

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



AVON won the A Division of the *Western Counties League*, thus qualifying for the *National Inter-counties Final*.

Tim Brierley, Robert Covill, David Jones and Steve Tomlinson have made it through to Round 6 (last 16) of the *NICKO*, while the team of Peter Shelley, Alan Williams, Mike Letts and Andrew Urbanski has reached the semi-final of the *NICKO Plate*.

At the *Spring Bank Holiday Congress* Mike Huggins – Irene Robinson won the *Swiss Pairs*.

David Jones's team reached Round 4 of the *Crockford's Cup* before losing in a very close match. David and Trevor Ward have also reached Round 4 of the *Gold Cup*.

Bedfordshire

www.bedsbridge.co.uk



THE BBA Management Committee has decided to make changes to its competitions structure. The Men's/Ladies' Pairs event will be discontinued; the County Pairs will be a two-session competition with results carried over to the second session. The County Plate will be awarded to the runners-up, rather than having a separate evening play-off. A new format has been devised for the County Teams League

and Knockout. Details of the new proposals have been emailed to members.

At the *Lambourne Jersey Festival*, Alan Cooke, Maris Sheppard, Maureen and Brian Stairs won the *Country Club Trophy*. In the *Mixed Pairs*, BBA players held the top three spots: 1. Alan Cooke – Maris Sheppard, 2. Maureen and Brian Stairs, 3. Judi and Peter Malpass. Alan Cooke, Maris Sheppard, Brian and Maureen Stairs were also 2nd in the *Seniors' Teams*.

Brian and Maureen Stairs have recently attained the EBU rank of Grand Master. Congratulations to them!

Berks and Bucks

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



The *Green-pointed Swiss* events held on June 20-21 attracted strong fields. The *Pairs* winners were Sally Brock – Barry Myers and the teams was won by Sandra Belcher, Bob Holder, Phil Thornton and David Perkins (*photo below left*). All winners are members of New Amersham Bridge Club whose members also won the County Pairs, Teams of Four and Teams of Eight championships this season.

Well done to Matthew and Heather Tan who were 2nd in the *Swiss Pairs* at the *Spring Bank Holiday Congress*.

Diary date: get your entries in for the County Swiss Pairs event on Oct 4 at Windsor. Full details of all results and events are on the county website.

Cambs and Hunts

www.cambsbridge.org



JON Cooke was part of the winning team at the *Schapiro Spring Foursomes* (*see pages 24-25*).

At the *Spring Bank Holiday Congress*, David Kendrick won the 'B' final, while Giles Woodruff finished 3rd. Nadia Stelmashenko – Victor Milman were 5th in the *Swiss Pairs*.

Julian Wightwick – John Liebeschuetz finished in 9th place at the *Corwen*, while Paul Fegarty, Catherine Curtis, Jon Cooke and David Kendrick were 7th at the *Pachabo*.

The Cambridge Club qualified in 2nd place at the regional heat of the *Garden Cities*, and then finished 2nd in the national final. The team for all stages was: Julian Wightwick, Jon Cooke, Jonathan Mestel, Paul Barden, David Kendrick, Paul Fegarty, Catherine Curtis, Mike Seaver, Simon Barb, Victor Milman, Catherine and Chris Jagger.

John Haslegrave and Paul Russell finished in the top ten at the *Northants One-day Swiss Pairs* in May.

The county's new website is now available at www.cambsbridge.org.



Winners of Berks & Bucks' Richard Palmer Memorial Trophy, from the left: Sandra Belcher, Bob Holder, Phil Thornton and David Perkins.

Photo: Berks & Bucks CBA

Channel Islands

www.cwgsy.net/community/cicba/



At the *Lambourne Jersey Congress*, the *Swiss Pairs* was won by Sue and Nick Woodcock from Paul Martin – Roz Bavin. Paul and Roz did one better in the *Swiss Teams* with Andrew and Jane Moore; 2nd were Messrs Horscroft, Walsh, Thompson and Fletcher.

Other winners were: *Pre Congress Pairs*: Jean Squires – Rosalind Morgan. *Multiple Teams A*: Roy Garthwaite, Heather Hobson, Ted and Janet Latham. *Multiple Teams B*: Alan Cooke, Maris Sheppard, Brian and Maureen Stairs. *Midweek Pairs*: Adrian and Prue Knight. *Mixed Pairs*: Alan Cooke – Maris Sheppard. *Seniors' Pairs*: Roy Garthwaite – Heather Hobson. *Seniors' Teams*: Roy Garthwaite, Heather Hobson, Ted and Janet Latham.

Diary date: the Confrance Guernsey Congress is from Sept 11 to 20.

Cornwall

www.bridgewebs.com/cornwall



CHRIS and Sandra Bickerdike, playing with Richard Draycott – Jean Law, have won the *Green-pointed County Knockout*, by just 2 IMPs after 48 boards, from Jim and Frances Barker, John and Pauline Deal.

Appropriately, the *Jo Brown Memorial* was won by John Hardesty – Jenny Cant, who had been a close friend of Jo's. Brian Colvin – Steve Flavell were runners-up. £220 was raised for the Cornwall Leukaemia Trust.

The Western League programme is now complete, all three teams having done well. The 'A' team won six out of seven matches and were runners-up in their division. After a good season the 'B' team slipped to fifth after a poor last match. The 'C' team remained undefeated and were runners-up to Devon. Overall, the three teams' total score was well ahead of the other counties.

Please see 'In Memoriam' online for the obituary of John Heath.

Diary dates: Sept 7, AGM, Ladock. Sept 18-20, Cornwall Congress, Falcon Hotel, Bude.

Cumbria

www.bridgewebs.com/cumbria/

DIARY dates: Aug 9, AGM followed by the AGM Pairs, Keswick. Sept 6, Blue Point IMP Pairs. Sept 26-27, Green Point Weekend Pairs and Teams, held jointly with Westmorland, Castle Green Hotel in Kendal. Oct 18, Simple Systems, Carlisle.

Derbyshire

www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire



WE have recently held an EGM for election of officers due to attendance at our AGM being below the quorum specified in our constitution. The officers for 2014 were re-elected.

Forthcoming competitions:

- Our popular Swiss Teams event is ongoing (runs fortnightly for 12 sessions). All teams are welcome, it is not compulsory to play in all sessions.
- This year we have a new Green Point organiser, so if you are

interested in playing in either our Swiss Pairs on Sept 26 or our Swiss Teams on Sept 27 please contact Ian Blake at igblake@aol.com.

- In August we have our Individual Championship and our Ladies' and Men's Pairs events.

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

Playing in the county: details of events scheduled by our county association can be found on our website.

Devon

www.devonbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Ann Slee – Alison Pollok who were first equal in the *Championship Pairs* at the *Cheltenham Congress* and to Richard Lingham, Viv Mably, Phil Palmer and Jenny Flood who won the *Open Teams*.

May was a good month for Devon players on the road; congratulations to them all. Ian Walsh, Peter Bowles, Jacek Pietrzycki and Mike Orriel won the *Hants & IOW One-day GP Swiss Teams*. Warner Solomon (with Sandy Davies of Yorks) won the *Welsh Senior Pairs* and the team of Phil Palmer, Jenny Flood, Dick Andrews and Gaynor Wiseman was 3rd in the *Teams* at the same congress. Joe and Gillian Fawcett were 6th in the *Swiss Pairs* at the *Spring Bank Holiday Congress*.

Devon finished top of the C division of the *Western League*.

Entries are soon due for the Devon Teams (*Western Morning News*) – two matches guaranteed at dates to suit the teams. Full details of all events and results are on the website.

Dorset

www.bridgewebs.com/dorset



CONGRATULATIONS to Margot Wilson-Gardner who has achieved the rank of Grand Master.

Garden Cities: the Allendale team representing Dorset finished 2nd in the *Regional Final* and 7th in the *National Final*. Congratulations to the following players: John Gardner, Margot Wilson-Gardner, Daphne Philipps, Alan Wilson, Jeremy Dhondy, Mike Pownall, Krzysztof Ginda, Mark Hooper, James and Shirley Dutton, and Phil Norman.

SBU Corfu Congress: Margot-Wilson Gardner – John Gardner and team won the *Swiss Teams*.

Hampshire Green Pointed Teams: Mark Hooper, Phil Norman, Miles Cowling and team finished 5th.

Spring Bank Holiday Congress: Mark Hooper, Robin Wright, Alan Wilson and Anne Allerston won the B stratification of the *Swiss Teams* and finished joint 2nd overall. Mark & Robin finished 9th in the B final of the *Championship Pairs*.

Corwen Trophy: Keith Bartlett – Barrie Cantello finished 7th.

Diary dates: Aug 6, Chope Salver, Open Pairs, 7pm, Allendale Bridge Club, Wimborne.

Essex

www.essexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to all of the following: *TGR Super League*: the Saxons won the *2nd Division* with a 25 VP margin and are promoted to *Division 1*. Special congratulations to John Sutcliffe who played in 7 of 10 matches and came 2nd in the overall Butler

rankings for all players in the division.

Spring EBU Really Easy Afternoon: 1st, Petra Bromfield – Gerry Seal; 8th, Stephen and Ted Munt; 12th, Mary Downes – Iris Ireton.

George Curtis Blue-pointed Teams: 1. Margaret Curtis, David Sherman, Peter Franklin, Frank Morrison; 2. Malcolm Harris, Maria Budd, Graham Beeton, Rick Hanley.

World Wide Sim Pairs: Fri (4301 pairs) 275th: Graham Foster – Marc Chawner; Sat (3881 pairs) 273rd: Mike Rand – Petra Bromfield.

Diary dates: Sept 2, Essex & Herts GP Swiss Pairs. Sept 27, Essex & Herts GP Swiss Teams. Oct 25, Fletcher Trophy and Cup for Clubs. Oct 28, Autumn Seniors.

Hants and IoW

www.bridgewebs.com/hiwcbal



NATIONAL Pairs Final: 4th Miles Cowling – David Jones. *Northampton One-day GP Swiss Pairs:* 1st Karen Dewar – Adrian Fontes. *HIOW One-day GP Swiss Teams:* 3rd Helen Kinloch, Tony Page, Clare and Ian Fearon; 4th Andy Hughes, Steve Preston, Nicholas Craik, Dave Huggett. *Petersfield Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs:* 1st Helen Kinloch – Tony Page; 2nd Miles Cowling – Bob McRobert; 4th Iain Climie – Chris Kinloch. *Waller Bowl (B&B Club Pairs final):* 1st Stuart Strachan – Paul Hirszowicz. *Chiltern Bridge League Elimination Pairs Final:* 2nd Keith Terrell – Gill Weeks; 4th Stuart Strachan – Eleanor Rice.

Diary dates: Sept 20, Candover Swiss Teams, Romsey. Oct 4, Mixed Pairs and/or Ladies'/Men's Pairs, at either Winchester or Romsey. Oct 18, Wessex Swiss Teams, Romsey. Entries via HIOW website or Steve Preston ☎ 02380 702934.

Herefordshire

www.herefordshirebridge.co.uk

THIS has been a much better season in the *Western League*. The A Team won four and lost three and came 3rd in their division; the B Team won three and lost four and came 6th, and the C Team won six, lost one and came 3rd.

Carol and Albert Brown were in the team that came 5th equal in the *Cheltenham Congress Green Point Swiss Teams*.

Full results of all county competitions are on our website.

Diary dates: Sept 4, Annual General Meeting, 7pm, Much Birch Community Centre. Sept 18, Inter-club Teams Round One, 7pm, Ledbury. Oct 3, Ladies' and Men's Pairs, 10.30am, Tarrington.



Manchester's Pachabo winners, from the left: John Holland, Alan Mould, Michael Byrne, Michael Newman and Rodney Lighton.

Photo: EBU

Hertfordshire

www.hertsbridge.co.uk



NORTHERN Easter Festival: winners of both the *Mixed Pairs* and the *Swiss Pairs* were Paul and Fiona Littlewood.

Diary dates: Sept 8, Senior Teams (incl. buffet lunch), 11am, Bridge Centre WGC.

Sept 26, Green-pointed Swiss Pairs; Sept 27, Green-pointed Swiss Teams; both events start at 12 noon at Haileybury School, Hertford Heath. Oct 2, Really Easy Pairs, 2pm, Baptist Church Hall, Watford. Oct 12, Hatfield Heath Swiss Teams, 1.45pm, Hatfield Heath BC. Nov 1, Rose Bowl Teams of Four, 12 noon, Bridge Centre WGC.

Kent

www.kcba.org.uk



HUBERT Phillips Plate winners: Leigh and Sarah Chapman, Michael Prior and Mike Hampton. Christine Kempton – Phil Jones were =1st in the *Sussex Green Point Swiss Pairs*.

Pachabo Cup: the team of Gerald and Stuart Tredinnick, Norman Selway and Jeremy Willans was 3rd. *Garden Cities Final:* Derek Patterson's Chislehurst team, having won their regional final, came 3rd out of the 8 finalists.

Bill Gardner had successes in two congresses. In the *SBU Overseas Corfu Congress*, Bill and his partner (Mike Bell) won the *Swiss Pairs*, *Pre-congress Pairs*, *Open Pairs*, *Men's Pairs* and the *Final Night Party Pairs*; Bill and his team also won the *Open Teams* (on a split tie). At the *Yorkshire Congress*, Bill and his partner won the *Secondary Teams* event for the second year. He also was 2nd in the main *Pairs* event. Congratulations to all.

New biographies of Kent people now on the website: Edward Parker; Dorothy Pearson. Updated: Dimmie Fleming; John Pearson.

Lancashire

www.bridgewebs.com/lancs



CONGRATULATIONS go to Nick and Sue Woodcock on winning the *Swiss Pairs* at the *Jersey Congress*. They also finished 4th in the *Corwen Trophy*.

Congratulations also to Catherine Draper – Andrew Woodcock who played in the Manchester BC team that won the *Garden Cities*. The Bolton BC team of Austin Barnes – Jeff Smith, Stuart Norris – Rod Greenhalgh, Mike Nicholson – Des King, Paul and Hilda Williams qualified for the final and ended 6th.

Diary dates: Aug 1, Northern Bridge League, Round 1. Aug 2, Preston Pairs, Preston Bridge Club. Aug 29, Northern Bridge League, Round 2. Sept 4-6, Bolton Congress, Bolton Bridge Club. Sept 12, Northern Bridge League, Round 3. Sept 20, LCBA Mixed Pairs, Bolton Bridge Club.

Leicestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/leicestershire/



THE 2015 AGM was held in June. The committee reports were adopted, and officers were

elected as follows: Chairman, Dean Benton; Treasurer, Henry Cooklin; General and Membership Secretary, Pat Beasley; League Secretary, Brian Stockdale; Tournament Secretary, Neil Beasley; Fixtures Secretary, Dick Pathan; Webmaster, Richard Smith; Education Liaison Officer, Simon Stokes.

The guest of honour was Phil Watts of the Bradgate club who presented trophies to the competition winners. For details see the online Local Results section.

Diary dates: Aug 27, League Forum. Sept 13, Midland League v Worcestershire, Home. Sept 16, Stanley Trophy Round 1. Sept 23, League – Round 1 matches. Sept 26-27, Derbyshire Green Point Swiss Pairs & Teams, Spondon. Sept 30, League – Round 2 matches. Oct 7, Otto & Edith Cups – Mixed Pairs.

Lincolnshire

www.lincsbridge.org.uk

AT the recent AGM the officials were all re-elected without opposition. Chairman will be Guy Grainger, Vice-Chairman is Adrian Underwood, Treasurer Mike Lewellyn, Secretary Paul Wokes, Competition Secretary Glynn Elwick.

As a result of his support of Lincs Bridge over many years Maurice Ladlow was made an Honorary Member of the County. This award is richly deserved. Congratulations.

London

www.metrobridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Claire Robinson – Nick Boss who won the *Pairs A Final* at the *Spring Bank Holiday Congress* and to Alan and Olivia Woo and Alex Hydes who won the *Swiss Teams* at the *Oxford Mid-week Congress*. Well done to those who did well in the *Spring Foursomes* – finalist Dror Padon, semi-finalists David Gold, David Bakhshi, Andrew Robson and Alex Hydes and *Punchbowl* semi-finalists Gitte Hecht-Johansen, Szczepan Smoczynski and Mary Gordon-Smith. Also to Mike Fletcher, 2nd in the *Jersey Swiss Teams*.

Diary dates: Sept 10, AGM, 7pm, YCBC. Sept 15, Café Bridge, Clapham. Sept 20, Mixed Pairs, 1pm, YCBC. Oct 25, Men's & Women's IMP Pairs, 1pm, YCBC. More details from the LMBA website.

Manchester

www.manchesterbridge.org.uk



MANCHESTER'S *Goldstone Cup* winners have won the EBU County Teams of Four Championship (*Pachabo Cup*) for the first time. Well done to John Holland, Rodney Lighton, Michael Newman, Alan Mould and Michael Byrne (*photo on previous page*). Congratulations also to the winners of the EBU Teams of Eight Championship (*Garden Cities Trophy*), Manchester Bridge Club. This is the fourth time that Manchester Bridge Club have won. Well done to Jeff Morris, John Hassett, Michael Byrne, Michael Newman, John Holland, Alan Mould, Catherine Draper and Andrew Woodcock.

At the MCBA AGM Bob Cooke retired after two years as Chairman. Irene Davies takes over and Ann Thornton becomes Chair of the Tournament Committee. Karen Sandler becomes Membership Secretary. Treasurer Joan Hinchcliffe has retired after six years and is replaced by Haidee Tattersall.

Diary dates: Sept 12-13, Premier League, Manchester Bridge Club.

Merseyside/Cheshire

www.mcba.org.uk



HUGE congratulations to Liz Commins who was part of the Welsh team that won this year's *Lady Milne Trophy*.

Well done to Joan Marray – Paul Roberts who won the *Welsh Bridge Union Mixed Pairs* final.

In the annual M&CBA match v Dublin, we are pleased to say that we won narrowly by 899 IMPs to 891.

In the *Northern Ireland Spring National Congress* held in Belfast (formerly Armagh) the *Championship Pairs* was won by Liz Commins – David Stevenson. However, they were unable to retain their teams title, finishing 2nd playing with locals Robin Burns – Ian Lindsay.

In the *WBU Seniors Congress* the teams event was won by John Hampson, Julian Merrill, Bob Pitts, Simon Whitehouse. The Congress also had an *Open Pairs* event on the final day and this was won by Barry Jones – Bob Pitts.

Diary dates: Aug 29, NBL Round Two. Sept 12, NBL Round Three.

Middlesex

www.middlesexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Waseem Naqvi who was in the team which finished 2nd in the *Schapiro Spring Foursomes*.

Well done to Simon Cope who won the *Oxford Midweek Congress Championship Pairs* and *Swiss Teams*.

In the *Spring Bank Holiday Congress*, Tony Waterlow won the *Pairs B Final*.

Please visit the county website which has an extensive competitions calendar.

Norfolk

www.bridgewebs.com/norfolk/



SUZANNE Gill has plans.

She's just become NCBA Chairman after twenty years on the Norfolk committee and her ambition for her county is boundless. Bridge education is her watchword and the Norwich Bridge School she has founded is just part of a renaissance of teaching and teacher training across Norfolk.



Photo: Jane Scarfe

Norfolk's new Chairman, Suzanne Gill.

But her ultimate ambition is to help achieve a permanent bridge centre for Norfolk, to house county competitions and

teaching, and provide a base from which to promote the game to schoolchildren as well as adults. She plans an in-depth consultation with county clubs and an investigation into funding options, including grants, sponsorship and fundraising.

She sees it as part of uniting Norfolk's many clubs in a shared mission to make bridge fashionable again – with best behaviour and sociability paramount.

It's a hugely ambitious project. But if not now, when? And if not Suzanne, who? You know something? She might just pull it off.

North East

www.neba.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS go to Bill March for his consistent performances throughout the season resulting in the award of *NEBA Player of the Year* 2014-2015. Chairman Val Gibson made the presentation at the AGM in May. After nine years, the Hurworth 'A' grip on the *1st Division* of the *NEBA InterClub* was broken when Brunton 'A' took the 2015 title. The NEBA team selected to play ED Scotland in July was Liz Muir, Don Reid, Clive Owen, Damian Hassan, Liz Reese, Bob Watts, Neil Aiston and Inga Aiston.

Diary date: the 2015 NEBA Congress is again to be held in the splendid bridge facility at the Marriott Metro-Centre Hotel from 6-8 November. All main events, Saturday Swiss Pairs and Sunday Swiss Teams, will be green pointed.

Northamptonshire

www.bridgewebs.com/northants/



THE county will be holding a *Blue-pointed Swiss Pairs* event on Saturday August 8 at Stamford Bridge Club. The event will be open to any pairs with the leading Northants mixed pair receiving the *Murchie Lerner Trophy*. Details on the website.

The joint *Bedford & Northants Congress* will be held on September 12-13 with *Pairs* on the Saturday and *Green-pointed Teams* on the Sunday. The event will be held at Heron's Lodge Guide Centre, opposite National Badminton Centre, Bradwell Road, Loughton, Milton Keynes, MK8 9LG. I would ask Northants members to support this event. Entries can be made online on the Bedfordshire Bridge Association website or to Rita Keable, 170 Bideford Green, Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 2TS, email: congress@bedsbridge.co.uk

Nottinghamshire

www.bridgewebs.com/nottinghamshire



THE AGM at Nottingham Bridge Club in May was not quorate. The new Committee was elected at an Extraordinary General Meeting in June. The Committee and the programme that it established will be found on the website.

Oxfordshire

www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk



AT the EBU *Jersey Lambourne Festival*, Jean Squires won the *Pre-Congress Pairs*. Kathy and Denis Talbot were 6th in the *Midweek Pairs Championship*, 7th in the *Swiss Teams* and 7th at the *Hants & IOW Swiss Teams* playing with Debbie

Roberts – Geoff Nicholas.

Ed Jones' team came 7th in the *Swiss Teams' Hamilton Cup* at the *Schapiro Spring Foursomes*. Sandra Nicholson – Krys Kazmierczak were 4th in the *Swiss Teams* at the *Cheltenham Congress*. Aleksandar Lishov came 3rd in the *Yorkshire Congress John Colley Trophy* and =7th in the *EBU Spring Bank Holiday Congress Swiss Pairs*.

At the EBU *Oxford Belfry Midweek Congress*, Beryl Kerr was 6th in the *Swiss Pairs*.

The *Oxfordshire Congress* was another great success. Winners of the *Swiss Pairs* were Sarah O'Connor – Mike Bell with Oxfordshire's Michiel Cottaar – Carlos Acero in 2nd place. The *Swiss Teams* was won by Joan and Geoffrey Peel, Chris Smart and Michael Lunn with Oxfordshire's Abbey Smith, Sandra Claridge, Robert Procter and Mike Robinson 3rd. Ruth Kim – Howard Arnes won the *Sandra Landy Trophy*.

Somerset

www.somersetbridge.org.uk



THE County finished 4th, 2nd and 6th in the various divisions of the *Inter County Western League*.

The team of Roger Sweet, Colin Juneman, Eric Cummings and Colin Flood were defeated in the 3rd round of the *Gold Cup*.

The green-pointed *West of England Congress* will be held at the Winter Gardens, Weston Super Mare, from 2 to 4 October. Entry Secretary is Ann Bawdon, 4 The Perrings, Nailsea, Somerset BS48 4YD or email abawdon@icloud.com

Staffs and Shrops

www.staffsandshrops.org.uk



WITH three rounds to go the county team of Dan Crofts, Barbara, Justin and Paul Hackett were leading the *Pachabo*. In a close finish they ended 4th.

Both our county teams had a creditable result in the *Midlands Bowl Trophy*. Dan Crofts, Ed Levy, Jason and Paul Hackett finished 2nd, while Robin Adey, John Day, Geoff Davies and Geoff Feltblower were 3rd.

We wish Justin and Jason in the *Open* and Paul in the *Seniors* the best of luck in the *World Championships* in Chennai, India in September.

Andrew Robson is giving us a seminar. Details will soon be appearing on the county website.

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



ANDREW and Jane Moore won the *Swiss Teams* at the *Jersey Congress*.

Surrey

www.surreycountybridge.org.uk



JEFFREY Allerton, Frances Hinden and Graham Osborne have had an amazing couple of months. Not only did they win the *Schapiro Spring Foursomes* (see pages 24-25), but they were also runners up with Mike Scoltock at the *Pachabo*, and Graham and Frances were 3rd in the *Corwen*. Frances described these achievements as disappointing as they could have won all three!

Six Wimbledon players were in the first two teams at the

Oxford GP Congress. Joan and Geoffrey Peel, Chris Smart and Mike Lunn won, and David Wing and Roland Gronau were in the runners-up team.

Diary dates: Sept 26-27, Surrey Green Point Weekend, Guildford; book via the website. August Bank Holiday Monday Aug 31, Blue-pointed Swiss Pairs, 1pm, Banstead; please remember to bring your own tea. Enter via the Surrey website or contact Frances Trebble ☎ 01252 679883, email f.trebble@ntlworld.com

Sussex

www.sccba.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew Southwell – Ian Lancaster who did excellently to finish 2nd in the *Corwen Trophy*; Dave Franklin – Gerry Stanford were a very creditable 12th.

SCCBA are planning to hold a lottery-funded Bridge Festival from August 10-14 primarily for all kids aged 7-17 but parents / grandparents are invited too. The Festival is *free* and so this is a great chance to learn and / or improve your bridge! The venue is the Avenue Bridge Club, Hove. Contact andyjryder@hotmail.com for further details.

SCCBA is also launching a new initiative of 'Basic Bridge Rewards' available to those with fewer than 5,000 Master Points. Please see the county website for details. The next qualifying events are the SCCBA Basic Bridge Bognor – Aug 30 at Bognor Bridge Club, and SCCBA Basic Bridge East Grinstead – Nov 21 at The Ark, Turners Hill. All are welcome – and why not get some practice at the Really Easy Congress at the EBU's Summer Meeting held in Brighton on Aug 17-20?

Warwickshire

www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Susan Stockdale on her recent marriage to Peter Norton.

With all the *Pairs Leagues* now completed any-one interested in joining the new series starting in September should contact Elayne Meakin for the WPL and BPL, John Pyner for the CPL.



Photo: Margaret Cowe

Philip Mason celebrated fifty years of the Malton Cup on Sunday 21 June at York Bridge Club.

Wiltshire

www.wcba.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Chris Dixon, Pat Davies and Taf Anthias who, as members of Sally Brock's team, have reached Round 5 of the *Gold Cup*, having beaten a Wiltshire team in Round 4 (Richard Samter, Norman Botton, Roy France, Sam Sloan).

The new season will get under way in September with four events: Western League Match vs Cornwall on Sept 12; Premier League on Sept 21; Mixed Teams on Sept 27 and Leagues 1 & 2 on Sept 28.

Worcestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire



SUMMER is the time to reflect on the outgoing season and plan for the new. Teams have already been formed for the ever-popular *Grand Prix Teams* series: however, for those players, either from Worcestershire or other counties, who haven't yet done so, it's not too late to join in the fun – details are on the county website.

Other forthcoming open events include the Ladies' and Men's Pairs on September 14, the Irene Allen Non-Expert Swiss Pairs on October 18 and, of course, the Green-Pointed Malvern Congress on October 25-26. The Congress moved to a new venue, St John's Sports Centre in Worcester, last year. This proved extremely successful so we would encourage our regular attendees, in particular, to get their entries in early.

Yorkshire

www.ycba.co.uk/



PHILIP Mason has retired as Chairman of the Management Board after twenty-five years service – a remarkable achievement. He will become the new President. We thank Philip and wish the new Chairman, Nick Woolven, every success.

Congratulations to Dave Robinson – Graham Jepson, winners of the EBU's *Corwen Trophy* (see page 43).

In the *Pachabo Cup* inter-county competition, Yorkshire (Nick Woolven, Martin Edge, Alan Brosgill, Robin Jepson) were 10th. In the *Garden Cities Trophy*, Yorkshire League winners Bradford narrowly missed qualification from their semi-final group.

At the *Jersey Festival*, Heather Hobson – Roy Garthwaite won the *Seniors' Pairs* and (with Janet and Ted Latham) the *Teams A Final* and the *Seniors' Teams*. Gillian Emerson – Alan Stephenson were 2nd in the *Really Easy Pairs* at the EBU *Spring Bank Holiday Congress*.

Diary dates: Sept 6, Huddersfield Rose Bowl. Sept 20, Garforth Swiss Teams (Collingham). Oct 3-4, Great Northern Swiss Pairs (Leeds). □

August 20th is the closing date for the submission of county reports for the next issue of *English Bridge*. Please e-mail: elena@ebu.co.uk

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Avon

www.avoncba.org.uk



DIVISION 1 of the *County Leagues* was won by the Smith team and the *Knockout* was won by the Elliott team who therefore represented Avon in the *Pachabo*. The *Handicapped Pairs* was won by Jan Duncan and David Jones.

Bedfordshire

www.bedsbridge.co.uk



Winners of the *Charity Pairs* held in April were Julie and Steve Abley; a good day was enjoyed by all who attended.

Judi and Peter Malpass did well coming 6th nationally in the EBU *Sim Pairs* which followed the BBA AGM on May 7.

Alan and Saroj Ellis won the *Champions' Trophy* in June.

Diary dates: the Beds and Northants Congress takes place at the Heron Lodge Guide Centre in Milton Keynes over the weekend of September 12-13. The Opening Pairs is played on Thursday September 17 and Heat 2 of the BBA Teams-of-Four on September 24; both events to be held at Wilstead with a 7.30pm start. Further details of these events are available on the BBA website.

Cambs and Hunts

www.cambsbridge.org



THE *County Swiss Pairs* resulted in a tie between Alison Lloyd – Verity Joubert and Jon Bonsor-Matthews – Roger Salmon. Both pairs were just 1 VP ahead of Graham Clarke – Pat Atkin, while 1 VP behind them Simon Stokes – Tanawan Watts tied with Simon Barb – Tim Pike. The *Ascenders' Prize* was won by Victor Milman – Nadia Stelmashenko.

The *County Teams Plate* was won by Ryan Chan, Jazlene Ong, Helen Holmes, Paul Russell, Jesse Wang and Sorin Tirc.

Diary dates: Oct 12, closing date for County Knockout entries. Feb 21, County Individual final. March 19, Novice Pairs. March 20: County Pairs final. Apr 24, County Swiss Pairs.

Channel Islands

www.cwgsy.net/community/cicba/



Mixed Pairs: 1. Andy Hall – Karen Fooks, 2. Howard Basden-Smith – Sue Rankin.

District news – Jersey: *Ladies' Pairs:* 1. Jane Knight – Fiona Honey, 2. Sue Rankin – Marion Miles. *Men's Pairs:* 1. Howard Basden-Smith – Chris Hill, 2. Eric Todd – John Honey. *Open Pairs:* 1. Chris Hill – Jane Knight, 2. Ken and Hilary Wise. *Unrestricted Pairs:* 1. Howard Basden-Smith – Marion Miles, 2. Graham Boxall – Sue Rankin.

Club news – Jersey: *Victoria Club, Championship Open Pairs:* 1. Chris Hill – Jane Knight, 2. Mary Horton – Kim Lamb. *Highfield Bridge Club, Ladies' Pairs:* 1. Margaret Farley – June Le Blancq, 2. Margaret Treacy – Maureen Breuilly; *Men's Pairs:* 1. Mike Newman – Paul Reed, 2. Richard Christensen – David Waters.

Cornwall

www.bridgewebs.com/cornwall



PETER Scott – Eileen Collings were, perhaps, surprise winners of the *Johnny Perks*, Cornwall's premier pairs competition, though both had won competitions earlier this season. Chris and Sandra Bickerdike were 2nd, with last year's winners, Viv Mably – Celia Bishop, 3rd. They have been in the top three in each of the last three years.

Cumbria

www.bridgewebs.com/cumbria/

THE last county competition this season was the *County Pivot Teams* which was won by Babs Matthews, Ken Johnston, Tim Matthews and Paul Thornton. Runners-up were Adam Aitken, Tony Bartlett, Joan Mossop and Geoff Thomson. Congratulations.

Derbyshire

www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire



WINNERS of recent DCBA competitions: the *Midlands Mixed Pairs* and *Flich Cup* (highest placed married partnership) were won by Mary and David Marshall.

Devon

www.devonbridge.co.uk



AT the AGM the officers were re-elected and the Chairman highlighted numerous gaps in administration which, if not filled, will compromise the schedule of events available. The bridge that followed was won by Don Pearson, Norman Massey, Andrew Leslie and Betty Golding.

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

Dorset

www.bridgewebs.com/dorset



UDALL Trophy: 1. James and Shirley Dutton, Rod Marks, Geoff Fogg; 2. Margot Wilson-Gardner, John Gardner, Alan Wilson, Janet Smith; 3. Tim Dunsby, Helen Ackroyd, Ron Heath, Hugh Kevill-Davies.

Dorset Knockout: Tim Dunsby, Ron Heath, James and Shirley Dutton won the final, defeating Keith Bartlett's team.

Western League: the B Team won the league qualifying for the national finals. The A Team had a disappointing season winning only one match. The C Team finished 4th, winning four matches. Thanks to all players who have represented Dorset this season.

The **Hampshire Ranked Pairs** was won by Janet Smith – Mark Hooper.

Essex

www.essexbridge.co.uk



COLLIER Row Open Teams: 1. Ann and Terence Clark, Gary Waller, Ashley Sawyer.

Essex Mixed Teams: 1. Robert Elliott, Coral Fallon, Simon Moorman, Albert Kitchin; 2. Pat Johnson, Peter Scotting, Tony Verran, Stuart Dunstan.

2014-5 Leagues: West Division: Waltham Forresters (Tony Verran, Stuart Dunstan, Andy Barker, Phil Mattacks); **SE Div 1:** May & Baker (Jill and Roger Tattersfield, Alaric Cundy, Chris Megahey); **SE Div 2:** Ladies and the Tramps (Catriona Lovett, Mike Harbour, Sandy Smith, John Sutcliffe, Alan Eames); **SE Div 3:** Hutton Blue (Maureen and George Vede, Eric Field, Roger Bacon, David Brace).

2014 Premier League: 1. Barleylands (Peter Oake, Robert Elliott, David Clark, Alan Green); 2. Loughton Collier (Peter Scotting, Phil Collier, Sandy Riach, Mike Watson).

Knockout Competition Winners: Teams of 4: Alaric Cundy, Nigel Bardsley, Tony Philpott, Chris Megahey, Margaret Curtis, retained their title by beating Ian Moss, Mike Graham, Ted Cockle, Martin Smith in the final. **Teams of 4 Plate:** Val and Paul Mollison, Brian Davies, John Williams; **Switch Cup:** Peter Scotting, Phil Collier, Michael Watson, Sandy Riach.

Eye Goblets: Ladies': 1. Margaret Curtis, 2. Val Mollison; **Men's:** 1. David Sherman, 2. Peter Scotting.

Hants and IOW

www.bridgewebs.com/hiwcba/



PHILIP Graham Blue Pointed Swiss Teams: 1. Jeremy Dhondy, Andy Hughes, Steve Preston, Dave Huggett. **HIOW GP Swiss Teams:** Ian Walsh, Peter Bowles, Jacek Pietrzycki, Mike Orriel. **Finale Pairs:** Janet Smith – Mark Hooper. **No Fear Pairs:** John Glasscock – Martin Church. **Petersfield Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs:** Helen Kinloch – Tony Page. **Derek Gibbins Trophy (Victor Ludorum):** Steve Preston. **Cahalan Cup (k/o teams of 4):** Steve Preston, Heather Maidment, Sonia Zakrzewski, Gareth Birdsall, Dave Huggett. **League Div 1:** John Dakin, Richard Harris, Chris Kinloch, Bob McRobert, Jeremy Baker, Richard Hyde. **League Div 2:** Guy Lawrenson, Chris Bradley, Karen Dewar, Adrian Fontes.

Diary dates: Sept 20, Candover Swiss Teams, Romsey. Oct 4, Mixed Pairs and/or Ladies'/Men's Pairs, venue TBA. Entries via HIOW website or Steve Preston on ☎ 02380 702934.

Hertfordshire

www.hertsbridge.co.uk



WINNERS of the HBA Swiss Pairs Championship: Gila Tiplady – Kate Howland.

The **Championship Pairs Final** was won by Karima Basse – Roy Button.

Gwen Flynn – Ian Buckley won the **Cadet Teams Championship**. Jill Mumford – Mike Robson won the **Senior Pairs Championship**.

Congratulations to all of them.

Kent

www.kcba.org.uk



The **Arnold Cup** (County Teams of Four Knock-out Championship) was won by Kay Preddy, Norman Selway, Helen and Espen Erichsen.

Kent League winners: North West Kent Div. 1 (**Gill Cup**): Team Foster; North West Kent Div. 2: Team Powell; South West Kent (**Pearson Cup**): Team Griffiths; East Kent (**Dover Cup**): Team Crack; Mid Kent (**Aveling Trophy**): Team Sissons (Maidstone B).

South East Bridge League: Team Ashcroft; **Rotter Cup:** Team Chapman.

Diary dates: Sat/Sun Oct 24/25, 55th Kent Congress, Tunbridge Wells (Blue-pointed). Sun Nov 1st, Dyer-Smith Cup (Kent Mixed Pairs Championship), 11am, Tunbridge Wells.

Lancashire

www.bridgewebs.com/lancs



MADÉLINE Berny Swiss Pairs: John Morrell – Marianne Farr won on a tie break with Neil Thomas – Gillian McMullan.

Blackburn Swiss Pairs: 1. Alex and Tony Wilkinson.

Bolton Spring Bank Holiday Swiss Teams: 1. Michael Tomlinson, Ewart Evans, Keith Stewart and John Whitaker.

Leicestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/leicestershire/



Gimson Trophy (Pairs' Championship): 1. Alan Lord – John Thompson. **Joseph's Bowl** (Championship Teams of Four): 1. Tony Odams, Paul Bowyer, Duncan Happer, Kerri Happer, Jim Mason, Dick Pathan; **Butterworth Langley Trophy** (Plate competition for the Joseph's Bowl): 1. Simon Stokes, Yasser Haider, Tim Glover, Peter Neville, Bob Parker. **Stanley Trophy** (Butler Pairs Championship): 1. Tim Glover – Peter Neville.

Leicestershire Cup (KO Teams of Four – Aggregate): 1. Paul and Susan Bowyer, Duncan and Kerri Happer, Jim Mason, Simon Stokes; **Leicestershire Plate:** 1. John Myles, Len Clayton, Denis Davis, Jackie Wilkes.

Bucky Cup (Men's Pairs): 1. Duncan Happer – Jim Mason. **Olga Cup** (Ladies's Pairs): 1. Lyn Hilton – Alison Nichols. **Joyce Cup** (Mixed Pivot Teams): 1. Tom Lindop, Mike Ayers, Malcolm Boyack, Lucy Pathan. **Yates Cup** (No-Fear Pairs): 1. Gilly Clear – Janet McEwan.

London

www.metrobridge.co.uk



THE *Tonsleys Café Bridge* raised a terrific £2,000 for Age Concern Wandsworth. The winners were Dominic Flint – Pamela Reiss with Susi Behrmann – Malcolm Morris 2nd and Jacqui and

David Bowers 3rd.

The *Fox Shammon Seniors Pairs* had a big entry this year. It was won by John Stimson – Benjamin Hackenbroch with Bernard Teltscher – Victor Silverstone 2nd and Angela Sillence – Robert Sheehan 3rd.

The *Ian Gardiner Trophy* – the London Teams of Four Championship – was won by the 2014 holders: Brian Callaghan, Rob Cliffe, Frank To and Chris Duckworth.

At the *London Trophy Finals* CMS Cameron McKenna beat HM Treasury to win the title. RAC Woodcote Park won the play-off for third place beating Verve. The *Della-Porta Plate* was won by Concentric who beat Putney Pirates.

Manchester

www.manchesterbridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to John Currie who has won the *MCBA Player of the Year* for the 2014-2015 season and to Peter-Carey Yard who has won the intermediate category.

In the *Manchester Intermediate Pairs* N/S winners were Annie Curtis – Jackie Lowrie; E/W winners were Roy Saleh – Scott Middleton.

The *Northern Counties Improvers Pairs* for players below the rank of Master was held for the first time this year. Qualifying heats were held in clubs, then there was a final at three regional centres. Winners of the North West final were Howard Rosemarie – Johnathan Berg.

The *Goldstone Trophy* has been won for the fourth year running by Michael Byrne, Rodney Lighton, Michael Newman, Alan Mould, John Holland (and Gary Hyett in earlier rounds).

In the *Higson Final* St Titus held a small lead at half time, but an average second session allowed three teams to overtake them. Justin Hackett's Curry Eaters made up for a disappointing league season by having an enormous second half to win ahead of Inverted Minors and Agamemnon in joint second place. The *Plate final* was very close with City Aces beating Midland Railway on a split tie; 3rd and salver winners were Spinning Tops.

Merseyside/Cheshire

www.mcba.org.uk



THE winners of the *John Armstrong Trophy* (County Open GP pairs) were Stuart Matthews – Alan Stephenson

The County Ladies' Pairs for the *Preece Rosebowl* was won by Joan Murray – Avril Thompson and the *County Mixed Pairs* event was won by David Stevenson – Liz Commins.

Jim Davies Swiss Teams: the winners of this ever popular event were Matt Foster, Peter Kaufmann, Paddy Murphy, David Stevenson.

Deva BC results: *Championship Pairs*: Chris Pope – Andrew Prothero; *Fearn Cup* (Individual): Jim Stambridge; *Championship Teams*: Peter Broster, Stuart Matthews, Bob Pitts,

Alan Stephenson, Mark Weeks. *Men's Pairs*: Paul Holt, Peter Sumption; *Ladies' Pairs*: Shirley Webster – Pam Edwards.

Merseyside League winners: *Div. 1*, Sutton; *Div. 2*, Arrowse; *Div. 3*, WFC.

Championship Pairs: Bob Pitts – Mark Weeks.

The *North Wales AGM Teams* event was won by David Stevenson, Liz Commins, Stuart Matthews, Mark Weeks.

Middlesex

www.middlesexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Victor Silverstone, Tony Waterloo, Gerald Haase, Jerry Harouni, Waseem Naqvi and Thor Erik Hoftaniska who beat Neil and Anne Rosen, Martin Jones, Simon Cope, Jeremy Dhondy, Tom Paske in the final of the *Middlesex Cup*. In the *Middlesex Plate* final Nigel Clayton, Irene Fine, Denise Miller, Saleem Sachak and Anojan Pothalingham beat Stuart Haring, Jonathan Clark, Dylan Dissanayake, Kripa Pachagnula.

Well done to Allan Lipton, Sue Simon, Richard Spencer and Ivor Miller who won the *Committee Cup*. Congratulations to Neil Rosen on winning, for the second year running, the *Victor Ludorum Trophy*.

The winners and runners-up of the *Middlesex Leagues* were: *Div. 1* (Peter Edelman Trophy): 1. Jill Feldman, Neil and Anne Rosen, Simon Cope, Richard Hillman, Keith Bennett; 2. Catherine Seale, Ian Pagan, Nick Simms, Andrew Sobell, John Vos, Dmitri Stoev. *Div. 2*: 1. Ernest Schlesinger, Martin Lerner, Philip Levi, Steve Jacobs, Benji Hackenbroch; 2. Vic Martin, David Arundel, Lawrence Powell, Ian Budden, Ron Seymour. *Div. 3*: 1. Jon Mundy, Geoffrey Levy, Ruth Poisson, Peter Jacob, Lawrence Gold, Philip Levy; 2. Azad Hussein, Rob Corrie, Peter Tischler, Anojan Pothalingham, Ratnaveri Murugesu, Ponn Yogeswaran.

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

Norfolk

www.bridgewebs.com/norfolk/



OUR summer season started at Lowestoft where Giles Ip was a winner for the second year in a row but now partnered by Paul Darby. Thank you Lowestoft for arranging the evening.

The summer Fridays switch between *Open Pairs* and *Trophy* events. We are fortunate to have a team of stand-bys for the *Open Pairs* events – so please do come to these events with or without a partner.

The first *Norwich Trophy* event was the *Dereham & Swaffham Trophy*, won by – well, it's that man Giles Ip with another partner, Simon Budd.

In early June, the *WBF Simultaneous Pairs* evening was won by Brian Renouf – John Dennis, an amazing 16% ahead of the second-placed pair; they ended up 61st in the international rankings – well done!

The last Trophy event in this report is the *Gender Pairs*, with winners in both *Ladies'* and *Men's Pairs*. The Ladies tied, so well done to Suzanne Gill – Trish Raywood and Jan Pooley – Liz Portbury. The Men's produced clear winners in Richard Thornley – Michael Moseley. Just in case you were wondering where Giles Ip was . . . he was second playing with his dad!

North East

www.neba.co.uk



AS the end of the season approaches, many competitions have been finalised and consequently we are only able to give brief mention to each result: *Club Champion Pairs*:

1. Peter Allan – Ken Pattison, 2. Liz Muir – Don Reid. *Club Champion Teams*: 1. Brian Lumsden, Frank Springett, Peter Avery, Guy Herzmark; 2. Pat Barton, John Moor, Graham Cox, Alleyn Erskine. *Inter-Club Champions*: 1. Brunton 'A', 2. Hurworth 'A'. *Kempson Cup*: 1. Martin Kane, David Broadhead, Bill March, Damian Hassan; 2. Clive Owen, John Atthey, Phil Godfrey, Shivam Shah. *Kempson Plate*: 1. Val and Julian Gibson, James and Eve Ewington, 2. Malcolm Dawson, Audrey Bainbridge, Brian Myers, Roger Carpenter, John Little, John Dobson. *John Clarke Salver*: 1. Brunton 'A', 2. Wearside 'A'. *North Eastern League*: 1. Val Gibson, Bill March, John Atthey, Julian Gibson, Clive Owen; 2. Liz Muir, Steve and Georgia Ray, Don Reid, John Gladders. *Summer Swiss Teams*: 1. Beverley Godfrey, Nichola Cockerill-Smith, Julian and Val Gibson, 2. Steve and Georgia Ray, Don Reid, Liz Muir. Congratulations go to all successful players.

Northamptonshire

www.bridgewebs.com/northants/



THE *Broke Cup* is a teams of four knockout event with the winners representing the county in the *Pachabo*. First-round losers compete in the *Betts Bowl* so everyone is guaranteed at least two matches. Entries are required by the end of August to Susan Deacon.

The *Northants Swiss Pairs* in June was won by Karen Dewar – Adrian Fontes with Bob Turnham – Harry Silverman 2nd. At the same venue there was a *Mentored Pivot Teams* for the less experienced players. The winners of this event were Chris and Margaret Lack, Maureen Simpson and Ian Smorfitt; 2nd were Karen Knight, Bob Braines, Hilary Stacey and Mel Viljoen.

Congratulations to Mark Tilley, Ufuk Cotuk, Jim Deacon and Rob Miller who won the *Punchbowl* at the *Spring Foursomes*.

Diary dates: Sat Aug 29, Charity Salver, Kettering. Sat Sept 5, Winter League N/E, Stamford. Sat Sept 12, Bedford Congress Pairs. Sun Sept 13, Bedford Congress Teams. Wed Sept 16, Winter League S/W, Northampton.

Nottinghamshire

www.bridgewebs.com/nottinghamshire



THE winning teams in the three divisions of the *League for Teams of Eight* were Nottingham Gambit, Retford B, Nottingham A. The winning team in the *League for Teams of Four* was Parsons Pack.

The *Team of Four Championship* was won by William Crook, Rob Sharpe, Sandy Fulton, David Hodge and Mark Goddard.

Oxfordshire

www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk



AT the AGM, long standing officers Esme Alden, Catering Officer and Stephen Brown, Chief Tournament Director, who are both retiring this year, were thanked for their services to Oxfordshire Bridge Association.

Congratulations to Dinah and Andrew Lintott on winning the *OBA County Pairs Final*. John Williams – Chris Wilson were in 2nd place.

Diana Nettleton – Matthew Covill won the *Mixed Pairs* with Abbey Smith – Richard Plummer in 2nd place.

Kathy and Denis Talbot, Beryl and Chris Kerr, Robert Procter and Nick Smith won the *Chester Cup*.

Mary-Ann Sheehy, Christopher Whitehouse, Cathy Rowland and Aleksandar Lishkov won the *President's Cup*.

Menagerie A won the *Wessex League Division 1*; Menagerie B, *Division 2*; Thame A, *Division 3*; Wantage B, *Division 4*; Abingdon C, *Division 5*.

Winners of the *1st Tuesday Pairs* (May-October) were Alan Wilson – Nick Smith; *2nd Tuesday Teams* (May-October): Stephen Brown, Sandra Claridge and John Williams; *3rd Tuesday Swiss Pairs* (May-October): Peter Briggs – Robert Procter; *2nd Tuesday Teams* (November-April): Alan Wilson; and *3rd Tuesday Swiss Pairs* (November-April): Chris Wilson – Aleksandar Lishkov.

The *Sadler Seniors' Salver* was won by Geoff Nicholas – Norman Gascoyne. Alan Wilson won the *Premiership Award*.

Somerset

www.somersetbridge.org.uk



The *County Percentage Pairs* final was won by Roger Sweet – Sheila Coda; runners-up were Michael Toft – Bob Warrender.

The results of the popular *County Leagues* were: *Div. 1*, Taunton; *Div. 2*, Nailsea; *Div. 3*, Castle Carey. The *Pairs League* results were: *Div. 1*, John Cockram – Tom Gibbard; *Div. 2*, John and Shirley Durrant; *Div. 3*, Pat Nelson – Bridget Thorn.

Staffs and Shrops

www.staffsandshrops.org.uk



Mixed/Fritch Championship Pairs: the winners were Dan Crofts – Celia Day, with John and Anne Seymour 2nd; *Fritch Pair* winners and last year's winners, James Vickers – Monica Scott, were 3rd.

The *Ladies' Pairs* was won by Pam Booth-Jones – Sue Yardley, with Terry May – Kath Adams 2nd just ahead of Celia Day – Alma Richards. The *Men's Pairs* was won by Robin Adey – Geoff Davies with Keith Shuttleworth – Brian Nicholls 2nd and Nicholas Thorne – John Seymour 3rd.

Diary date: Wed Aug 19, County Summer Sim Pairs; clubs wishing to participate should contact John Withers jwithersx@gmail.com.

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



AGM Pairs: 1. Mike Sherer – Joan Mayhew, 2. Jeff Orton – Rick Hanley, 3. Charles Parker – Andre Grey.

Surrey

www.surreycountybridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Patricia Magnus – Mary Taylor representing Kenley who won the *Mary Edwards Cup*. Charles Chisnall – Ian Swanson won the *AGM Swiss Pairs*.

League winners were: *Div. 4:* Claire Cross, Ian Lecky, Anne East, Valerie Double; *Div. 3:* Colin Parker, Colin Wilby, Neil Grayston, Archie Angus; *Div. 2:* Adrian Patrick, Peter Cogliatti, Ann Madden, Rosemary Rice; *Novices:* Patti Ecob, Les Hobbs, Jan and Brian Jeffries.

Sussex

www.sccba.co.uk



MANY congratulations to Ian Lancaster – Philip Hunt and Phil Jones – Christine Kempton who tied for 1st place in this year's closely-contested *Green Point Swiss Pairs*.

Congratulations also to Shirley Price – Howard Da Vall who, with an excellent 70.37%, won this year's *Eastbourne Basic Bridge Pairs*.

The *Championship Teams Final* was won by Chris Jepson, Dave Clifton, Neil Watts and Nigel Urban. Their worthy opponents were Mike Keeping, David Benjamin, Roger Poulter, Alan and James Hobden.

Congratulations to the 40th and probably, sadly, last winners of the *Henfield Candles*, Fran Thornton, Jean Smallwood, Eddie Lucioni and Ros Wolfarth. The joint runners-up were David Gritt, Gerry Stanford, Mick Carrington, Dave Franklin, and Jeffrey and Lydia Stanford, David and Andrea Galpin. The winners of the non-expert prize were Val Atkins, Gini Phillips, Jane Ross, and Richard Phillips.

Warwickshire

www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk



MIXED Pairs: 1. Peter Oldbury – Carolyn Fisher, 2. Caroline and Harvey Brown. *Mentored Novice Teams:* 1. Northfield 'B' (Pete Nicholds, Judy Johnson, Melanie and Peter Boynton); 2. WCBA Sarah and Megan Jones, Andy Cope, Elizabeth Gahan.

C&NWBC unfortunately failed in their attempt to win the *Garden Cities Trophy* for the 3rd time in a row, finishing 4th in the final held recently at WMBC.

Worcestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire



The first major event of the new season was the *Seniors' and Veterans' Pairs*. John Sansom – Richard Jephcott were clear winners of the *Seniors* but the *Veterans* produced a tie between Ian and Georgina Lineker and Heather Westcott –

Jennifer Romer.

The County Teams events have become increasingly popular as we have changed and improved them to make them more accessible to more of our members. *The County Knockout Teams Championship* no longer has a qualifying round, so all the rounds can be played at times convenient to those entering. The *Inter-Club Teams* event that we introduced last season was enjoyed by everyone who participated and we anticipate that many of the clubs that only entered one team last year will enter two this year. Finally, we have seen an increase in the number of teams entering the *County League No-Fear Divisions* and we would invite more players to form teams to join them.

Yorkshire

www.ycba.co.uk/



Nelson Rose Bowl: Nichola Cockerill-Smith, Bev Godfrey, Val Gibson, Pearl Murphy. *Yorkshire Individual:* 1. Maureen Jones, 2. Graham Read, 3. Sheila Smith, 4. Jenny Walker. *Northern Improvers Pairs:* leading Yorkshire pair were Fiona Drew –

Marie Hallam (3rd). *Yorkshire Mixed Pairs:* Carole Kelly – Stuart Davies.

Yorkshire Congress: Mixed Pairs: Sarah O'Connor – Mike Bell. *Women's Pairs:* Susan Swiers – Anne Rowan tied with Shelagh Flett – Agnes Baxter. *Men's Pairs:* Richard Winter – Stuart Davies. *Improvers' Pairs:* Anthony Taglione – Terry Hainsworth. *Moortown Cup:* Phil Morrison – Robert Myers. *York Mount Group Trophy:* Janet and Ted Latham. *Chairman's Plate:* Alan Brosgill – Robin Jepson. *Fell-Vincent Cup:* Carole Kelly, Geoff Kenyon, Alan Brosgill and Robin Jepson. *David Colley Trophy:* Bill Gardner, Mike Bell, Sarah O'Connor, Simon Creasey.

Scarborough Trophy: Babs and Tim Matthews and Joyce and Bill White.

Waddington Shield (final): Nick Woolven, Phil Morrison, Martin Edge, Robin Jepson, Alan Brosgill defeated Phil Godfrey, James Thrower, Paul Brereton, Mark Bratley by 23 IMPs. *Yorkshire Trophy (final):* Janet and Ted Latham, Agnes and Peter Baxter, Judith Biles, Bryan Snodgrass defeated John O'Sullivan, Ian Johns, Geoff Newman, Adrian Goulding.

Castle Swiss Pairs: Stuart Barrett – Patrick Trevanion. □

In Memoriam

JOHN HEATH (Cornwall). Perrenporth-born John Heath, who has died of cancer, had a wide and varied range of interests and friends. An Oxford physicist, he worked in South Wales for GKN and as an industrial consultant. Returning to Cornwall with Janet whom he had met, aged thirteen, when they enjoyed adjacent beach houses, he transformed his father's hardware store into a focal point of Cornish surfing.

For ten years he was an outstanding Chairman of Governors at Truro School. And he was a good bridge player, sometimes at Truro – not always with Janet – though he preferred a strong social game. John was 74.

ANNE MCCARTHY (Derbyshire). It is with sadness that we announce the death of Anne McCarthy after a long illness. Anne played her bridge at various venues, winning the Beginners' Pairs at National Level with Bob Dykes. She was DCBA Membership Secretary for several years.

SUE TAYLOR (Essex). After a serious illness, Sue Taylor passed away on June 22nd 2015 at the age of 60. She was a Grand Master who played for her County in the 'A' Team. She also created a bridge network through her many phone calls to other players. Having battled with health issues throughout her life, her health deteriorated in the last six months and she could not participate in the game she loved. She had strong opinions about what needed to change in the bridge world and just a month ago was about to be appointed Tournament Secretary for Essex. It is a great sadness that her health let her down before she was able to start. She will be greatly missed.

HOWARD STEVENS (Leicestershire) died at the age of 83. Howard first joined the LCBA in 1956. He had been a member continuously since that time. This makes Howard the person with the longest LCBA membership record to date.

Together with Phil Watts, Howard enjoyed considerable success playing both in the Dawes League and various LCBA events. Later he and Phil were members of the Bradgate A team which won the Division 2 League trophy in 1992. His most notable

other successes were winning the Loughborough Cup in partnership with Phil Watts in 1972 and the Hyman Crammer Trophy in 1976 and 1985.

The LCBA offers sincere condolences to Howard's widow Marian and his family.

MANCHESTER CBA are very sorry to inform members of the deaths of Terry McCaughey and Shelagh Kershaw (sister of league secretary Kath Nelson).

GEORGE EAKIN (Merseyside & Cheshire). In April we lost one of the nicest players in the county when George Eakin passed away. George had played in local events and leagues for many years and will be sadly missed.

DOREEN DOWELL (North East) died on 31st May 2015 at the age of 86.

Doreen contributed much to bridge administration in the NEBA region and was a Past Chairman of Newcastle Bridge Club (2005-2007). She supported many local clubs and fervently believed in politeness and good manners at the bridge table. Her many friends knew her to be a wonderful cook (her superb chocolate cake was considered to be simply the best) and her prowess at knitting was hard to better. Latterly her failing eyesight meant that she could no longer play bridge but all who knew her held her in high regard and will remember her with fondness.

MIKE FISHER (Warwickshire) died recently after a number of years of illness. He was Life President and Honorary Life Member of WMBC. Condolences to his wife Carolyn and family.

BETTY LIMB (Westmorland) died on May 17th a month short of her 97th birthday. She was a stalwart of Kendal Bridge Club, playing four or more times a week at the Grange and Windermere Clubs as well as Kendal. Her commitment to the Kendal club earned her Life Membership. Latterly she became the club's President.

Betty was a vivid and warm person with a wicked sense of humour. She believed in the happiness of life. She set high standards in all she did. She will be genuinely missed by so many of us in the county.