

COUNTY NEWS

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Cambs and Hunts

www.cambsbridge.org



WE would like to congratulate the Jagger Team (J Mestel, J Wightwick, C Jagger, J Cooke, P Barden) for reaching the Crockfords Final and ending in 3rd position. At the Summer Meeting, Catherine Curtis and Paul Fegarty were part of the winning team of the Brighton Bowl. Playing with Ian Pagan, Chris Jagger came 6th in the Harold Poster Swiss Pairs event.

Cornwall

www.bridgewebs.com/cornwall



IN October, Liz Perry began her three year tenure as chairperson of the CCBA, and we wish her every success in the role.

The 33rd Cornwall Congress was again held at the Falcon Hotel, Bude and enjoyed by all. Winners were: Championship Pairs Final – Harry Anoyrkatis & Howard Kent-Webster (Devon);

Secondary Final - Brigid McElroy & Ruth Edmondson (Devon);

Green-Pointed Swiss Pairs - Steve Tomlinson & Chris King (Somerset);

Green-Pointed Swiss Teams (Betty O'Neil Cup) - Joint Winners were Clare Hamon & Barry Smale (Devon) and Carol Benzie & Aleksander Lishkov (Oxford) with Shirley Goldwin & Brian Crack (Kent) and Geoff Smith & Chris Bickerdike (Cornwall). *Photo below.*

Next year, the Congress will again be held at the Falcon on 14-16 September 2018.

In the first event of the new season, Geoff Smith continued his winning streak at county level. In partnership with Janet Heath, he won the Mixed Pairs Championship, with Pat Meade and Colin Pote in second place.

Diary dates: 13 Jan, Falmouth Salver, The Athenaeum Club; 21 Jan, Star Masters Pairs & Tredova Cup, Ladock; 4 Feb, County Teams of Four (& Knockout Qualifier), Ladock.



Joint winners of the Green-Pointed Swiss Teams at the Cornwall Congress: Claire Hamon (Devon), Aleksander Lishkov (Oxon), Barry Smale (Devon), Carole Benzie (Oxon) and Shirley Goldwin (Kent), Geoff Smith, Chris Bickerdike (both Cornwall), Brian Crack (Kent)

Cumbria

www.bridgewebs.com/cumbria/

AGM Pairs winners were Trevor Ward & Ken Johnston. IMP Pairs

- 1st, Sam Norman & Alan Anderson.
- 2nd, Joan Mossop & Geoff Thomson.
- 3rd, Sheila & Bill Rodger.

County Simultaneous Pairs

- 1st, Ann Byers / Joyce Roberts.
- 2nd, Sally-Ann & Mike Rothwell.
- 3rd, Carol James / Keith Long staff.

Simple System Pairs

- 1st, Rosemary Jackson & Marjorie Swan.
- 2nd, Christine & Trevor Ward.
- 3rd, Sandra Bell & Colin Woods.

Diary dates: 9-11 Mar, Cumbria Congress, Grange-over-Sands. See website for details.

Devon

www.devonbridge.co.uk



THE county still has vacancies for secretary and vice-chairman.

The results of the match against East Wales on 7 October are:

A Team won 13-7: Harry Anoyrkatis, Sally Anoyrkatis, Ann Slee, Richard Lingham.

B Team won 19-1: Brent Wormald, Paul Hide, Sam Anoyrkatis, Theo Anoyrkatis.

C Team won 16-4: Roger Gowland, Stephen Rafferty, Neil Marsden, Linda Rafferty.

Brochures, entry forms and online entry for the Devon Congress in April 2018 at the TLH Toorak Hotel are now available. We have a smaller allocation of single rooms without supplement than at The Palace Hotel and only four of our 19 are now unsold.

Congratulations to Mike Walsh who has been promoted to the rank of Premier Grand Master.

Plymouth Congress:

Congratulations to Ann Slee and Richard Lingham who won the Championship final, to Ali Blake and Morag MacBean who won the consolation final, and to Peter Bowles, Mike Orriel, Ian Walsh and Mike Walsh who won the Swiss Teams.

Cornwall Congress:

Clare Hamon and Barry Smale were first equal in the Swiss Teams; Joan Chandler and Mair Preston-Jones were third in the Swiss Teams; Brigid McElroy and Ruth Edmondson were third in the Swiss Pairs.

Diary dates: Full details of all events and results are on the website.

Dorset

www.bridgewebs.com/dorset



Crockfords Cup (EBU)

Congratulations to Mark Hooper, Mike Pownall, Krzysztof Ginda & Peter Goodman on reaching the finals weekend.

East Wales Congress

Congratulations to Miles Cowling who with partner Ron Davis won the Swiss Pairs. Miles' team also won the Swiss Teams with Mike Pownall's team finishing 4th.

Northern Midweek Conference

Congratulations to Mike Pownall whose team won the Swiss Teams and with partner Mia Deschepper finished 4th in the Championship Pairs.

Chope Salver

1st Bob Mott & Barrie Cantello, 2nd Alan Wilson & Janet Smith, 3rd Guy Lawrenson & Mike Jackson.

Diary dates: 7 Jan, Knight Cup (Green Pointed), Hamworthy Club, Canford Magna. This event is the Dorset Pairs championship and is only available for Dorset primary members. 11 Feb, Frost Rose Bowl (Blue Pointed Swiss Teams), Allendale Bridge Club.



Dorset's Chope Salver winners
Bob Mott & Barrie Cantello

Essex

www.essexbridge.co.uk



RESULTS of Essex Competitions

Congratulations to:

Warboys Heat 3.1st, Robert Elliot & Richard Register. 2nd, Alaric Cundy & John Sutcliffe.

Heat 2. 1st, Marc Chawner & Paul Spencer. 2nd, Sandy & Martin Smith.

Results from Congresses and National Events

Beds & Northants Swiss Teams:

4th Bernie Hunt, Sheena Millins, Paul & Val Mollison.

Herts & Essex Swiss Pairs:

3rd Graham Foster & Ray Clarke.

Herts & Essex Swiss Teams:

2nd Sandy Riach, Chris Taylor, Paul Spencer & Marc Chawner.

Felixstowe Congress, Championship Pairs:

1st Graham Beeton & Ray Clarke.

EBED Autumn Pairs Sims: Wednesday

3rd Richard Perryman & Paddy Murray.

Diary dates: 10 Dec, Mixed Pairs. 14 Jan, Swiss Pairs, 20 Jan Gwen Herga, 27-28 Jan, Woodham Ferrers Congress. 18 Feb, Cornell Trophy.

Hants and IoW

www.bridgewebs.com/hiwcb/



SUMMER Meeting Eastbourne:

Swiss Pairs

2nd, Andy Hughes & Jeremy Dhondy.

Brighton Bowl Swiss Teams

4th, Andy Hughes, Jeremy Dhondy, Steve Preston.

Midweek Champ Pairs

2nd, Liliás Lamont.

NICKO semi-finalists

Petersfield B, Mike Fithyan, Stuart Burnett, Tony Truluck, Tim Smith, Dave Willis.

Surrey GP Swiss Pairs

1st, Steve Preston & Andy Hughes.

Welsh Foursomes

1st, Jeremy Dhondy.

Berks & Bucks BP Swiss Pairs

3rd, Eleanor Rice, Pauline Serby.

Candover Teams of 4

1st, Andy Hughes, Jeremy Dhondy, Christine Ray, Richard Ray.

Diary dates: 3 Dec, Wessex/Bloxham BP Swiss Teams. 17 Dec, Yuletide Swiss Teams. 7 Jan, Midwinter Swiss Teams. 28 Jan, Candlestick Swiss Pairs. 18 Feb, Valentine Swiss Teams. All starting at 2pm at Romsey. Entries via HIOW website. Also 4-8 Dec, Chidwick Cup Sim Pairs, local clubs. 12-16 Feb, IBM Cup Sim Pairs, local clubs.

Kent

www.kcba.org.uk



THE Gold Cup semi-final saw players from Kent in three of the four teams. Derek Patterson and his team emerged victorious in the final, beating Sally Brock's team which included Norman Selway and Kay Preddy. Patrick Collins and Bill Hirst were in the team beaten by Brock in the semi-final.

Continuing Kent's success in National competitions, the Tunbridge Wells 'A' team of Espen Erichsen, Helen Erichsen, Norman Selway, Andrew Cairns and Jeremy Willans won the NICKO.

In the Metropolitan Cup the Kent 'B' team won their division – congratulations to Steve Barnfield, Frances Connell, Graham Clements, Chris Wall, John Griffiths, John Hemington, Ravi Athwal, Jon Thoresen, Stephen Brown, Stuart McPhee, Tony Price and Phil Jones. The 'A' team were third in the top division and our 'C' teams were 2nd and 5th in their division.

Congratulations to Kay Preddy and Norman Selway,



Norman Selway & Kay Preddy, winners of
Kent's Dyer Smith (Mixed Pairs)

winner of the Dyer Smith (Mixed Pairs) for the second year running, and Frances Connell and Steve Barnfield winners of the Hunter Cup (highest placed married pair).



Steve Barnfield & Frances Connell, winners of Kent's Hunter Cup (highest placed married pair)

The Surrey Swiss pairs was won by Mike Hampton & Michael Prior. Phil Jones & Keith Ashcroft were third.

58th Kent Congress

Swiss Pairs Invicta Cup – Jill Skinner & Jeremy Willans.
Mixed Pairs Allnut Trophy – Tracy Capal & David Sherman.
Married Pairs Gentry Cup, Kay Preddy & Norman Selway.
Non-expert Puddleduck Plate (non-expert) Pat Sainsbury & Wenche Immink.
Swiss Teams winners, Lukey Cup – Espen Erichsen, Nick Irens, Kay Preddy & Norman Selway.
Owl Cup (runners up)– Christine Jepson, Jill Skinner, Jeremy Willans & Ian Lancaster.
Birkle Bowl (non-expert) – Hilary and David Powell, Bob Middleditch & Roy Lambert.
Congratulation to all.

Many congratulations to Anton and Jessica Mauve who were presented with the Tom Bradley Award by the EBU. This award is for 'non-school teachers' who have made a significant contribution to youth bridge.

Ted Nesom and Dot Servante have been made Honorary Vice-Presidents of the KCBA in recognition of their contribution to bridge at club level in the county.

Diary dates: 14 Jan, Fleming Femina (ladies' pairs) and Hunter Homines (men's pairs), 11am, TWBC. 27 Jan, Mitchell Salver (club teams of eight div 3). 28 Jan, Corbett Cup and Corbett Plate (club teams of eight divisions 1 and 2, first weekend), 18 Feb Corbett Cup and Plate (second weekend). Larsky Cup semi-final venues – 8 Feb, Maidstone BC; 11 Feb, Bekebourne BC; 14 Feb, Tunbridge Wells BC; 19 Feb, Farnborough (Kent) BC. Larsky Cup final: 24 Mar, 11am, TWBC. 4 Mar, Green-pointed Swiss Pairs. 8 Apr, George Griffiths (seniors pairs). Please see www.kcba.org.uk for up to date results, news of events and entry forms.

Lancashire

www.bridgewebs.com/lancs



IN the Northern Bridge League, Lancashire A finished second out of six teams, Lancashire B second out of eight teams and Lancashire C fifth out of seven teams.

The Steve Haley Trophy for the best A team pair in the Northern Bridge League was awarded to Derek Williams & Croz Croswell.

Congratulations go to Stuart Clarke & Sue Woodcock on

winning the NWBA Swiss Pairs at Mold in early October.

Congratulations also go to John and Judy Brearley on winning the Mixed Pairs at the EBU Overseas Congress.

Diary dates: 3 Dec, Lytham Rose Bowl, Lytham Bridge Club; 17 Dec, Santa Claus Pairs, Manchester Bridge Club; 28-30 Dec, EBU Year End Congress, Blackpool; 6-7 Jan, MCBA Congress, Victoria & Albert Hotel, Manchester; 14 Jan, Preston Blue Pointed Teams, Preston Bridge Club; 21 Jan, LCBA Butler Pairs, Lytham Bridge Club; 4 Feb, LCBA Championship Pairs, Bolton Bridge Club.

Bolton Congress Ladies' Pairs

1st, Ailsa Hurst and Diane Ault

Bolton Congress Men's Pairs,

1st Clive Henderson and Brian Ripley

Bolton Congress Championship Pairs

1st, Austin Barnes and Stuart Norris

Bolton Congress Swiss Teams

1st, Rodney Lighton, John Currie, Nicholas Greer and Neil Thomas

LCBA Mixed Pairs

1st, John Halliwell and Linda Smith

Leicestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/leicestershire/



CONGRATULATIONS to Ben Norton who has won the EBU's 'Young Player of the Year Award' following a year of excellent results both with the International Junior teams and in

pairs events.

The County Teams have played the opening two rounds of matches in the Midlands League. Results are:

Sep 10 v Derbyshire (Home) – 1st Team Won 19 - 1, 2nd Team Lost 2 - 18, 3rd Team Lost 2 - 18;
Oct 8th v Gloucestershire (Away) - 1st Team Lost 0 - 20, 2nd Team Lost 0 - 20, 3rd Team Lost 6 - 14.

In the Samani Salver (the Summer KO - handicap teams of four competition) Glenfield 'A' beat Bradgate 'A'.

In the Samani Plate (for 1st round losers) Bradgate 'C(Red)' beat County 'A'.

The Stanley Trophy (Butler Pairs) - Heat 1 was won by Jim Mason & Ben Norton (+103) from Dick & Lucy Pathan (+60) with Jenny Grant & Bharat Thakrar (+22) 3rd.

League (Club Teams of 8) There are 27 teams in four divisions. Very early divisional leaders are:

Div 1 – Clarendon (12/1); Div 2 – Westcotes 'A' (17/2); Div 3 – Grantham 'B' (12/1); Div 4 – Ashby 'C' (20/2)

Diary dates: 14 Jan, Midland League v Warwickshire, Away. 17 Jan, Stanley Trophy Round 4, Glenfield. 18 Jan, Pairs League Round 1, Rothley. 31 Jan, Josephs Bowl Round 2, Blaby. 31 Jan, Butterworth Langley Trophy Round 1, Blaby. 14 Feb, Stanley Trophy Round 5, Glenfield. 14 Feb, Wilde Cup Non-expert Teams, County BC. 15 Feb, Pairs League Round 2, Rothley. 18 Feb, Midland League v Worcestershire, Greenfields. 28 Feb, Josephs Bowl Round 3, Blaby. 28 Feb, Butterworth Langley Trophy Round 2, Blaby.

London

www.metrobridge.co.uk



MANY congratulations to Gold Cup winners Andrew Black, Gunnar Hallberg and Phil King, and to Crockfords winner Anita Sinclair and runner-up Ingar Hansen.

Well done to all who did well at the Eastbourne Summer Congress. Andrew Robson won the Harold Poster Pairs the first weekend and London dominated the Swiss Teams leaderboard. Marion Robertson, Kieran Dyke, Mike and Sarah Bell won the Four Stars A final, Andrew Black, Phil King and Gunnar Hallberg were second and Shahzaad Natt, Stefano Tommasini and Kiril Delev were third. In the B final, Peter Taylor was second and Toby Nonnenmacher third. Gad Chadha and Debbie Sandford won the Brighton Bowl.

In the other events, Martin Baker won the Sunday Open Pairs with Gordon Rainsford second; Claire Robinson & Rowena Clow were second in the Monday Open Pairs; Anne Catchpole was third in the GCH Fox Pairs; Lorne Anderson won the Senior Pairs B final; the Friday PAB teams was won by Mike & Sarah Bell with Andrew Black, Phil King and Gunnar Hallberg second; Gitte Hecht-Johansen & Terry Hewett were second in the Friday speedball and also the Saturday teams speedball along with Szczepan Smoczynski; In the Friday Open Pairs Martin Baker was second and Chantal Girardin third.

In Guernsey the Pre-Congress Pairs was won by Gordon Rainsford & Lorne Anderson, who were also third in the Swiss Pairs, Angus Simpson was second in the Men's Pairs and also second in the Multiple Teams along with Tim Gauld.

The Brook Green Café Bridge event was won by Gilly Arber & Elinor Malcolm, with Lorna Heaton & Jane Brydon-Brown second and Janet Lassler & Soheila Munro third. The Mixed Pairs Championship was won by the young pair of Qian Li & Tony Ye (*pictured*), with Brigid Battiscombe & Victor Silverstone second and Chris Duckworth & Brian Callaghan third.



London's Mixed Pairs Championship winners – Tony Ye & Qian Li

Diary dates: 24-25 Feb, The Lederer Memorial Trophy, RAC in Pall Mall. Entry is free to spectators for whom this is a marvellous opportunity to watch world-class players and stars of the game in action. 4 Feb, London Championship Teams of Four qualifier for the Ian Gardiner Trophy, 11.30am, YCBC. 11 Mar, London Championship Pairs, 11.30am, YCBC. All enquiries and entries to lbmaentries@gmail.com.

Manchester

www.manchesterbridge.org.uk



World Championships Lyon – Well done to Catherine Draper on her silver medal in the World Championship Ladies Teams. Great Northern Swiss Pairs

John Holland in partnership with Clive Owen of the North East won this National event held early October. Hubert Phillips and EBU Summer Congress Teams Michael Byrne (playing with Ollie Burgess, Fiona Brown & Hugh McGann) continued his run of winning national events this year with victory against Jeff Smith's team in the

final of the Hubert Phillips – the EBU's Mixed Pivot Teams Championship. He then went on to win the EBU Summer Congress Four Star Teams, amongst other events, at Eastbourne!

Guernsey Overseas Congress

In the Seniors pairs Joy & Irving Blakey won with Rhona & Bernard Goldenfield third. The Goldenfields and the Blakeys won the multiple teams and the seniors teams and were second in the Swiss teams on the final weekend.

Northern Counties Bridge League

Congratulations to Manchester on making it eleven wins out of twelve in the A Division of the Northern Counties Bridge league.

Diary dates: 17 Dec, Santa Claus Pairs, Manchester Bridge Club. 1-7 Jan, Manchester County Congress, Victoria & Albert Hotel, Water St, Manchester, M3 4JQ; entries to Jeff Smith, e-mail jasmith@nildram.co.uk or 0161-702-3773.

Merseyside/Cheshire

www.mcba.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Liz Commins & David Stevenson who were one half of the team that won the teams event at the West of England Congress. David and Liz were also members of the team that finished 3rd in the Guernsey Congress.

In the Welsh Foursomes held in mid-September, Barry Jones, Paddy Murphy and Bob Pitts were members of the team that finished third.

The opening event of this season's Merseyside League was a multiple teams event which was won by Peter Broster, Stuart Matthews, Bob Pitts and Alan Stephenson.

Diary dates: 27-28 Jan, Chester Congress, Deva BC. 4 Feb, County Trials. 25 Feb, Deva BC Jean Keen trophy (Women's Teams), Deva BC. 4 Mar, Eric Howarth trophy (Open Swiss teams), Deva BC.

Norfolk

www.bridgewebs.com/norfolk/



CONGRATULATIONS to Norfolk pairs playing in the British Autumn Simultaneous Pairs: Gabriel Ip & Giles Ip came first in the country and Nawal Fenwick & John Harrison came second.

Norfolk's team captain, Bogdan Drobný, had a very successful weekend at the Derbyshire Green Point weekend. Playing with Roman Gembicki they won the Saturday Swiss Pairs and the Sunday teams event.

At a local County event, the EDP/John Harrison Trophy was won by Peter Clemens & Brian Barratt; Eileen Townsend & Peter Pennington Smith came second; and Bridget Starkings & James Tullett came third.

Diary dates: 9-11 Mar, Norfolk Congress, Wensum Valley Hotel, Norwich. The entry form is available on the NCBA website.

North East

www.neba.co.uk



LONG journeys proved rewarding for NEBA members during September. Margaret Andrew (Morpeth and Castle Morpeth BCs) playing with her mother Mary won the Women's Pairs at the Guernsey Congress in mid-September. Clive and Christopher

Owen (Darlington) playing with team mates from Glasgow won the Cumbria and Westmorland Congress Teams event held in Kendal in September. The following week, Clive playing with John Holland won the Great Northern Swiss Pairs in Leeds by the clear margin of 15 VPs.

The winners of the excellent Swiss Pairs held at Durham in early September were Steve & Georgia Ray, ahead of John Portwood & Wojtek Zakrzewski, with Jill Hancock & Renee McMahon coming third.

In a close finish in the Senior Pairs Trophy held at Whitley Bay in mid-September Elaine Purvis & David Brickland won. Second place was taken by Frank Springett & Brenda Osborne just ahead of Jo Lomor & Peter Marshall.

The King Cup (Ladies' Pairs) held at Chester-le-Street in early October was won by Pat Barton & Catherine Longley. Beverly Godfrey & Val Gibson came second with third place going to Ann Squires & Barbara Taylor.

A very well supported and enjoyable Kathy Pike Charity event was held in August and raised in excess of £800 for Cancer Research. In a high scoring close finish, winners were Peter Avery & Guy Herzmark, second Susan Green & Gill Gold and Liz Muir & Don Reid came third. The newcomers' prize went to Mary Oldfield & Kathleen Scott who were 10th overall).

Nottinghamshire

www.bridgewebs.com/nottinghamshire



COUNTY matches have started for 2017-18. Our first match against Oxfordshire resulted in the Nottinghamshire 1st team winning 12-8; the 2nd and 3rd teams lost 0-20 and 5-15 respectively.

Against Derbyshire in early October, the results were 9-11, 11-9; and 1-19.

Since September the county Winter Pairs competition has resumed on the second Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome to this event run over the course of the winter and scored on Butler Imps. The best set of scores are taken into account so you don't have to attend every month. Come and give it a try – 7pm Nottingham Bridge Club.

In the Derbyshire Green point events Ankush Khandelwal almost achieved a hat trick of pairs victories coming second with Willie Crook. He also won the teams with Willie, Graham Kirby & Steve Raine.

Congratulations to Hannah Tuus who came second in the U26 championship at Eastbourne, and to Peter & Margaret Savage who came 3rd in the Championship Pairs at the West of England Congress.

Steve Fordham & Toni Smith won the 8th Nottinghamshire Café Bridge event in mid-October held in Newark. The next event will return to Nottingham City



Jean McKee and Anne-Marie Campbell, two of the 2017 Autumn Café Bridge event organisers in one of the venues: the famous floating pub in Newark

Centre in April and as usual is expected to be a sell out, so keep a look out for when the event goes live and get your tickets quickly!

The NCBA Committee held its first Club's Conference on mid-November. See the website for details.

Oxfordshire

www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Carol Benzie & Aleksandar Lishkov on achieving joint 1st place in the Swiss Teams and 2nd place in the Swiss Pairs at the Cornwall Congress.

Sandra Nicholson & Krys Kazmierczak were 2nd in the Swiss Pairs at the Gloucestershire & Herefordshire Congress and 4th in the Pairs Championship at the Felixstowe Congress.

At the EBU Eastbourne Summer Congress, Henry Rose came 2nd in the one day Swiss Pairs. Jean Squires came 2nd at the EBU Guernsey Congress.

The first Oxford Festival of Bridge was held in September. Winners of the Monday Expert Pairs were Dr Zak & Angela Buckley. The Tuesday Pairs was won by Dorothy & Christopher Close who also won the North/South Thursday Pairs. East/West winners were Judith & Allan Sanis. Wednesday Evening was won by Richard Jephcott & Richard Wharton North/South and Kate Maxwell & Lesley Harrison East/West. Richard Wharton & Richard Jephcott came 1st in the Café Bridge.

Diary dates: 3 Dec, Swiss Pairs Championship; 28 Jan, OBA County Pairs Semi-final.

Somerset

www.bridgewebs.com/somerset



A BUSY time for Somerset bridge over the last few months with the highlight being the West of England Congress held at the refurbished Winter Gardens, Weston Super Mare in late September.

Somerset players were very successful with Ceri Pierce & Eric Cummings winning the Championship Pairs and Tony Hall & Michael Smith came second.

Other successes were Barbara Biggin & Anne Skinner who came equal second in the Ladies Pairs, Mike Powell & Russell Day and Tom Gibbard & John Cockram who were equal 4th in the Mens Pairs, and Donne Hoong & Pip Duncan who were second in the Mixed Pairs.

In the Swiss events, Gillian Toogood & Anne Skinner were 8th out of a field of 160 pairs, and a team of John Cockram, Tom Gibbard, Ken Bawdon and Michael Whittaker came 10th out of 84 teams.

The SCBA Committee would like to thank all the people who helped behind the scenes with the Congress event.

The county Mixed Pairs event played in early September was won by Alan & Jette Bailey, with Colin Juneman & Caroline Mcpherson coming a close second. The Paul Jones competition was won by a team of Ceri Pierce, Eric Cummings, Jette and Alan Bailey.

In the Western league Teams A & B won their matches against East Wales

Diary dates: SCBA is pleased to be hosting another Andrew Robson seminar at the Webbington Hotel on 6th December 2017. Full details of the event can be found on the SCBA website. At the time of going to press, some tickets are still available, but very limited.

Staffs and Shrops

www.staffsandshrops.org.uk



AT the AGM Linda Curtis resigned as chairman after three years in the role. Highlights from her tenure include her commitment to promoting county events and competitions not just at premier level but for all players at all skill levels. Linda has been involved with the successful promotion of bridge into Adams Grammar School which continues with lunchtime and after-school sessions. She has preserved a fully established committee with new replacements where vacancies have arisen. She leaves her role with 12 affiliated clubs, two county league divisions and a very healthy bank balance.

Following the AGM the Phoenix Trophy Competition was played and won by Judy Mitchell and James Vickers *pictured below*.

Congratulations to Sue Maxwell & Mike Lucas who won the Morris Hall Trophy at Shrewsbury BC in early October.

A very well attended TD Training has been run by James Vickers at Eccleshall Bridge Club, one of the first of the new style three session courses.

Wolverhampton BC has introduced a new continuous monthly pairs competition run over five months, September to January, that has appealed to players of all abilities.

Diary dates: 29 Jan, County SIM pairs, various clubs. 22 Feb, No Fear Pairs, Wolverhampton Bridge Club, 4 Mar, Shrewsbury Swiss Pairs (blue-pointed). 28-29 April, Shropshire Congress, Telford. Contact Judy Mitchell.



AGM Phoenix Trophy Competition winners
Judy Mitchell and James Vickers

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



Felixstowe Congress

Suffolk enjoyed another successful congress held in early October, with more people taking part over the two days than last year. Against the run of recent years, Suffolk players dominated the teams, taking first, second, fourth and half of fifth:

Swiss Teams

1st, David Willson, Simon Riley, Eric Newman, Diane Whitley; 2nd Chris Green, Robert Green, Christopher Chambers, Peter Gemmell; 3rd, Paula Leslie, Catherine Curtis, Ingar Hansen, Paul Fegarty.

Championship Pairs

1st, Graham Beeton & Ray Clarke; 2nd, Michael Bradley & Roger Timmins; 3rd Catherine Curtis & Paul Fegarty.

Consolation Pairs

1st, Rod Oakford & Simon Barb; 2nd, Bim Wilson & Sam Wilson; 3rd, Roger Tattersfield & Jill Tattersfield.

Open Pairs

1st, John Bloomfield & Richard Evans; 2nd, Karen Pryor & Malcolm Pryor; 3rd, Tony Baker & Viv Mason

Really Easy Pairs (Sunday)

1st, Tony Trathen & Sheila Gibson; 2nd, Mary Deeks & Dennis Deeks; 3rd, Jean Gaffer & Jan Turner

Suffolk Men's and Ladies' Pairs

Bim Wilson & Trissa Orange won the Ladies' Pairs by the narrowest of margins from the title holders, Jane Moore & Elizabeth Tora, while Andrew Moore & David Price won the Men's Pairs by a distance.

Ladies' Pairs

1st, Bim Wilson & Trissa Orange, 2nd, Jane Moore & Elizabeth Tora; 3rd, Helen Mason & Joan Watson.

Men's Pairs

1st, Andrew Moore & David Price; Ralph Parish & Paul Whetton; 3rd, Paul Flavell & Conor Bignell.

Suffolk Championship Teams Final

In the delayed final of the Suffolk Championship Teams Hanley (Rick Hanley, Chris Chambers, Peter Gemmell, Graham Beeton, Andre Gray) retained their title with a victory over Sherer (Michael Sherer, Eric Newman, Din Gudka, Cathy Rowland, David Morran, Julian Lang).

Eastbourne Winners

Suffolk's Malcolm & Karen Pryor enjoyed success at the EBU Summer Meeting in Eastbourne, winning the 'B' final of the Four Stars.

Diary dates: 11 Jan, Championship Open Heat, 7pm, Kesgrave. 21 Jan, Mid-Anglia Pairs, 11am, Woodbridge. 16 Feb, Championship Pairs semi-final, 7pm, Elmswell. 25 Feb, Jyl Marsh Individual, 2pm, Framlingham. 4 Mar, Club Teams of Four & Really Easy Pairs, 2pm, Elmswell. 8 Apr, Championship Pairs Final, 2pm, Nayland Village.

Warwickshire

www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk



MANY congratulations to Martin Jones on reaching the Gold Cup final for the 5th time. Although his team was beaten this time, he has won this most prestigious event twice

Wiltshire

www.wcba.co.uk



THE opening event of our season in early October was a huge success. Congratulations to the Open Pairs winners Roger Karn & James Dunlop, with a big well done to the runners up John Hadfield & Peter Brunskill and third placed Pete Webb & Anne Rogan.

Our three teams leagues continue apace with some close fought matches and testing bridge being played.

Worcestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire



BY the time you read this, the Malvern Congress will have come and gone for another year. We already know that the congress will have been a success because both the main and No Fear sections were virtually full before the closing date for entries.

Both Bromsgrove and Worcester Bridge Clubs ran

successful Café Bridge events at the end of summer. The Worcester event was in aid of Acorns Hospice and Mike Vetch, Chair of Worcester Bridge Club, was interviewed in Worcester by Elliott Webb of BBC Hereford and Worcester. That interview can be seen here <https://tinyurl.com/y74mrwc7>

Bromsgrove BC ran their Café Bridge event in three cafés in Barnet Green and collected over £750 for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. Seen below in The Tea Shop are (from left) Sheila Short, Jean Bromley, Chris Fallon and Barbara Griffiths.

Diary dates: County events open to all county members include the Christmas Charity Swiss Teams on 18 December and the Mixed Pairs Championship on 22 January.



Successful café bridge events in Worcestershire

Yorkshire

www.ycba.co.uk/



CONGRATULATIONS to Fiona Brown and Sandra Penfold who won silver medals with the England women's team in the Venice Cup world championship event.

Gerard Faulkner Salver and Silver Plate

Richard Edwards' team (Robert Ross, Bill Townsend, Tony McNiff, Dave Robinson & Robin Jepson) has reached the final of the Gerard Falkner Salver (seniors knockout). Bill & Tony, with team-mates Sarah Teshome & Richard Winter, have also reached the semi-final of the Silver Plate.

Northern Midweek Congress

Swiss Teams: Yorkshire players Pearl Murphy, Nichola Cockerill-Smith, Beverley Godfrey, Stuart Davies, George Bak, Gill Copeland and Steve Blackburn were in the teams

finishing equal second.

Northern Bridge League

In the first division, Yorkshire A1 were third and the A2 team were fourth. In the B division the county finished fourth and the C division was won by Yorkshire SE for the fourth year in a row; Yorkshire NW were third.

Tollemache Cup

The Tollemache team is Dave Robinson, Daniel Winter, Sandra Penfold, Brian Senior, David Waxman, Dominic Rayner, Alan Hayward, Tom Copeland, Stuart Davies, George Bak, and npc Graham Jepson.

EBU Guernsey Congress and Overseas (Halkidiki) Congress

In the EBU Guernsey congress, Janet & Ted Latham and Agnes & Peter Baxter won the Pivot Teams; Ted & Peter also won the Men's Pairs. In the Halkidiki Congress, Gill Woodcock & Julia Staniforth won the Pre-congress Pairs; Sandy Davies & Tom Gisborne were members of the winning quartets in the Swiss Teams and Pivot Teams; and Roy Garthwaite and Ted Latham won the Men's Pairs.

Huddersfield Rose Bowl

1st, Pearl & Denis Murphy, Val & Julian Gibson; 2nd, Richard Pike, Peter Waterman, Dominic Rayner & Nicholas Dean.

Garforth Swiss Teams

1st, Judith Biles, Sue Pell, Carole Kelly & Geoff Kenyon; 2nd, Pauline Cooper, Richard Hilton, Richard Pike & Peter Waterman.

Kath Grimoldby Simultaneous Pairs

1st, Carol Heron & Ian Johnson (Garforth); 2nd, Stuart Barrett & Kevin Hawkins (Huddersfield); 3rd, Roy Garthwaite & Heather Hobson (Huddersfield); 4th, Stephen Cordingley & Andrew Hardy (Halifax); 5th, Fiona Brown & Mike Levi (Leeds).

Great Northern Swiss Pairs

Alan Brosgill & Robin Jepson were second and Bazil Caygill & Matthew Kiggins were fifth. The Improvers Pairs event was won by Joan & Brian Eager.

Diary dates: 14 Jan, Yorkshire Pairs (Bradford); 4 Feb, Doncaster Swiss Pairs. You can find all the latest results, news, details of upcoming events and much more on the YCBA website: <http://www.ycba.co.uk>.

THE DAMNEDEST DUMMY EVER SEEN

I must bid or we're in trouble.
Relying on my partner's strength,
I bid my spades, based on their length.

He bids to two. I go to three.
The contract looks a cert to me.
But oh, how quickly dreams can fade.
He hasn't got a single spade.

And when he puts the dummy down,
My sunny smile turns to a frown.
No ace, no jack, no king, no queen...
The damneDEST dummy ever seen.

There's not a single trump in sight.
My friend, you're walking home tonight.

Alan Blunden, Lowewood Bridge Club