

COUNTY NEWS

You will find your County's 'Local Results' (if submitted) and obituaries (in our 'In Memoriam' column) in the online magazine (page 68 onwards). These pages are also available as a stand-alone pdf in the English Bridge Section of the website and at www.ebu.co.uk/documents/magazine/county-extra.pdf. We would also encourage you to visit your County website for up-to-date news and results. The websites are given in each county report.



Avon

www.avoncba.org.uk



THE *Tollemache* final was a disappointment for the Avon team who managed just one win and two draws in the seven matches.

In the *Western League* match vs East Wales the Avon A team won 16-4, the B team won 17-3 and the C team won 12-8. In the match against Hereford, however, the A team suffered their first defeat of the season losing 8-12, whilst the B team won well, 19-1, and the C team lost 5-15.

In the *Garden Cities*, Avon will be represented by a team from Bristol Bridge Club. We wish them success in the Regional Final.

Diary dates: Apr 9, Mixed Pairs. May 17, Handicapped Pairs and AGM.

Bedfordshire

www.bedsbridge.co.uk



NATIONAL winners of the *EBU British Winter Sim Pairs* on Tuesday 6th January were John Neville – Jackie Davies who scored 73.57% playing at Leverstock Green Bridge Club; 997 pairs competed in this heat.

Iain Roberts and Alan Oddie's team were 3rd overall (1 VP behind the winners) in the *Swiss Teams* event at the *National Teams Congress*.

Diary dates: this year's Charity Pairs event is being held at Wilstead on Sun, Apr 19, starting at 1pm. The AGM, followed by Sim Pairs, is being held at Wardown Pavilion in Luton on Thurs May 7, starting at 6pm. Further details of these events are available on the BBA website.

Berks and Bucks

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



IN the final of the *Tollemache Cup*, the inter-county team of eight competition, Berks & Bucks came 4th, still a very creditable performance after winning in both the previous two years.

Congratulations to Ed Scerri, runner-up in the *Sunday Telegraph Salver* for number of Master Points gained in 2014 (an award which he won in 2010 and 2011).

In the *London Year End Congress*, Colin Simpson was 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs*; Sally Brock – Barry Myers warmed up with 4th in the *Mixed Pairs* and then followed it with winning the *Swiss Teams*. Callum McKail, Nigel Wolfendale, Bob Holder and Phil Thornton were the top all-B&B team in the *Swiss Teams* in 9th= place. In the *Northern Year End Congress*, Nigel Marlow

(playing with former B&B member, Peter Hall) came 3rd in the *Open Pairs* and 4th in the *Swiss Pairs*.

Bob Holder – Phil Thornton (with Oxon team-mates) were 2nd at the *Seniors Trials* – just missing the chance to represent England in the *Teltscher Trophy* 2015 by a mere 0.3 VP!

Channel Islands

www.cwgsy.net/community/cicba/



Congratulations to Howard Basden-Smith and Sue Rankin on their second place in the *Open Pairs* at the *EBU Overseas Lanzarote Congress*, just failing to do the double having won the event in Montenegro.

Cornwall

www.bridgewebs.com/cornwall



THE Cornish 'A' and 'C' teams won their *Western League* matches against Somerset in February, and maintain a 100% success rate with three teams – Avon, East Wales and Hereford – still to come. The 'A' team won by the unusual score of 10-9 after a lengthy appeal and the 'C' team by 13-7.

Neil Harris – Suzanne Warring are the leading qualifiers from the Wadebridge heat of the *National Pairs*, and with Rob Mabley – Mike Booth, Margaret Buckingham – Stephen Crouch, will go forward to the regional semi-final in Bristol. Richard Draycott – Jean Law have again decided to play in Leatherhead.

Diary date: Apr 26, John Perks Cup, Ladock.

Please see the online magazine for county results and obituary of David Wilman.

Derbyshire

www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire



PLAYING in the county: details of events scheduled by our county association can be found on our website www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire; this also contains links to the websites for all affiliated clubs, so if you are looking to play bridge in Derbyshire please visit our website (please note our original website www.dcba.org.uk has been superseded by the new bridgewebs.com site above).

Diary dates: our popular *Swiss Teams* event starts on Apr 1st, all teams welcome. The Midlands Mixed Pairs takes place at Spondon on Sun May 3, all pairs welcome. This year during the summer we are running a *Swiss Pairs* event (fortnightly over six Wednesdays) starting on May 20, all pairs welcome.

Contact the DCBA secretary (jimparker@totalise.co.uk) if you are interested in any of the above events.

Devon

www.devonbridge.co.uk



THE DBA AGM will take place at the Isca Centre on Sunday June 14 followed by a Swiss Teams. Full details will be on the website and notices at clubs. Nominations and resolutions must be submitted to the Hon Secretary by May 16. Section AGMs will also take place – watch local notice boards for details. As always the county and sections would welcome new volunteers to help with everything.

Diary dates: Apr 10-12, Devon Congress. Sun May 10, Graphic Cup. Sun Jun 14, AGM.

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

Dorset

www.bridgewebs.com/dorset



CONGRATULATIONS to Margot Wilson-Gardner and John Gardner on winning the *Pre-congress Pairs* at the *Lanzarote Congress*.

Diary dates: Apr 19, Gee Trophy (Blue Pointed) Swiss Teams, Dorchester Bridge Club. May 10, Udall Trophy (Blue Pointed) Swiss Teams & AGM, Hamworthy Club, Canford Magna. Jun 21, Dorset Green-pointed Teams, Hamworthy Club, Canford Magna.

Essex

www.essexbridge.co.uk



WE had a good turnout for the *Really Easy Pairs* afternoon satellite event in Essex. Congratulations to our three highest placed pairs: 2nd, Chas Moore – Monica Watters; 7th, Premdat Hariram – Les Woolard; 8th, Linda and Vaughn Jenkins.

Congratulations to Chris Chorley, Paddy Murray, Richard Perryman, Michael Wren who were 6th in the *National Teams Congress*.

At the *Lanzarote Congress*, well done to George and Maureen Vede who were 3rd in the *Mixed Pairs*, and to Gad Chadha who was in the 2nd-placed team in the *Swiss Teams*.

British Winter Sims: Monday (946 pairs): 10th, Peter Williamson – Derek Stewart; 13th, Bernie Hunt – Paul Mollison; 17th, Richard Register – Tanya Genthe. *Wednesday* (986 pairs): 15th, Paul Spencer – Marc Chawner; 16th, Yvonne Dias – Allan Greenstein.

Bridge England Pairs: Wednesday (228 pairs): 8th, Chris Taylor – Steve Cade-Bowyer. *WBF Charity Pairs: Thursday* (330 pairs): 7th, Keith Nicoll – Graham Allen.

Diary dates: Apr 12, County Pairs. May 10, Collier Row Open Swiss Teams. May 16, AGM. May 20, Essex Mixed Teams.

Hants and IoW

www.bridgewebs.com/hiwcba/



Lanzarote Overseas Congress: Karen Dewar – Adrian Fontes (2nd in the *Swiss Pairs*) and Rosalind Concanon – Gordon Clarke (3rd in the *Open Pairs*).

East Wales Congress Swiss Teams: Miles Cowling – John Dakin (joint 2nd).

Bridge England Sim Pairs, Wednesday heat: Margaret and Budd Abbot on IOW (6th).

Diary dates: Apr 12, Pottage Final, Romsey. Apr 26, Philip

Graham Blue-pointed Swiss Teams, IoW. Jun 7, AGM and Ranked Pairs, Romsey; entries via HIOW website or Steve Preston ☎ 02380 702934. May 17, HIOW Green-pointed Swiss Teams, Andover; entries to Marian Rudd, marian@marian37.plus.com or ☎ 01264 333847.

Herefordshire

www.herefordshirebridge.co.uk

SO far, this has been a good year in the *Western League*. With four of the seven matches played, the C Team are undefeated, and the A Team have only had one narrow defeat. Let's hope this good form continues.

The *Gloucestershire & Herefordshire Green Pointed Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams* will be held this year on July 18 and 19 at the Larruperz Centre, Ross-on-Wye. Entry forms are on both counties' websites.

Full results of all county competitions are on our website.

Diary dates: Apr 10, Inter-club Teams Round 5, 7pm, Ledbury. Apr 25, Avocat Teams, 10am, Brooms Green. May 11, Next Step Pairs (Restricted), 7pm, Much Birch. July 18-19 Gloucestershire & Herefordshire Green Point Events, Larruperz Centre, Ross-on-Wye.

Hertfordshire

www.hertsbridge.co.uk



COUNTY matches: all three teams won their matches against Suffolk. Team A won 11-9, Team B won 14-6 and Team C won 13-7.

Diary dates: Apr 12, Desmond Flockhart Trophy, 12 noon. Apr 14, Seniors Pairs (inc. lunch), 11am. Apr 24, Club Cadet Teams, 7.30pm. Apr 26, Championship Finals, 12 noon. The AGM followed by a Swiss Pairs will take place on Sun May 17 at 12 noon. All these events will be at the Bridge Centre WGC.

Kent

www.kcba.org.uk



READ the latest archive biographies now on the website, Frere Allnut and Denis O'Donovan. Contact Phil Jones, KCBA Archivist, if you have any archive information.

Diary dates: Sun Apr 12, George Griffiths Cup (Kent Seniors Pairs Championship), 11am, Tunbridge Wells. Sun May 17, Green-pointed Swiss Teams Maidstone Leisure Centre, 1pm. Sun July 12, Phillimore Cup (Kent Swiss Pairs Championship) and KCBA AGM, 11am, Tunbridge Wells.

Lancashire

www.bridgewebs.com/lancs



CONGRATULATIONS to Jeff Smith – Jackie Pye on finishing 2nd in the *Northern End of Year Congress Swiss Pairs*. They were also runners-up in the *Swiss Teams* with Alan and Kath Nelson. Stuart Clarke – Bill Carr were 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs* and Austin Barnes, Stuart Norris, Rod Greenhalgh and Des King were 3rd in the *Swiss Teams*.

Lancashire finished 6th in the final of the *Tollemache*. The team was Austin Barnes, Stuart Norris, Jeff Smith, Jackie Pye, John Brearley, Ross Shine, Paul Hepworth, Rick Bentley, Bill Alston and Colin Mitchell.

Lancashire will be represented in the *Corwen* by Nick and Sue Woodcock, Paul Evans – Alan Whittam, John Brearley –

Ross Shine and Andrew Lum – David Costich.

Bolton Bridge Club will represent the county in the *Garden Cities*.

Diary dates: Apr 12, Sowerby Cup, Lancaster. May 3, LCBA Swiss Pairs, Brierfield. May 10, Blackburn Swiss Pairs, Blackburn. May 18, LCBA AGM, Bolton. May 25, Bolton Spring Bank Holiday Swiss Teams, Bolton.

Leicestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/leicestershire/



GOLD Cup: Jim Mason's team with Paul Bowyer, Duncan Happer, Hugh McGann, Alan Mould and Les Steel reached the semi-final and only lost to the eventual winners, the Allfrey team, by a margin of 6 IMPs. Nick Stevens' team had also lost to the Allfrey team in the quarter-final round.

Recent *County Teams* results: vs Nottingham, 1st team lost 9-11, 2nd team drew 10-10, 3rd team won 18-2; vs Oxfordshire, 1st team lost 3-17, 2nd team lost 2-18, 3rd team lost 2-18. Current league positions are: 1st team (*Dawes League*) – 8th place; 2nd team (*Porter Cup*) – 6th place; 3rd team (*Markham Trophy*) – 4th= place.

Diary dates: May 6, Hyman Crammer Pairs, Rothley. May 13, Joyce Cup Pivot Teams, Greenfields. Jun 10, LCBA AGM & Prize Presentations, Greenfields.

Lincolnshire

www.lincsbridge.org.uk

DIARY dates: Sun Apr 12, Veteran Pairs, Dunholme Village Hall; minimum total age of each pair is 125 years with the youngest player in each pair being at least 60 years old; cost is £5 per player. Sun May 10, Allcomers Duplicate Pairs, 1.30pm, Dunholme Village Hall.

London

www.metrobridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Anita Sinclair who won the *Lady Milne trials* and will be part of the England team, and to Kath Stynes – Hannah Cornfield who came 3rd and will play in the EBU

team in the *Lady Milne*. Well done to Susanna Gross – Frank To, winners of the *London Year End Swiss Teams* with Andy Bowles – Shireen Mohandes 2nd. Also to David Gold who won the *Year End Open Pairs* with Phil King 3rd, and to Anne Catchpole, second in the *Year End Mixed Pairs*. David Gold also won the *National PAB Teams*, with Brian Callaghan and Ben Green 2nd.

Diary dates: Sun Apr 19, London Trophy Pairs, RAC. Tue Apr 21, Café Bridge, Tonsleys. Sun Apr 26, Fox Shammon Seniors Pairs, Queen's Club. Sun Jun 14, London Trophy finals, RAC.

Manchester

www.manchesterbridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to John Holland who has won the *Sunday Telegraph Salver* for the most Master Points accumulated in the calendar year 2014. John also won this award in 2009, 2012 and 2013.

John Holland and Jason Hackett were part of the team that won the prestigious *NEC Cup* in Japan in February (see page 36).

Manchester (Michael Byrne, Michael Newman, Jeff Morris, John Hassett, Alec Smalley, Tom Slater, Gary Hyett, Alan Mould and Ollie Burgess) were runners-up in the final of the *Tollemache*. The result hinged on the last match when the two leading teams of Manchester and Middlesex played each other.

At the *Lanzarote Congress* Bernard and Rhona Goldenfield won the *Swiss Pairs*, then went on to complete the double by winning the *Swiss Teams* with Joy and Irving Blakey.

Diary dates: Sun Apr 26, Higson Cup and Plate Finals, 1pm, MBC. May 27, Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm, Altrincham BC.

Merseyside/Cheshire

www.mcba.org.uk



CHESTER Congress results: in the *Pairs*, the main final was won by Rodney Lighton – John Currie, with Dan Crofts – Gary Hyett 2nd. The *Consolation* event went to Gillian McMullen – Neil Thomas, with Stuart Matthews – Mark Weeks runners-up. The winners of the *Swiss Teams* were Ian



2015 Tollemache Cup winners, the Middlesex team.

Photo: EBU

Bates, Martin Cuthill, Geoff Paddle, Laurence Stone

In the *East Wales Teams Congress*, David Stevenson and Liz Commins were members of the team that finished as runners-up.

In the *Manchester Congress*, Merseyside players Tracy Capal, Bob Pitts and Ted Reveley were, with Liz Muir, members of the team that finished 3rd in the main final.

In the *Northern Year End Congress*, Peter Hall finished 4th with partner Nigel Marlow (Berkshire).

Diary dates: Apr 26, Preece Rosebowl, Blundellsands BC. May 17, John Armstrong Trophy (GP Swiss Pairs), MBC. May 30-31, Dublin match, Deva BC. June 11, Jim Davies Swiss Teams, Heswall BC

Middlesex

www.middlesexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to (left to right in the photo on previous page) Ian Pagan, Thor Erik Hoftaniska, Tony Waterlow (captain), Waseem Naqvi, Tom Paske, Neil Rosen, Victor Silverstone, Martin Jones, Simon Cope and Jeremy Dhondy on winning the EBU *Tollemache Cup* for inter-club teams of eight.

Congratulations to Jonathan Harris, Steve Capal, Steve Root and Andrew Sobell on winning the EBU *National Swiss Teams*. Jeremy Dhondy came 2nd in the *Point-a-Board Teams*.

In the *London Year End Congress*, Jerry Harouni – Waseem Naqvi came 2nd in the *Swiss Pairs*, as did David Sherman and Peter Hasenson in the *Swiss Teams*. Ian Pagan – Catherine Seale came third in the *Mixed Pairs*.

Diary dates: Apr 26, Seniors Teams, Pinner BC. May 17, Ranked Masters Pairs, 2pm, Pinner BC. June 1st, MCBA AGM, 6.45pm, followed by the Committee Cup at 8pm, The Bridge Academy, HA8 5PQ.

Please visit the county website which has an extensive competitions calendar: www.middlesexbridge.co.uk

Norfolk

www.bridgewebs.com/norfolk/



IN early February we travelled to Bedford for the *Eastern Counties League* match; our B team managed a close win – the others lost heavily. Must do better against Suffolk; the match is just after this report goes to press.

Diary date: Sun Apr 19, North Walsham Trophy, 2pm, Costessey Centre.

North East

www.neba.co.uk



WE are pleased to announce that Roger Chappel, Secretary of Hurworth Bridge Club, has agreed to take on the role of County Youth Officer; his primary aim will be to develop the playing of bridge in the schools of the North-East area. Roger will

welcome all appropriate support from members.

Diary dates: Tue May 19, NEBA AGM, 6.30pm, Castle Morpeth BC; all members are invited to attend, with duplicate bridge to follow the business meeting. The 2015 NEBA Congress is again to be held in the splendid bridge facility at the Marriott Metro-Centre Hotel on November 6-8; all main events, Saturday Swiss Pairs and Sunday Swiss Teams, will be Green-pointed.

Northamptonshire

www.bridgewebs.com/northants/



ON Sunday April 12 we shall be holding the *Alastair Brodie Memorial Trophy*. The event will be Pairs in the afternoon with Teams in the evening, team-mates being determined by your position in the afternoon Pairs. This year's trophies will be presented at this event rather than at the AGM, which will be on Wednesday April 15 at Kettering Bridge Club.

In the *Eastern Counties League* match against Essex, the A team won 15-5, the B team won 16-4 and the C team won 20-0.

Diary dates: Sun Apr 12, Alastair Brodie Memorial Trophy, Kettering. Wed Apr 15, County AGM, Kettering. Wed May 6, Fixtures Meeting, Kettering.

Nottinghamshire

www.bridgewebs.com/nottinghamshire



IN the first match of 2015, vs Leicestershire, Notts won the *Dawes* 11-9, drew 10-10 in the *Porter* and lost the *Markham* 2-18. In the final match of the season, vs Derbyshire, Notts at last showed signs of improvement winning the *Dawes* match 12-8 and the *Porter* by a maximum 20-0. In the *Markham* we lost 6-14.

Oxfordshire

www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk



WELL done to Robert Procter and Mike Robinson's team who were 2nd at the *Seniors Trials* for the *Teltscher Trophy*.

Oxfordshire's Laura Covill was a member of the England Under-25 Women's team who came 2nd in the *Channel Trophy*.

At the *Manchester Congress*, Ed Jones came 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs* and 4th in the *Swiss Teams* final.

Oxfordshire pairs did well in the *British Winter Simultaneous Pairs*: David Bygott – Peter Russell were 2nd in the Monday heat, and Peter Finbow – Martin Neal were 3rd in the Wednesday heat.

At the *Hants & Isle of Wight Candlestick Swiss Pairs*, John Gunn – Norman Gascoyne came 2nd.

The *Oxfordshire Congress* is being held in Woodstock on June 13-14 (see advertisement on page 12). Further information is on the county website.

MASTER-POINT PROMOTIONS

The latest list can be found at
www.ebu.co.uk/masterpoint-promotions



Diary dates: Sun Apr 12, OBA Beck Cup. Sun Apr 26, OBA County Pairs Final. Sun May 10, OBA Mixed Pairs. Sun May 17, Summertown Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs.

Somerset

www.somersetbridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Dave Latchem, Sheila Coda, Bill Rowe and Rodney Marks who came 2nd in the *National Swiss Teams* on a tie break. A very creditable performance.

Diary dates: Apr 9, 13 and 17, Pairs League. Apr 24, County League. May 17, County Percentage Final. Jun 14, AGM, Woolavington.

Staffs and Shrops

www.staffsandshrops.org.uk



JUSTIN Hackett was in the winning team in the *National Point-a-board Teams* having also qualified in first place. In the *NEC Cup* in Japan Jason Hackett's team virtually led the twelve-round qualification from the start. They then won their quarter-final and semi-final, and held on to win the final by 3 IMPs and collect the \$12,000 first prize.

Diary dates: Apr 11-12, Shropshire Green-pointed Congress at the Park Inn Telford; Pairs Apr 11, Teams Apr 12; also on Apr 12 there will be a No Fears Pairs tournament open to less experienced players. Apr 14, Ladies' and Men's Pairs, Wolverhampton BC.

Information and entries to all events via Judy Mitchell mitchellmj@btinternet.com or ☎ 01743 235374.

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



EVENTS to look forward to include the Club Teams of Four at Pakenham on Apr 26 and the Clare Swiss Pairs at Lavenham on May 10.

Our AGM is at Pakenham on May 17 and will be followed by the AGM Pairs with free entry and tea for all AGM attendees.

Surrey

www.surreycountybridge.org.uk



MARIETTA Andree – Janet Cahm qualified via the trials to play for the EBU team in the *Lady Milne*.

A team containing Frances Hinden and Graham Osborne reached the semi-finals of the prestigious NEC tournament in Japan.

Two Wimbledon pairs did well in the Tuesday heat of the *Bridge England Sim Pairs*: Robert Simpson – Timothy Pelling

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were the leading pair nationally with Jonathan Hawes – Robert Yates 3rd.

Nearly fifty children participated in the *Surrey's Schools Annual Bridge Event*. The joint winners in *Minibrige Pairs* were Rufus Smith – Blake Pearce (Claremont Fan Court) and Jasmine Nobbs – Aidan Fellows (Weydon), while the *Teams* was won by the St Paul's 'B' team of Quentin Gueroult, Roman Evans, Max Groeller and Carlo Mancini.

Diary dates: Sun Apr 26, Friendly Teams, Ripley. Sun Jun 14, AGM Swiss Pairs, Ripley. Start time 1pm. Enter via the Surrey web site or contact: Frances Trebble ☎ 01252 679883 or email f.trebble@ntlworld.com

Sussex

www.sccba.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Stephen Kennedy who was picked to play for England with partner Laura Covill in the Home International *Peggy Bayer Trophy Under-20* event.

It is also with some pride that SCCBA records that Alan Jeffery attained on Christmas Eve 2014 his coming of age, namely his 100th birthday (see *February 2015 issue, page 42*). Well done!

Following our successful lottery application, SCCBA is pleased to announce that we will be offering **free** bridge tuition to all those of school age in Sussex at various club venues – see the county website for details.

Diary dates: Apr 10-12, SCCBA Spring Congress (incorporating the AGM), Uckfield Civic Centre. Apr 26, Eastbourne Open Swiss Teams, Eastbourne BC. May 10, SCCBA Basic Bridge Pairs, Eastbourne BC. Entry details and more information can be found on the SCCBA website.

Warwickshire

www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk



WARWICK University recently hosted the *Inter-University Bridge Festival* helped by WCBA, West Mids and Coventry bridge clubs. Seven university teams were joined by a Warwicks team of three youngsters and one not so young. This team won the event beating the London School of Economics (and winners of the Festival itself) into 2nd place. Many congratulations to Andy Cope, Megan Jones, Liz Gahan, and Darren Evetts on this achievement. The LSE team were Yifei Zheng, Keith Lai, Tongzhou He, and Benedict Pang.

Diary dates: Sun Apr 12, Julia Mills Pairs, 1.30pm, Rugby. Sun Apr 19, Fledgling Pairs, 1pm and Introductory Pairs, 1.45pm; both events at West Mids, entry via clubs only. Sun May 3, Arden Charity Swiss Teams, 1.45pm. Tues May 12 and Thurs May 14, Charity Simultaneous Pairs, various clubs. Sun May 17, Green Point Swiss Pairs, 12 noon, Coventry. All details on the county website www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk

Worcestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire



THE *Northern Year End Congress* provided Worcestershire with some notable successes, Nick and Steph Forward winning the *Mixed Pairs* and Nick, playing with Dennis Loynes, coming 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs*.

In the *Midland Counties League*, Worcestershire delivered a consistent and creditable performance, despite being unable

to repeat last season's successes. The First Team finished 3rd in the *Dawes Trophy* with the Second and Third Teams achieving fourth place in the *Porter* and *Markham Trophies* respectively.

The AGM will be held on May 18 at Cutnall Green Village Hall and all county members are invited to attend and play in the bridge event after the meeting.

Yorkshire

www.ycba.co.uk/



AS reported in the February edition of *English Bridge* (page 30), Graham Jepson was the recipient of one of the EBU's Silver Awards for 2014. Graham has also been nominated as a Vice-President of the YCBA, both honours being well deserved.

Leeds-based Phil Morrison has been selected for Scotland for the *Camrose Trophy* home internationals; congratulations to him. With Alexander Wilkinson, Phil finished 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs* at the *London Year End Congress*.

Richard Pike, David Waxman, Gill Copeland and Steve Blackburn were the winners of the *Swiss Teams* at the *Northern Year End Congress*.

At the EBU's *Lanzarote Congress*, Sandy Davies – Carole Kelly were members of the team finishing 2nd in the *Swiss Teams*. They were also 4th in the *Swiss Pairs*.

Diary dates: Apr 10-12, Scarborough Congress. Apr 15, Nelson Rose Bowl, Harrogate. Apr 26, Yorkshire Mixed Pairs, Bradford. May 10, Leeds Swiss Pairs. May 12, Yorkshire Individual, Wakefield. May 29-31, Yorkshire Congress, Cairn Hotel, Harrogate. □

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THE 2014 MASTER POINT ANNUAL COMPETITIONS

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CONGRATULATIONS to John Holland who has won the Sunday Telegraph Salver for the most Master Points accumulated in the calendar year for the fourth time.

John, who also won this award in 2009, 2012 and 2013, gained a total of 28,824 points in 2014.

Ed Scerri, highest points-earner in 2010 and 2011, was second with 24,510 points. Derek Oram was third with 23,665.

John Durden remains atop the all-time list of Master Point winners, though Derek has reduced his lead to around 74,000.

GOLD POINT RANKING

In the Gold Point ranking list David Gold (perhaps suitably) reclaimed top spot with 102.48 points. John Holland is second, with 100.60, and both are well clear of the rest of the list. Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester and Alexander Allfrey complete the top five. Gold points are awarded for any performance in a single event which merits an award of 5 Green Points or more. Gold Points devalue at the rate of 20% of their original value per annum (so, after five years, any Gold Point award has devalued down to zero) so are often used as an indicator of current form.



CLUB CHAMPIONS PRIZE DRAW

The winners of the Club Champions prize draw have also been selected. Club Champions are those who won the most Master Points in events held at each club. The winner was Chris Chowney of Ross-on-Wye Bridge Club who receives £400. David Brace of Hutton Duplicate Bridge Club was drawn in second and wins £200, and John Copson of Afternoon Bridge Club wins £100 for being drawn third.

The full Master Point lists for 2014, including a breakdown by county, can be accessed at www.ebu.co.uk/mpreports/?year=2014



COUNTY NEWS – LOCAL RESULTS

Berks and Bucks

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



THE *Christmas Mixed Swiss Teams* was won by Callum McKail, Steve Gore, Sandra Belcher and David Beaver. Ed Scerri – Dick Davey retained the *County Pairs Championship* and the *Plate* competition was won by Rob Wilkinson – Colin Johns. Congratulations to Sarah and Michael Bailly on winning the *January Friendly Swiss Pairs*.

Diary dates: Apr 12, Men's and Ladies' Pairs. Apr 15, Senior Pairs. May 17, Friendly Pairs. June 7, Teams for the Perkins Cup. June 20-21, Green-pointed Swiss Pairs and Teams.

Channel Islands

www.cwgsy.net/community/cicba/



CI County Pairs Final: 1. Hugh Bacon – Tuula Lehtinen; 2. Chris Hill – Jane Knight.

Jersey League Teams: 1. Howard Basden-Smith, Marion Miles, David Hole, David Friswell, Roz Bavin and Meredith Case; 2. Graham Boxall, Sue Rankin, Stephen Halston, Sharon Halston, Jackie Rumball, June Le Blancq, Norman Le Cocq and Rosemary Pallot.

Cornwall

www.bridgewebs.com/cornwall



THE *Falmouth Salver* was won by Ken and Jan Keast from Richard Draycott – Geoff Warren by just 0.02%. The *Star Masters* went to Chris and Sandra Bickerdike, with Jim and Frances Barker runners-up. And the *Tredova*, for players below 1* Master rank, was won by Carolyn and David Fraser, from Marcia Cloke – George Wilson.

Rob Mabley, Alan Biggs, Celia Bishop and Viv Mably won the *County Teams of Four*, from David Stone, Val Pitman, Rod Bell and Owen Friere. Sadly the *Swiss Pairs Championship* was cancelled as there were insufficient entries.

Derbyshire

www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire



OUR annual *County Pairs* event took place at the end of January; winners were Roger Mallinson – Richard Edwards, 2nd were Jim Tomlinson – David Briggs (winners of the event for the previous two years). The winners of the *Consolation Final (Hazel Whinfrey Plate)* were Keith Sherwood – Mike Spencer, with Jackie Starsmore – Stan Haywood runners-up.

Devon

www.devonbridge.co.uk



All county results, committee news and minutes, etc. are on the county website www.devonbridge.co.uk.

Dorset

www.bridgewebs.com/dorset



KNIGHT Cup: 1. Chris Stevens – Alastair Cowley; 2. Keith Bartlett – Barrie Cantello; 3. Phil and Jo Norman. *Simeon Cup* (below National Master): Andrew Barnett – Michael Yeo.

Frost Rose Bowl: 1. Eugene Sheehan, Robin Wright, Doris Hutchinson and David Gill; =2. Sue Hands, Geoff Fogg, David Berwitz, Rod Marks; and Margot Wilson-Gardner, John Gardner, Kelly Courtney and Janet Smith.

Essex

www.essexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Margaret Curtis – David Sherman who won the *Essex Swiss Pairs*. Also well done to Peter Oake – Simon Moorman (2nd), and Jacek Lapszys – Sandy Riach (3rd).

Well done to Ray Clarke – David Clark who were first in the Essex heat of the *National Pairs*; to Chris and Sue Taylor who were 2nd and Richard Register – John Sutcliffe who were 3rd.

Also congratulations to the following players in the *Gwen Herga Trophies*: the *Men's* event was won by Monty Krimgoltz – Cecil Leighton, with Peter Oake – Robert Elliot 2nd and David Clark – Dennis Valtisariaris 3rd. The *Ladies'* event was won by Marcia Levan-Harris – Coral Fallon, with Linda Fleet – Mary Homer 2nd and Fran Alexander – Ann Morgan 3rd.

Hants and IoW

www.bridgewebs.com/hiwcba/



YULETIDE Swiss Teams: Jeremy Baker, James Guiton, John Sherringham, Fred Hotchen. *Mid-winter Swiss Teams:* Tony Page, Guy Lawrenson, Jeremy Baker, James Guiton. *Candlestick Swiss Pairs:* Jenny Ashby – Barry Tobutt. *Valentine Swiss Teams:* Steve Preston, Dave Huggett, Richard and Christine Ray. *Chidwick Cup Sim Pairs:* Liz Madeley – Ann McMahon (Newbury). *IBM Cup Sim Pairs:* Alan Burroughs – Sue Hands (Fordingbridge).

Diary dates: Apr 12, Pottage Final, Romsey. Apr 26, Philip Graham Blue-pointed Swiss Teams, IoW. June 7, AGM and Ranked Pairs, Romsey. Entries via HIOW website or Steve Preston ☎ 02380 702934. May 17, Green-pointed Swiss Teams, Andover. Entries: Marian Rudd, marian@marian37.plus.com or ☎ 01264 333847.

Hertfordshire

www.hertsbridge.co.uk



THE *Humble Plate* was won by Adrienne Tinn, Mark Wadsworth, Robert Tait and David Carter. The winners of the *Cadet Pairs* were Sue Montague – Shelagh Wilson; Anthony Osborne – Joe Coulson came 2nd.

Kent

www.kcba.org.uk



IN the *Corbett League* (Inter-club Teams of Eight) twelve clubs from across the county played against each other over two weeks, six in the Cup and six in the Plate. The *Corbett Cup* was won by Chislehurst A with Farnborough A 2nd. The *Plate* was won by Swanley C ahead of Chislehurst C. The *Mitchell Salver* (3rd division) had nine teams, playing on one day only, and was won by Canterbury ahead of Hawkhurst. Congratulations to Jean Paxton – Maggie Piazza, winners of the *Fleming Femina*, the Kent Ladies' Pairs Championship and Gerald Soper – Colin Wilson winners of the *Hunter Homines*, the Kent Men's Pairs Championship.

Lancashire

www.bridgewebs.com/lancs



LCBA Butler Pairs: 1. Jeff Smith – Marianne Farr.
LCBA Championship Pairs: 1. Nick and Sue Woodcock.
LCBA Teams of Eight: Bolton B (Austin Barnes, Jeff Smith, Paul Evans, Alan Whittam, Mike Nicholson, Des King, Stuart Norris and Rod Greenhalgh).

Leicestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/leicestershire/



WILDE Cup (Restricted Teams): 1. Judy Hill, Roy Davies, Jonathan Hughes and Krystyna Krzeczowska.

Josephs Bowl (Championship Teams of Four): Semi-Finals: Myles v Wright, Krantz v Odams. *Butterworth Langley Trophy* (Josephs Plate): Semi-Finals: Thompson v Ronan, Arnold v Stokes.

Leicestershire Cup (KO Teams of Four – Aggregate): Semi-Finals: Bowyer v Ayers, Cook v Wright. *Leicestershire Plate* (KO – Aggregate): Semi-Finals: Hill v Myles; Beasley v Pacey.

Stanley Trophy (Butler Pairs): Leaders after five rounds: 1. Tim Glover – Peter Neville; 2. Peter Halford – John Milne; 3. Dick and Lucy Pathan.

Pairs League: Leaders after four rounds: *Div. 1*: Jenny Grant – Bharat Thakrar; *Div. 2*: Marjorie Gilbertson – Pat Watson; *Div. 3*: Peter Halford – Mick Mahoney; *Div. 4*: John Bee – Mary Johnson.

Inter-Club Teams of Eight League: Current Divisional Leaders: *Div. 1*: County B; *Div. 2*: Loughborough A; *Div. 3*: Kegworth; *Div. 4*: Bradgate B.

National Pairs Heat: 1. Keith Preston – Ken Vernon; 2. Ben Norton – Dick Pathan; these two pairs qualified for the Regional Final. 3rd were Alison Nichols – Simon Stokes.

Lincolnshire

www.lincsbridge.org.uk

MIXED and Married Pairs: the *Hannan Cup* was won by Ron and Judith Wall, and the *Dean Trophy* went to David and Carol Hall. Congratulations to both pairs.

In the *Bainton Trophy*, the semi-final has been held and the field has been reduced to fourteen pairs for the final. Good luck to all!

London

www.metrobridge.co.uk



THE 'No Fear' Pairs for the *Palmer Bayer Trophy* was held in February. The winners were Jason Crampton – Sam Oestreicher, who established a commanding lead early on in the event and maintained their lead throughout. Second were the father and 12-year-old son combination of John and Alex Pemberton, with Adam Sutcliffe – Peter Cox 3rd.

The *Qualifying Heat* for the *Ian Gardiner Trophy*, the London Championship Teams of Four, was also held in February. The event was won by the holders, Brian Callaghan, Chris Duckworth, Rob Cliffe and Frank To. The runners-up, Stephen Popham, John Pemberton, Tim Gauld and Simon Cochemé are not eligible to play in the *Pachabo*, so the winners play against the third-placed team, Mike Hill, Andrew Kisiel, Roger Morton and David Ould for the title and the right to represent London in the *Pachabo*.

Manchester

www.manchesterbridge.org.uk



IN the *Manchester Congress* held in January Rodney Lighton – John Currie won the *Michelle Brunner Pairs Trophy*. The teams was won by David Debbage, Mike Goldsmith, Adrian Kenworthy and Rob Myers. The *Players Progress Cup* on the Saturday was won by Peter and Paula Berens, and the *Kevin Comrie Cup* on the Sunday was won by Harry Gohil – Gill Butterworth.

Manchester A (Michael Newman, Ollie Burgess, David Debbage, Ed Levy, John Hassett, Jeff Morris, Kath and Alan Nelson) won the *Gazette Teams of Eight* and will represent MCBA in the *Garden Cities Regional Final* in May. Nine teams played, which was the highest entry for more than fifteen years.

Merseyside/Cheshire

www.mcba.org.uk



THE *County Trials* had a good turnout of twenty pairs. The winners with a massive 133 VPs were Stuart Matthews – Alan Stephenson; Matt Foster – John Hampson were 2nd.

Middlesex

www.middlesexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Enfield Bridge Club on winning the *Middlesex Club Teams of Eight*. Enfield was represented by Joanna and Michael Lord, Mick Wood, Mike Mendelson, Anne Tovey, Janet McQueen, Ernie Marriott and Beryl Eales. Pinner B finished 2nd.

All results, diary dates and much more information can be found on the Middlesex County Bridge Association website: www.middlesexbridge.co.uk

Norfolk

www.bridgewebs.com/norfolk/



2015 STARTED with the emphasis on team events. First was the *Norfolk Championship Teams*, won by Matt Millson, Mike Walsh, Michael Whiting and Roger Amey. This event is a qualifier for the *Pachabo Cup* so there will be a play-off against the second-placed team to see who goes forward – but not until late April. The same team also won the *ABC Swiss Teams* event two weeks later.

The *Committee Cup* between the county's clubs, for players below Regional Master, was attended by ten clubs. This is the highest number for many years and we would like to thank everyone for their enthusiasm and interest. The contest was won by the Beccles team of Barbara Bensley, Charlie Wilderspin, Rosa and Rob Richardson, Murray Brackenridge, Malcolm Symonds, Charles Parker and Andre Gray.

North East

www.neba.co.uk



A SOLID performance in the challenging *Niman-Israel Cup* (pivot teams) gave a clear victory to the team of Mary Page, Brian Lumsden, Inga and Neil Aiston who finished 27 IMPs clear of nearest rivals Frank Springett, Colin Hepworth, Brenda Osborne and David Brickland. The team of Gill Gold, Susan Green, Elaine Purvis and David Gold finished in 3rd place.

The top three places in the *Arnold Deane Salver* (Mixed Pairs Championship) were closely contested, final honours going to Liz Muir – Don Reid ahead of Inga and Neil Aiston with Beverley Godfrey – Ken Pattison third. The NGS Prize was won by Pam and Alan Greenhill. Congratulations go to all successful players.

Northamptonshire

www.bridgewebs.com/northants/



IN the *Inter-club Leagues* there are still a number of matches to play in the first division. In the second division Wellingborough A are currently leading but Kettering B will overtake them if they win their last match 14-6. Stamford D have won the third division North-East. Rugby Village have won the third division South-West in their first season in the league.

Marcus Witt, Trevor Thrower, Chandra Ramamoorthy, Mike Gore Browne, Bill Chadwick have won the *Saturday Winter League* with Ross Stacey, John Josephs, Malcolm Orr-Ewing, Leszek Lubaszewski winning the *Wednesday* section. These two teams will play in the final.

The *Broke Cup* final will be between the Stacey team and the winner of the other semi-final between Jim Deacon's and Tony Hough's teams.

The *Betts Bowl* semi-finals are between the teams captained by Richard Gibson and Graham Lightfoot in the first, with the other between Robin Griffiths and Gill Webb.

Results: *Wed Winter League 5*: 1. Kevin Fogarty, Margaret Bryant, Eifion Jones and Richard Gibson. *Wed Winter League 6*: 1. Ross Stacey, John Josephs, Malcolm Orr-Ewing, Leszek Lubaszewski. *Sat Winter League 5*: 1. Mike Keogh, Mike Kennedy, Angela Abbott and James Spencer. *Sat Winter League 6*: 1. Marcus Witt, Trevor Thrower, Bill Chadwick, Mike Gore Browne.

Oxfordshire

www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk



THIRTY-THREE pairs competed in the *OBA County Pairs* semi-final which was won by Dinah and Andrew Lintott with Brian Geary – David Patterson in 2nd place. Twenty of the competing pairs qualified for the final.

The *OBA Pro-Am* tournament was won by Matthew Covill – Graham Walcroft with Sandra Claridge – Ian Edwardes in 2nd place.

Jo Murray – Colin Jones were the winners of the Abingdon Bridge Club's *Blue-pointed Swiss Pairs*.

Somerset

www.somersetbridge.org.uk



THE *Restricted Inter-club Teams* was won by Langport Bridge Club (Joan Pooley, Kate Pilkington, Alan Atkinson and Mike Readman). Wells won the *Club Championship* top-tier teams (Andy Ridgers, Sheena Lanham, Michael Smith and Ray Beach). Congratulations to both teams.

The *County Mixed Pairs* was won by John Staite – Bridget Thorn. The *County Swiss Pairs* was won by Ralph and Lesley Smith.

Staffs and Shrops

www.staffsandshrops.org.uk



THIS year the *County Simultaneous Pairs* event took place at the following clubs: Eccleshall, Shrewsbury, Stafford, Tettenhall and Wolverhampton. A total of seventy-nine pairs took part. The results are now complete and the winners were Ann Berrisford – Geoffrey Neal, playing at Eccleshall; 2. Pat Davis – Jane Randall; 3. Mark Story – Colin Stewart.

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



ELEVEN teams contested the *Championship Teams* at Colchester. Team O'Reilly won the *Plate* with teams Morran, Price, Carey and Hanley qualifying for the knock-out semi-final stages. *Championship Teams Plate*: 1. Michael O'Reilly, Norman Less, Helen Mason and David Mathews; 2. Roger Tattersfield, Jill Tattersfield, Neil Bresler and David Cooper; 3. Christine Cooke, John Jeffries, Keith Belsey and Diane Whitley. *Championship Teams Round 2*: 1. David Morran, Julian Lang, John Wilmott and Mike Sherer; 2. David Price, Jane Moore, Jenny Price and Rosemarie Mascall; =3. Malcolm Carey, Barbara Carey, Phillip Edwards, Anne Edwards; and Graham Beeton, Rick Hanley, Chris Chambers, Peter Gemmell.

Twenty-seven pairs contested the *Mid-Anglia Pairs* at Woodbridge: 1. Ralph Parish – Paul Whetton; 2. Steve Berg – David Green; 3. Graham Beeton – Rick Hanley.

Twenty players contested the *Jyl Marsh Individual* which was held at Framlingham: 1. Simon Riley; =2. Arthur Winchester, Rick Waters, Jackie Driver.

Surrey

www.surreycountybridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Steve Bourton – Mike Ulyet who won the *Men's Pairs*, and Pam Jardine – Ulla Adilz who won the *Ladies' Pairs*. Berry and Graham Hedley won the *Mixed Pairs*.

Liz Dunjay – David Burch won the *Friendly Swiss Pairs*.

The *Affiliated Teams of Eight* was won by Selsdon who qualify for the regional heat of the *Garden Cities Trophy*.

Sussex

www.sccba.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Ingrid Boyd – Mike Pye who were clear winners in the *David Pavey Trophy Final*; Pat Tucker – Alan Bristow were 2nd and Jason Fairlie and Arthur Chopping were 3rd.

Many congratulations to David Dickson – Martin Greeley of Avenue Bridge Club who were the confirmed winners of this year's *Charity Simultaneous Pairs*. The runners-up were C. Webley – A. Spencer of Wilton Bridge Club and in 3rd place were Debbie Doran – Susie Swadling of Crawley Bridge Club.

In the *New Year Swiss Teams*, the winners were the 2014

trophy holders, Andrew Southwell, Richard Fedrick, Liz Hoskins and Peter Clinch. The runners-up were Mike Allen, Andy Ryder, Mandie Campbell and David Dickson. In 3rd place were James Hobden, Mike Keeping, David Gritt and Lindsay Geddes.

Congratulations to the Horsham team of John and Sonia Fitton, Richard and Gini Phillips, Paul Castle, Helen Whiteley, Michael Williams and Valerie Atkins who won the *Elisabeth North Trophy*. This competition is for players with fewer than 25,000 master points and fewer than 25 green points.

Warwickshire

www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Coventry & North Warwicks A on winning the county *Garden Cities* qualifier.

W.P.L. 'A' was won by George Cuthbertson – Ian Handley; W.P.L. 'B' by Denis Gough – Dennis Heighway

The *Seniors' Teams* event was won by Tony Poole, Peter Oldbury, Pip Whitehouse and Roger Bowles.

Worcestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire



THERE was a very close finish in the inaugural *Inter-Club Teams League* with the result in doubt right until the final match. In the end, Droitwich 1 prevailed. Final placings: 1. Droitwich 1 (Nick and Steph Forward, Dennis Loynes, Sue Evans, Jette and Eddy Blackburn); 2. Worcester 2 (Stewart Fishburne, Joyce Skelton, David Thomas, Mike Vetch, Ross, Garratt, Jane Morton).

In the *Grand Prix Teams*, two times previous winners, Worcester Grant, continue to lead the field. However, Unquote are lying in 2nd place and look threatening with, at the time of writing, two heats to go.

Yorkshire

www.ycba.co.uk/



CONGRATULATIONS to the following on their achievements in recent events:

Mixed Pivot Teams (eight teams took part): 1. Richard Winter, Giles Foster, Tom Cohen and Sarah Teshome; 2. Stuart Davies, Steve Blackburn, George Bak and Gill Copeland; 3. Jim Proctor, Pauline Cooper, Roger Taylor and David Lewis.

Yorkshire Pairs (thirty-one pairs took part): 1. Richard Winter – Giles Foster; 2. Graham Jepson – Dave Robinson; 3. Tony McNiff – Bill Townsend; 4. Stuart Davies – Sue Logan; 5. Graham Fry – Frank Bedi. The leading five pairs qualify to represent Yorkshire in the EBU's *Corwen Trophy*.

Yorkshire Cup (seventeen teams took part); the entry is restricted to players ranked below Regional Master: 1. Leeds (Henry Irving, J. Denton, Stephen Berson and Oliver Cowan); 2. Huddersfield (R. Pepper, J. Pember, I. Whitehead and P. Whitehouse); 3. Keighley (David Ambler, Les Winters, Mike and Carole Rattenbury).

In Memoriam

JON GUESS (Bedfordshire). After a five-year battle with cancer, Jon passed quietly away at the St John's Hospice in Moggerhanger. Jon loved his bridge and was a regular fixture at Leighton Buzzard Bridge Club, having been one of the founder members. He was a larger than life character and everybody knew when he entered the room. For twenty-plus years before having to retire five years ago, Jon worked as a Post Office counter clerk. His last job was as the foreign currency clerk at Leighton Buzzard Post Office. When last visited in the hospice, he asked to pass on his thanks to all Bedfordshire bridge players for their friendship over many years.

BRIAN FORD (Bedfordshire). In 2000 Brian took early retirement and with Sue started playing regularly at Bedford Bridge Club. He also volunteered as Treasurer of Bedford Club. He set up their Bridge School, which is now in its second year. Not satisfied with that, he and Sue decided that a bridge club for beginners was needed and their 'No Fear' Bridge Club was born which has since grown steadily.

Away from bridge, Brian's studies in polymer sciences and an MBA gave him a successful career which resulted in the family moving ten times in fifteen years. He also won the *Sunday Times* Entrepreneurial Contest. In later life he had the joy of three grandchildren.

DAVID WILMAN (Cornwall), a structural engineer who had worked on the Thames Barrier, retired from Kent to Gorran Haven thirty-five years ago and devoted himself to choral work, enthusiastic gardening and bridge. One of the two original founders and first chairman of CAMRA, he received from Kent an annual pin of his favourite brew. He also played host to a strong Maidstone BC team, who visited Cornwall for several years. He was a scholarly bridge teacher, playing mostly at St Austell.

David died recently after a short illness.

NETHIE WHITE (Devon). It is with great sadness that we have to announce that Nethie White has died after a short illness. Nethie was a great bridge player and with her husband, Geoff, won many tournaments. She will be sadly missed at both Exeter and Torquay Bridge Clubs where she has been a member for many years. Our sympathies go to her daughter, Linda, and her grandson, David.

TONY JUDGE (Hertfordshire) was a much loved and well respected long-time member of Welwyn Garden City Club. He not only played but also taught bridge. He was in the team that won the Pachabo Cup in 1980. Tony was a warm, generous-hearted man who will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

ERNEST SENK (London), who died in December 2014, was a London player of distinction for many years. He enjoyed rubber bridge but also played duplicates – he was a member of the Young Chelsea BC – and tournaments – he partnered Geoffrey Breskal to success in several events. He was also a qualified bridge teacher who taught at the Acol BC and St John's Wood BC as well as privately. In his later years he moved to Eastbourne where he continued to play.

PETER BENTLEY (Surrey): obituary on page 36.

SHEILA DUNSBY (Yorkshire). It is with deep sorrow that Doncaster Bridge Club announces that Sheila died of pneumonia. The effect that she had on the life of the club over many years is incalculable. Until she moved to be nearer her daughter in Devon, Sheila, despite her medical condition, still continued to play the game she loved and fully enjoyed the camaraderie of members. Working together with David, she was the driving force behind many of the clubs initiatives and many of the present members owe her a great debt for introducing them to, and teaching them how to play, the game. She was an excellent bridge player. Because of her loyalty, honesty and commitment to the club's progress, Sheila, before she moved, was made a lifetime member of the club. She will be sorely missed.