

COUNTY NEWS

You will find your County's 'Local Results' (if submitted) and obituaries (in our 'In Memoriam' column) in the online magazine (page 66 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.



Bedfordshire

www.bedsbridge.co.uk



RITA and Brian Keable, Mike Webley and Ernest Schlesinger were 2nd in the *Essex/Herts Swiss Teams* in September. Ron Davis won the *Swiss Pairs* at the *West of England Congress* in Weston Super Mare in October partnering Miles

Cowling.

Angela and Richard Chester were 15th nationally in the *EBU Autumn Sim Pairs* playing at Wardown. At the *Guernsey Congress* Maris Sheppard – Alan Cooke were 4th in the *Seniors' Pairs*, while Brian and Maureen Stairs were 3rd in the *Mixed Pairs*. They teamed up together to come 4th in the *Pivot Teams*.

Diary dates: Thurs, Dec 10, Seniors' Teams, 1pm, Wilstead.

Berks and Bucks

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



AT the *Autumn Congress* Nigel Marlow – Steve Gore were 5th in the *Satellite Pairs Final*; Peter and Dee Lindon, Derek and Celia Oram were 5th in the *Eastbourne Bowl*, and Matthew and Heather Tan, Brian Geary and David Patterson were 4th in the *Burlington Cup*.

Congratulations also to Sally Brock and Nicola Smith who represented England and won bronze medals in the recent *Venice Cup* in Chennai (see pages 23-27).

Please try to play in the pre-Christmas Mixed Swiss Teams on December 6 at Windsor.

HONOR FLINT

We are sad to report the passing of Honor Flint (obituary at www.ebu.co.uk/biographies/honor-flint). Honor was one of the leading players in women's bridge in the 1960s and 1970s. She represented Great Britain in the European Championships three times, winning a bronze medal in 1973, and was twice a winner of the Lady Milne Trophy with England. Some of her victories came under the name of Honor Rye – she later married Jeremy Flint, himself a leading international player, with whom she achieved some of her successes.

Channel Islands

www.cwgsy.net/community/cicba/



GUERNSEY Congress: congratulations to Dan McIntosh – Rob Myers on winning the *Guernsey Swiss Pairs*. The *Monday Pivot Teams* was won by R. Hauge, R. Laland, S. Farnon, R. Plumley.

Men's Pairs: Angus Simpson – Dan McIntosh. *Women's Pairs*: Rosa Richardson – Diana Thorne. *Seniors' Pairs*: Doone Hoong – Pip Duncan. *Mixed Pairs*: Sue Hazlehurst – John Robert. *Seniors' Teams*: B Gardner, N Charles, D Hoong, P Duncan. *Swiss Teams*: R. Hauge, R. Laland, Dan McIntosh and Tim Gauld.

Cornwall

www.bridgewebs.com/cornwall



THE 31st *Cornwall Congress* was held at the Falcon Hotel, Bude for the first time. Winners of the *Championship Pairs* were Howard Kent-Webster playing with England international, Graham Osborne. They also finished a close 2nd to winners, Warner Solomon – Jackie Davies (photo next page), in the *Swiss Pairs*. The *Swiss Teams* was won by Miles Cowling, Stefan Lindfors, Rob Lawy and Alex Maddocks with Jean Harrison, Betty Golding, Norman Massey and Don Pearson 2nd.

Cornish successes at the Congress included Brian and Elaine Relton winning the *Collings Cup*, Rob Mabley – Alan Biggs finishing 4th in the *Swiss Pairs*, and Ann and Bob Bennett winning the *Novice Pairs*.

The Congress will again be run at the Falcon in 2016 – one week earlier on September 9-11.

Diary dates: Jan 9, Falmouth Salver, The Athenaeum. Jan 17, Star Masters & Tredova Cup, Ladock. Jan 31, Teams of Four Championship, Ladock.

Cumbria

www.bridgewebs.com/cumbria/

OUR Blue-point event, the *IMP Pairs*, was won by Babs and Tim Matthews with Ken Johnston – Ian Reeves as runners-up.

The *Cumbria and Westmorland Joint Swiss Weekend* was a resounding success and everyone had a very enjoyable time. The winners of the *Swiss Teams* were Jeff Smith, Jackie Pye, Rhona and Bernard Goldenfield; runners-up were Simon Smith, Tony Bartlett, Ian Smith and Adam Aitken. The *Swiss Pairs* was won by Rodney Lighton – Neil Thomas with the runners-up Peter Richmond – Roger Allison.

Diary dates: Dec 6, Multiple Teams, Barrow. Feb 7, Championship Pairs, Carlisle.

Derbyshire

www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshirF



OUR winter Teams of four and Eight competitions have recently commenced. **Forthcoming events:** Bridge over Christmas: Xmas Party on Dec 16 (see Mary Marshall for tickets); Xmas Pairs on Dec 23; New Year's Pairs on Dec 30.

DCBA County Pairs (all are welcome); we start with three semi-finals: Ringwood Bridge Club – Wed Dec 9, Ripley Bridge Club – Mon Jan 11, DCBA at Spondon – Wed Jan 13. Finals day is at Spondon on Jan 31; the top 1/3 from the semi-finals qualify for our main, Green Point, final.

Pairs who do not qualify for the main final can play in the Hazel Whinfrey Plate (consolation final) but to aid planning please register your intention to play in the consolation event with our Competitions Secretary, Mary Marshall, ☎ 01335 360582 or msbmarshall@w3z.co.uk. The consolation final is a Blue Point event.

Contact the DCBA secretary if you are interested in any of our events – email jimparker@totalise.co.uk.

Devon

www.devonbridge.co.uk



ON the final weekend of the *Brighton Summer Meeting* Michael Hamon was =3rd in the *Teams B Final*. Howard Kent-Webster was in the winning team at the *Northern Ireland Congress*.

At the *Cornwall Congress*, Howard Kent-Webster was 2nd in the *Swiss Pairs*. Stefan Lindfors – Alex Maddocks were in the winning team in the *Teams* and Jean Harrison, Betty Golding, Norman Massey, Don Pearson were 2nd.

In the *West of England Congress*, Warner Solomon (with Roger Sweet) was 8th in the *Swiss Pairs*; Richard Lingham, Ann Slee, Alison Pollok, John Edwards were 10th in the *Swiss Teams*; Roger Luckham – Richard Watkins were 3rd in the *Men's Pairs*.

In the *Western League*, the A and B teams won and the C team lost against East Wales.

In the *Rhodes Overseas Congress*, Warner Solomon won his section in the *Pivot Teams*, was 4th in the *Swiss Pairs* and 3rd in the *Mixed Pairs*. Ruth Edmondson and Brigid McElroy were 4th in the *Ladies' Pairs*.



Warner Solomon and Jackie Davies, winners of the *Swiss Pairs* at the *Cornwall Congress*, with County Secretary Chris Bickerdike (on the left).

Photo: Val Bond

Dorset

www.bridgewebs.com/dorset



SURREY Green-pointed Weekend: Pairs – 1st, Krzysztof Ginda – Mark Hooper; *Teams* – 4th Helen Ackroyd, Chris Stevens, Ann Sharples and Pauline Serby.

West of England Congress: Bob Mott, Ann Sharples, Chris Stevens and Alastair Cowley finished 3rd in the *Green-pointed Teams*.

Diary dates: Mon Dec 7, Weymouth & Hardwick Cups, Multiple Teams, 7pm, Weymouth Bridge Club. Sun Jan 3, Knight Cup, Green-pointed Closed Dorset Pairs, Hamworthy Club, Canford Magna. Sun Feb 7, Frost Rose Bowl (Blue-pointed Swiss Teams), Allendale Bridge Club, Wimborne.

Essex

www.essexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to: *Brighton Congress: Swiss Pairs:* 27th, Tony Verran – Peter Scotting; *Bracketed Teams:* 1st, Chris Taylor, Paul Spencer, Marc Chawner, Sandy Riach; *Stratified Swiss Pairs:* 4th, Chris Taylor. *Northants Midweek Congress Swiss Teams:* 3rd, Chris Taylor. *Beds & Northants GP Teams:* 2nd, Chris Taylor.

Essex/Herts Weekend: Pairs: 3rd, Ray Clarke – Robert Elliott; *Teams:* 3rd, Sandy Riach, Chris Taylor, Paul Spencer, Marc Chawner. *Felixstowe Congress: Championship Pairs Final:* 1st, Ann Morgan – John McCoy; *Consolation Final:* 1st, Robert Elliott – Sandy Riach, 3rd, Brian Davies; *Swiss Teams:* 1st=, Bernie Hunt, Paul and Val Mollison, Brian Davies.

EBU Rhodes Congress: Swiss Pairs: 5th, Graham Foster – Frances Alexander; *Pivot Teams:* 1st, Chris Taylor. *EBU Autumn Congress: Really Easy Afternoon:* 4th Alan and Carolyn Veats, 5th, Pascaline Mower – Pat Reeves.

Diary dates: Dec 27, Really Easy Afternoon. Jan 10, Swiss Pairs. Jan 30-31, Woodham Ferrers Congress. Feb 13, Play with an Expert. Feb 21, Ray Cornell Trophy.

Hants and IOW

www.bridgewebs.com/hiwcba/



WINNERS of the *Nicko Plate:* Gosport (Phil Downham, Mahmoud Nurmohamed, John Jones, Adrian Fontes). *Crockfords Plate:* 2nd, J. Baker, R. Hyde, J. Sherringham, A. McDonald. *Autumn Congress Main Teams Final [Eastbourne Bowl]:* 1st, Jeremy Dhondy. *West of England Congress Swiss Pairs:* 1st Miles Cowling – Ron Davis. *Welsh Fours:* =3rd, Jeremy Baker – Guy Lawrenson. *Surrey One-day GP Swiss Teams:* 2nd Miles Cowling, Andy Hughes, Steve Preston, Dave Huggett; 4th, Pauline Serby – Helen Ackroyd. *Surrey One-day GP Swiss Pairs:* =4th Dennis Hoey – Gordon Clarke.

Diary dates: Dec 13, Yule Tide Teams (Xmas drinks at 1.40pm. Play starts 2pm). Jan 10, Midwinter Teams, 2pm. Jan 24, Candlestick Swiss Pairs Blue-pointed, 1pm. All held at Romsey. Entries via HIOW website or Steve Preston (02380 702934).

Herefordshire

www.herefordshirebridge.co.uk

MANY congratulations to Tony Forrester who was in the England Team that came 4th in the World Championships (see pages 23-27).

Full results of all county competitions are on our website.

Diary dates: Jan 22, Inter-club Teams Round 3, 7pm, Ledbury. Feb 27, Club Teams of Eight, 10.30am, Tarrington. Mar 5, Championship Pairs, 10.30am, Tarrington.

Hertfordshire

www.hertsbridge.co.uk



MANY congratulations to Gary Conrad, the HBA's Chief Tournament Director, on his promotion as EBU Senior Congress Tournament Director.

Hertfordshire v Norfolk: another clean sweep for the county. The A team won 16-4; the B team won 17-3; the C team won 16-4.

Diary dates: Sun Dec 6, Desmond Flockhart Trophy, 12 noon, The Bridge Centre, Gosling Sports Park. Sun Jan 10, Humble Cup 1st Qualifinal, 12 noon, The Bridge Centre, Gosling Sports Park. Sun Jan 24, Championship Pairs Semi-final, 12 noon, The Bridge Centre, Gosling Sports Park. Sun Feb 7, Humble Cup 2nd Qualifinal, 12 noon, The Bridge Centre, Gosling Sports Park. Fri Feb 19, Cadet Pairs Final, 19.30, The Bridge Centre, Gosling Sports Park. Tue Feb 23, HBA Simultaneous Pairs at the following clubs: Berkhamsted, Harpenden Tuesdays, Hitchin, Letchworth Heritage, Leverstock Green, New Hertford, Watford & Bushey.

Isle of Man

www.manxbridgeunion.org



THE 49th Annual Isle of Man Bridge Congress was held in Douglas in September. It was a bigger event than for some years and while most of the top prizes went overseas, there were some strong local performances. Pick of the locals was Grand Master Erika Slatcher who, with partner England Senior International John Holland, won the *Mixed Pairs* event on day one. The *Swiss Teams* was won by the Manchester-based foursome of Croswell, Thrower, Mackay and Myers (most of whom were in the winning team from last year). The main event of the weekend was the gruelling three-session *Swiss Pairs* which concluded on the final night. The winners, by the closest of margins, were visitors Stuart Davies – Paul Belsten from Sue and Nick Woodcock. Paul De Weerd – Bernard Palmer turned in the best local performance with a remarkably good 4th place.

Planning has already begun for the 2016 Congress, the 50th, which promises to be a bit special.

Kent

www.kcba.org.uk



MANY congratulations to the Kent B and C teams who won their sections of the *Metropolitan Cup*. Kent B Team: Colin Wilson (Captain), Gerald Soper, Bill Charlwood, Jon Chapman, Steve Barnfield, Frances Connell, Norman Inniss, Stefan Splywczak, Keith Ashcroft, John Hemington, Tony Price, Robin George. Kent C Team: Gwyneth and Sarah Chapman, Ann Cox, Val Golding, Barbara Schulz, David Powell, Gillian and Alan Foster, Graham and Lyn Foreman, Colin Game, Pat McBain.

Congratulations to Michael Prior – Mike Hampton for coming =1st in the *Surrey Green-pointed Swiss Pairs* in September.

Diary dates: Sun Jan 10, Men's Pairs (Hunter Homines)

and Ladies' Pairs (Fleming Femina) 11am, TWBC. TWBC County Teams of Eight Competitions: Div 3 Mitchell Salver, Sat Jan 23, 11am, TWBC; Div 1 Corbett Cup and Div 2 Corbett Plate, Sun Jan 24 and Sun Feb 7, 11am, TWBC. Sun Apr 3, Larsy Cup Final, 11am, TWBC.

Lancashire

www.bridgewebs.com/lancs



CONGRATULATIONS go to Catherine Draper on being a member of the England Ladies' Team that won a bronze medal at the *World Championships* in Chennai (see pages 23-27).

In the *Northern Bridge League*, Lancashire A finished 3rd out of six teams, Lancashire B 1st out of eight teams and Lancashire C 2nd out of seven teams. Lancashire B has now won the title three years in a row under the captaincy of John Brearley.

Diary dates: Dec 6, Lytham Rose Bowl, Lytham Bridge Club. Dec 20, Santa Claus Pairs, Manchester Bridge Club. Jan 2-3, Manchester Congress, Victoria and Albert Hotel. Jan 10, Preston Blue-pointed Teams, Preston Bridge Club. Jan 23, LCBA Butler Pairs, Lytham Bridge Club. Feb 7, LCBA Championship Pairs, Blackburn Bridge Club.

Leicestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/leicestershire/



THE county teams have played two matches in the *Midlands League*. Results are: Sep 13 vs Worcester (Home) – Dawes won 14-6, Porter lost 5 - 15, Markham lost 7-13; Oct 7 vs Oxford (Away) – Dawes won 14-6, Porter lost 6-14, Markham lost 5-15.

Diary dates: Jan 13, Stanley Trophy Round 4, Glenfield. Jan 13, Wilde Cup Non-expert Teams, County BC. Jan 14, Pairs League Round 1, Rothley. Jan 24, Midland League vs Nottinghamshire, away. Jan 27, Josephs Bowl Round 2, Blaby. Jan 27, Butterworth Langley Trophy Round 1, Blaby. Feb 10, Stanley Trophy Round 5, Glenfield. Feb 11, Pairs League Round 2, Rothley.

Lincolnshire

www.lincsbridge.org.uk

DIARY dates: Those pairs who qualify through the club heats, may play in the Bainton semi-final at Dunholme on Sunday January 31. The qualifiers from the semi go on to compete in the Bainton final, at Dunholme, on Sunday February 28 at 1.30pm.

London

www.metrobridge.co.uk



AT *Brighton*, many congratulations to Antony Milford who won the *Seniors' Teams*, with Roger Morton – Mike Hill in 2nd place; Nick Dean, winner of the *Brighton Plate* and Jeff Clargo, *One-Day Swiss Pairs* winner. In the *4-Star Teams*, John Reardon was 3rd in the *A final*, Gad Chadha – Ingar Hansen =1st and Michael Alishaw – Sam Behrens =3rd in the *B final*. Toby Nonnenmacher was 2nd in the *Brighton Bowl* with David Gold 3rd; the *Midweek KO Teams* was won by Tom Townsend.

Well done to Alex Hydes who won *Crockfords* with Andrew Robson, David Gold and David Bakhshi 2nd; Kieran Dyke,

winner of the *Great Northern Swiss Pairs*; Oscar Selby, leading junior at the *JTI*; Angus Simpson winner of the *Men's Pairs in Guernsey*.

Diary dates: Jan 31, Palmer Bayer (No Fear Pairs), 1pm. Feb 7, Ian Gardiner Trophy (Championship Teams), 11.30am – both at YCBC. Feb 27-28, Lederer Memorial Trophy, RAC.

Manchester

www.manchesterbridge.org.uk



THIS month our report is to be found online on page 67.

Merseyside/Cheshire

www.mcba.org.uk



IN the *Welsh Foursomes* held in late August, the winners were David Stevenson, Liz Commins, Mark Weeks, Stuart Matthews.

The *North Wales One-day Pairs* event was won by Alan Stephenson with Bernard Burns of Yorkshire; Stuart Matthews – Mark Weeks were 2nd. This foursome were also very successful in the *Northern Midweek Congress*, finishing as runners-up in the *Swiss Teams*.

Our three teams did not star in this season's *Northern Bridge League*, though the A team did win their final round comfortably and the C team finished a creditable 3rd in their division.

Diary dates: Jan 30-31, Chester Congress. Feb 7, County Trials. Feb 21, Jean Keen trophy (Women's pairs), MBC. Mar 6, Eric Howarth Trophy (GP Teams).

Middlesex

www.middlesexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Nevena Senior and David Burn (coach) on winning bronze medals representing the England Ladies in the *Venice Cup* held in Chennai, India in October (see pages 23-27). Simon Cope was NPC of the Open team, who finished 4th in the *Bermuda Bowl* after suffering two consecutive last-board losses!



London's Nick Dean, winner with Olivia Bailey of the Brighton Plate.

Photo: EBU

More congratulations to Nevena who was on the winning *Crockfords Cup* team; to Tony Waterlow on winning the *Eastbourne Bowl* at the *EBU Autumn Congress* and to Peter Hasenson – David Sherman for winning the *Middlesex Tollemache Trials*.

In the *Metropolitan Cup*, Middlesex A finished in joint 1st place while the B & C teams both came 2nd. Well played all.

Diary dates: TGRs Bridge Club are holding their 7th annual Auction Pairs tournament on Jan 9-10, see www.tgrsbridge.com

Norfolk

www.bridgewebs.com/norfolk/



THE initial stages of the ambitious project to create a Norfolk County Bridge Centre are already in motion. Discussion amongst the Norfolk Contract Bridge Association (NCBA) affiliated clubs has already successfully taken place and members voting on the issue, including application for charitable status, took place at the AGM on October 18. Of those members who used their vote, the result was approximately 4:1 in favour of applying for charitable status, and very nearly 2:1 for the idea of a permanent Centre.

The devil is in the detail, and the hard work is probably only just beginning, but we have *Great Expectations*.

North East

www.neba.co.uk



ADVANCE Notice: The **2016 NEBA Congress** is again to be held in the splendid bridge facility at the Marriott Metro-Centre Hotel from November 5-7, 2016. All main events, Saturday Swiss Pairs and Sunday Swiss Teams, will be Green-pointed.

Northamptonshire

www.bridgewebs.com/northants/



Congratulations to the following Northants players: the team of Rob Miller, Jim Deacon, Dan Baines, Mark Tilley and Chris Wormleighton who won the *Crockfords Plate*; Keith Nash – Simon Few, who won the *Pairs Championship* at the *Bedford Congress*; Rob Miller – Tim Durdin who finished 2nd in the *Derbyshire Green-pointed Swiss Pairs*.

Kettering Bridge Club's Porch Trophy will take place at Kettering Bridge Club on Sunday December 6. This is a two-session Swiss Pairs event. Entries to Colin Tuton.

Diary dates: Sun Dec 6, Porch Trophy, Kettering. Sat Dec 12, Saturday Winter League, Stamford. Wed Dec 16, Wednesday Winter League, Northampton. Sat Jan 9, Saturday Winter League, Stamford. Wed Jan 20, Wednesday Winter League, Northampton.

Nottinghamshire

www.bridgewebs.com/nottinghamshire



AT the *NCBA Green Points* event in July Ankush Khandewal – Steve Raine were the best Notts pair in 5th place. Steve also did well at the *Brighton Summer Meeting*, leading his team to 3rd qualifying place in the *Four Star* event.

Oxfordshire

www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk



FURTHER results from the *EBU Brighton Summer Congress*: congratulations to Chris Cooper's team who won the *Midweek Knockout Teams*. Chris Cooper – Ed Jones qualified for the second weekend's *Swiss Teams' Four Stars A Final* and

Robert Procter – Michael Robinson qualified for the *B Final*.

Congratulations to Ed Jones who was in the winning team in the *Crockfords Cup*.

Jean Squires was 2nd in the *Confiance Guernsey Congress Seniors' Pairs*.

At the *Autumn Congress*, Cathy Rowland – Mary-Ann Sheehy qualified for the *2 Stars Pairs' Championship Final*. Matthew Covill – Diana Nettleton, Chris Wilson – Abbey Smith qualified for the *Satellite Pairs Final*. Robert Procter – Aleksandar Lishkov were 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs* and Hugh Thomson – Mike Webley were 4th. Both Freddie Illingworth's and Chris Wilson and Abbey Smith's team qualified for the *Eastbourne Bowl*, the *Premier Teams Final*. Congratulations to Mary-Ann Sheehy, Christopher Whitehouse, Aleksandar Lishkov and Cathy Rowland on winning the *Sussex Cup* (photo below).

Somerset

www.bridgewebs.com/somerset



SOMERSET successes in the *West of England Congress: Swiss Teams*: =3rd, Sharleen Weir – Tony Russ; 5th, Dave Latcham – Shelia Coda; 7th Joseph Patrick, Michael Whittaker, Daphne Patrick, Ken

Bawdon. *Men's Pairs*: 1st, Tony Russ and partner; 4th, Michael Whittaker – Roger Sweet; 5th, Ken Bawdon – Mike Powell. *Ladies' Pairs*: 1st, Sheena Lanham – Ann Bawdon; 5th, Gina Howard – Caroline Macpherson; 6th, Barbara Biggin – Anne Skinner. *Championship Pairs*: 1st, Sheena Lanham – Graham Heal; 3rd, Barbara Biggin – Anne Skinner; 5th, Frank Colman – Colin Simcox. *Mixed Pairs*: 2nd, Donne Huong – Pip Duncan who were also winners at the *Guernsey Congress Seniors' Pairs*.



Sussex Cup winners at the Autumn Congress, all from Oxfordshire CBA: Mary-Ann Sheehy, Aleksander Lishkov, Cathy Rowland and Christopher Whitehouse.

Photo: EBU

The result of the matches with East Wales were: A won 13-7, B lost 4-16, C won 14-6; and vs Wiltshire: A won 13-7, B won 17-3, C won 12-8.

Staffs and Shrops

www.staffsandshrops.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Keith Shuttleworth, Lawrence Haynes, Annette Lucas, Mike Cornes, Helen and Peter Lees on winning the teams trophy in the *Edgar Foster Cup*.

Dan Crofts and Andrew Thompson finished 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs* at the *Rhodes Overseas Congress*.

Jason and Justin Hackett finished 4th in the *Bermuda Bowl* (see pages 23-27) and Paul Hackett reached the *D'Orsi Trophy* quarter-finals, also in Chennai. In the *Cavendish*, Jason, Justin and Paul dropped to 6th place, one spot outside the money.

The County Congress will take place at the Park Inn, Telford on April 16-17. Contact Judy Mitchell on ☎ 0174 3235374 or email mitchellmj@btinternet.com for further information.

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



ANOTHER excellently attended *Felixstowe Congress* saw very competitive finishes in all events. The next Green-pointed event in Suffolk will be the East Anglia Bridge Weekend at Ipswich UCS the first weekend of March. In January we have the Mid-Anglia Pairs and the Bury Swiss Pairs, both blue-pointed.

Surrey

www.bridgewebs.com/surrey



PLEASE note above the address of the new website and paste it into your favourites.

Congratulations to Bernard Themis – Angela McCready who were part of the winning team at the *Rhodes Congress* (photo next page). Lloyd and Gitte Sarsby were runners-up in the *Satellite Pairs* at the *Autumn Congress*.

Diary dates: Sun Jan 24, Mixed Pairs, Oxshott. Sun Feb 21, Men's & Ladies' Pairs, Oxshott. If insufficient numbers of pairs of each gender enter for this competition, it will be run as one event.

After over 25 years of service to the Surrey Committee as Competitions Secretary, Frances Trebble is retiring from that role. The Committee warmly thanks Frances for her sterling work on behalf of the county. In future we would urge players to book online using the new website. If you do want to book by phone please call Shirley Pritchard on ☎ 02085407636.

Sussex

www.sccba.co.uk



SEVERAL Sussex players took part in the *Surrey Green-pointed Weekend* at Guildford and the best placed was Stephen Kennedy who, with Michael Alishaw, finished 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs*. Well done!

Dave and Jill Armstrong won the *Swiss Pairs* at the *Autumn Congress*, and Mike Keeping, Philip Hunt, David Benjamin and Matthew Read won the *Congress Teams*.

Congratulations also to Dave and Jill Armstrong who were presented at the EBU Summer Meeting with the Tom Bradley award for their significant contributions to Junior Bridge.

Well done to Oliver Powell who received the trophy for the best Sussex junior of 2015. Oliver is a member of the England Junior Squad and has played recently for England.

Diary date: please remember to enter the New Year Swiss Teams at Henfield on Sun Jan 10, starting at 1pm. Further details on the SCCBA website.

Warwickshire

www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk



ALL county players are encouraged to support the Green-pointed Congress early in the New Year: Fri Jan 8, various Blue-pointed Pairs events, 2pm; dinner (available to pre-order), 5.45pm; Blue-pointed Open Teams 7pm. Sat Jan 9, Stratified Green-pointed Swiss Pairs, 12.30pm. Sun Jan 10, Stratified Green-pointed Swiss Teams, 11.30am. Further details and a brochure can be found on the website

The county is looking for someone to write this column with immediate effect, the next issue being February 2016 (*likely deadline 13th December*). Anyone interested should contact Stephanie Galvin (email stephandbob@live.co.uk or phone ☎ 01675 443291) or the County Secretary Sandra Squires (email sandra.squires@gmail.com).

Diary dates: Dec 9, Non-expert Teams, 6.45p.m. West Mids, Joyce Hare Mixed Pairs 7.15p.m. Mos. Jan 8th-10th Midland Counties Congress West Mids. 13th Non-expert teams 6.45p.m. West Mids, 31st Teams of 8 Garden Cities Qualifier (entry via clubs), 12 noon, Coventry.

Westmorland

www.bridgewebs.com/westmorland



ANOTHER successful *Cumbria & Westmorland Green-pointed Congress* was held at the end of September with near maximum entries for the teams and pairs events. To avoid disappointment, enter early for next year: September 24 (Teams) and September 25 (Pairs). Jeff Smith, Jackie Pye, Rhona and Bernard Goldenfield won the *Teams* and Rodney Lighton – Neil Thomas won the *Pairs*.



Photo: EBU

Rhodes Congress Swiss Teams winners: David Jones & Jan Duncan (Avon), Angela McCreedy & Bernard Themis (Surrey), with Hannah Williams from Bridge Overseas.

The *Northern League* has just finished with Westmorland coming 3rd overall in the B Division and although the C Division were well placed with one round to play, 'a bad day at the office' saw them finish 6th overall.

The team of Philip and Sally Wraight, Peter Boadman and Glenda Lloyd did well to win the *B Teams* final at the *Scarborough Summer Congress*.

The Westmorland County Day is set for Sunday, January 17 at the Carus Green Golf Club (Kendal) and this will take the new format of being an open handicap pairs event with the option of a meal in the evening (see website).

Worcestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire



THE *Irene Allen Trophy*, open to all-comers below the rank of Regional Master, was held in October. This was closely contested but also extremely successful and enjoyable, with entries up by over 50% from last year. It was won by Sally Martin –

Wilf Atkinson, with Vic Laver – Eric Myers winning the *Richard Lewis Trophy* for players holding the rank of Master or below.

The *Pro-Am Teams* event in October was also open to all-comers and was hugely entertaining. Sixteen boards were played, leaving plenty of time for drinks, nibbles, socialising and discussing whether and when the 'Pros' had played better than the 'Ams' – or not! Chris Flood, playing with Mike Willoughby, and Elaine Bell, playing with Eddy Blackburn, made off with the prizes.

Yorkshire

www.ycba.co.uk/



IN the EBU's *Great Northern Pairs* event, hosted by YCBA, Joan and Brian Eager won the *Improvers' Pairs*, while in the *Swiss Pairs*, Sarah Teshome – Tom Cohen were 2nd and Tom Copeland – Alan Hayward were third.

In the *Derbyshire Green-pointed Weekend* Graham Jepson – David Musson won the *Swiss Pairs*, and Sandy Davies, Tom Gisborne, Baz Caygill and David Waxman the *Swiss Teams*. Simon and Jack Stocken won the Monday heat of the *British Autumn Simultaneous Pairs*.

At the EBU's *Rhodes Congress*, Sandy Davies – Tom Gisborne won the *Swiss Pairs*. The Leeds team of Robin Jepson, Alan Brosgill, Martin Edge and Nick Woolven were the losing finalists in the EBU's *NICKO Plate* competition.

Congratulations to all.

Diary dates: Dec 6, Yorkshire League (match 3). Dec 20, Yorkshire Pivot Teams, Bradford. Dec 27, EBU Really Easy Afternoon, Bradford. Jan 10, Yorkshire League (match 4). Jan 24, Yorkshire League (match 5). Jan 31, Yorkshire Cup, Leeds. Feb 7, Doncaster Swiss Pairs. □

December 13th is the closing date for the submission of county reports for the next issue of *English Bridge*. Please e-mail: lou@ebu.co.uk

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Bedfordshire

www.bedsbridge.co.uk



CLEAR winners of the *BBA Opening Pairs* in September were Janis Maurins – David Woulds who scored 68%. Derek and Janet Marsh won the *BBA Mixed Pairs* at Wilstead in October.

Channel Islands

www.cwgsy.net/community/cicba/



COUNTY results: *Lower Restricted Pairs*: 1. Mary Horton – Sarah Amy, 2. George Couzens – Joyce Tonkinson.

District results: *Guernsey Lower Restricted Pairs*:

1. Sylvia Lawrence-King – Melvyn Russell, 2. George Couzens – Joyce Tonkinson. *Butler Pairs*: 1. Dan McIntosh, 2. Martin Jones. *Jersey Lower Restricted Pairs*: 1. Mary Horton – Sarah Amy, 2. Susan Batty – Sue Griffiths.

Jersey Club results: Highfield Bridge Club: *Summer Cup*: 1 = Mike Newman and Paul Reed.

Cornwall

www.bridgewebs.com/cornwall



THE *County Mixed Pairs Championship* was won by Val Manicom – Andy Tooley with Jenny Cant – John Hardisty runners-up.

Cumbria

www.bridgewebs.com/cumbria/

OUR AGM was held in August, followed by the *AGM Pairs* competition which was won by Christine Ward – Colin Woods.

The *County Autumn Sims* was won by Ian Smith – Tony Bartlett with a score of 71.32%, followed by Wendy Owen – Alan James.

Derbyshire

www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire



DETAILS of events scheduled by our county association can be found on our website www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire.

County Results: *Mixed Teams* winners were Don Smedley, John Griffin, David and Mary Marshall. *India Cup* winners were Don Smedley, John Griffin, Cedric Cockcroft and David Briggs. *Swiss Teams* winners were Don Smedley, John Griffin, Richard Edwards and Robert Ross.

Men's Pairs winners were Paul and Harry Madden. *Ladies' Pairs* winners were Maggie Beale – Patricia Smith.

Devon

www.devonbridge.co.uk



ALL county results, committee news and minutes, etc. are to be found on the website www.devonbridge.co.uk.

Dorset

www.bridgewebs.com/dorset



BOSTON Cup: 1. Mark Hooper, Phil Norman, Christine Bradley, Guy Lawrenson; 2. Edward Leatham, Nick Forrest, David and Sue Dunwell; 3. James and Shirley Dutton, Rod Marks, Geoff Fogg.

Essex

www.essexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to all the following: *EBED Autumn Sims: Wed 9/9*: 6th, Simon Moorman – Chris Taylor; 9th, Tanya Genthe – Richard Register. *Thurs 10/9*: 2nd, Graham Foster – Yekky Sannie-Lampety; 4th, Marc Chawner – Ray Clarke; 6th, Andrew Mundy – Paul Cast; 15th, Paul Spencer – Chris Taylor. *British Autumn Sims: Tues 6/10*: 2nd, Jon Ward – Alan Aylott; 6th, Paul Spencer – Marc Chawner; *Wed 7/10*: 3rd Paddy Murray – Steve Curran.

Eastern Counties League: vs Beds: A team won 15-5, B team lost 9-11, C team lost 2-18. *Vs Cambs & Hunts*: A team lost 1-19, B team lost 8-12, C team won 13-7.

Hants and IoW

www.bridgewebs.com/hiwcba/



CANDOVER Swiss Teams: 1. Jeremy Baker, Fred Hotchen, Phil Norman, Guy Lawrenson. *HIOW Pairs*: Jeremy Baker – John Dakin.

Diary dates: Dec 13, Yule Tide Teams (Xmas drinks at 1.40pm; start of play 2pm). Jan 10, Midwinter Teams (2pm start). Jan 24, Candlestick Swiss Pairs Blue-pointed (1pm start). All held at Romsey. Entries via HIOW website or to Steve Preston on ☎ 02380 702934.

Herefordshire

www.herefordshirebridge.co.uk

AT the county AGM in September, Dave Weller was elected to succeed Bob Underhill as Treasurer, who has retired from this role after many years. The other officers were re-elected: Roy Milnes (Chairman), Chris Chowney (Secretary and Membership Secretary) and George Barrett (County Captain).

Hertfordshire

www.hertsbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Celia and Derek Oram, Alan Kay and David Walker, as winners of the HBA *Senior Teams* in September.

Congratulations to Stan and Tara Harding, Andrew Doye and Mike Rawlins for winning the *Green-pointed Swiss Teams* held at Haileybury School in September.

Congratulations to Nic Fergusson – Geoff Seal, both members of Watford BC, winners of the October HBA *Really Easy Pairs*.

Lancashire

www.bridgewebs.com/lancs



BOLTON Congress: Ladies' Pairs: 1. Marianne Farr – Rhona Goldenfield; *Men's Pairs:* 1. Alan Whittam – Jeff Smith. *Championship Pairs:* 1. Barrie Newall – Brian Ripley. *Congress Teams:* 1. Neil Thomas, Nicholas Greer, Rodney Lighton and John Currie.

Leicestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/leicestershire/



IN the *Samani Salver* (the summer knockout – handicap teams of four competition) the Clarendon North team defeated the Clarendon South team in the final. In the *Samani Plate* (for first-round losers) the County B team beat Bradgate B in the final.

The *Otto & Edith Mixed Pairs Championship* was won by Richard Smith – Alison Nichols, with Paul and Susan Bowyer 2nd, and Bharat Thakrar – Jenny Grant 3rd. The non-expert prize was won by Tracey Bridges-Webb – John Nolan.

In the *Stanley Trophy* (Butler Pairs), Heat 1 was won by Len Kvietkauskas – Alan Lord from Susan Bowyer – Joan Gibson.

Lincolnshire

www.lincsbridge.org.uk

RANDOM Seeded Pairs: 1. Nick Hunter, Ruby Schnalke, Brenda Bassford, Zubair Ahmed; 2. Guy Grainger, Emer Ward, Debbie Burton, John Gaunt; 3. Glynn Elwick, Peter Stackhouse, David and Sally Williams. The event attracted twenty-four pairs and was enjoyed by all. Helen Barr was the Director.

Newcomers Duplicate Pairs: 1. Maurice Lynn – Jenny Knowler; 2. Adrian Underwood – Andy Tomlinson; 3. Margaret Foster – Robert Tatum.

This event introduced several people to county events. Fifteen pairs attended and it was enjoyed by all. Please keep supporting county events.

London

www.metrobridge.co.uk



THE *Newcomers League* was won by Concentric, captained by Peter Bryant with 10CC, led by Jennifer Taylor, 2nd.

The *Clapham Café Bridge Drive* was held once again in mid-September, raising £800 for Trinity Hospice. Dominic Flint – Pamela Reiss, winners of the last Tonsleys Café Bridge, came 3rd this time, behind Sati McKenzie – Chris Watkinson in 2nd place. The clear winners were Mike Skelly – Margaret Hamilton.

The *Mixed Pairs Championship* attracted a good entry of thirty-six pairs. The winners were Gill Hutchinson – Douglas Dunn, who led almost throughout the event and finished nearly 4% ahead of the rest of the field. Second were Lyn Fry – Ian Pagan, with Ben Green and Allison Green 3rd.

Manchester

www.manchesterbridge.org.uk



WORLD Championships: well done to Catherine Draper on her bronze medal in the *Venice Cup*. Also to John Holland and Paul Hackett on reaching the quarter-finals of the *Seniors*, and to Jason and Justin Hackett on reaching the semi-finals in the *Bermuda Bowl* (see pages 23-27).

Michael Byrne, in partnership with Kieran Dyke, won the *Great Northern Swiss Pairs*. Michael and Kieran were also part of the team that were joint winners of the *EBU Autumn Congress* in Peterborough.

In the 2015 *NICKO*, Manchester A (David Debbage, Jason Hackett, Ollie Burgess, Catherine Draper and Andrew Woodcock) lost in the semi-finals.

EBU Autumn Simultaneous Pairs: congratulations to Ken Hassell – Ian Kane who, playing at the Marple heat, won nationally with a score of nearly 72%. This is the fifth time they have won a national Simultaneous.

At the *Rhodes Overseas Congress* Rhona and Bernard Goldenfield, Joy and Irving Blakey came 2nd in the *Swiss Teams*.

Congratulations to Manchester on making it nine wins out of ten in the *A Division* of the *Northern Counties Bridge League*.

Diary dates: Dec 20, Santa Claus Pairs, Manchester Bridge Club. Jan 2-3, Manchester County Congress, Victoria & Albert Hotel, Water St, Manchester, M3 4JQ; entries to Jeff Smith, e-mail jasmith@nildram.co.uk or ☎ 0161 702 3773.

Merseyside/Cheshire

www.mcba.org.uk



CHESTER Bowl (charity pairs) *main final:*

1. David Flacks – Laurence Stone, 2. Julian Merrill – Paul Roberts. *Consolation final:*
1. Adam Wiseberg – John Fitzgerald, 2. Carole McKinnon – Diane Calvert.

Merseyside League: the pre-season *Swiss Teams* was won by Pentagon with Amber as runners-up.

North East

www.neba.co.uk



THE *Swiss Pairs* on August 19 (held mid-week for the first time) was won by Frank Springett – Mike Stanbury; Ray Green – Gill Gold were runners-up with 3rd place going to Nichola Cockerill-Smith – Bev Godfrey. The NGS Prize was won by John Moor – Catherine Longley.

Winners of the *King Cup* (Ladies' Pairs) were Val Gibson – Bev Godfrey; runners-up were Rhonda Foster – Liz Reese with 3rd place going to Jocelyn Gordon – Pamela Niven. The NGS Prize was won by Eleanor Foley – Grace Brown.

The *Senior Pairs* event, held in September simultaneously (for the first time) at Whitley Bay and Darlington resulted in an extremely close finish. Winners were Desmond Dunleavy – Stella Findlay just ahead of Don Reid – David Brickland, with Bob Watts – Liz Reese in third place. Congratulations go to all successful players.

Northamptonshire

www.bridgewebs.com/northants/



WED Winter League 1: 1. Brian Davies, Maggie Jones, Jean Raven, Gerard Lawlor; 2. Graham Lightfoot, Robert Spencer, Chris Cassin, Lol Tolbutt.

Sat Winter League 1: 1. Mike Keogh, Mike Kennedy, Larry Stuart-Jones, Angela Abbott; 2. Marcus Witt, Trevor Thrower, Bill Chadwick, Mike Gore Browne.

Sat Winter League 2: 1. Marcus Witt, Trevor Thrower, Bill Chadwick, Mike Gore Browne. 2. Brendan Alston, Frank Isack, John Prior, Steve Mossey.

Nottinghamshire

www.bridgewebs.com/nottinghamshire



IN the *Winter Pairs* on the second Wednesday monthly, the September event was won by Gordon Fullerton – David Burgess and the October event by Anthony Pettengell – Toni Smith.

Oxfordshire

www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk



THE OBA *Men's Pairs* was won by Alan Wilson – Nick Smith with Bill Timms – Ashley Cooper in 2nd place.

The OBA *Ladies' Pairs* was won by Brenda and Claire MacDonagh, with Esme Alden – Hilde McIlvenna in 2nd place.

The OBA *Tuesday Teams* (May-September) was won by Sandra Claridge – John Williams.

Diary dates: Dec 6, Midland Counties League v Staffordshire. Jan 24, Midland Counties League v Warwickshire.

Staffs and Shrops

www.staffsandshrops.org.uk



THE next Simultaneous Pairs will be on Tuesday, January 26, at S&SCBA clubs which have Tuesday sessions.

The next of the popular No Fear Pairs events is to be held on Thursday, February 25, at Wolverhampton Bridge Club.

Somerset

www.bridgewebs.com/somerset



CONGRATULATIONS to *Mixed Pairs Championship* winners Andy Ridgers – Sheena Lanham, with David and Gina Howard runners-up

The winners of the *Mixed Teams of Four* were Graham Heal, Roger Sweet, David and Gina Howard.

Results of *Non-expert teams:* 1. Daphne Greaterix – Les Borrett, Naomi Moltan and Margaret Adams. *Non-expert Pairs:* 1. Daphne Greaterix – Les Borrett. *No Fear Pairs:* 1. Nary Loakes – Charlie Sutton.

Diary dates: Sat Dec 12, Men's and Ladies' Pairs and No Fear Pairs, Woolavington. Sun Jan 10, County Swiss Pairs, Woolavington. Sun Jan 31, Non expert Teams, Woolavington.

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



IN the *Men's Pairs* the 'run' continued – David Price and Andrew Moore championing in the odd years.

This year they left little to fate, posting a remarkable 78% score. In the Women's event Jane Moore – Elizabeth Tora retained the *Ladies' Bowl*. 1. David Price – Andrew Moore, 2. Elizabeth Tora – Jane Moore, 3. Steve Berg – David Green, 4. Jan Havard-Davies – Adele Wayman.

Warwickshire

www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Brian Lawless – Dominic Connelly on winning the *Edgar Foster Cup*.

Linda Stocks – Sue Cope won the *Ladies' Pairs Championship* with Elayne Meakin – Lin Birch runners-up.

Ian Handley – Darren Evetts won the *Men's Pairs* Championship with Philip Colman – Dennis Gough runners-up.

Westmorland

www.bridgewebs.com/westmorland



THE county's two clubs of Kendal and Windermere continue to have good attendances, catering well for beginners, improvers and players.

Worcestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire



THE *Ladies' Pairs* was won by Stephanie Forward – Linda Gervis, with Eileen Oakley – Wendy Packwood runners-up. In the *Men's Pairs* Richard Jephcott – John Sansom won handsomely, with Dennis Loynes – Steve Kennewell runners-up.

Elsewhere, Steve Allerston and Nick Forward have started the new season well, holding the leading position in both the *Pairs Ladder* and the *Phillips Pairs*. The *Grand Prix Teams* is closely contested with Nothing to Declare, Witley Wanderers, Unquote and Jet Set within three points of each other. Droitwich, the holders, are leading the *Inter-Club Teams* but Worcester 1 and Worcester 2 are both only a single VP behind.

A Christmas Swiss Teams will be held on December 14 and all County Members are encouraged to come along for a light-hearted and enjoyable evening with the proceeds going to charity.

Yorkshire

www.ycba.co.uk/



CONGRATULATIONS to the following on their achievements:

Northern League: in *Division 1*, Yorkshire A1 were 2nd and Yorkshire A2 were 5th. In *Division 2*, Yorkshire B were 4th. In *Division 3*, Yorkshire SE were for the second year running, and Yorkshire NW were 5th.

Olicana Invitational Swiss Teams: the winners were Stuart Davies, George Bak, Gill Copeland and Steve Blackburn.

Huddersfield Rose Bowl: the winners were Angela Booth, Peter Radley, Denis Murphy and Kevin Hawkins.

YCBA Autumn Sim Pairs (Kath Grimoldby Trophy): 1. Tom Copeland – Alan Jarvis; 2. Tom Cohen – Robert Ross; 3. Graham Jepson – Frank Littlewood; 4. Glen Ashmore – Jim Proctor; 5. Kevin Hawkins – Heather Hobson.

Garforth Swiss Teams: the winners were Richard Hilton, Pauline Cooper, Richard Pike and Pete Waterman.

EBU *Really Easy Afternoon* (Bradford): the winners were Kathy and Andrew Pearson. □

MASTER SOLVER VIDEOS

CHECK out three excellent 'Master Solver' videos filmed at the World Bridge Teams Championships in Chennai by David Bakhshi (www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMDE83om9dQ),

Master Solver With David Bakhshi
WBOfficial
242 views

Simon Cope (www.youtube.com/watch?v=18Af_y6OHZ0)

Master Solver with Simon Cope
WBOfficial
178 views

and David Gold (www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-zs2SEWnE).

Master Solver With David Gold
WBOfficial
134 views

In Memoriam

STANLEY RITTER (Essex). We are sorry to report the death of Stanley Ritter, aged 93. Stan played for Essex for many years. He developed an alternative to the Stayman convention over 1NT, which was awarded a general licence by the EBU and named after him; it is still played today. Wherever he played, his beloved wife, Rhoda, accompanied him to watch, rather than play. He learnt to play bridge in his forties and achieved the rank of Premier Life Master. He started to teach bridge when he was eighty but, unfortunately, his memory started to fail him and he had to stop both teaching and playing. He was a very competitive person but always a kind, gentle man.

BILL PARSONS (Lincolnshire). It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Bill Parsons, after a short illness. Bill was Chairman of Louth Duplicate Bridge Club. He represented the club on the County Committee for several years. He undertook the onerous task of arranging, and fielding, teams for the various Midland Leagues for about ten years. He never failed in this task.

He was a great supporter of the game and always thinking. His input will be sadly missed by everyone. Condolences are sent from the County Committee and members to his friends and family.

ROY EDWARDS (Staffs & Shropshire), aged 75 years, died on Friday 23 October, in Compton Hospice, after a long and difficult battle against cancer. After growing up in West Bromwich, he taught himself to play bridge in his thirties and became a very enthusiastic player initially in North Birmingham and then at Wolverhampton Bridge Club. He was an excellent player, achieving the national rank of Grand Master.

Many players have happy memories of enjoying bridge weekends in the Cotswolds in the 'eighties and, later, Hilton Hotel holidays that Roy organised along with David and Marilyn Jones.

Roy will be sadly missed. It may be quieter at the bridge table but members agree that his contribution to the club will be difficult to replicate.

BRIAN O'DONNELL (Wiltshire). It is with deep regret that we report the death of Brian O'Donnell on 3rd August 2015, twenty months after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Brian faced this challenge with his customary positive and cheerful outlook.

Brian acquired his life-long fascination with bridge while commuting from Brighton to London. His career took him overseas – to Rome, USA and Tokyo, where he gave bridge-lessons in Gaijin and English. Brian was a Tournament Director and diligent Treasurer for Malmesbury BC for several years, and later joined the Wiltshire CBA committee. In later life he partnered Gill Messer, and gave her great support until she died in 2013.

He will be greatly missed by the many people and organisations that knew him.

MAVIS BAMFORD (Yorkshire, 1927–2015). Mavis Bamford passed away on 12 September 2015. She had been a member of Halifax Bridge Club since 1961, and also a life member of Keighley Bridge Club and a member of Brighouse Bridge Club. Mavis played for over fifty years in the Yorkshire League and in numerous county and national events. □