this event. Contact your club secretary, or Peter Beaven on 01279 777583. Heats must be held by mid May.

This is the first Cambs & Hunts report for some time and there has been a lot to fit in, We apologise for any successes omitted!

## Channel Islands

In Guernsey the **District Mixed Tournament** was won by Mike and Margaret Allen with Lynda Mildon and Andy Hall being runners up and at the **Guernsey Island Bridge Club's Team Championship** winners were Frank Money, Brenda Lihou, Ian Monachan, Pat Merriman and Brenda Walker and second were Pearl Zabiela, Jean Murphy, Steven Ash and Martin Jones. The Island BC Pairs Championship was again won by Pat Merriman and Frank Money, with Peggy and Jim Cherry runners up.

Heats have been held in both Islands for the **County Teams**. The victorious Guernsey Team is Mike and Margaret Allen, Lynda Mildon, Andy Hall. In Jersey the quarter finals have resulted in the top two seeds being eliminated and one of the following two teams will compete against Guernsey: John Wells, Margaret Petersen, Carl Harrison, Robert Brouard, Pat Panter or Marion Mailes, Merideth Case, Howard Basden-Smith, Gwyneth Fauvel. A turn up for the books!

**Jersey Highfield BC** had a very successful result in the BBL Winter 2000 (Tuesday) Sim Pairs. Out of nearly 3000 competitors the club had three in the top 20. Robert Brouard and Carl Harrison were 15th, the much improved pairing of Rosemary Beatty and Delma Murray 16th and the established expert pairing of David Hole and Sue Rankin 20th. The club had several other high rankings including a good placing for the less experienced but vastly improved pairing of Chris and Janine Borny.

## Cornwall

It is with great sadness we have to report the death of three of our members, Dr Cecil Gurr, Joan Hocking and Freda Stokes.

Cecil will be remembered for his movements which were published as his **Gurr Club Convention**. Our sympathies are with his wife, Pearl.

After a long illness Joan lost her battle with cancer and Freda suffered a fatal stroke. Our sympathies to their families. All three played a major part in our clubs at St Austell and Bodmin. Their companionship will be greatly missed.

Cornwall is not the only county to be down



on table numbers. If any of our members can suggest ways of increasing our numbers please let Wendy Brown know on 01208841361 or email Janet Keast at:

JAN/KEN@keast.freemove.co.uk.

Competition is good to improve our game and it would be nice to meet new friends from all areas of Cornwall.

**Falmouth Salver:** 1 L Odgers & R Hubback; 2 Mr & Mrs D Boxall; 3 W Berks & G Buck.  
**Ryley King:** 1 Mrs M Warner & Mrs M Robson; 2 Mrs M Holden & Dr W Miller; 3 Mrs W Brown & Mrs M Falconar.

**Star Masters:** 1 C Pote & Mrs P Meade; 2 Mrs W Brown & Mrs M Falconar; 3 Mrs P Burt & John King.  
**Clarke Winmill:** 1 Mrs I Rowlandson & H Jackson; 2 Mr & Mrs K Keast; 3 Mr & Mrs D Boxall.  
**Penventon:** 1 Margaret Warner & Wally Heaton; 2 Mrs L Burley & C Cremoer; 3 Mr & Mrs K Keast.

**Diary Dates:** April 7, John Perk Qualifier, Penzance and April 9, Bodmin; April 16, John Perk Final; April 28-30, Cornwall Congress; May 7 AGM, Truro.

## Cumbria

Many congratulations to those who did well in county events, particularly the two Jacks who won our **Championship Pairs** again this year: 1 J Conway & J Etchells; 2 D Latimer & T Russ; 3 M Edgar & A Harrison.

**Pivot Teams:** 1 D Mullany, C Woods, B Matthews & D Strawbridge; 2 M Cooney, M Bamford, J Conway & J Etchells; 3 K Anderson, E Little, G & K Bell.  
**Simultaneous Pairs** (autumn, 116 prs): 1 J Sheppard & J Walker; 2 Mr & Mrs T Gallimore; 3 G & K Bell; 4 E Macdonald & J Gale; (winter, 93 prs): 1 I Stedman & G Thomson; 2 R Harvey & G Little; 3 P Thompson & A Williamson; 4 D Culling & J Graham.

**Diary Dates:** Popular open Carlisle Swiss Teams, April 16, The Shepherd's Inn.

## Derbyshire

A highly successful Camrose International match against the Republic of Ireland was held in Derby. Many local players attended the viewgraph theatre and open room play and enjoyed watching – but unfortunately it was not a successful day for England. Our thanks to all the local helpers.

On the same weekend a friendly international, Corn Cairdis, against the Republic of Ireland, was held at the East Midlands Bridge Club. The England team surged ahead at the start, then the Irish pulled back, but England won fairly comfortably in the end. England team officials, Peter Stocken (capt), John Neville, Dr John Carter, David Martin; county, Roger Mallinson, Ian Hall, Peter Kelly, Alex Hogg; club, David & Mary Marshall, John Hiskey & Malcolm Young. A thoroughly enjoyable weekend was had by all, culminating in a Gala dinner which lasted well into the early hours. Many new friendships were fostered. A particularly enjoyable visit was made to the Town Hall on Sunday morning for a reception by the Mayor, Councillor Sarah Bolton, with a tour of the Mayor's Parlour and Reception Hall with its many local historical treasures. The Mayor also paid a visit to the bridge match. Our picture shows her with the Irish captain, Joe Moran (left) and Peter Stocken and the Corn Cairdis Trophy. Our thanks to Pym and Pat Berry for allowing us to use their excellent



new premises and organising food and other refreshments, and also to all hosts who made our visitors so welcome.

Congratulations to Roger Mallinson, Ian Hall, Peter Kelly and Alex Hogg on winning the **Silver Plate**. Also to Howard Melbourne who was a member of the **Gold Cup** winning team.

**County Pairs:** 1 Paul Dargan & John Cooper (57.26%); 2 Brian Elliott & John Sowter (55.13%); 3 David & Mary Marshall (54.67%); 4 Peter & Sheila Kelly (54.66%); 5 Clive Holland & Nick Peacock (53.66%).

## Devon

It was sad to hear of the premature death of **Peter Houlbrook**. Peter won many Devon events, including the Western Morning News, more than once.

**Newton Abbot Bridge Club** has recently moved to new premises at the Racecourse (Paddock Suite); Secretary, Valerie Frost 01626 204251.

Principal winners at the **John Woolcott Weekend** at Exeter Bridge Club: **Championship Pairs** Phil Palmer and Terry Cannon; **Swiss Teams:** Peter Bowles, Roger Slape, Warner and Louise Solomon.

This year's winners of the **Jack and Jill** were Ted McDermott and Ann Humphries, who also won the mixed **Pivot Teams** with Phil Palmer and Alan Foan.

Winners of the **South West Pairs** were Mary Bell and June Mactaggart and the **Graphic Cup** was won by Warner & Louise Solomon, Chris Durbin and John Edwards.

Many congratulations to Warner & Louise Solomon for finishing runners up at the **National Swiss Teams** in Leeds, with their Hampshire team mates.

**Diary Dates:** Torquay Congress, May 13-14; Devon Green Point Swiss Teams, June 18.

## Dorset

**Dorset Swiss Teams** (Frost Rose Bowl) Bashley: 1 Mrs DE Shabner, RJ Walker, VO Jameson, Mrs G Lewis (BAS); 2 Mrs HR Ackroyd, MJ Brook, Mr & Mrs D Berwitz (WBC); 3 F Rutter, Mrs G Lewin, RP Staff, WR Oddy (SHR/WBC).

**Dorset Pairs Championship** (Knight Cup) Poole: 1 ML Cowling & Mrs DV Philipps (WBC); 2 KE Bartlett & C Russell (WYM); 3 IF Smith & MJ Groom (ALL/WBC). **Dorset Consolation Pairs** Poole: 1 Mrs L Lewis & Dr JD Moore (BAS); 2 R Pritchard & PWJ Bennett (WBC); 3 WT Udall & Mrs VER Bedingham (WBC).

**Diary Dates:** April 2,9,23,30, Open Swiss Teams, Wessex BC\*; April 15, Dorset Teams of

Eight, WBC; April 16, Dorset AGM and Swiss Teams (Gee Trophy), Allendale, Wimborne; May 7,14, Open Swiss Teams, Wessex BC\*; May 21, Dorset Swiss Teams (Udall Trophy) WBC. Dorset events: Jim Barlow 01202 429268; WBC, Terry Udall 01202 760934. \*EBU Licensed Congress events.

## Essex

Success by Essex players: **London Year End Congress:** Bob Hair, Paul Spencer, Marc Chawner with Phil King (Mddx) were equal third in the A flight of the Swiss Teams.

Nigel Cundy and his university partner won the **Oxfordshire County Pairs Championship**. In addition, Nigel (capt) and Tim Prior were members of the Oxford team in the 59th Varsity Match against Cambridge, but sadly lost after a closely fought match.

**Helliar Trophy:** 1 Mountnassing (A Cundy, N Cundy, J & R Tattersfield); 2 Redbridge (A Coral, L Burt, R Tresadern & L Garcia); 3 Collier Row (S Cardy, R Elliott, C Charlton & K Collings). Redbridge had the two highest placed teams of four and will represent Essex in the Garden Cities.

**National Pairs, Heat 2:** 1 S Cade-Bowyer & D Cooper; 2 A Stanley & G Tibbo; 3 F Stirland & C Fallon.

**South Woodham Ferrers All Swiss Congress:** **Swiss Pairs:** 1 S Cade-Bowyer & D Cooper; 2= E Green & K Seabold; 2= R Webb & C Irvine; with T Page & B Violet winning the non-expert prize. **Swiss Teams:** J Rogers, F Morrison, M Durrant & H Chambers; 2= C Lovett, A Kitchin, P Spencer & D Baker; 2= J Russell, G Towler, T Beer & J Curley. The ascender's prize was divided between three teams but the trophy went to C Read, P Read, S Monk & J Rowden using EBU split-tie procedures. The Rob Barker Trophy for the best performance over the two days went to S Cade-Bowyer & D Cooper.

**Non-Expert Pairs,** including the National Newcomers: 1 J Greenfield & V Griffiths; 2 S Smith & B Osbourne; 3 J White & J White.

**Essex Championship Pairs:** This is the first year in its new format of a one-day two-session event with all-play-all final. In the two-section heat, with both sections playing the same boards: 1 L Burt & A Coral; 2 P Spencer & M Chawner; 3 R & J Tattersfield. In the final of the top 14 pairs: 1 B Harrison & D Duffy; 2 A Hartley & S Nelson; 3 A Spencer & A Shillito; 4 L Burt & A Coral. These top four pairs qualify for the Corwen. Consolation event: 1 M Smith & C Megahey; 2 G Allen & H McVeigh; 3 M Watson & S Lally.

**Diary Dates:** April 2, Essex Swiss Pairs, 2.15pm, Navestock Side Village Hall; April 16, Collier Row BC Swiss Teams, 2pm, North Romford Community Centre; May 7, George Curtis Swiss Teams, 2.15pm, Newland Spring Community Centre, Chelmsford; May 14, AGM, 3pm, Hedley Walters School. Please note different day and start time for the AGM. As usual the meeting will be followed by refreshments and teams of four bridge. Come as a team or form your team during the refreshments. Don't forget that the draw for the Essex Teams of Four Championship and the Essex Switch Cup is made at the AGM. May 21, Thorpe Bay Swiss Teams, Thorpe Bay BC; June 9, Summer Club Pairs Semi-Final 1, 7.30pm, Hedley Walter High School, Brentwood; June 17, Essex One Day Green



Point Swiss Teams, 1pm, The Sir James Hawkey Hall, Woodford Green; July 6, Summer Club Pairs Semi-Final 2, 7.30pm, Old Parkonians Sports Club; July 16, Essex Mixed Teams, 2.15pm, Our Lady of Good Council Hall, Wickford; July 30, Summer Club Pairs Final, 2.15pm, Danbury Sports Centre.

## Gloucestershire

**Individual:** 1 P Denning; 2 J Crane. No Fear: 1 Mr & Mrs N Brojes; 2 R Jones & G Moss.

**County Pairs:** 1 A Hill & G Sadie; 2 P Sheilds & K Stanley.

**Millennium Pivot Teams:** Cheltenham Bridge Club and the county association joined forces for this celebratory competition, which attracted a record 31 entries. A welcome drink of bucks fizz, a huge cheese board and many home made puddings added to the festive atmosphere. To keep players' spirits going eight prizes consisting mainly of bottles of alcohol were awarded. **Winners:** Joe & Wendy Angseesing, N Evans & P Waggett. **Runners up:** Ian & Val Constable, A Sproston and J Goodman.

## Hampshire & I.O.W.

In the National Swiss Teams the top two teams included H & IOW players. Congratulations to Marc Smith, one of the winning team, and to Heather Maidment and Steve Preston whose team came second. Congratulations also to the winners of county events:

**Xmas Swiss Teams:** 1 Bill & Barbara Boswell, Celia Carter, Brian Stapleton; 2 Berry Hedley, Jeremy Baker, Chris & Richard Ray; 3 Heather Maidment, Steve Preston, Dave Thornton, Mike Fithyan.

**Roll of Honour Pairs:** 1 M Cowling & Mrs D Phillips, 2 J Jones & M Nurmohamed, 3 B Read & A Brown. **2000 Special Mini-Swiss Teams:** 1 D Thornton, Mrs Lewis, H Ackroyd, M Brooks; 2 D Miller, J Wall, Mrs P Serby, P Gurman; 3 J Baker, J Moore, I Smith, F Hotchen.

**Mid-Winter Mini Swiss Teams:** 1 S Strachan, J Wall, J Jones, M Nurmohamed; 2 J Dakin, N Eaton, J Clark, S Taylor; 3 G & Mrs M Lawrenson, D & Mrs R Spencer. **Lincoln Mixed Pairs:** 1 S Tearle, Mrs T Adams; 2 I & Mrs C Fearon; 3 D Brown, Mrs A Hill.

**Diary Dates:** April 9, Farley Trophy Pairs 1.30pm; April 16, Philip Graham Swiss Teams; April 27, IBM Sim Prs (in clubs); May 14, Hillhead Mini Swiss Teams; May 21, EBU Green Point Swiss Teams (Winchester); June 11, AGM, 12 noon, and Finale Ranked Pairs 2pm. All at Romsey, start 2pm, unless otherwise listed. Entries: Kathy Vaile 01590 679673.

## Hertfordshire

We are very sorry to report the death of Peter Challis, who was well known as a bridge player in both Herts and Essex. His friend and bridge partner, Mike Shine, writes about him in the spring HBA News Bulletin. He was a great character who believed that bridge could be fun as well as serious, and he will be much missed.

**Letchworth Congress, Championship Pairs:** 1 Karina Basse & Rick Irwin; 2 Francis Edleston & Bill Thurl; 3 Gill Fisher & Brian Murray. **Consolation Pairs Final:** 1 Freda Warner & Gaynor Tinsdale; 2 John Rowe & Sue Swaysbrook; 3 Chris Cook & Jackie Davies.



**Committee members of Lowewood Bridge Club, Herts, at a party when the club raised £98 for Save the Children. They are: Danny Titmuss, Barabara Shipley (scorer), Joan Mills (chairman), Doris Johnson, Lou Brett (TD), Dorothy Howes (secretary), Nell Mills (treasurer).**

**Hertfordshire Simultaneous Pairs:** 1 John Hopkins & Christine Carter, Leyton Green; 2 Carmel Ryall & Gilbert Parletr, Watford; 3 Jon Williams & Terry Neal, Hemel Hempstead.

**Championship Pairs semi final:** 1 Maria Budd & Vernon Gaskell; 2 Roy Button & Graham Lay; 3 Harry Sille & Bill Gordon. There will be a 24 table final on April 9.

**Humble Cup:** There were some surprises in this year's County Teams Championship. Ellis Setty's team were unlucky to be drawn against the many times champions, Dave Dickson's team, in the semi finals. Roy Seaman's team lost by just one imp to Howard Simpson's team. The final, to be held before May 1, will be between Dave Dickson's team and Barbara Cohen's team.

**Senior Pairs:** 1 Paul Jones & Brian Smith; 2 Stan Harding & Tara Rehman; 3 Tom Banks & Pat Hogger.

**Diary Dates:** April 9, Championship Pairs Final, 1pm, Bridge Centre, Welwyn Garden City; April 16, Watford Swiss Teams (David Earle 0181 950 4144 or John Horsley 01438 880036 for details); May 6, Mixed Teams - Come and enjoy yourselves at the pivot teams event, which includes a wine and cheese buffet 5pm, Greenwood Park; May 19, County AGM, 7.30pm, Bridge Centre, Welwyn Garden City. Your opportunity to put forward your views and opinions on Hertfordshire bridge. Please come and give your support.

A final reminder! Don't forget to send in your entries asap for the two competitions advertised in the HBA Newsletter (for a new HBA logo, and for a Really Silly Valentine). Closing date April 8. Winners will be announced in the spring News Bulletin, and prizes presented at the AGM, May 19.

## Isle of Man

Peter Slatcher, whose death at the age of 62 was announced in the last edition, had a long career as a bridge player and administrator in the North of England and for the last seven years in the Isle of Man. Peter, with his wife Erika, had retired to the Isle of Man after a career as a research chemist and Patent Agent with ICI, having left university with a Double 1st and PhD.

He started bridge at Cambridge in a Saturday night game which included Sandra Landy, later to become a world champion. Peter played in the Manchester league for ICI Social Club and then for Ashton BC, and became secretary of the league in its heyday,

when there were 150 teams and seven divisions.

He had to give up this post after 16 years as a result of pressure of work, which involved a great deal of travel all over the world.

He was a tournament director, ran the Schools Competition, and became county treasurer of Merseyside and Cheshire, who put forward both Peter and Erika for the Dimmie Fleming award, which was presented in 1994 by the late Roy Higson, an EBU vice president.

On the Isle of Man Peter held several posts, including chairman and treasurer. He was a Premier Life Master and only a week before he died he was in a team which finished 10th out of 71 at the Blackpool Year End.

Peter was a great character, never boring, but he did not suffer fools gladly. His favourite way of playing was with a pint in his hand. Latterly he had to cut down on beer because of a liver problem - and it was noted that he became an even tougher opponent at the table!



**Peter Slatcher, with Erika, when they received the Dimmie Fleming Award.**

## Kent

The KCBA Committee have agreed to a county-wide Simultaneous Pairs in September as the association's contribution to Save the Children. The STCF Area Managers will contact club secretaries to seek ideas on how further funds can be raised.

A comprehensive review of all KCBA competitions has been undertaken and the new programme will be in the 2000/2001 brochure to be posted to every member in July.

**Hunter Homines (Kent Men's Pairs):** 1 Brian Barrett & Jeremy Burns; 2 Vic Brozdowski & Michael Prior. **Fleming Femina (Kent Ladies' Pairs):** 1 Christine Kempton & Barbara Howarth; 2 Pauline Ballard & Julia Gayton. **Farnborough Pivot Swiss Teams:** 1 Christine Kempton & Phil Jones, Mark & Barbara Howarth; 2 Tony Conway & Derek Reading, Henry Greenberg & Moya Nesom. **Bromley Swiss Teams:** 1 Vic Brozdowski & Carol Soutter, Frank Fisher & Michael Prior; 2 Pam Stewart & Julie Snell, Alec Webster & Martin Cath.

**Diary Dates:** Brook Shield (Area Leagues play-off) Tunbridge Wells, June 25; George Griffiths Cup, Tunbridge Wells, July 2. Both at 2pm.



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## Lancashire

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**New Secretary:** Poulton BC, secretary, Mrs J Thursz, 14 Robbins Lane, Carleton, Poulton-Le-Fylde, FY6 7QP, tel 01253 891576; Email: [jthursz@tesco.net](mailto:jthursz@tesco.net) Warton BC, new club secretary: B Hughes, 72 Ribble Avenue, Freckleton, Preston, PR4 1RX.

**New Telephone Numbers:** Bury: P Taylor 01601 7644262; Clitheroe: Mrs B Bennett 01282 771883.

**Pritchard Robinson Trophy:** 1 P Ashton & D Fazackerly; 2 M Brunner & O Burgess; 3 J Carmichael & M Nicolaidis.

**Lancaster Swiss Teams:** 1 M & S Rothwell & J & L Aspden; 2 E Evans, S Hyman, A Whittman & P Evans; 3 P Ashton, P Rowlands, P Brown & A Russell.

**Bury Bridge Weekend:** Ladies: 1 R Ridings & B Henderson; 2 B Gemmell & L Wattleworth. Gents: 1 P Williams & M Nicholson; 2 J Johnson & B Wattleworth. Teams: 1 T Smith, E Lord, E Evans & O Burgess; 2 F & J Carse & T & P Hunter; 3 M Nicholson, S Haley, P & H Williams.

**Lytham Rose Bowl:** 1 R Loveridge & O Burgess; 2 A Barnes & S Norris; 3 P Mollart & J Halliwell.

**Year End Congress, Blackpool:** Leading Flitch pair overall: S & J Fjortoft. Blackpool Results: Leading Mixed Pair: J Smith & D Ackerman; leading Ladies Pair: R Oldroyd & L Reece; leading Men's Pair: R Hose & R Taylor; leading Senior Pair: D Watson & M Wiles; leading Non-Expert Pair: R & M Chaplin; overall pair closest to 55%: M Robertson & D Sutherland; overall pair closest to 45%: J Osgood & S Green; Swiss Teams: 1 N & S Woodcock, A Woodcock & H Barker; 2 P H Williams, B Loveridge & D Pendlebury.

**LCBA Championship Pairs:** 1 B Alston & C Mitchell; 2 G Oliver & A Farrell; 3 Dr Brearley & D Fazackerley. **Lancashire Evening Post Pairs:** 1 A Lumb & A Holborn; 2 M Halliwell & M Ardon; 3 D Pendlebury & M Littlewood. Doyle Cup: 1 E Evans, S Hyman, T Woollin & B Ripley; 2 A Topham, R Parkinson & S & J Fjortoft; 3 J & J Cowem & M & M Fyne.

**Diary Dates:** LCBA Swiss Pairs, April 2, Southport BC; Preston Swiss Teams, April 16, Preston; EBU Easter Festival, April 21-23, Blackpool; Bury Spring Teams, April 30, Bury; Withham Trophy Swiss Teams, May 7, Lancaster BC; Blackburn Swiss Pairs, May 21, Blackburn BC; Bolton Swiss Teams, May 29, Bolton BC.

## Leicestershire

Congratulations to the Leicestershire team of Paul Bowyer & Jim Mason, Peter Harvey & Nick Stevens, Mel & Megan Starkings, Hughie Cairns & Geoff Shaw, Tony Odams and npc Robert Northage who finished third in the final of the **Tollemache Cup** losing second place in a split tie.

**Otto and Edith Cup (Mixed Pairs):** 1 Mick Mahoney & Anne Moncrief; 2 Dennis Mitchell & Pam Leeson; 3 Geoff & Barbara Swann; highest non-expert; Ian Woodward & Judy Hulland.

**Butterworth Trophy:** 1 Mark Bass, Brian Stockdale, Duncan Happer, Susan Stockdale; 2 Irene Krantz, David Green, Susan Bowyer, Simon Stokes; 3 Ray Le Vesconte, George Pohl, Brenda Coltman, Derrick Symonds.

**Midland Flitch:** 1 A & G Fullerton (Nottinghamshire); 2 J & A Butler (Staffordshire); 3 B & A Sims (Warwickshire).

**Diary Dates:** Garden Citites Qualifier & Amateur Pairs, Apr 5 Barkby BC; Gimson Trophy Rd 3, Apr 12 (Leicester Bridge Centre); Joyce Cup, Apr 16 (Bridge Centre); George Taylor Memorial Sim Pairs, Apr 19 (Clubs); Gillian Jones Charity Swiss Teams & Loughborough Cup, Apr 30 (Loughborough GS); Gimson Trophy Final, May 7 (County BC); Jones Trophy, May 10 (Bridge Centre); Hyman Crammer Trophy, May 14 (County BC); LCBA AGM, May 17 (Bridge Centre).

## Lincolnshire

The LCBA web site is now available: <http://www.odn.co.uk/lincsbridge/>

If any of the club details are out of date please inform the secretary so that they can be amended.

**Random Seeded Teams (14 Teams):** 1 J Vickers, R Wall, D Fearn, Mrs S Wimbles; 2 R Hughes, D Mellor, Ms C Armstrong, L Taffinder; 3 M Perry, N Dyer, Mrs M Williams, Mrs C Henderson; 4 M Poutney, D Caldwell, Mrs M Bevan, Mrs B Peters.

**Bainton Semi-Final (35 Pairs):** 1 N/S M Ladlow & Mrs M Parsons; 2 E/W M & V Llewellyn. **Vincent Cup (Men's Pairs, 15 pairs):** 1 D Caldwell & M Poutney; 2 B Smith & R Wall; 3 N Dyer & M Perry. **Sydney Vincent Cup (Ladies' Pairs, 17 pairs):** 1 Mrs P Hughes & Mrs J Hill; 2 Mrs D Brown & Mrs M Parsons; 3 Mrs H Gillatt & Mrs B Maplethorpe; 4 Mrs B Peters & Mrs M Bevan.

**Diary Dates:** April 7/8, County Championships, Golf Hotel, Woodhall Spa; June 18, Green Point Swiss Teams, North Kesteven Leisure centre, North Hykeham, Lincoln (contact Bill Herbert 01522 520308).

## London

Many congratulations to David Gold, Richard Hillman and Richard Probst, three London members of the England team who won the **Junior Camrose** trophy in very convincing style. Well done also to the London team of Philip Watson, Chris Wright, Bob Vaughan and John Hunt who won the **Bromley Swiss Teams** (the result arriving just too late for inclusion last time). And congratulations to the London Committee team which beat Surrey in this year's **Committee Challenge** match (even if we did have the odd 'ringer' in the team!).

London produced a collection of good

results in the **Year End Congress**. Glen Holman tops the lists, winning the main Swiss Pairs in partnership with Brian Senior, whilst Brian Callaghan ran in third in partnership with Heather Dhondy. Matthew Bingham and Nigel Freake had a convincing win in the Men's Pairs while in the Swiss Teams, our best-placed player was Phil King, third in the A flight playing with Essex team-mates.

The LCCBA was very pleased with the success of the **Pro/Celebrity Challenge** run in conjunction with the EBU and Save the Children. We were also delighted to have three London officials in the first three places. Su Burn, our Newsletter Editor, won the event as a 'Pro' playing with tenor Ian Partridge, whilst actors and committee members James Smith and Kit Jackson came second and third playing respectively with pros Nicola Smith (another London member, of course) and Mark Horton.

All teachers and new players should note that the LCCBA is planning an inaugural *Bridge for All* day for those who have just completed their first beginners' courses this year. It will be held at the Young Chelsea BC on May 7. More details of the programme are being sent to *Bridge for All* teachers, but any queries to Chris Duckworth 020 7385 3534.

**Palmer Bayer No Fear Pairs:** 1 Ashwin Patel & Carmel Wood; 2 Leila Panahpour & Espen Erichsen; 3 David Moseley & Katarina Diezinger. **London Pairs Championship:** 1 Avril & David Rodney; 2 Ned Paul & Tricia Gilham; 3 Ian Francis & Martin Garvey; 4 Dario Sbiroli & Mario Vaccarino.

**Diary Dates:** May 21, One-day Green-point Swiss Teams, Royal National Hotel (Roger Morton 020 8643 4930); June 4, London Trophy finals, venue tba, spectators welcome (Cecil Leighton 020 8500 0700); June 20, LCCBA AGM, 7pm, Young Chelsea BC.

## Manchester

**Millennium Congress:** Manchester's first congress for 37 years, at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, was a great success, attracting over 200 people each day, including two sections of novice pairs each day. **Championship Pairs (trophy winners):** English internationals Michelle Brunner and John Holland, with Bill Hirst & Lancashire player Ron Morrish not far behind. **Mixed Pair (trophy winners):** Welsh Internationals Mike & Ann Hirst; **Men's Pairs (trophy winners):**

David Baskin & Mike Alexander. **Ladies' Pairs (trophy winners):** Irene Bowers & Betty McNamara. **Intermediate Pairs:** 1 Charles Wade & Fran Ashton (trophy winners); 2 Phil McAreavey & Mavis Hamilford; 3 Janette & Alistair Brown. **Session 1, Eve Lighthill (chairman MCBA) & Sidney Travers; Session 2, Cecil Franks & Mike Burt.**

The Novice pairs proved a great success with nearly 100 players entering the four individual events. There was some variation in standard, with near beginners taking their chances alongside more experienced players who, although having played for some time, felt that they were still below tournament standard: **Session 1, N/S Jess Fozzard & Anna Drydale; E/W 1= Marion Longley & Mary Parish and 1= Jean & Peter Morgan; Session 2, Pam Atkinson & Liz Stead; Session 3, Sally Archer & Hilary Boydell; Session 4, Jean & Peter Morgan.**

**Championship Teams (trophy winners):** 1





Michelle Brunner, with John Holland, won the Pairs Championship at the Manchester Congress

Michelle Brunner, John Holland, John Hassett & Bill Hirst; 2 Leslie Klein, Jeff Morris, David Barton & Alan Jones. Intermediate Team Winners (trophy winners): Jackie Rich, Frank Brown, Vivienne & Barry Newgrosh. First Session Winners: Don Cross, Jill Entwistle, Roger Waddington & Sally Lewis.

As a result of the success Manchester CBA has decided to repeat the congress at the same venue on January 6/7 next year.

**Visit to Australia:** Bill Hirst, Howard Melbourne, Ron Morrish & Denis Robson represented England at Australia's Gold Coast Congress. In the pairs, Bill & Howard finished fourth in the main pairs final whilst Ron & Denis finished third in the consolation. In the teams they finished seventh in the qualifying section (over 100 teams) so missing out on the finals as only the top two from each section play in the final.

**Gazette Trophy:** Manchester BC took first and second places in the County Teams of Eight. The leading team wins the Gazette Trophy and qualifies as county representatives in the Garden City Trophy. The winning team: B Hirst, J Hassett, B Goldenfield, R Goldenfield, D Robson, R Morrish, J Holland, M Brunner, J K Morris, 229vps; 2 K Comrie, C Comrie, P Jones, M Ardron, H Kay, B Lewis, R Cooke, S Herman 175vps.

**Hubert Phillips:** The final will be an all Manchester affair if Michelle Brunner's team win their semi-final. Rhona Goldenfield's team (Rhona & Bernard Goldenfield, John Hassett, Bill Hirst) have already won their semi-final.

**Cwmbran Teams (East Wales Swiss Teams Congress, 104 teams):** Rhona & Bernard Goldenfield were part of the winning team, with Welsh players Jim Luck & Mike Hirst.

**MCBA AGM:** Please note that the AGM will be at Manchester BC on May 25, 7.30pm. Nominations for ALL the officers should be with the secretary, Caryl Bloch, The House at Posh Corner, Butley Town, Prestbury, Cheshire, SK10 4DZ by May 11. Wine is offered to all attendees at the AGM with compliments of the MCBA.

MCBA subscriptions due April 1: £18 full, £4.50 associate, £4 youth £1 school.

**Yorkshire Millennium Simultaneous:** 1 N/S 95-year-old Hymie Zolkwer & Jack Semuels at Besses BC; Jeff & Alexander Morris who played E-W at Manchester BC were 12th

**Blackpool Year End Congress:** Well done to Kath & Alan Nelson, a very close 2nd in the main Swiss Pairs, and to Jeff Smith & Diane Ackerman, 4th in the Save the Children Millennium Charity Pairs played simultaneously at both the Year End congresses.

**Stella Sciana:** We are sad to report the death of Stella, aged 97. In her youth she played bridge to a very high standard, representing both the North-West and the North of England in partnership with her late husband Emile. Latterly she played mostly rubber bridge until failing eyesight forced her to give up. Described by all her partners as lovely to play with because of her gentle temperament, she will be sadly missed.

**A Rubber Bridge Evening** organised in conjunction with the Lions at Manchester BC raised just over £700 for Breast Cancer Research.

**Golfprint competition:** Dunham Golf Club just failed to make the national final when they finished a close second in the regional final. Team: Geoff Fink, Len Gorodkin, Harry Doniger & Rodney Lighthill.

Well done Dave Pennington who visited Bermuda to play in the Bermuda Regional 2000 and finished seventh in the Open Master Points Race.

## Merseyside & Cheshire

We were all saddened by the recent death of Peter Slatcher, for so many years a stalwart of the county and latterly an honorary vice president. Despite moving to the Isle of Man when both he and his wife Erika retired, he still visited local events regularly and his loss is felt keenly by all who knew him.

The **Chester Congress** as always was completely sold out: Championship Pairs: 1 W Newbigging & G. Eakin; 2 J & D Hillan; 3 K Boulton & N Pearce. Consolation Pairs: 1 I Newbigging & V Eakin; 2 F Salt & M Thompson. Open Pairs: N/S Mr A & Mrs S Clark; E/W Mr & Mrs J Armstrong.

**Swiss Teams:** 1 J Mills, D Mills, J Day & I Webb; 2 J & J Morris, B & J White; 3 A & L Crawford, F Evans & T Hart.

**County Trials:** 1 A Stephenson & S Matthews; 2 D Edwards & P Lloyd; 3 D Hislop & M Jubb.

**Smedley Hydro inter-club teams of eight:** 1 Merseyside BC (Geoff Cannon & Paul Roberts, Margaret Lloyd & Jean Mason, Chris Wentworth & Jamie Cameron, Dave & Jean Keen).

**Diary Dates:** April 12, Spring simultaneous pairs, Blundellsands, Liverpool, Wirral & Merseyside BC; April 16, Preece Rosebowl (Ladies' Pairs) Blundellsands; April 25, Corwen qualifier, Merseyside BC.

## Middlesex

**Julian Hunt**, aged 68, died suddenly, just three hours after playing in a Middlesex Cup match. A long term contributor to Middlesex, the Pinner Club and the Harrow League, Julian received a Dimmie Fleming Award in 1994 for his services to bridge and was an Honorary Vice President of Middlesex CBA. Julian was a true gentleman of bridge and will be very sadly missed by everybody who knew him.

Middlesex's team (Heather & Jeremy Dhondy, Jerry Harouni, Ian Pagan, Bill Pencharz, Ray Robinson, Victor Silverstone and Tony Waterlow, npc Richard Bowdery)

won the closest Tollemache Trophy Final in a number of years.

At the **EBU London Year End Congress**, David Bakshi, Jeremy Dhondy and Ian Pagan won the Swiss Teams, with Harry Anoyrkatis. Heather Dhondy was 3rd in the Swiss Pairs with Brian Callaghan. The most joyous players were Zizi Covriragu & Latchmin Tawarie who won the Ladies' Pairs. Sue Obrart & Charlotte Vine were the leading Ladies' Pair in the Charity Pairs.

In the **National Men's Pairs**, Jerry Harouni & Peter Tobias had their usual last session surge but only finished second to the Irish pair, Hanlon & Walshe.

**Middlesex Master's Pairs:** 1 Gerard Brito & Alex Davoud; 2 Harry Silverman & Val Dugdale; 3 S Donner & Ian Abrahams. **Middlesex Ladies' Pairs:** 1 Lizzie Godfrey & Jacqui Tobias, who led the field in both sessions; 2 Simone Gold & Valerie Durbin; 3 P Coombes-Lewis & Sam Nutt. The **Middlesex Gentleman's Pairs** also had clear winners: Alan Skry & John Spiers; 2 Steve Root & Wasim Naqvi; 3 Ed Scerri & S Moss.

**Diary Dates:** Master's Teams, for 5\* Masters and below, a one session event, Cleveland BC April 28; 2nd running of the Committee Cup a teams event, along the same lines as the Dorset Cup, with heats in April & May, semi-final in June and final in July.

## Norfolk

Norfolk CBA's web site address has been amended to its new user friendly name: [norfolkbridge.co.uk](http://norfolkbridge.co.uk)

No excuses now for not getting in touch.

After trying for 40 years to qualify for the final of the Tollemache Trophy, Norfolk succeeded this year and finished a very creditable 4th. Well done to all our team: Roger Amey, David Newstead, John & Julie Aspinall, Mike Walsh, Matt Millson, Elfed Evans-Jones, Derek Griffiths, Mike Dignen, Paul Brereton, npc Steve Dannel.

**Smart Trophy:** 1 R Amey, D Newstead, T Noble, M Whiting; 2 J Dennis, P Darby, M Walsh, M Millson; 3 R Roberson, S Gill, N Hill, J Harrison

**Committee Cup Club teams of 8:** 1 Norfolk & Norwich (J Innes, G Ip, H Fox, B Parkinson, A La Chapelle, R Cortis, A Holland, M Sableton); 2 Noverre (I Emerson, C Buchanan, B Hacker, S Gill, M Connolly, R Thornley, A Brown, C Owen); 3 Yarmouth (T Hogarth, R Alfonso, L & J Barker, P Whittle, D Thompson, P & B Howlett).

In the **Allwood-Wharton Trophy** final, Kings Lynn (J & J Aspinall, R Amey, D Griffiths, M Whiting, B Tuttle, A & S Warner) beat Norfolk & Norwich. Best of luck in the Regional Final of the Garden Cities Trophy at Peterborough on May 13.

## North Eastern

**North East Millennium Swiss Pairs:** 1 Norman Dykes & David Dawson; 2 Colin Lambert & Ken Pattison. **Darlington Pairs Congress:** 1 Steve Ray & Ian Spoons; 2 Harald Walkmann & John Greaves.

**Chronicle Cups** (county's premier pairs championship leading to qualification for the Corwen trophy): 1 Ken Pattison (second successive year) & Colin Lambert; 2 Pauline Bell & Derek Mansfield.

**King Cup for Ladies' Pairs:** 1 Anne Welsh &



Audrey Spence; 2 Mrs S Bateman & Mrs M Wilson.

Congratulations to Liz Muir and Marion Hall on a great performance in the EBU Women's Pairs Championship, in which they finished fourth.

## Northamptonshire

**Inter-Club League:** Peterborough have narrowly won the first division of the league by 2 VPs, despite going down 16-4 to second placed Northampton in their final match. Congratulations to Wellingborough on their promotion to Division 1. The relegation issue is still to be resolved.

The county will re-format this competition next season. There will be two feeder divisions into the Premier League, based on a geographic split. The winning team from each First Division will play-off for promotion.

Andy Robson, Towcester secretary has moved to 32 Loyd Road, Abingdon, Northampton, WN1 5JG. 01604 460619.

**Diary Dates:** Eden cup final, and Murchie Leewer final, April 2, Peterborough, 1pm; AGM, Stamford, 7.30, April 26; Garden Cities regional final, Peterborough, May 13.

## Nottinghamshire

The **Mixed Pairs Championship** was won by John & Irene Auld and the heat for the **Teams of Four KO** by William Crook, Rob Sharpe, Graham Kirby and Tony Kitson. William Crook was the winner of the **Individual Championship**. Gordon & Angela Fullerton won the **Midland Fitch**. Congratulations to all the winners.

**County Match:** v Derbys, Dawes won 14-6 vps, Porter lost 5-15 vps, third team lost 0-20 vps.

**Diary Dates:** Journal Cup, Apr 2, 1pm; NCBA AGM, May 7, 2pm, Nottingham BC, followed by bridge. Information on NCBA events from Ian Dovey (0115 9813472). Keyworth BC Swiss Teams, Apr 8, details Carol Fisher (0115 9391405). Details of the Retford Swiss Teams, May 28, from Daphne Coggles (01777 703610).

## Oxfordshire

**Beck Cup Qualifier:** 1 Terry Fisher, Peter Finbow, Norman Gascoigne, Ron Quainton; 2 Alex Hydes, Ian Au-Yong, Eugene Goh, Nigel Cundy; 3 Paul Belton, Geoff Nicholas, Mike Webley, Nigel Wilkes.

**Diary Dates:** Aylesbury Swiss Teams, April 16 Hawkslade Community Centre (Bill McCarthy 01844 215715); OBA Simultaneous Pairs heats April 17-21 (Stephen Brown 01865 881185); County Mixed Pairs, May 7, Oxford BC (Mrs Diana Lintott, 270 Iffley Road, Oxford OX4 4AA); Harwell Cup, July 9.

The County's first Summer League teams of four competition gets under way in May. Mike Brown (01235 850135) will provide details and take entries.

For county news, results and articles visit the website at [richlons@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:richlons@globalnet.co.uk).

## Somerset

**No Fear Teams:** 1 Denis & Catherine Davey, David & Pat Hancock.

Hopefully a different format will encourage a larger entry next season.

**De Villiers Hart Trophy (Swiss Pairs):** 1 Barbara Biggin & Margaret Duckett 95vp; 2 Lindsay Hewson & Michael Whittaker 92vp; 3

Graham Heal & David Howard 86vp; non-experts, David & Annabelle Collard (8th); ascenders, Robin & Judy Belcher.

**Michael Coda Cup (Charity Sim Pairs) 148 pairs:** 1 Douglas Byrt & Clifford Carter (non county members) 69.08%; 2 David & Gina Howard 66.50%; Star & Tournament Masters, Mary Atack & Sue May (8th); non-experts, David & Annabelle Collard (11th); novice, Georgina Bruce & Sue Gudgeon (3rd); cup winners on handicap, Richard Feetenby & Mike Fletcher (4th overall) - a fine performance for a pair of club masters! Around £400 was raised for Children's Hospice South West. **Championship Swiss Teams:** 1 Sue Mape & Brian Greenwood, Russell Day & Ernie Sutton 86vp; 2 Tom Gibbard & Dave Porter, Robin & Judy Belcher 79vp; 3 Terry Girdlestone & Graham Heal, David & Gina Howard 77vp; non experts, Anne Harris & Paul Wickham, David & Pat Hancock; ascenders, Sue Walton, Cliff Southcott, Margaret Duckett & Pauline Hiscock.

**Diary Dates:** April 2, Bridgwater, Lundie Rees Cup & Tollemache Trial; April 9, Bridgwater, Championship Pairs and Pairs Plate finals; May 7, Winscombe, Percentage Final.

## Staffs & Shropshire

In one of the strongest fields ever seen, Brigitte Mavromichalis, Paul, Jason and Justin Hackett together with John Armstrong and American Mark Lair got to the semi finals of the **World TransNational Teams**. In the round Robin, 1 more imp against Bulgaria would have enabled them to finish in first place (which would have guaranteed them a medal).

There were excellent results for our players in the **Midland Congress**. In the mixed pairs Pat Poxon & Peter Burton picked up the bronze with over 62%. Barbara Johnson & Sheila Green got Silver in the Ladies' Pairs with nearly 61%. In the Men's Pairs Mike Cornes & Steve Foster were the winners with over 61%. Eric Hartland, Roger Keane, Derek Davies and Jean Wellsbury finished second in the mixed teams. Repeating his win of last year, Dan Crofts retained the Championship Pairs with 66% and with a 67% game Keith Shuttleworth & Brian Nichols won the consolation while, also with a 66% game, Arthur Bloxham won the West Midlands pairs. In the main teams we were not so successful although Dan Crofts won the consolation teams on a split tie.

**Condover Bridge Club** raised over £200 for the EBU's millennium partners, Save the Children, at a special session held at a regular Friday night duplicate.

**Severn Bridge Club** in Bridgnorth celebrated their fifth birthday in style when over fifty members attended a lunch followed by bridge. Guest speaker was co-founder of the club, Sue Maxwell.

Paul Cutler has captained our Dawes teams with wins over Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Oxfordshire. At the time of writing we have two more matches against the leaders, Gloucestershire, and third place, Warwickshire. Our second team is not doing quite so well having beaten Leicestershire and drawn with Northamptonshire, but they did have a resounding 20-0 win over Worcestershire.

**Diary Dates:** Men's Pairs, April 5, 7.30, Stafford Showground; Ladies Pairs, May 17,

7.30, County Showground; Mixed/Fitch Pairs June 7, 7.30, County Showground;

Annual General Meeting, June 21, 7.30, County Showground.

## Suffolk

The **Mid Anglia Pairs** had an encouraging entry of 16 1/2 tables: 1 Mike Malin & Eric Newman; 2 J Stevenson & D Yorke-Edwards; 3 Peter Markwell & Joan Spearing.

**Bury St Edmunds Swiss Teams Congress:** J Newman, M Kininmonth, C & D Ingham; 2 B Malinowska, J P Mayhew, E Newman & M Sherer; 3 Andrew Moore, John Standley, David Brown & David Gee.

The **Suffolk Teams of Four (Thornaway Cup)** was won convincingly by David Morran, Julian Lang, Bill Wilson & Hans Erlich; 2 Rosemarie Mascall, Norman Denny, Brian McCabe & Bob LeMasurier; 3 Andrew & Jane Moore, George Moody & David Brown.

Suffolk are delighted that Jane Moore, with her partner Chris Duckworth, won the first **Lady Milne trial**.

## Surrey

Congratulations to Detta Bentley and Angela McCready who won the **National Women's Pairs** in Coventry and to all the other competition winners:

**Croydon Congress: Championship Pairs Final:** 1 M Garvey & I Francis; 2 J Durden & Mrs M Horlock; 3 J Hemington & J Amor. **Stanley Smith Trophy (secondary final):** 1 Mrs O Dawson & D Elvin; 2 K & A Barnett; 3 Mrs M Gritt & J Williams. **Flower Pot Trophy (Tertiary final):** 1 Mrs J Gedge & J Lavis; 2 C Snape & S Larkin; 3 Mrs S Mills & Mrs M Thruston. **Swiss Teams Championship:** 1 J Williamson, A Powys, G Rainsford, M Cast; 2 N Benn, T Lloyd-Williams, M McBain, Mrs P McBain; 3 Mrs O Dawson, D Elvin, K George, M Rackham. **No Fear:** 1 Ms S Bassett & J Giess; 2 Ms J Lawrence & R McMahan; 3 Mrs E Whittaker & R Whittaker. **Mixed Pairs Trophy:** Mrs P McBain & N Benn.

**County Pairs:** 1 Paul Fegarty & Mike Scoltock; 2 Malcolm Grimston & John Williamson; 3 Tony Lunn & Ian Swanson; 4 Richard Millard & Sidney Samuels; 5 John Durden & Norma MacMillan. **Senior Pairs:** 1 Kath Coward & Joan Underdown; 2 Anne Stimson & Andrew Stimson; 3 Albert Ruff & Mavis Pollitt; 4 Peter & Detta Bentley. **Fitch:** Stuart & Gwyneth Sather; 2 John & Brenda Edwards; 3 Ron & Lynne Heath. **Ladies' Swiss Teams:** Susan Millard, Cheryl Ould, Frankie Harper, Carrie Eden; 2 Margaret Kirton, Shirley Roberts, Sara Gibbon, Joyce Brown; 3 Loveday Chishick, Shirley Urquhart, Marjorie Rowledge, Margaret Pitman; 4 Mary Street, Edith Smollett, Rosemary Rice, Maria Martin. **Ranked Pairs:** National Masters and above: 1 Mary Street & Molly Slevin; 2 Tony Stone & Dick Clark. Premier Regional and Regional Masters: 1 Richard Kennedy & Martin Carmina; 2 Wendy Miller & Andrew Doye. Tournament Masters, Star Masters and below: 1 Janet Cahm & Elsie Stevens; 2 Steve Mai & Andreas Pagel.

Leading positions in Surrey's **Victor Ludorum** up to the middle of February: Martin Camina and John Cruishank both with 7 ranking points; Rolf Alexander, Paul and Margaret Kirton 6; Robert Cookson, Don Fry, Rene Price, Angela Samuelson, Tony Wilcock, Malcolm



Willcock 5.

**Diary Dates:** April 2, Aileen Filose (Ladies' Pairs) and Men's Pairs. Leatherhead; April 15, Affiliated Teams-of-eight, No Fear Swiss Teams (Surrey Organiser, Mrs June Booty-Knott, 225 Lower Richmond Road, Richmond, TW9 4LN 0181 288 9928) Leatherhead; May 14, Wanborough Cup (clubs' team champions), Wimbledon; May 20, No Fear Pairs (Surrey organiser, Mrs June Booty-Knott), Leatherhead (players may enter without a partner); June 4, Mary Edwards (clubs' pairs champions), Wimbledon.

A date for your diary: Oct 1, Green Point Swiss Teams, Guildford.

The AGM will be held at the Village Hall, Oxshott, 2.30pm, June 11. Resolutions and nominations for officers must reach the secretary in writing, proposed and seconded, by May 23. Several officer positions will be vacant. Applicants are asked to form an orderly queue! Prizes and trophies will be presented for the season's competitions. Secretaries of affiliated clubs and all members are invited. After the meeting duplicate bridge will be played, with partner found.

A reminder that 2000/01 subscriptions are due. If not paid by direct debit, payment should be sent to the Surrey registrar, Jean Virley, Copper Coin, 16 Clerks Croft, Bletchingley RH1 4LH (01883 744234).

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## Sussex

**New Year Swiss Teams:** 1 F North, J Albuquerque, A Jeffery & A Whiteway; 2 R Buddery, B Loasby, M Keeping & R Burnett; 3 A Willard, I Watt, R Smart & Symons.

**Chichester No Fear Pairs:** 1 Mrs S Dyball & M Rounds; 2 Ursula Perry & A Lapage; 3 R Herman & F Ghaleb. **East Grinstead No Fear Pairs:** 1 Roger Herman & F Ghaleb; 2 R Best & K Bsarker; 3 Andrea Bondi & Alison McCabe. Under 1000 MPs, Ruth Skinner & Mary Guy-Jones; Under 500 MPs Christina and Chris Harvey.

**Charity Pairs (241 pairs):** 1 J Cook & Mrs A Cook; 2 Mrs M Folkes & R Hall; 3 A Southwell & M Hoskins. **Play with the Experts:** N/S 1 Wyn Found & Steve Crabtree; 2 Shirley Saunter & Peter Buttery. E/W 1 B & J Bramall; 2 Julie Slade & Martin Haigh.

**Ladies' Pairs:** 1 Viv Fielding & Kay Kent; 2 Mary Cavendish & Katy Redmile Gordon; 3 Fran Thornton & Patricia Gadsby. **Men's Pairs:** 1 Dave Franklin & Dave Armstrong; 2 David Galpin & Geoff Stanford; 3 = F Evans & J Woodward & M Reeves & J Askew.

**Diary Dates:** SCCBA/EBU Teams event June 17, Hove Town Hall (May Langmaid 01444 416964).

## Warwickshire

Pride of place this time must go to a great performance by the Warks teams in taking second place to Middlesex in the **Tollemache Final**, the national inter-counties contest. In a close finish, Warks beat Leicestershire on a split tie. This is the best result for the county in over ten years, and congratulations to David Jones, Gary Watson, Martin Jones, Steve Green, Graham... Bryant.

Glyne Preece, Peter Heatherington, Roger Bowles and Roger Flood and npc John Pynor.

In other tournaments, we have not been represented very well and third place predominates in our successes; but congratulations to Dodo Georgevic & Roger Saines, third in the **Year End Swiss Pairs** at Blackpool; to Carolyn Fisher & Jane Hall, third in the **National Women's Pairs**; to Colin Dean & Mike Summers-Smith, fourth in the **National Men's Pairs**; and to Barbara & Alan Sims, third in the **Warks Flitch Final** at Leicester.

Warks winners in the **Midland Counties Congress** at Bewdley included Dan Crofts with Andrew Thompson (Middx) in the **Championship Pairs**; Margaret Armstrong, Mike Allen and Rogers Bowles & Roger Flood in the **Mixed Teams**; and Cyril & Jane Hall in the **Mixed Pairs**; Jane & Cyril Hall with Steve Gore & Graham White were runners up in the **Championship Teams**, and Geoff Beamond & Alan Pagett were runners up in the **Men's Pairs**.

In local club competitions, winners at Coventry BC include B & Mrs V Cooper, Mrs D Foster & M Johnstone in the **Daisy Shanks Teams**; Mrs K Franklin & V Garrod, **Doddy Pairs Trophy**; Mrs M Margetts & J Pynor, **Gibbons Mixed Pairs Trophy**; R & Mrs D Foster, **Buckland Flitch**; and Mrs M Gallacher & Mrs M Taylor, **No Fear Pairs**.



Our photograph shows Coventry BC President, Mike Sallis, presenting a bouquet to Mrs Vicky Holdsworth in celebration of her 90th birthday. Vicky regularly plays twice a week and we add our congratulations.

The **Moseley Club Pairs Championship** was won by Dan Crofts & Neville Orford. West Midlands BC, **Doyle Plate Mixed Pairs:** 1 Mrs P Braddock & T Parkes; 2 Mrs J McLeod & A Poole.

**Diary Dates:** Clubs should be ready for the **Garden Cities** heat (teams of eight), Coventry BC, 1.45, April 2; **Greswolde Bowl Swiss Teams**, WMBC, now 1.45, April 30; **Earl Shanks Teams**, Coventry BC 1.45, April 16. Make a date for the **Warks Men's and Ladies Pairs**, WMBC, 6.55, May 11; **EBU Spring Foursomes** (weekend of April 28, Stratford); **Warks Green Piont Swiss Teams**, 1pm, May 21, Warwick Hilton; **Cock o' County Pairs** and **AGM**, WMBC 1.45, June 4. Entries for Warks events, P Edwards, 8 Marsham Court Road, Solihull B91 2ET.

## Wiltshire

Members were sad to learn of the death of Cliff Sibley, stalwart member of the associa-

tion. Cliff's cheerful presence will be sadly missed by his many friends both at Swindon Bridge Club and throughout the area.

**Corsham Pairs:** 1 Pat Ashbourne & Tony Ashbourne; 2 Vera Kenyon & Martyn Kenyon; 3 George Haddon & Joan Davis.

**Championship Pairs Heat 1:** 1 Dave Lilley & Barbara Raven; 2 Alan White & Tim Brierley; 3 David Cooke & Jim Corbett. **Heat 2:** 1 Philip Howard & Tony Bullen; 2 Martyn Kenyon & Vera Kenyon; 3 Roy France & Sam Sloan.

**Garden Cities Heat:** 1 Swindon A (B Bannister, G Messer, P Howard, T Bullen, J Rowe, C Sibley, K Hodgson, G Jenkins); 2 Highworth (C Wilcox, N Hudson, B Lloyd, A Whittaker, B Kibble, N Pegg, B Berry, L Berry).

**Butler Pairs:** 1 Roy France & Sam Sloan; 2 Roger Karn & Ron King; 3 Andrew Law & Bob Bannister.

**Mixed Pairs:** 1 Martyn Kenyon & Vera Kenyon; 2 Brian Johnson & G Dalton; 3 Kathy Hodgson & Bob Bannister.

**Diary Dates:** April 16, Cliff Sibley Mixed Teams; May 14, County AGM, Amesbury.

## Worcestershire

Congratulations to the Committee of the **Midland Counties Congress** who surpassed themselves in commemorating the 50th anniversary of this event. Worcestershire successes included **Ladies' Pairs:** 1 Monica Osborne & Monica Parker; 2 Sue Lane & Marian Wilcox. **Flitch:** 1 Georgina & Ian Lineker. **Championship Teams:** 1 Jean & Jessie Newton, Mike Orriel, Ross Garratt. David Harris, the EBU Chairman, playing with Worcestershire colleagues John Turner, Sue Page, Ian Thompson, just came second by a split tie in the **Consolation Teams**. The **Swiss Teams** was a 1-2-3 for Worcestershire with Paul Hammond, Sue Lane, Sue Evans, Marian Wilcox leading the pack.

The **County National Pairs Qualifier** was won by Stewart Fishburne & John Yuill, with Sue Page & Ian Thompson in second place. Jean Trewin & Paul Tapster were third. The **National Newcomers Qualifier:** 1 Rob Blakeway & Dieter Baer (Ombersley & Chaddesley Corbett); 2 Roger Cooke & Marian Morris (Evesham); 3 Ada Phillips & Jenny Williamson (Worcester).

**Diary Dates:** May 15, AGM Holt Fleet, note 7pm start; Jun 4, Beginners Cup, Droitwich Working Men's Club 3.30pm-7pm; Jun 12, Seniors Pairs, Holt Fleet 7.15; Jul 3,

Worcs Newcomers, Holt Fleet 7.15; July 6, Stourbridge Congress, 1pm, Rugby Club (Ian Lineker 01562 885489).

## Yorkshire

We would have normally started our County News by congratulating Rita Oldroyd and Liz Reese on winning the **Swiss Pairs** in the EBU's **Year End Congress** at Blackpool, having also finished second in the **Save the Children Charity** event held simultaneously at Blackpool and London. However, that was overshadowed by the tragic news of Rita's sudden death from meningitis two weeks later, bringing to an end the long and illustrious bridge career of Yorkshire's highest ranked lady player.

Her funeral took place at Pudsey parish church, followed by a family-only cremation ceremony. Afterwards, friends and family gathered together at Bradford Bridge Club. She



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will be sorely missed by the many friends she has made in the bridge world, and our condolences go to her family.

Alex Hydes continued his successful run at Under 20s level, being part of the England team which convincingly won in the Junior Camrose home international championship.

Congratulations also to Ted Bond who organised Yorkshire's Millennium Simultaneous Pairs (reported elsewhere in the magazine). North/South winners: 1 Jack Samuels & Hymie Zolkwer (Besses o' the Barn Club, Lancashire); 2 Gail & Peter Foster (Doncaster BC); 3 Malcolm Hisom & Norman Walmsley (Arnsdale BC). East/West: 1 Bunny Davies & Gillian O'Neill (Merseyside BC); 2 Sandy Davies & Arthur Hughes (Sheffield BC); 3 Victor Roman & Bill Townsend (Bradford BC).

**Yorkshire Pairs, A final:** The new champions are David Fletcher & David Waxman who will be joined in the Corwen Trophy national final by: 2 Nick Woolven & Roddy Knapp; 3 Freda Conquest & John Spencer; 4 John Kimpton & Alan Martindale; 5 Barry Cruddis & David Musson. B final: 1 Moira Bryden & Ron Ransome; 2 Carol Drinkwater & Paul Barrett; 3 Marie & Ron Appleby. C final: 1 Annette Bratley & Charles Harrison; 2 Heather Hobson & Roy Garthwaite; 3 Joyce North & Bernard Swalwell.

**Yorkshire Mixed Pivot Teams:** 1 Sandy Davies, Keith Cornish, Tom Gisborne & David Waxman; 2 Janet & Philip Mason, John Kimpton & Alan Martindale.

**Yorkshire Cup:** 1 Peter Camm, Janet Thomson, Alex & Glyn Foley; 2 Gill Woodcock, Janet Rodgers, John Gibson & Steve Reed; non-experts: Robina Cole, Bob Hill, David Loveden & Rosemary Page.

**Brighouse & Spen New Year No Fear Pairs:** 1 Maureen Beaumont & Shirley Hancock; 2 Shirley Smith & Rudi Arak. **Yorkshire Beacons Pairs** (an open pairs organised by the Brighouse Beacon Club for players aged from 8 to 18): After a split tie: 1 Arjun Ravi & Chenthuran Umapathee; 2 Kasun Samarasinghe & Damita Abayaratne.

**Doncaster Congress:** Ladies Teams: Janet Latham, Maureen Cameron, Christine Asquith & Peggy Foley. Men's Teams: Ted Latham, Cedric Cockcroft, David Dunsby and Colin Kingston. **Championship Pairs:** 1 Harry Anoyrkatis & Ian Pagan; 2 Gordon Hiscoe & Eric Long; 3 David Dunsby & Derek Rudkin. **Swiss Teams:** 1 Tony Murray, Russell Parkinson, Adrian Goulding & Geoff Newman; 2 Mike Pomfrey, Tom Gisborne, Richard Pike & David Waxman.

**Diary Dates:** April 1-2 York Congress, New Earswick; April 7-9 Scarborough Congress, Scarborough; April 16 Castle Swiss Pairs, Doncaster; April 30/May 1 Bridlington Congress, Driffield; May 7 Yorkshire Mixed Pairs final, Bradford; May 14 Yorkshire Individual final, Harrogate; May 14 West Yorkshire Teams, Bradford; May 21 Yorkshire Masters Pairs, Grades 1 & 3 York, Grade 2 Wetherby; Jun 2-4 Yorkshire Congress, Harrogate; Jun 11 Malton Swiss Teams, New Earswick; Jun 15 Yorkshire Simultaneous Pairs, clubs.

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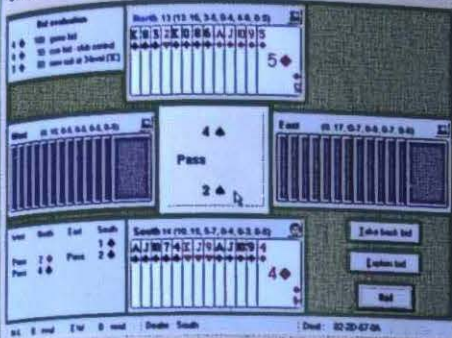
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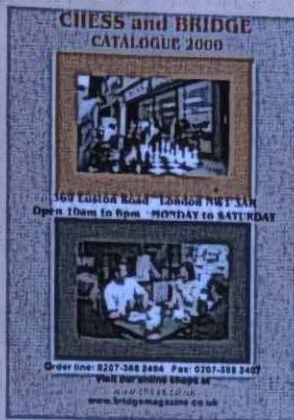
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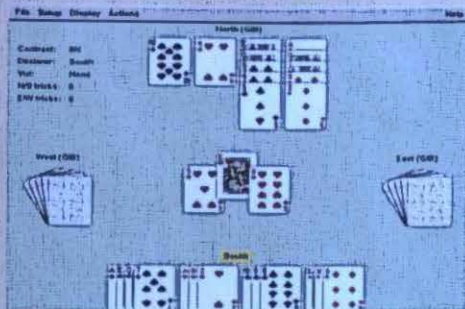
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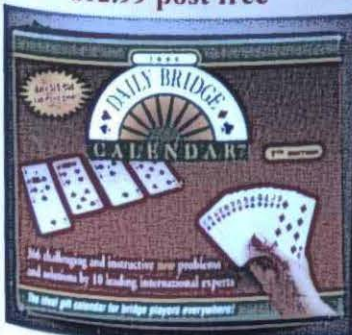
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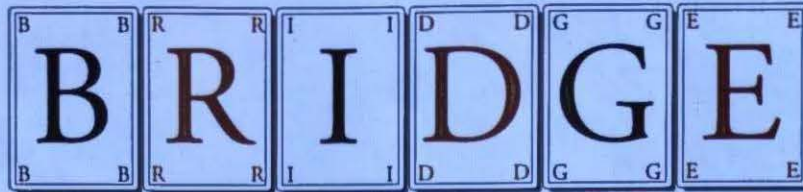
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West hands

(Imp scoring on every deal)

1. Love All  
Dealer West  
(Flint)

♠ K Q 5  
♥ Q J 9  
♦ K Q 10 9 8 6 2  
♣ None

2. Game All  
Dealer North  
(Rodrigue)  
★ South will bid 1♠ ★

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

3. N-S Game  
Dealer West  
(Munir)

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

4. E-W Game  
Dealer East  
(Goren)

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

5. Game All  
Dealer West  
(Cabanne)  
★ North will bid 2♥ (weak) ★

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

6. Love All  
Dealer East  
(Tornay)

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

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April 2000

East hands

(Imp scoring on every deal)

1. Love All  
Dealer West  
(Swimer)

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

2. Game All  
Dealer North  
(Konstam)  
★ South will bid 1♠ ★

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

3. N-S Game  
Dealer West  
(Fazli)

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

4. E-W Game  
Dealer East  
(Silodor)

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

5. Game All  
Dealer West  
(Scanavino)  
★ North will bid 2♥ (weak) ★

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

6. Love All  
Dealer East  
(Stayman)

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

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