

COUNTY NEWS

You will find your County's 'Local Results' (if submitted) and obituaries (in our 'In Memoriam' column) in the online magazine (page 72 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



AT the *West of England Congress* Mike Huggins – Irene Robinson were 4th in the *Championship Pairs*. In the *Swiss Teams* Sue O'Hara – Nelson Stephens were 5th, and Robert Covill, Mike Huggins, Irene Robinson and Jack Terry were 6th. Mike Huggins – Irene Robinson also had a good result in the *Montenegro Congress* heat of the British *Sim Pairs*, finishing 2nd. Jan Duncan – David Jones finished third in the *Swiss Pairs*.

In the *Western League* match versus Dorset, the Avon A team won 18-2 but the B and C teams both lost.

Diary dates: Jan 11, Garden Cities Qualifier.

Bedfordshire

www.bedsbridge.co.uk



LOCAL players achieved considerable success at the recent *Guernsey Congress*. Alan Cooke – Maris Sheppard came 2nd in the *Swiss Pairs*; Maureen and Brian Stairs won the *Seniors' Pairs* and Maris, Alan, Maureen and Brian were 2nd in the *Seniors' Teams*. Well done all.

Congratulations to the Bedfordshire team of Monica Lucy, Maggie Willis, Spyros Roumeliotis and Mark Westley who won the *Green-pointed Teams* at the *Beds & Northants Congress* in September.

Berks and Bucks

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



CONGRATULATIONS to Tim Rees and Gary Jones who won gold medals playing for Wales in the *Commonwealth Nations Championships* (see page 27). Peter and Dee Lindon were in the team that won the *Surrey Green Point Event* and Dick Davey, Bill Charlwood, Stan and Tara Harding were joint winners of the *Herts Green Point Teams*.

Make sure you enter in a team in the *Mixed Swiss Teams* on December 7. The *County Pairs Qualifier* is on January 11.

Cambs and Hunts

www.cambsbridge.org.uk

AT the *Autumn Congress*, David Kendrick, Mike Seaver and Simon Barb reached the *Two Stars Pairs Final*. Ufuk Cotuk finished 2nd in the *Eastbourne Bowl Teams Final*, ahead of Catherine Curtis, Paul Fegarty and David Kendrick (6th). Simon Barb finished 11th in the *Great Northern Swiss Pairs*.

Henry Lockwood, Matthew Johnson, Phillip Crout and Paul Russell were 7th in the *Essex & Herts One-Day Green-pointed Teams*. At the *Junior Teach-in*, Liam Fegarty finished 4th in the *Friday Pairs*.

In the *Premier League Division 1*, Fegarty, Curtis, Barden, Mestel, Kendrick, Milman were lying 4th after four out of seven days of play. Fegarty, Curtis, Kendrick, Milman also reached the final of *Crockfords*.

Diary dates: Feb 7, Garden Cities Qualifier. Feb 22, County Individual Final. Mar 7-8, East Anglian Bridge Weekend. Mar 21, Novice Pairs Tournament. Mar 22, County Pairs Final. Apr 26, County Swiss Pairs.

Channel Islands

www.cwgsy.net/community/cicba/

CONGRATULATIONS to Howard Basden-Smith – Sue Rankin who won the *Open Pairs* at the *EBU Bridge Overseas Montenegro Congress*.

Also, well done to Alex Gauld, Robert Plumley and Andy Hall for winning the *Guernsey Congress Swiss Teams*. Further congratulations to Alex Gauld who won the *Burlington Cup* at the *Autumn Congress*, with Dan McIntosh also in the winning team (photo below).

Cornwall

www.bridgewebs.com/cornwall



THE *Green-pointed Swiss Teams* at Liskeard was dominated by teams from Devon, Stefan Lindfors, Miles Cowling, Rob Lawy and Alex Maddocks winning from Dick Andrews, Gaynor Wiseman,



Burlington Cup winners at the Autumn Congress, Dan McIntosh and Alex Gauld (Channel Islands) and Claire Robinson and Angus Simpson (London).

Photo: EBU

Phil Palmer and Jenny Flood. The top Cornish team were Rob Mabley, Alan Biggs, Celia Bishop and Viv Mably, who were equal 4th.

The three Cornish teams have had an exceptional start to the season. In away *Western League* matches against Wiltshire and Dorset all three teams have been victorious.

There have been two outstanding Sims results. Dave Mattos – Barry Cuff were 4th (out of 919), after a recount, in the *EBU Autumn Sims*, and Sandra Bickerdike – Owen May were also 4th (of 1047) in the *British Autumn Sim pairs*.

Diary dates: Jan 3, Falmouth Salver Pairs, Falmouth BC. Jan 18, Star Masters and Tredova Cup, Ladock. Jan 25, Teams of Four, Ladock. Feb 8, National Pairs Heat, Wadebridge. Feb 22, County Swiss Pairs, Newquay.

Cumbria

www.bridgewebs.com/cumbria/

CUMBRIA held its AGM in August. Regretfully, we heard that the Congress Secretary for sixteen years, Janet Sheppard, will be stepping down after our Congress in 2015. Janet has done a sterling job of organising and running the Congress and will be shadowed by her replacement, Mrs Babs Matthews, this year. The Chairman thanked the outgoing Match Captain, Howard Brown, for all his work and welcomed Ian Reeves, his replacement. Welcome to Adam Aitken, joining the Committee. Mrs Christine Ward was elected President this year.

The new *Swiss Weekend* held jointly with Westmorland was a great success. Thanks to those members of both Counties who worked hard to make this event so successful, especially John Ellwood, Jeremy Harris, Tim Matthews, Christine Johnston, Sam Norman, Trevor Ward and our great TD Ken Johnston.

In the *Northern Bridge League Cumbria B* were equal 4th, with the C team 5th out of 7.

Derbyshire

www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire



IN the *Three Counties Swiss Teams*, Derby B came 2nd. In the *Derbyshire Green-pointed Swiss Teams* event, the winners were Don Smedley, John Griffin, Richard Edwards, Roger Mallinson; Kevin Higgins – Richard Acaster won the *GP*

Swiss Pairs.



Oxfordshire's Jean Squires (left) and Devon's Ros Morgan, winners of the Ladies' Pairs at the Montenegro Congress, with BOS representative Jane Taylor (centre).

Photo: EBU

Liz Hall – David Taylor were 2nd in the inter-county *Edgar Foster Cup*, with Randy and Doreen Curzon 4th. Derbyshire were 2nd overall in the ranking by county.

Devon

www.devonbridge.co.uk



AT the *West of England Congress* Warner Solomon – Roger Sweet won the *Swiss Pairs*; Stefan Lindfors playing with Gunnar Halberg was 2nd. Stefan Lindfors, Jim Grant, Alex Maddocks and Gunnar Hallberg won the *Swiss Teams* – well done; this is a popular congress and presented a strong field.

Congratulations to Ros Morgan (*see photo below*) playing with Jean Squires for winning the *Ladies' Pairs* at the *EBU Overseas Montenegro Congress*.

Congratulations to Stefan Lindfors – Warner Solomon, playing with Andrew Thompson – Rob Lawy, for winning the *Welsh Foursomes*.

Please note the date for the *Devon Pairs Finals* has been changed from 15 March 2015 to Saturday 21 February 2015.

Diary dates: Jan 10-11, John Woolcott Weekend; contact Terry Cannon ☎ 01395 26648. Feb 27-Mar 1, North Devon Congress; contact Brenda Martin ☎ 01271 862013.

Dorset

www.bridgewebs.com/dorset



GUERNSEY Congress: Pat Savage, Jo Whitty, Brian Browse and Avis Robertson achieved good results throughout the congress. Margot Wilson-Gardner, John Gardner and team finished 4th in the *Swiss Teams*.

West of England Congress: Chris Stevens, Alastair Cowley, Bob Mott and Ann Sharples finished 4th in the *Green-pointed Teams*; Chris and Alastair finished 5th and Bob and Ann tied 12th with Miles Cowling – Krzysztof Ginda in the *Green-pointed Pairs*.

Diary dates: Jan 4, Knight Cup (Green-pointed Pairs) for primary Dorset members, Hamworthy Club, Canford Magna, Wimborne. Feb 1, Frost Rose Bowl (Blue-pointed Swiss Teams) at Allendale Bridge Club, Wimborne.

Essex

www.essexbridge.co.uk



In the *Montenegro Congress* Fran Alexander, Graham Foster, Mike Harbour, David Clark were 2nd in the *Swiss Teams*, with Mary Homer, Albert Kitchin, Peter Oake, Simon Moorman 6th. Peter and Simon were also 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs*. Congratulations to them all and also to Chris and Sue Taylor (*photo next page*) on winning the *South Bucks Blue-pointed Swiss Teams*.

Essex players did well again at the *Felixstowe Congress*: congratulations to Paul and Val Mollison, Bernie Hunt, Brian Davies who comfortably won the *Swiss Teams*, with another Essex team 3rd – Chris Chorley, Paddy Murray, Mike Wren, Richard Perryman. John Cosgrove – Charles Hook finished 7th in the *Congress Pairs* (top section); they were also the top non-expert pair. Well done Marcia Levan-Harris – John McCoy who were 2nd in the *Consolation Final* with Richard Perryman – Mike Wren 3rd.

Diary dates: Dec 7, Mixed Pairs. Jan 11, Essex Swiss Pairs. Jan 24-25, Woodham Ferrers Bridge Congress. Jan 30, National Pairs Heat.

Gloucestershire

www.gcba.org.uk



THE active Youth team in GCBA have been arranging minibridge sessions in local secondary schools for Year 7 pupils. The aim is to ensure that all eleven year olds can play minibridge and from the sessions to identify students who wish to learn bridge. This way we have the pupils for six years of training.

The GCBA Chairman, Alan Wearmouth has been busy visiting non-affiliated bridge clubs in the county. His visits have been well received and we hope that more clubs will come under the EBU umbrella. To spread the word across Gloucestershire about GCBA we have started a new session called *Introduction to County Bridge* on the fourth Monday of each month from October to April. There has been much interest in these sessions so please come and join us for one of them or any Monday night at the splendid Cheltenham Bridge Club on Tivoli Road.

Hants and IOW

www.bridgewebs.com/hiwcba/



WELL done to: Jeremy Baker, Richard Hyde, Alister McDonald, John Sherringham for reaching the final of the *Crockfords Plate* and coming 4th; Andrew Bennett – Dave Hinkin

for coming 2nd in the *Essex & Herts Green Pointed Pairs* in July; Bob McRobert for being in the winning team at the *Surrey Green-pointed Teams*.

Diary dates: Dec 14, Yuletide Mini Swiss Teams. Jan 11, Midwinter Mini Swiss Teams. Jan 25, Candlestick Swiss Pairs. Feb 15, Valentine Mini Swiss Teams. All are held at Romsey. Candlesticks starts at 1pm, other events at 2pm. Dave Huggett is holding a seminar for improvers at Winchester on Dec 7 on 'Successful Defending'. This is from 3-6pm. All entries via the HIOW website or phone Steve ☎ 02380 702934.

Herefordshire

www.herefordshirebridge.co.uk

THE *Edgar Foster Cup* is an event for four pairs from each of the County Bridge Associations of Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Staffordshire & Shropshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire. Ian Murray-Watson – Terry



Winners of the South Bucks Blue-pointed Swiss Teams in September: Chris and Sue Taylor, Chrys Poole and Steve Lee

Photo: SBEC

Meadows came 3rd, Roman Klis – Peter Watts 6th and Nigel Edmondson – Paul Smith 8th. However, we were narrowly beaten by Warwickshire for the trophy for the county with the three best performing pairs.

Ben Britton and Mike Ralph won the *Men's Pairs* at the *West of England Congress*.

Full results of all county competitions are on our website.

Diary dates: Jan 23, Inter-club Teams Round 3, Ledbury, 7pm. Feb 7, Club Teams of Eight, Tarrington, 10.30am. Feb 28, Championship Pairs, Tarrington, 10.30am. Mar 13, Inter-club Teams Round 4, Ledbury, 7pm. Mar 20, Mixed Pairs, Bartestree, 7pm.

Hertfordshire

www.hertsbridge.co.uk



THE new partnership desk can be reached by telephoning Jeff Green ☎ 01923 290067 or e-mail jgqmf@live.co.uk. This service is for all events except those preceded by club qualifying heats or club representative competitions.

Congratulations to Bill Gardner – Corneliu Rimboiu who won the July *Herts & Essex Swiss Pairs* and David Sherman, Peter Hasenson, Dimitri Stoev and John Vos who won the *Swiss Teams*. The September *Herts & Essex Swiss Pairs* was won by Maria Budd – Malcolm Harris and the *Swiss Teams* was won by Saroj and Alan Ellis, Bernard and Margaret Eddleston, equal first with Stan and Tara Harding, Dick Davey and Bill Charwood.

Alan Kay, Derek and Celia Oram won the *Gerald Faulkner Salver* together with Jeremy Dhondy.

Diary dates: Dec 7, Rose Bowl. Jan 11, Humble Cup 1st Qualifinal. Jan 25, Championship Pairs Semi-final. Jan 30, Cadet Pairs Final. Feb 1st, Humble Cup 2nd Qualifinal. Feb 8, ECL Herts v Suffolk. All events are held at the Bridge Centre.

Isle of Man

www.manxbridgeunion.org



SEPTEMBER was a busy international month for members of the MBU.

The annual *Isle of Man Congress* was held in Douglas and a strong field of mainly English visitors contested the main events. The *Swiss Pairs* was won by Stuart Clarke – Bill Carr and the *Swiss Teams* was won by a Manchester squad of Crosswell, Williams, Mackay and Thrower. But it was good to record a local triumph when the young Jenny Glanz and Neil Kelly were successful in winning the *Mixed Pairs*.

From September 8 to 14 a Manx team competed in the *Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships* in Glasgow. Led by non-playing captain Erika Slatcher, the Manx squad performed extremely well and punched above their weight. They did not get beyond the group robin stage but they scored some notable wins against more fancied opponents including England 2 and Australia. When was the last time a Manx team beat the Australian national side at anything?

Kent

www.kcba.org.uk



CLUBS holding a heat of the *National Pairs*: Farnborough (Kent) BC, Friday January 9; Otford BC, Friday February 6 (Provisional). Non-club members should contact the club secretary (see website for club information).

Larsky Cup heats: Farnborough (Kent) BC, Friday January 16; TWBC, Tuesday February 3; Medway Towns BC, Tuesday February 10; Beckenham BC, Thursday February 12; Ashford BC, Tuesday February 17; Aces BC, Wednesday February 18 (1pm); Broadstairs BC, Wednesday February 25; Canterbury BC, Friday February 27.

Diary dates: Sun Jan 11, Men's Pairs (Hunter Homines) and Ladies' Pairs (Fleming Femina), TWBC, 11am. TWBC County Teams of 8 Competitions: Div. 1 Corbett Cup and Div. 2 Corbett Plate, Sun Jan 25 and Sun Feb 8, TWBC, 11am. Div. 3: Mitchell Salver, Sat Feb 7, TWBC, 11am. Sun March 29, Larsky Final, TWBC, 11am.

Lancashire

www.bridgewebs.com/lancs



CONGRATULATIONS go to the Lancashire B team on winning the *Northern Bridge League* for the second year in succession. Going into the last round the team was only 6th of the eight counties but managed to pip Yorkshire by one point. Lancashire A finished 3rd out of six counties and Lancashire C 2nd out of seven counties.

Congratulations also go to Stuart Clarke – Bill Carr on winning the *Swiss Pairs* at the *Isle of Man Congress*.

Diary dates: Dec 7, Lytham Rose Bowl, Lytham Bridge Club. Dec 21, Santa Claus Pairs, Manchester Bridge Club. Jan 4, Preston Blue Pointed Swiss Teams, Preston Bridge Club. Jan 10-11, Manchester Congress, Victoria and Albert Hotel, Manchester. Jan 24, LCBA Butler Pairs, Lytham Bridge Club. Feb 1, LCBA Championship Pairs, Blackburn Bridge Club.

Leicestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/leicestershire/



AT the *Guernsey Congress*, Pat Watson had a very successful week partnering Carolyn Fisher of Warwickshire. They finished 2nd in both the *Pre-Congress Pairs* and the *Seniors Pairs* events alongside two 4th-place finishes.

Diary dates: Dec 7, Midland League vs Worcestershire (Away). Dec 10, Leicestershire Cup KO Teams Round 1, Rothley. Dec 18, Pairs League Round 3, Rothley. Jan 4, Midland League vs Nottinghamshire (Home). Jan 14, Stanley Trophy Round 4, Glenfield. Jan 14, Wilde Cup – Non-expert Teams, County BC. Jan 15, Pairs League Round 4, Rothley. Jan 28, Josephs Bowl Round 2, Blaby. Jan 28, Butterworth Langley Trophy Round 1, Blaby. Feb 2, LCBA National Pairs Heat, Greenfields.

Lincolnshire

www.lincsbridge.org.uk

CONGRATULATIONS to the City of Lincoln Club for reaching the final of the *Garden Cities* competition, where they finished in 8th position.

The EBU held a series of Club Directors' courses at Scunthorpe recently. This was well attended and enjoyed by all. One County member, Stuart Knox, went on to qualify as a County Director – well done.

Diary dates: Sun Dec 7, Heat 3 of the County Pairs League. Sun Dec 21, Christmas Mixed and Married Pairs. Both events at Dunholme Village Hall starting at 1.30pm.

Best wishes to all county members, and others, for the Festive Period.

London

www.metrobridge.co.uk



MANY congratulations to London's newest World Champion, Anita Sinclair, winner of the *World Mixed Teams* in China along with Zia Mahmood and her multi-national team (see pages 20-21).

International honours also for David Bakhshi who won the *Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships*; Ben Green and Phil King, English Silver-Medal winners in Glasgow; Andrew Robson, second in the *Cavendish Open Pairs* in Monaco; and Nick Sandqvist and Tom Townsend who also made the *Cavendish* main final.

Autumn Congress winners were: Alex Hydes who won the *Two Stars Pairs* with Richard Johnson – Nick Boss third; Nick Sandqvist – Tom Townsend who won the *Eastbourne Bowl* and the *Satellite Pairs*, with Shazaad Natt 2nd in the *Pairs*; Angus Simpson – Claire Robinson (photo: page 53) who won the *Burlington Cup*, with Mike and Carrie Eden 2nd; David Gold – Susanna Gross who won the *Sussex Cup*.

Diary dates: Sun Feb 1, Palmer Bayer Trophy. Sun Feb 8, Ian Gardiner Trophy. Feb 28-Mar 1, Lederer Memorial Trophy, RAC.

Manchester

www.manchesterbridge.org.uk



COMMONWEALTH Nations Cup (see page 27): Silver Medal for John Holland playing for England. Alan Mould representing Scotland reached the quarter-finals.

Derbyshire Green Point Pairs: Kevin Higgins – Richard Acaster won in a field of 54 pairs.

Great Northern Swiss Pairs: Kath and Alan Nelson won this National event in a field of 98 pairs.

EBU Autumn Sim Pairs: congratulations to Ken Hassell – Ian Kane who, playing at the Altrincham heat, won nationally with a score of nearly 70%. This is the fourth time they have won a national Simultaneous.

EBU Overseas Montenegro Congress: Bill and Joyce White were on the winning team in the *Swiss Teams*, and Bernard and Rhona Goldenfield were 2nd in the *Swiss Pairs*.

Diary dates: Dec 21, Santa Claus Pairs, Manchester Bridge Club. Jan 10-11, Manchester County Congress, Victoria and Albert Hotel, Water St, Manchester, M3 4JQ; entries to Jeff Smith, jasmith@nildram.co.uk or ☎ 0161 702 3773.



Julian Merrill and Paul Roberts. winners of the Merseyside & Cheshire Charity Chester Bowl.

Photo: Merseyside & Cheshire CBA

Merseyside/Cheshire

www.mcba.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to John and Pauline Rudolf on both their win in the *Pairs* at the *Telford Midweek Congress* and their 3rd place in the *Great Northern Swiss Pairs*.

The *Chester Bowl* (Charity Pairs) was won by Julian Merrill – Paul Roberts (photo on previous page); Ken Hassell – Ian Kane were runners-up. The winners of the *Consolation* event were: N/S Frank Salt – Jim Stambridge, E/W Karen Jones – Barbara Eastabrook.

In the *NWBA Swiss Pairs* in October Ted Reveley – Bill Niccol finished in 3rd place.

Well done to Barbara Serres – Gareth Thomas who were 2nd in the Wednesday session of the *Autumn British Sim Pairs* with a score of over 70%.

Diary dates: Jan 17-18, Chester Congress, Deva BC. Feb. 1, County Trials, MBC. Mar 1, Jean Keen Trophy, MBC. Mar 8, Eric Howarth Cup, MBC. Mar 22, Portland Pairs.

Middlesex

www.middlesexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Janet de Botton and Artur Malinowski on winning the *Eastbourne Bowl* (the main teams event) at the *EBU Autumn Congress*. Catherine Seale and Tom Paske won the *Sussex Cup* (the consolation teams event).

In the *Crockfords Cup* Neil Rosen, Anne Rosen and Martin Jones were in the team which came 2nd. Well done to Denise Miller and Rob Corrie who won the 2014 Mind Sports Olympiad Pairs (photo on page 19).

Norfolk

www.bridgewebs.com/norfolk/



ALL comers are welcome to sign up for the ever popular *ABC Swiss Teams Open Event* on Sunday January 25. See www.afternoonbridge.org.uk

Norfolk bridge student numbers have enjoyed a huge boost from the new ace teaching team of Suzanne Gill and James Tullett. They already have over 50 students with a long waiting list for the next Beginners and Improvers' class, starting in January. Bridge workshops for more advanced players are in the pipeline.

Congratulations on another new initiative – the marriage of Rob Richardson and Rosa Hogarth who met at Yarmouth Bridge Club. Rosa hails from Hong Kong so they followed the Chinese tradition of playing games before the evening entertainment – bridge rather than the customary Mah-jong.

Rob thinks bridge is ideal for romance: 'It is one of the rare games where both genders play together and have time to get to know each other at the table – and find out if you can tolerate them telling you off!'

North East

www.neba.co.uk



CHARITY Event in aid of Cancer Research: this event has now run successfully for three years – twenty tables of club players and beginners playing friendly duplicate bridge, followed by tea and cake. Winners of the *Kathy Pike Trophy* were Don Reid – David Gold. Student winners were Mary Sharp – Pat Ford.

This year the event was covered by the *Evening Chronicle* (in the photo below, Katie Pike and Brian Lumsden, respectively Kathy Pike's daughter and life partner). All bridge/raffle prizes, cakes donated – total raised to date £2700.

Congratulations to three players from the North East, Clive Owen, John Atthey and Chris Owen who have reached the semi-finals in the *Silver Plate* (teams eliminated from the *Gold Cup*).

Diary date: sun Feb 8, Deane Salver (Mixed Pairs), Brunton Bridge Club. 2-8 pm, 36 boards. Entry: £10 includes afternoon tea.

Northamptonshire

www.bridgewebs.com/northants/

ROBERT Miller, Ufuk Cotuk, Jim Deacon and Chris Wormleighton finished 2nd in the main *Teams* final at the *Autumn Congress*. Mark Tilley, Mike Trask, Tim Durdin and Tony Hough finished 2nd at the *Bedford Congress Teams*.

In the *Eastern Counties* league match against Bedfordshire, the A team won 12-8, the B team won 16-4 and the C team won 12-8. In the match against Suffolk, the A team won 13-7, the B team lost 3-17 and the C team won 17-3.

Kettering Bridge Club's *Porch Trophy* will take place at Kettering Bridge Club on Sunday December 7. This is a two-session Swiss Pairs event. Entries to Colin Tuton.

Diary dates: Sun Dec 7, Porch Trophy, Kettering. Sat Dec 13, Saturday Winter League, Stamford. Wed Dec 17, Wednesday Winter League, Northampton. Sat Jan 10, Saturday Winter League, Stamford. Wed Jan 21, Wednesday Winter League, Northampton.

Nottinghamshire

www.bridgewebs.com/nottinghamshire

TWO further county matches yielded disappointing results: on September 14 against Warwickshire the VPs were 6-14 and 1-19 for first and second teams; the third team won 16-4. The matches against Worcestershire were all lost 2-18, 6-14 and 2-18. Future county matches: home to Staffs and Shrops, November 9; away to Lincs, December 7; and away to Leics January 4.

Nottingham Gambit won the annual *Three Counties* event for teams including Leics and Derbyshire. In October William Crook came a close 2nd in the *Great Northern Pairs*, partnering Richard Winter.



Photo: NEBA

Brian Lumsden and Katie Pike at NEBA's charity event in memory of Kathy Pike.

Future events include the Winter Pairs every second Wednesday monthly and the County Teams of Four qualification on January 25.

Oxfordshire

www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk



At the *Beds & Northants Congress*, Aleksandar Lishkov – Ian Angus came 2nd in the *Championship Pairs* and Abbey Smith – Robert Procter were 5th. In the *Swiss Teams*, Aleksandar Lishkov and David Southcombe's team came 3rd. Sandra Nicholson – Krys Kazmierczak did well in the *Felixstowe Congress Pairs Final* with joint 2nd place.

At the *Guernsey Bridge Congress*, Jean Squires achieved 2nd place in the *Ladies' Pairs*, and 3rd place in the *Seniors Swiss Teams*. Jean won the *Ladies' Pairs* at the *EBU Bridge Overseas Montenegro Congress* (photo on page 54) and Ursula Bowler – Howard Arnes were 6th in the *Mixed Pairs*. At the *EBU Autumn Congress*, Abbey Smith – Christopher Wilson came 5th in the *Satellite Pairs Final* and Aleksandar Lishkov was 2nd in the *Swiss Pairs*.

Congratulations to Kathy and Denis Talbot on achieving the rank of Grand Master.

Diary dates: Dec 7, Midland Counties League v Staffordshire; Jan 13, EBU National Pairs Heat. Jan 27, OBA Pro-Am.

Somerset

www.somersetbridge.org.uk



SOMERSET players featured well in the *West of England Congress*, Roger Sweet and partner winning the *Swiss Pairs* ahead of 134 pairs. The *Championship Pairs* was won by Graham Heal – Sheena Lanham, the *Ladies' Pairs* by Valerie Dunn – Anna Mavis Taylor

The *Swiss Teams* in the *Telford Midweek Congress* was won by Alan and Jette Bailey with Bob and Jackie Baker (photo below).

Staffs and Shrops

www.staffsandshrops.org.uk



THE County Committee were re-elected *en bloc*. Thanks to the efforts of Linda Curtis and Judy Mitchell we are back to two divisions in the League.

Justin Hackett has had a great run: 2nd in the teams at Brighton was followed by winning *Crockfords* and then also the *Commonwealth Games*, where he was joined by father Paul (see page 27). Barbara Hackett won the *B Final* in the *Womens Pairs* at the *Cavendish* in Monaco. Dan Crofts was runner-up in the *Teams* at Weston-Super-Mare. Annette Lucas and Mike Cornes won the Inter-county *Edgar Foster Trophy* (photo: next page).

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to David Price, Suffolk Captain, for winning the *Crockfords Cup* for the fourth time and also to Jane Moore for being exempted from the trials for the *Lady Milne Trophy*.

We had another great attendance at this year's *Felixstowe Congress* with 76 pairs competing on Saturday and 32 teams on Sunday. Paul Mollison, Bernie Hunt, Val Mollison and

Brian Davies won the *Swiss Teams*. Graham Grist – Mike Walsh won the *Championship Pairs* with Graham Beeton – Jeff Orton taking the *Consolation Pairs*. The *Open Pairs* was won by James Tullett – Suzanne Gill.

Don't forget our *Championship Pairs* open heat at Ipswich on Thursday January 8. Then we have the *Blue-pointed Mid-Anglia Pairs* on Sunday January 11 at Woodbridge and the *Jyl Marsh Individual* at Framlingham on Sunday February 8.

Now is the time to put the *Green-Pointed East Anglian Bridge Weekend* on March 8-9 in your diary with *Swiss Pairs* on Saturday and *Swiss Teams* on Sunday.

Surrey

www.surreycountybridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Bernard Themis – Angela McCready who won both the *Swiss Pairs* and the *Mixed Pairs* at the *EBU Montenegro Overseas Congress*.

Julia Brough – Steve Bourton won the Tuesday EBU *Sims* heat in July.

Gordon O'Hair and Barry Stoker were runners-up in the *Swiss Pairs* at the *Surrey Green Point Event* and Bob McRobert, Arun Suri, Peter Lindon, Dee Lindon won the *Swiss Teams*.

Diary dates: Jan 25, Mixed Pairs, Oxshott. Feb 8, Men's & Ladies' Pairs, Ripley. Feb 15, Friendly Swiss Pairs, Oxshott. Enter via the Surrey website or contact Frances Trebble ☎ 01252 679883, f.trebble@ntlworld.com

Schools event on Feb 6, St Pauls School: for details, contact b.kavarana@gmail.com

Sussex

www.scba.co.uk



IN the *Metropolitan Cup* all the laurels went to the Sussex A & B teams who both won their sections of this competition. Also it was pleasing to see that both Sussex C teams performed very creditably too, finishing within a VP of each other in 2nd= and 4th places respectively in a closely-fought C section.

The county has been looking to encourage clubs to get more youngsters into lessons feeding into their club sessions. So it gives us great pleasure to announce that our application



Telford Midweek Swiss Teams winners from Somerset, Alan Bailey, Jackie Baker, Jette Bailey and Bob Baker.

Photo: EBU

for lottery funding for £10,000 has been accepted, and we will be making good use of this opportunity in the New Year. Also many thanks to Richard Newton at the Avenue Bridge Club who has donated the proceeds of this year's Charity Evening for the same purpose. Thanks also to Sussex internationals Sandra Landy, Gunnar Hallberg, Geoffrey Wolfarth and Christine Jepson who gave up their evening to help raise money for this cause.

Warwickshire

www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk



WITH more than half the matches played in the *Inter-County League*, our *Dawes* and *Markham* teams have a healthy lead over their rivals. The *Porter* team are joint leaders with Worcestershire who will be their next opponents in January.

All members are encouraged to support the *65th Midland Counties Congress* to be played at the West Midlands BC on January 9-11. On the Friday there is a variety of events starting at 2pm. The *Swiss Pairs* on Saturday and *Swiss Teams* on Sunday are both green-pointed. Full details can be found in the Congress brochure and on the County website.

Diary dates: Wed Dec 10, Non-Expert Teams, 6.45pm, West Midlands; also the Joyce Hare Mixed Pairs, 7.15pm Moseley. Sun Jan 25, Garden Cities Teams of Eight Heat, 12 noon, Coventry (entries via clubs only). Thurs Jan 29, Seniors Teams with afternoon tea, 1.30pm, West Midlands.

Westmorland

www.bridgewebs.com/westmorland



WESTMORLAND and Cumbria Bridge Associations came together to run the first joint *Teams and Pairs Green-pointed Congress* in September. The event was well organised by a joint committee and well directed by Ken Johnson in the very comfortable Castle Green Hotel at Kendal. The *Teams* event was won by John Whitaker, Keith Stewart, John Halliwell and Linda Smith and the *Pairs* event was won by Andrew Petrie – Catherine Draper with a Westmorland pair, Jean and Mike Patefield, in second place. Interest has already been shown in next year's event, planned



Staffs & Shrops's members Annette Lucas and Mike Cornes, winners of the inter-county Edgar Foster Trophy.

Photo: James Vickers

for Saturday and Sunday September 26 and 27, 2015.

The *Northern League* teams had mixed fortunes. The C team proved to be the most consistent coming out 3rd overall. The B team came 7th= in a closely fought competition.

The county membership continues to grow with its established teaching and development programme.

Wiltshire

www.wcba.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to our *Gold Cup* team, Pat Davies, Chris Dixon, Taf Anthias and Sally Brock, Barry Myers and Rob Sheehan (of other counties) on reaching the quarter-finals.

Worcestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire



THE new season is now in full swing with a number of new initiatives taking place in the county. A programme of *Pro-Am Events*, including both pairs and teams events, has now been added on County Nights at Cutnall Green and a Sunday *Mentored Pivot Teams* event is planned for the New Year. Another new event is the *Inter-club Teams League* which has been received with enthusiasm and is expected to grow over the coming seasons.

Feedback from our members on these events, and any others that they would like to see as we review the calendar for the 2015-2016 season, would be very welcome.

Yorkshire

www.ycba.co.uk/



GRAHAM Jepson has been appointed as a Vice-president of the YCBA. Nick Woolven was elected Vice-chairman and Mark Bratley is joint County Youth Officer. Congratulations to all three.

Jack Stocken is the new bridge correspondent of the *Yorkshire Post* newspaper, succeeding Bill Townsend.

In the *Northern Counties League*, Yorkshire SE won the C *Division* and the county team were second in the B *Division*.

Sandy Davies' team (Tom Gisborne, Arthur Hughes, Richard Pike, Mike Pomfrey and Keith Cornish) won the *Crockfords Plate*. Cheryl and Dave Duddell, Keith Sowerbutts and John Kimpton finished fifth.

In the *Great Northern Swiss Pairs*, Richard Winter and Nottinghamshire's Willy Crook were 2nd, while Carole Kelly – Geoff Kenyon were 5th. Gillian Emerson – Alan Stephenson won the *Great Northern Improvers' Pairs*.

Diary dates: Dec 7, Yorkshire League. Dec 21, Mixed Pivot Teams, Bradford. Jan 4, Yorkshire League. Jan 11, Yorkshire Pairs, Bradford. Jan 24, Yorkshire Schools Pairs, York. Jan 25, Yorkshire League. Feb 1, Doncaster Swiss Pairs. □

December 19th is the closing date for the submission of county reports for the next issue of *English Bridge*.

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COUNTY NEWS – LOCAL RESULTS

Bedfordshire

www.bedsbridge.co.uk



WINNERS of the *BBA Opening Pairs* in September were David Woulds – Monica Lucy.

The *50th Anniversary Celebration* of the BBA took place at Wilstead in October in the form of a two-session *Multiple Teams* event with 14 teams of four competing. Clear overall winners were Nora Gifford – Pat Skelton, congratulations to them both. Former BBA Chairman George Goddard gave a speech on the origins and history of the BBA, and there was a mid-session break for a meal and a glass of wine. BBA Chairman Michael Collins thanked ‘master of ceremonies’ Peter Malpass for organizing the event and Jane Jensen for directing. A good time was had by all – especially by the winners!

Peter Malpass has been appointed as the new County Captain following Brian Keable’s resignation due to ill health.

Diary dates: Thurs Dec 11, BBA Seniors’ Teams, Wilstead, 1.30pm.

Berks and Bucks

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



SWISS Pairs winners of the *Denys Jenkins Cup* were Barry Read – Paul Cockayne.

Diary dates: Dec 7, Mixed Swiss Teams. Jan 11, County Pairs Qualifier.

Channel Islands

www.cwgsy.net/community/cicba/

IN Jersey the *Highfield Summer Cup* was won by Chris Hill from Paul Reed.

Highfield Bridge Club also held its *Golf and Bridge Day* recently. Bridge winners were Pat Panter – Margaret Treacy (N/S) and Peter Farley – Peter Pitcher (E/W). Golf winners were Mike Newman – Aline Staples from John Panter – Fiona Palasmith.

Cornwall

www.bridgewebs.com/cornwall



JUNE Fitness – Cyril Harding won the *County Mixed Pairs* from Jan and Ken Keast. This was Cyril’s first win at this level and, indeed, the first time he had played at Ladock.

Cumbria

www.bridgewebs.com/cumbria/

THE AGM *Pairs* was held after our AGM in August and the winners were Christine Ward – Babs Matthews.

County IMP Pairs winners are Terry McCarron – Philip Walker, followed by William Thomson – Peter Mollart.

The *Simple Systems Pairs* was won by Alison Armstrong – Merle Smith; 2nd were Margaret An Harrison – Mary Edgar.

The *Cumbria Simultaneous Pairs* was won by Mick Howse – Mike Ollerton; Phil Walker – Terry McCarron were the runners-up. Congratulations to all the winners.

Diary dates: Feb 22, Championship Pairs, Carlisle. The County Spring Simultaneous Pairs will be on the week commencing Feb 16. The Cumbria Congress will be once again at the Windermere Hydro, Bowness, on Mar 20-22. Entry forms and details of all our competitions are on the Cumbria website.

Derbyshire

www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire



Summer Swiss Teams winners were team Wells, with team Sowter (who led for most of the event) 2nd; 3rd were last year’s winners, team Smedley.

Winners of the *India Cup* (Multi Teams of Four) was Team Madden (starring in this team was Paul’s son Harry Madden, aged 13); 2. Team Kenny.

Diary dates: DCBA County Pairs, qualifying day Jan 31 with Final and Consolation Final on Feb 1.

Details of events scheduled by our county association can be found on our website www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire This website 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](http://www.bridgewebs.com) site above).

Devon

www.devonbridge.co.uk



PLYMOUTH Congress: congratulations to the following: Mike and Enid Hamon winning the Plymouth Championship. Norman Massey, Nethie White, Jacek Pietryzcki and Mike Orriel winning the Swiss Teams. Novices Events 1. Joan Clarke – Liz Clamp; 2. Damaris Styles – Joy Woosnam. Thanks to Don Pearson for directing and scoring, and to Jenny Thompson for directing the Novices Events.

Dorset

www.bridgewebs.com/dorset



CHOPE Salver: 1. Doris Hutchinson – Joan Lees; 2. Eugene Sheehan – David Gill; 3. Miles Cowling – Andy Hughes. Non Expert winners: Sarah Fazakerley – Andrew Barnett.

Boston Cup: 1. Robin Wright, David Berwitz, Mike McMorran, David Gill; 2. Tim Dunsby, Helen Ackroyd, Jon Holland, Hugh Kevill-Davies; 3. Edward Leatham, Bill Sims, Blanche Johnston, Yvonne Phillips.

Ladies' Championship Pairs: 1. Janet Smith – Anne Allerston; 2. Dawn Gladwinfield – Mooneen Potter; 3. Helen Ackroyd – Ann Sharpley.

Men's Championship Pairs: 1. Tim Dunsby – Chris Guy; 2. Terry Carpenter – Jim Cowling; 3. Mike Fithyan – John Dakin.

Essex

www.essexbridge.co.uk



WELL done Waltham Forest who won the *Fletcher Trophy*. Congratulations on a fine performance by Tony Verran, Stuart Dunstan, Laurie and Stephanie Burt, Colin Elliot, Martin Baker, John Stimson and Ben Hackenbroch.

Congratulations to Martin Smith on becoming a Grand Master. Well done.

Mid-Essex won the *Club Trophy*; their team was Alan Aylott, Margaret Rastin, Jon Ward and Coral Fallon.

Hants and IoW

www.bridgewebs.com/hiwcba/



CANDOVER Swiss Teams, A Flight: Roger Johnson, Michael Gwilliam, John Jones, Adrian Fontes. **B Flight:** Ray Crawford, Heather McGinn, Tricia Brooks, Marian Rudd. **C Flight:** Alan Mansell, Pat Cavanagh, Anne Jenks, Kay Staines.

Diary dates: Dec 14, Yuletide Mini Swiss Teams. Jan 11, Midwinter Mini Swiss Teams. Jan 25, Candlestick Swiss Pairs. Feb 15, Valentine Mini Swiss Teams. All are held at Romsey. Candlesticks starts at 1pm, other events at 2pm.

Dave Huggett is holding a seminar for improvers at Winchester on Dec 7 on 'Successful Defending'. This is from 3-6pm. All entries via the HLOW website or phone Steve ☎ 02380 702934.

Hertfordshire

www.hertsbridge.co.uk



THE *Senior Teams Championship* was won by Malcolm Harris, Rick Irwin, Alan Kay and David Walker.

Diary dates: Dec 7, Rose Bowl. Jan 11, Humble Cup 1st Qualifinal. Jan 25, Championship Pairs Semi-final. Jan 30, Cadet Pairs Final. Feb 1st, Humble Cup 2nd Qualifinal. Feb 8, ECL Herts v Suffolk. All events are held at the Bridge Centre.

Kent

www.kcba.org.uk



KAY Preddy and Norman Selway were the winners of the *Dyer Smith Cup* for the Kent Mixed Pairs Championship. The *Hunter Cup* for the highest-placed married couple went to Gillian and Allan Foster. Congratulations to all.

Lancashire

www.bridgewebs.com/lancs



BOLTON Congress: Ladies' Pairs: 1. Marianne Farr – Rhona Goldenfield; **Men's Pairs:** 1. Paul Evans – Alan Whittam; **Championship Pairs:** 1. Bernard and Rhona Goldenfield; **Congress Teams:** 1. Alan and Kath Nelson, Jeff Smith and Peter Jones.

LCBA Mixed Pairs: 1. John and Judy Brearley.

Leicestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/leicestershire/



IN the *Samani Salver* (the Summer Knockout – Handicap Teams of Four competition) the Westcotes A1 team of Anne Wright, Steve Wright, John Myles, Dennis Davis and Len Kvietkauskas defeated Hinckley in the final.

In the *Samani Plate* (for first round losers) the Grantham B2 team of June Dixon, Percy Hunt, Eileen Cooper and Terry Hyde retained the trophy by beating Golf in the final.

Lincolnshire

www.lincsbridge.org.uk

RANDOM Seeded Pairs: the winners were David and Carol Hall, Tony and Hilary Swann. In the first heat of the *County Pairs League*, the winners were Andrew Green – John Longmuir. In the *Allcomers Duplicate Pairs*, Alan Millington – Maolong Ke were first.

London

www.metrobridge.co.uk



THE *London Mixed Pairs Championship* in September was a very closely fought event, with several re-scorings needed before the final result could be announced. When the smoke had cleared, Chris Duckworth – Ian Payn emerged as winners with 60.6%, just ahead of runners-up Victor Silverstone – Brigid Battiscombe on 60.3% and Stan and Beata Ruminski on 59.2%.

The *Clapham Café Bridge Drive* in September was held on a beautiful sunny day and was as popular as ever. Runaway winners were local residents Robert Sheehan – Susie Lewis on 71.3%, ahead of 2nd-placed Susi Behrmann – Malcolm Morris (who regularly do well in these events) and 3rd-placed Keith Clow – Monica Davis.

Manchester

www.manchesterbridge.org.uk



NORTHERN Counties Bridge League: congratulations to Manchester on making it eight wins out of nine in the *A Division* of the *Northern Counties Bridge League*.

Merseyside/Cheshire

www.mcba.org.uk



THE *Merseyside League* opened the season with its two-session *Swiss Teams* event, which was won by the Amber team, with Abercrombie 2nd.

In the *Simultaneous Pairs* held by Deva BC and their 'twin' in Sens, the E/W winners were Ian Blackhurst – Irena Emberson. In the N/S line, one of the Sens pairs won with Fred Dixon – Pat Pulford in 2nd place. Between the two centres, 33 pairs took part.

Middlesex

www.middlesexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Catherine Seale – Ian Pagan who won the *Tolle mache Trials* and were automatically chosen for the *Tolle mache Qualifier* in November.

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

Diary dates: in December and January there are a number of Mixed Pairs and Championship Pairs heats. For full details please visit the county website which has an extensive competitions calendar.

Norfolk

www.bridgewebs.com/norfolk/



THE *YMCA Trophy*, the last of the summer competitions, was won by Mike Walsh – Roger Amey, with Neil and Laura Tracey coming 2nd.

The *King's Lynn Trophy* was won by Peter Clemens, Brian Barrett, Trish Foster and Tony Graham. This result was changed after the team declared winners on the night realised that they had been credited with a score that they had not earned.

The *EDP/John Harrison Trophy* was won by Gabriel and Giles Ip, with Richard Thornley – Malcolm Connolly as runners-up. This event is for the leading pairs in each club's pairs competition.

The *Houston Trophy* for teams of four was won by Roger Amey, Matt Millson, Mike Walsh and Michael Whiting. Unfortunately this could not be run as a *Swiss Teams* event as there was insufficient support.

The *Smart Trophy*, the first team event that the county has organised on a Point-a-Board basis, was won by Peter and Jan Pennington-Smith and Martin and Jan Pooley.

In the *Eastern Counties League* match against Essex, the A Team lost 8-12, the B Team drew 10-10 and the C Team lost 7-13.

North East

www.neba.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Aileen Cunningham – Mary Page, winners of the *NEBA Swiss Pairs* competition held at Durham Bridge Club, with Peter Allan – Ken Pattison in 2nd place and Wojtek Zakrzewski – John Portwood a close 3rd.

The *EBED Autumn Sims Pairs* in September raised £15,000 with two NEBA pairs finishing first: Aileen Cunningham – Chris Stenning from Morpeth BC on Monday and Malcolm Dawson – David Thompson from Bishop Auckland on Thursday – congratulations! Good luck in the draw for £1,000 being drawn in November at the EBU's AGM.

The *Senior Pairs Trophy* held at Whitley Bay was won by Alex Mathers – Steve Gibson, with Brian Lumsden – Frank Springett a close 2nd, and Carole Newton – Helen Hardy winning the highest NGS ranking. Well done all.

Northamptonshire

www.bridgewebs.com/northants/

Wed Winter League 1: 1. John Josephs, Ross Stacey, Leszek Lubaszewski and John Pearson; 2. Mohan Fonseka, Andy Robinson, Sue Westcott and Brent Hill. *Wed Winter League 2:* 1. Jonathan Watkins, Hugh Williams, Rob Bates and Andy Robinson; 2. Malcolm Orr-Ewing, Leszek Lubaszewski, John Josephs, Ross Stacey. *Sat Winter League 1:* 1. Marcus Witt, Trevor Thrower, Bill Chadwick, Mike Gore Browne; 2. Mike Keogh, Mike Kennedy, Terry and Mary Knights. *Sat Winter League 2:* 1. Bill Simpson, Beryl Peill, Doreen Simpson and Alan Coker; 2. Robin Griffiths, Andrew Bisson, Ben and Joan Gibson.

Somerset

www.somersetbridge.org.uk



WINNERS of recent county competitions were Alan Bailey, David S Jones, Jette Bailey and Roger Sweet (*Paul Jones*) and Steve Tomlinson, Sheila Coda, Ralph and Lesley Smith (*Mixed Teams*). Congratulations to both teams.

Diary dates: Dec 12, Friday County League 4, Woolavington. Dec 20, Saturday Men's and Ladies' Pairs, Woolavington. Jan 3, Saturday County Swiss Pairs, Woolavington. Jan 9, Friday County League 5, Woolavington. Jan 25, Sunday Mixed Pairs, Woolavington.

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



Suffolk Women's Pairs: 1. Jane Moore – Elizabeth Tora; 2. Bim Wilson – Trissa Orange; 3. Stella Hjaltun – Joyce Wood.

Suffolk Men's Pairs: 1. David Morran – Julian Lang; 2. Andrew Moore – David Price; 3. Eric Newman – Mike Malin.

Felixstowe Congress: Swiss Teams: 1. Paul Mollison, Bernie Hunt, Val Mollison, Brian Davies; 2. Malcolm Pryor, Karen Pryor, Eric Newman, Mike Sherer; 3. Chris Chorley, Paddy Murray, Mike Wren, Richard Perryman. *Jack Barnard Trophy* (Non-expert teams): 1. Peter Bushby, Christine Garner, Paul and Christine Rickard. *Championship Pairs:* 1. Graham Grist – Mike Walsh; 2= Malcolm and Karen Pryor; 2= Sandra Nicholson – Krys Kazmierczak. *Consolation Pairs:* 1. Graham Beeton – Jeff Orton; 2. Marcia Levan-Harris – John McCoy; 3. Richard Perryman – Mike Wren. *Open Pairs:* 1. James Tullett – Suzanne Gill; 2. Karen Scott – Jenny Gittins; 3. John King – Bridget Starkings.

Surrey

www.surreycountybridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Sheila and Tony Cockerill who won the *Club Pairs Challenge*, and to Janet Cahm – Marietta Andree who won the *Bank Holiday Swiss Pairs*.

Sussex

www.sccb.co.uk



MANY congratulations to Philip Hunt – Neil Watts who won the *Surrey Green Point Swiss Pairs*. Philip and Neil won all of their seven matches.

Congratulations to Pat Collings – Kathy Williams who were overall winners and to Rosemary Dawe – Brian Poland who won the *B Stratification* grouping in the county *Bognor Basic Bridge Pairs*. Well done too to John Fitton – Jim Downes who at the *Autumn Congress* won the *Simple System Pairs*.

At this year's *Autumn Congress* the *Swiss Teams* was won by Dave Franklin, David Gritt, Gerry Stanford and Andrew Southwell. The two Davids also won the *Swiss Pairs* (and also the *Sir Noel Mobbs Cup* for being the leading Sussex pair) on the second day. The winners of the Non-Expert prize (and also the *Broad Salver* for being the leading Sussex Non-Expert pair) in this event were Mervyn Wotton – Helen Kent. Congratulations to all!

The *Third Annual SCCBA Golf/Bridge* day took place in mid-September and the overall combined bridge/golf winner was John Vermeer.

The trophy for *Best Sussex Junior*, presented and donated by Harold Linfield, has this year been awarded to Stephen Kennedy.

Wiltshire

www.wcba.co.uk



THE season has got off to a good start with the well attended *Mixed Teams* at the end of September, which was won by Roger Karn, Paul Keightley, James Dunlop and Valerie Austwick, followed by the almost over-subscribed *Corsham Pairs* which was won by two of Wiltshire's youngest players, Ambrose Holmes-Mackie and James Green.

It is also nice to see that despite being a small county this year we have 29 teams participating across three leagues.

Worcestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire



The season is now underway and results so far are: *Irene Allen Non-expert Pairs:* 1. Paul Slater – Martin Gill; 2. Margaret Hanson – Ian Lewis. The *Richard Lewis Trophy* was won by Liz Smith – Steve Simmons. *Ladies' Pairs:* 1. Joyce Skelton – Georgina Lineker; 2. Sue Evans – Jane Morton. *Men's Pairs:* 1. Simon Harrison – Brian Stanley; 2. Paul Tapster – Paul Hammond.

Inter-Club Teams: the current leaders in the Inter-Club Teams are: 1. Worcester 'A' (David Thomas, Joyce Skelton, Stewart Fishburne, Mike Vetch); 2. Bewdley (Brian and Carol Varley, Wendy Packwood, Jane Somervell).

Yorkshire

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Congratulations to the following on their achievements in recent events:

Huddersfield Rose Bowl: 1. Geoff Kenyon. June Manning, Judith Biles, Stephen Pollard; 2. Patrick Trevanion, Stuart Barrett, Roger Sharp, Tom Smith; =3. Sheila Galloway, Sue Pell, Carole Kelly, Mark Stead; =3. Angela Booth, Peter Radley, Denis Murphy, Kevin Hawkins.

Kath Grimoldby Simultaneous Pairs: 1. Graham Jepson – Frank Littlewood (Beauchief); 2. Rod Hose – Dave Robinson (Sheffield); 3. George Bak – Gill Copeland (Bradford); 4. Ray Lyall – Ray Hutchinson (York); 5. Roy Garthwaite – Heather Hobson (Huddersfield).

Garforth Swiss Teams: 1. John Hayton, Mike Jackson, John O'Sullivan, Ian Johns; =2. Roy Garthwaite, Heather Hobson, Patrick Trevanion, Stuart Barrett; =2. Cheryl and Dave Duddell, Angela Booth, Peter Radley; =2. Richard Pike, Pete Waterman, Richard Hilton, Pauline Cooper.

Great Northern Swiss Pairs (hosted by the YCBA on behalf of the EBU): Richard Winter and Nottinghamshire's Willy Crook were 2nd; Carole Kelly – Geoff Kenyon were 5th; Terry Read – Martin Ott were 7th, and James Thrower – Sarah Teshome were 10th. *Great Northern Improvers Pairs:* Gillian Emerson – Alan Stephenson were the winners, Sylvia Hall – Christine Willey were 3rd, and Andrew – Kathy Pearson were 4th. □

In Memoriam

ROSA CARTER (Cornwall). Rosa died in September. She had no children of her own but had a loving long-term relationship with a family in the Midlands and died suddenly while on holiday there. Rosa was a larger-than-life character who enjoyed life to the full. She was a keen bowler, playing in Tregony to a high standard. Her bridge was adventurous; she played regularly in several clubs in Cornwall and on many bridge holidays in the UK and abroad. She is missed by her many friends.

DON GLOZIER (Lincolnshire). Don was a member of the Scawby Bridge Club. He was a charming man and always a delight at the bridge table.

MARJORIE THOMAS (Lincolnshire) was a member of Scunthorpe Bridge Club and died suddenly. She was a founder member of the Scunthorpe and District Bridge Association. Her manner at the bridge table made her many friends. Both Marjorie and Don Glozier (above) will be sadly missed.

TONY PRIDAY (London). It is with great regret that the LMBA notes the death of Tony Priday, aged 92, who was an honorary member of the county. No-one in London, or indeed within the whole EBU, can fail to be upset at this sad news. No-one was more prolific as a player, or more consistently entertaining as a columnist. That he was a Vice-President of the EBU confirms his contribution to the game behind the scenes. He was competitive yet charming, and always encouraging – the complete gentleman.

Our sympathies to his widow, Vivian, who made him so happy in recent years, and to his friends in the bridge world, which is, frankly, just about everybody.

NORMAN BRYDON (North East). Over the past few years he lived in the North West and played little bridge. Sadly he passed away shortly after returning from a holiday with his wife Hilda in the Loire Valley where no doubt he enjoyed the odd glass of fine wine. Norman was a fine player who won many North East competitions and represented NEBA on many occasions.

He was an accomplished organ player and a fervent supporter of Sunderland Football Club. He was very keen on gadgets and was often the first to try out new ideas in bidding theory, usually with great success but as our wonderful game teaches us, sometimes with disastrous consequences. He was a very generous and thoughtful man.

RUTH COUBOROUGH (Warwickshire) died on the 3rd October having suffered from cancer for several months. She supported several bridge clubs and played regularly in county and national events. She will be sorely missed.

PETER FOSTER (Yorkshire). With great sadness we report that Peter passed away on 30 September. Peter was a founder member of Doncaster Bridge Club and served on its Management Committee for most of the time of his membership, working hard to ensure its successful operation and development. He also devoted a great deal of time teaching bridge to both beginners and improvers. He was a member of the YCBA Management Board from 2004 to 2008 and for many years organised and directed the New-comers Pivot Teams event. Peter will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife Gail and sons Matthew and Edward, all of whom are bridge players.

HELEN DUNHAM (Yorkshire). We are sad to report that Helen Dunham died on 27th August, at the age of 103. She was a member of Wakefield Bridge Club for over thirty years and played with her husband, Fred. In 2007 they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with a special event at the Wakefield club. Helen used to play for Wakefield in the Yorkshire League, but had been living in Leicestershire since 2009.