

COUNTY NEWS

You will find your County's 'Local Results' (if submitted) and obituaries (in our 'In Memoriam' column) in the online magazine (page 67 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



IN the *Northern Easter Festival* Suzy Lawson came 2nd in the *Swiss Pairs* and 3rd in the *Mixed Pairs*. In the *Devon Congress* Graham Hartley, Rob Lawy and Trevor Ward were in 2nd place in the *Swiss Teams*. At the *National Pairs Final*, David Jones finished in 4th place and Tim Brierley – Mike Elliott were 6th.

In the *Western League* the A team had another big win against Cornwall and are hot favourites to win the Division needing at most 5 VPs from their last match. In the B Division there are only 10 VPs separating the top five teams, so the last match may see some drama!

Bedfordshire

www.bedsbridge.co.uk



WINNERS of the *Green-pointed Swiss Teams* event held at the Vauxhall Recreation Centre in Luton in March were Bedford's Janis Maurins – David Woulds who teamed up with Middlesex's Barry Murray – Linda Quigley.

Ron Davis – Pam Pearce were 8th nationally in the *Portland Pairs* while competing in the Oxford heat. Peter Malpass – Roger Kerkin were 2nd in the *Ranked Regional Masters Pairs*. Alan and Saroj Ellis did well in the *EBU Spring Sim Pairs* on 13th April, coming 7th nationally while playing at Wardown. Alan Cooke and partner were 2nd in the *Lanzarote Congress Mixed Pairs* in February.

Berks and Bucks

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



Ed Scerri – Gary Jones (with Jerry Harouni – Ray Robinson from Middlesex) beat Janet de Botton's star-studded team in Round 3 of the *Gold Cup*.

At the *London EBU Easter Festival*, in the *Swiss Teams*, Colin Simpson came 4th and Gary Jones and Tim Rees were 6th.

Carole Mueller – David Perkins won the *National Pairs Regional Final* in Solihull with Chris Mooney – David Killick runners-up. Valerie and Mark Bannister won one of the *Pairs* events at the *EBU Really Easy Weekend* on March 6. Well done also to Paul Cockayne – Barry Read, 2nd in the *Life Masters* at the *EBU Ranked Masters Pairs*.

Sam Botfield – Nigel Cooper (playing at Reading BC) and David Grieve – Giles Brisbourne (playing at Seer Green BC) came 8th and 10th respectively in the *Club Stratified Pairs* played on Thursday 12th March.

Get your entries in for the Green-pointed Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams on 20 and 21 June, and the Teams event for the Perkins Cup on July 7.

Cambs and Hunts

www.cambsbridge.org



IN the Home Internationals, Paul Barden – Jonathan Mestel played for England in the first weekend of the *Camrose*, finishing top of the cross-IMPs; Catherine Jagger played in the *Lady Milne*.

In the *Portland Bowl*, Cambridge B (Kyle Lam, Michael Alishaw, Freddie Illingworth, Toby Nonnenmacher, Stefan David and Helen Holmes) beat Cambridge A in the semi-final and Manchester A in the final to retain the trophy for the university.

David Kendrick was 2nd in the *Open Pairs* at the *London Year End Congress* and 4th in the *Swiss Pairs* at the *Easter Congress*, ahead of Victor Milman, Nadia Stelmashenko, Adam Bowden, Carina Negreanu who were tied in 10th place.

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

Channel Islands

www.cwgsy.net/community/cicba/



TOP two at the *CI Green Point Swiss Pairs* were Howard Basden-Smith – Sue Rankin (1st) and Gillian and Peter Pitcher (2nd).

Cornwall

www.bridgewebs.com/cornwall



MANY congratulations to Viv Mably – Graham Hoare (Devon), who were third in the Exeter heat of the *Portland Pairs*. They won £60 each, plus lots of green points.

With only one match to play, against Hereford, all three *Western League* teams are well placed in their divisions. The results so far have been splendid. Out of eighteen matches played, fourteen have been won, one drawn and three lost. The C team remains undefeated and leads their division with a 13.5 average match score.

Sadly, John Heath has died from cancer. Obituary to follow with the next magazine.

Diary dates: entries for the Cornwall Congress – at the Falcon Hotel, Bude, on September 18-20 – are already coming in. This year the Championship Pairs will be on the Friday, with Green-pointed Swiss Pairs and Teams on Saturday and Sunday. Entries to Chris Bickerdike as soon as possible, please.

Cumbria

www.bridgewebs.com/cumbria/

OUR Congress was held at the end of March in the Hydro Hotel, Bowness, overlooking the lovely lake Windermere.

Janet Sheppard, our Congress Secretary for the last sixteen years, stood down and she was thanked for her sterling work arranging and organising the Congresses. Cumbria Chairman, Trevor Ward, presented her with a token of thanks and appreciation. Babs Matthews will be our new Congress Secretary.

Congress Results: *Friday Open Pairs*: David Sheppard – Andrew Clery; *Ladies' Pairs*: =1. Sue Woodcock – Maureen McConkey – Rosemary Jackson – Marjorie Swan; *Gents' Pairs*: Ian Smith – Adam Aitken. *Swiss Teams*: Babs and Tim Matthews, Joyce and Bill White. *Congress Championship Pairs*: Ian Reeves – Tony Bartlett. *Consolation Pairs*: Linda Smith – John Halliwell. *Champagne Pairs*: Catherine Draper – Michael Prior.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Derbyshire

www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire



HARRY Madden has been selected for the first ever *England U15 Team* and will represent our country in Tromsø in July (in the *European Championship*). He also came second in the *U19 Pairs* (at the *Easter Festival* in London) partnering Daniel Winter from Yorks.

Forthcoming competitions: our popular *Swiss Teams* event has just started (runs fortnightly for twelve sessions) and we have a new *Swiss Pairs* event running throughout the summer starting on May 20 (runs fortnightly for six sessions); all teams/pairs are welcome, it is not compulsory to play in all sessions. This year we have a new *Green Point* organiser so if you are interested in playing in either our *Swiss Pairs* on September 26 or our *Swiss Teams* on September 27 please contact Ian Blake (igblake@aol.com).

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

Playing in the county: details of events scheduled by our county association can be found on our website www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire

Devon

www.devonbridge.co.uk



THE DBA AGM will take place at the Isca Centre on Sunday, June 14 followed by *Swiss Teams*. Full details will be on the website and notices at clubs. As always the County and sections would welcome new volunteers to help with everything.

Once again the *Devon Congress* was almost sold out with 56 tables in the pairs and 59 in the teams. The *Swiss Pairs* was won by Rob Cliffe – Alan Mayo (London and Essex), who overtook Clare Hamon (Devon) and Robert Dixon in the last match, and the *Swiss Teams* was won by Torquay members Ian Walsh, Peter Bowles, Mike Orriell and Jacek Pietrzycki.

Congratulations to Gillian Fawcett, Jane Moore, Warner Solomon and Ian Walsh on winning the *Swiss Teams* at the *Avon & Wiltshire Green Point Weekend* in March; and to Warner Solomon on finishing 2nd in the *Portland Pairs* with Caroline Macpherson (Somerset).

Diary date: Sun June 14, AGM and *Swiss Teams*.

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

Dorset

www.bridgewebs.com/dorset



CONGRATULATIONS to Mark Hooper – Krzysztof Ginda who finished 2nd at the *National Pairs* championship. A great result being in the top two throughout the weekend. They also won the *Regional Final* at Leatherhead.

Congratulations to Mark Hooper – Ron Heath who finished in the prizes in the *Swiss Pairs* at the *Devon Congress* and with team-mates David Gill – Eugene Sheehan finished in the top ten in the *Swiss Teams*.

Diary dates: June 21, *Dorset Green-pointed Teams*, Hamworthy Club, Canford Magna, Wimborne. July 19, *Dorset Green-pointed Pairs*, Hamworthy Club, Canford Magna, Wimborne.

Essex

www.essexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to all of the following: *National Pairs Regional*: 5th, Paul Mollison – Bernie Hunt; 7th, Simon Moorman – David Piper, both pairs qualifying for the *Final*.

Bedford One Day Green Point Teams: 3rd=, Chris Chorley, Paddy Murray, Richard Perryman and Mike Wren.

Portland Pairs: 33rd, Martin and Sandy Smith; 35th, Laurie and Stephanie Burt.

Easter Really Easy Pairs: 3rd, David and Jean Cannan; 7th, Iris Ireton – Mary Downes.

The Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association

On behalf of the English Bridge Union



Great Northern Swiss Pairs

This is a National Green Point Event

Sat - Sun, 3rd - 4th October 2015

This is a 2-day event organised by the Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association on behalf of the EBU (Quality Hot Buffet food included in entry fee)
Improvers Pairs, Sunday 5th October

To be held at:
The Hilton Hotel, Leeds

Entries & Enquiries:
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www.ycba.co.uk

London Easter Congress: *Swiss Pairs*: 2nd, Tony Verran.

Sim Pairs: British Spring Pairs: Wed: 1st, Alan Cohen – George Wilcox. Mon: 5th, Ray Clarke – Charles Matthews; 32nd, John Sutcliffe – Len Williams. *Club Stratified Sims*: Mon: 7th, Simon Moorman – Peter Oake; 15th, Brian Davies – Val Mollison.

Diary dates: June 7, George Curtis Teams. June 21, Warboy's Cup and Club Pairs. June 28, Pro/Am Pairs. July 8, Summer Seniors Pairs. July 18–19, Essex & Herts Green Point Weekend.

Gloucestershire

www.gcba.org.uk



WE are putting a lot of effort into our Youth Bridge work. We have had useful talks with Alison and Joan in Oxfordshire, and we want other areas to know what we are doing so that we can share good practice and learn from each other.

We are holding a Youth Summer workshop in July and a Learn Bridge in a Weekend for teachers in the holidays too. Details from Ro Kaye via the GCBA website. Ideas welcome.

Hants and IoW

www.bridgewebs.com/hiwcb/



PORTLAND Pairs: Lilian Lamont – Mike Fithyan, winners of the Bournemouth heat and 6th nationally. **National Pairs Regional Final** at Bristol: Miles Cowling 2nd. **Devon Congress:** John Jones – Adrian Fontes, joint 4th in the *Swiss Pairs*; John Dakin, 4th in the *Swiss Teams*. **Wilts/Avon GP Swiss Pairs:** 3rd, Miles Cowling – Bob McRobert; 4th, Lesley Lewis – Dave Willis. **Beck Cup** (Oxfordshire's Invitation Teams of Four): 1st, Christine and Richard Ray, Karen Dewar – Gary Reynolds. **Chiltern League Teams of Four:** 1st, Michael Beer; 2nd, Peter Cherrett.

Diary date: Jun 7, AGM and Ranked Pairs, Romsey. Entries via HIOW website or Steve Preston on ☎ 02380 702934.

Herefordshire

www.herefordshirebridge.co.uk

THERE have been mixed fortunes in the *Western League*. With six of the seven matches played, the A Team have lost two and are 3rd, the B Team have won two and are 6th, but the C Team have won five and still have a chance to win the league.

Two Herefordshire pairs (Sarah Mathews – Peter Watts and Stephen Booth – George Richardson) qualified for the *National Pairs Final* from the Bristol Regional Final.



Photo: Richard Sismons

Christina Davies (left) and Elizabeth Laurent from Maidstone Bridge Club, winners of the Club Stratified Sim Pairs event on Wednesday 11 March 2015.

The Glos & Herefordshire Green-pointed Swiss Pairs & Swiss Teams will be held on July 18-19 at the Larruperz Centre, Ross-on-Wye. Entry forms are on both counties' websites.

Full results of all county competitions are on our website.

Diary dates: July 18-19, Gloucestershire & Herefordshire Green Point Events, Larruperz Centre, Ross-on-Wye. Sept 4, Annual General Meeting, 7pm, Much Birch.

Hertfordshire

www.hertsbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Helen Robinson – Mark Westley who won the *Portland Pairs* (see page 62).

Diary dates: July 18, Green-pointed Swiss Pairs, Wodson Park, 12 noon, Ware. July 19, Green-pointed Swiss Teams, 12 noon, Wodson Park, Ware.

Kent

www.kcba.org.uk



MANY congratulations to John Amor – Peter Taylor winners of the EBU *Easter Festival London Swiss Pairs 'A Flight'*. A heat of the *Portland Pairs*, held at Tunbridge Wells, was won by Epsen and Helen Erichsen. Christina Davies – Elizabeth Laurent won the EBU *Club Stratified Sim Pairs* on Wednesday 11th March, playing at Maidstone Bridge Club (photo below).

There are some additions to the Archive pages on the website with biographies of Bill and Gay Bright, John Cullingworth, and revised biographies of Frere Allnutt and Philip Brook.

Lancashire

www.bridgewebs.com/lancs



CONGRATULATIONS to Nick and Sue Woodcock, Stuart Clarke, Bill Carr on winning the *LCBA Knockout Teams of Four* and earning the right to represent Lancashire in the *Pachabo Cup*.

Diary dates: June 27-28, President's Cup, Spondon Bridge Club, Derby. July 12, Lancashire v Cumbria, Lytham Bridge Club. Aug 3, Preston Pairs, Preston Bridge Club.

Leicestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/leicestershire/



CONGRATULATIONS to Ben Norton who was in the EBU Under-20 team which won the *Peggy Bayer Trophy*.

Final *County Teams* result: March 29, Home vs Derbyshire – 1st team won 14-6, 2nd team lost 8-12, 3rd team lost 2-18. Final league positions are: 1st team (*Dawes League*) – 7th place; 2nd team (*Porter Cup*) – 6th place; 3rd team (*Markham Trophy*) – 6th place.

Portland Pairs: Ian Bruce – Pat Watson won the Solihull heat and this placed them in 23rd position overall.

Diary dates: June 10, LCBA AGM & Presentations, Greenfields. July 18, Green Point Pairs, Spondon. July 19, Green point Teams, Spondon.

Lincolnshire

www.lincsbridge.org.uk

CONGRATULATIONS to David Dichmont (17), Aaron Hutton (17), Anne Hutton (15) and James Buman (13) (photo

on page 42) who represented the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Horncastle in the national *Schools Cup* at Loughborough Grammar School. They were the only state school to take part in the event and they played very well to take 2nd place. This after only twelve months tuition! Thank you to the teachers from Louth Bridge Club.

Diary dates: June 21, County AGM, Dunholme Village Hall, followed by AGM Pairs. No table fee.

London

www.metrobridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Mike Bell who won the *Pairs* at the *Yeh Bros* in Shanghai (page 43). Also to Jasmine Bakhshi who won the *Under-19 Pairs*, Michael Alishaw and Toby Nonnenmacher who won the *Portland Bowl* (page 38), Angus Simpson – Claire Robinson, 2nd in the *Masters Pairs*, Marion Robertson – Mike Bell, 3rd in the *Portland Pairs*, Tim Chanter – Helen Wildsmith, 3rd in the *National Pairs Regional Finals*. Well done at the *Easter Festival* to Anita Sinclair, David Gold, Andrew Robson, Zia Mahmood who won the *Swiss Teams*, with Heather and David Bakhshi 2nd and Tom Townsend 3rd; Matt Harman who won the *Really Easy Pairs*; Tom Townsend – Mark Teltcher, 3rd in the *Championship Pairs*; Mark Davies – Richard Creamer, 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs A*; and John Hitchman, 2nd in the *Swiss Pairs B*.

The 2015 *Lederer Trophy* was won by the England Open team of Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester, David Gold and David Bakhshi; 2nd were the de Botton team with Ireland and the Gold Cup Winners equal 3rd.

Manchester

www.manchesterbridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Michael Byrne – Mike Bell on winning the *Yeh Bros Pairs* in Shanghai (see page 43). They dominated the final, finishing 136 IMPs clear of 2nd-placed

Paul Hackett.

Manchester University A team lost in the final of the *Portland Bowl* for university teams (see page 38). Very well done to Kirstyn Fuller, Mitchell Dytham, Kelvin Lau, Max Sampson (and Alex Combe in an early round).

Alan Mould – John Holland had a successful weekend in the *Northern Easter Festival*. They were 2nd in the *Open Pairs*, 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs* and won the *Swiss Teams* with Gary Hyett and Willie Crook. Joint 2nd in the *Swiss Teams* were Nicholas Greer, David Debbage, John Parsons and Ed Levy.

Diary dates: Sun June 7, Summer Intermediate Pairs, Altrincham. Sat July 18, Michelle Brunner Memorial Trophy, Manchester. Sun July 19, Manchester Green Point Teams, Altrincham.

Merseyside/Cheshire

www.mcba.org.uk



IN the *North Wales Spring Congress* Bob Pitts – Barry Jones finished 2nd in the *Swiss Pairs* and David Stevenson – Liz Commins were 3rd. Bob and Barry then joined up with *Pairs* winners John Salisbury – Mike Tedd to win the *Teams*. Barry and Bob also won the *North Wales Pairs* event for the *Laszlo Trophy*. Paddy Murphy – John Hampson were 2nd.

Well done to Chris Pope – Peter Kaufmann for their runners-

up spot in the *Manchester One-day GP* event in March.

Diary dates: June 4, Liverpool Open Teams, LBC. June 11, Jim Davies Swiss Teams, Heswall BC. June 21, Match v Derbyshire. June 25, Bridge4Fun, MBC. June 27, President's Cup, Derby. June 30, Bill Hughes Sim Pairs. July 27-30 British Summer Sim Pairs.

Middlesex

www.middlesexbridge.co.uk



IN the London *Easter Congress* Janet de Botton – Artur Malinowski won the *Championship Pairs*.

In the *National Pairs Final* Tony Waterlow and Waseem Naqvi came 3rd.

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

Norfolk

www.bridgewebs.com/norfolk/



THIS year's *Norfolk Congress* at the Wensum Valley Hotel in Taverham was a great success with players travelling from all round the UK – and even one player from Bulgaria!

Congress Secretary Maureen Kimbley said: 'I thoroughly enjoy being part of our organising team, as well as taking part. We offer a friendly and convivial weekend for players of all standards. If you've never dared to try a Congress before, just start with Friday afternoon and/or evening, though we'd love you to book the whole weekend.'

Congratulations to Paul Hutchings who has won the *Masterpoint Trophy 2014 Norfolk Unranked, Club Masters and District Masters*. Paul, who has only been playing bridge for four years, paid tribute to his regular partners Diane Walker and Graham Ware for helping him progress – not to mention long-suffering wife Sue for her patience, encouragement and support when she first played with him at bridge clubs.

North East

www.neba.co.uk



WE are pleased to congratulate the NEBA Team of Val Gibson, John Atthey, Bill March and Clive Owen on their outstanding success in reaching the national knockout final of the *Hubert Phillips Bowl*. The final, which will be against the 2014 winners, will be played in late July/early August.

Regrettably the *Newcastle Bridge Club Congress* will not now take place in 2015 but it is hoped that members will continue to support this event in future years.

We announce that John Dobson, Scorer and Webmaster at Bishop Auckland Bridge Club, took on the role of NEBA Press Agent from the beginning of the year.

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

Northamptonshire

www.bridgewebs.com/northants/



IN the final *Eastern Counties League* match of the season against Cambridgeshire, the A team won 16-4, the B team won 11-9 and the C team won 18-2. The A team finished the season in

2nd place and the B team in 3rd place. The C team won their division and will represent the Eastern Counties in the *National Inter-County Leagues Finals*.

Congratulations to Robert Miller – Daniel Baines for winning the *Grand Masters Pairs*.

Nottinghamshire

www.bridgewebs.com/nottinghamshire



NOTTS finished the county season with close matches against Leicestershire (11-9, 10-10 and 2-18) and Derbyshire (12-8, 20-0 and 6-14). Next season starts against Oxfordshire (10th May) and Warwickshire (28th June).

Nationally Willie Crook starred winning the *Harrogate Swiss Teams* and the *Northern Easter Festival Teams* as well as qualifying for the *National Pairs Final* with Daniel Crook.

John and Irene Auld won the *Leicestershire Green Point Pairs* and came 7th in the *Portland Pairs*. Congratulations also to Kyle Lam who captained Cambridge B to win the Universities Championship for the *Portland Bowl* (see page 38).

Oxfordshire

www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Aleksandar Lishkov – Chris Wilson (photo below) on winning the *National Masters* at the EBU *Ranked Masters Pairs*. Aleksandar's team were 2nd in the *Swiss Teams* at the *Harrogate Congress*.

At the *Bedfordshire Swiss Teams*, Paula Hopkinson, David Patterson, Hugh Thomson and Mike Webley were 2nd. Rob Dixon came 2nd and David Southcombe 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs* at the *Devon Congress*. At the *Norfolk Congress* in March Judy Wesselbaum – Ruth Kim won the *Markwell Trophy*.

Congratulations to the county teams who won the *Dawes* and *Porter Leagues*, and were 2nd in the *Markham League* in the *Midlands County League* this year.

Hampshire won the *Beck Cup*, Oxfordshire's Invitation Teams of Four.

Freddie Illingworth and Laura Covill played in the England team which retained the *Peggy Bayer Trophy*. Freddie was also in the *Portland Bowl* winning Cambridge B team.

Diary dates: Tue June 9, OBA AGM. Sat & Sun June 13-14,



Oxfordshire's Chris Wilson and Aleksandar Lishkov, winners of the National Masters at the EBU Ranked Masters Pairs

Photo: EBU

Oxfordshire Congress. Thurs July 16, OBA Management Committee.

Somerset

www.somersetbridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Caroline Macpherson who came 2nd in the *Portland Pairs* out of hundreds who entered the competition.

Andrew Robson returns to Somerset on November 19 to present two seminars at the Webbington Hotel.

Staffs and Shrops

www.staffsandshrops.org.uk



DAN Crofts is the man in form. After winning the *Premier Grand Masters* with Jason Hackett he went on to win the *Shropshire Congress Teams*, with Ed Levy in the team; 2nd was Richard Horsley's Derbyshire team. Dan finished 3rd in the *Pairs*, with Manchester's Rodney Lighton – John Currie and Brian Nicholls – Keith Shuttleworth ahead of him. Pat Embrey – John Higgs won the *No Fears* section with Judith Griffith – Shirley Redford 2nd.

On the international scene Paul Hackett, with Ireland's Tom Hanlon, picked up the US\$10,000 second prize in the *Yeh Bros Cup* in Shanghai (see page 43). Paul also won the *Seniors' Teams* in Belfast.

Diary dates: June 10, Mixed Pairs Championship, 7.15pm, Wolverhampton BC; contact Judy Mitchell on 01743 235374 or email mitchellmj@btinternet.com

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



DEBBY Sutcliffe – Maria Allnutt, David Wiseman – Eric Wright, Sarah Farr – Nick Farr all qualified to represent Suffolk in the *Corwen Trophy*. Team Price (David and Jenny Price, Jane Moore and Rosemarie Mascall) have qualified to represent Suffolk in the *Pachabo*.

Jane Moore was part of the England team that finished a close second to Wales in the *Lady Milne*.

Diary dates: Sun July 5, Club Players Championship, Stansfield. Wed July 15, Senior Pairs, Clare.

Surrey

www.surreycountybridge.org.uk



TONY Quilley – Richard Rule won the *Regional Masters* at the *Ranked Masters Pairs*.

Brian Gladman was runner-up in the *Flighted Swiss Pairs* at the *London Easter Festival*. Jamie Muller was also a runner-up, in the *Under-19 Pairs* at the same event.

A team containing Jeffrey Allerton, Frances Hinden and Graham Osborne won the *London One Day Green Point Swiss Teams*.

Among the winners of the *Pairs* at the *Really Easy Weekend Spring Break* were Ruth Rettie – Dilwyn Edwards.

Diary dates: Sun June 14, AGM Swiss Pairs, 1pm, Ripley; please remember to bring your own tea. Enter via the Surrey web site or contact Frances Trebble ☎01252 679883 or email f.trebble@ntlworld.com

Sussex

www.sccbaco.uk



THE *Gladys Hakki Trophy* is awarded annually to a Sussex member who has given outstanding service to county and club over a number of years. This year's very worthy winner is Bob Whiting, pictured below being presented with the 'trophy' by SCCBA Chairman Andy Ryder at the SCCBA AGM. His actions speak louder than any words but a written record of his achievements is set out on the county website and is a continuing inspiration to us all.

Diary dates: Sun June 7, 40th Candles Congress, Henfield. Sun June 28, SCCBA Venture Pairs, West Sussex BC. Sun July 19, EBU/SCCBA Green Point Swiss Teams, Crowborough. Entry forms and more information on the SCCBA website.

Warwickshire

www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk



DENNIS Gough had more than his fifteen minutes of fame when, as part of the 'Five Diamonds' team, he beat the *Eggheads* on the BBC 2 programme of the same name (see page 40).

The *Markham* team having retained the *Inter County League Trophy* will now compete in the final on 28th June. Good luck to them.

Diary dates: Sun June 7, Mentored Novice Pivot Teams, 1pm, Stratford. Sun June 14, Introducing Duplicate Play, 1.30pm, West Mids. Sat June 27, Non-Expert Pairs (0-10 years experience), 1.30pm; Frank Cup – Handicap Teams & Goodman Qualifier & Cock O' County Butler Pairs Challenge 12 noon, and the AGM at 4.00pm; all events at West Mids. Wed July 1, Ann Ormond Pairs, 7.15pm, Moseley. Thurs July 9, Seniors Pairs, 1.30pm, West Mids. Fri July 17, City of Birmingham Cup – Butler Pairs, 7pm, West Mids.

Wiltshire

www.wcbaco.uk



IN the Wiltshire & Avon Green Point Weekend in March, congratulations to Pat Davies – Katharine Hodgson for winning the *Pairs*; joint winners for the *Teams* were Gillian Fawcett, Jane Moore, Warner Solomon, Ian Walsh and Sonia Blandy, Georgie Dalton, David Hale, Brian Johnson.



Photo: Sussex, CBA

Bob Whiting of Sussex being presented with the Gladys Hakki 'trophy' by county Chairman Andy Ryder.

The KO is starting earlier this year and should be under way by now. Also, a reminder for Wiltshire members to enter their teams for next season's leagues by July 1st.

Worcestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire



AS the current season draws to a close, we look forward to some important changes, which are intended to make some of the county competitions more accessible to our members, in the new season. The most significant of these is that the *County Closed Teams* has now been made knockout throughout and we expect that eliminating the need to play in a qualifying round will enable a larger number of teams to compete.

In the *County League*, there was an increase in the number of teams playing in the No-Fear divisions, which have proved extremely popular, last season. As more teams choose to play their matches in the daytime rather than the evening, we expect that the number of teams entering this very sociable and enjoyable series of matches will continue.

Yorkshire

www.ycbaco.uk/



CONGRATULATIONS to Daniel Winter, who has been selected for England in the Under-15 section of the *European Youth Teams Championship*, to be played in Tromsø, Norway, in July.

Bill Townsend – Tony McNiff won the EBU's *Northern Pairs*; Ian and Julie Grant were in the winning team in the *Leicestershire Swiss Teams*, and Cheryl and Dave Duddell were fourth in the EBU's *Portland Pairs*.

At the *Northern Easter Festival*, in the *Swiss Pairs* Alan Jarvis – Suzy Lawson were 2nd; Phil Morrison – Tom Cohen were 5th.

Phil Godfrey – James Thrower won the *National Pairs Final* (picture below).

Diary dates: June 10, Affiliated Clubs Teams, Tickton. June 14, Castle Swiss Pairs, Huddersfield. June 18, John Gerrard Sim Pairs. June 19, AGM, Bradford. June 21, Malton Teams, York. July 1st, Peter Littlewood Pairs, Bradford. July 5, Newcomers' Pivot Teams, Bradford. July 12, Waddington Cup, Leeds. July 19, Fritch, Doncaster. □



Photo: EBU

Yorkshire's Phil Godfrey and James Thrower, winners of the National Pairs Final.

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Avon

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THE *County Mixed Pairs* was won by Mike Clew and Deb Ogilvie. The Page team has won *Division 2* and the Montgomery team has won *Division 3*. *Division 1* is still undecided. The *KO Plate* has been won by the Rickard team.

Bedfordshire

www.bedsbridge.co.uk



WINNERS of the BBA *County Pairs Final* held in February were Janis Maurins – David Woulds. Winners of the *Inter-club Teams-of-Eight* were Milton Keynes, represented by David Woulds – Janis Maurins, Ron Davis – Lynne Emmett, Rita and Brian Keable, Iain Roberts – Alan Oddie. Winners of the BBA *Swiss Pairs* were Anne and David Gilling and the BBA *Seniors' Pairs* event was won by Bernard and Margaret Eddleston. Well done to all concerned.

Diary dates to note are the Champions' Trophy on Thursday June 11 (for those who qualify) to be played at Wilstead starting at 7.30 pm. The BBA Green-Pointed Swiss Pairs event is to be held at Wilstead on Sunday June 21 with a 12 noon start. For further details, see the BBA website.

Berks and Bucks

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



THE county *Men's Pairs* was won by Barry Read – Paul Cockayne, who are having an excellent season, and the *Ladies' Pairs* by Carole Mueller – Carol Humphreys. The *County Pairs* was won by Dick Davey – Ed Scerri, the *Mixed Pairs* by Joan Murphy – Bob Holder, the *Flitch* by Herb and Carole Mueller, and the *Seniors' Pairs* by Ed Brennan – Charles King-Farlow. The *Committee Cup*, the Club Teams Championship, was won by Dinah Lintott, John Slater, Gillian Lonsdale and Andrew Lintott representing Thame. Congratulations to all.

The final of the *County Teams Championship* is between a Berks team (Hawkes) and a Bucks team (Davey), with the winners to represent the county in the *Pachabo* in June.

Cambs and Hunts

www.cambsbridge.org



KNOCKOUT Teams: Curtis (Catherine Curtis, Paul Fegarty, Jon Cooke and David Kendrick) beat Jagger in the final.

County Pairs: 1. Paul Fegarty – Catherine Curtis, 2. Julian Wightwick – John Liebeschuetz, 3. Jon Cooke – Paul Barden.

County Individual: 1. Eddie Humphrey, 2. Fred Langford, 3. Stephen Goodwin.

Channel Islands

www.cwgsy.net/community/cicba/



COUNTY Pairs Final: 1. Hugh Bacon – Tuula Lehtinen, 2. Chris Hill – Jane Knight.

CI County Teams: in the Jersey semi-final Youd beat Basden-Smith. They will now play the final against Daniel McIntosh, Alex Gauld, Robert Plumley, Susie Farnon, Rudi Falla and Mike Bane.

County Mixed Pairs: top two qualifiers in Jersey were: 1. Chris Hill – Jane Knight, 2. John and Fiona Honey; and in Guernsey: 1. Robert Plumley – Susie Farnon, 2. Jacqueline Crispini – John Mauger.

District – Jersey CICBA, Winter Cup: 1. Jane Knight, 2. Howard Basden-Smith. **Club – Highfield: Winter Cup:** 1. Howard Basden-Smith, 2. Robert Brouard. **Drawn Pairs:** 1. Robert Brouard – Fiona Honey, 2. Chris Hill – Aline Staples.

Clubs in Guernsey: the *Island Bridge Club Teams* was won by Dan McIntosh, Alex Gauld, Rune Hauge and Robert Plumley.

Cornwall

www.bridgewebs.com/cornwall



JUNE Fitness – Eileen Collings won the *Ladies' Pairs* from Frances Barker – Sandra Bickerdike.

This is June's second win this season – she and Cyril Harding won the *Mixed Pairs*. John Harnett – Barrie Benfield won the *Men's Pairs* from Mike Booth – Colin Pote, and Jo Bryant – Geoff Warren, tied for second place.

The strong Helston team of Rod Bell and Richard Draycott, Chris Bickerdike and Geoff Warren, Sandra Bickerdike and Linda Radford, Owen Prior and Colin King, won the *Club Teams of Eight* for the third consecutive year, with Penzance runners-up.

Cumbria

www.bridgewebs.com/cumbria/

Winners of the Cumbria events are: **IMP Pairs:** Terry McCarron – Philip Walker. **Simple Systems:** Alison Armstrong – Merle Smith. **Dave Mullany Trophy** (highest winning score of the two Cumbria Sim Pairs): Mike Howse – Mike Ollerton with 68.16%. **Cumbria Pro Am Teams:** Brenda and George Bullimore, Glenda Lloyd, Peter Boardman. **Multiple Teams:** Mike and Sally Ann Rothwell, David Strawbridge, John Farmer. **Cumbria Championship Pairs:** Terry McCarron – Philip Walker. **Inter-county Teams of Eight:** Barrow. **Swiss Pairs:** Simon Smith – Tony Bartlett.

Diary dates: June 21, Cumbria v Westmorland friendly match, Carlisle. July 12, Pearce McNamara, friendly Cumbria v Lancashire, Lytham. Sun Aug 9, AGM, Keswick.

Derbyshire

www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire



WINNERS of recent DCBA competitions: the *Winter Plate* (played over ten sessions Sept-Mar) was won by Brian Elliott, Amanda and John Sowter, and Ian Hall.

Teams of Eight Leagues winners 2014-15: *Division 1*, British Rail A; *Division 2*, Derby B; *Division 3*, Allestree Red; *Division 4*, Glen Morangie; *Division 5*, Ripley D.

Play with an Experienced Player (draw made for partners): Jean Lawrence and Derek Turner.

Dorset

www.bridgewebs.com/dorset



WEYMOUTH College Trophy: 1. Phil Norman, Krzysztof Ginda, Janet Smith, Mark Hooper; 2. Avis Robertson, Pam Hirst, Chris Stevens, Clive Russell; 3. Hannah Kearns, Hilary Brain, Keith Bartlett, Barrie Cantello.

Garden Cities Qualifier: 1. Allendale B (John Gardner, Margot Wilson-Gardner, Daphne Philipps, Alan Wilson, Jeremy Dhondy, Mike Pownall, Krzysztof Ginda, Mark Hooper).

Gee Trophy: 1. Chris Stevens, Ann Sharples, Helen Ackroyd, Tim Dunsby; 2. James and Shirley Dutton, Rod Marks, Geoff Fogg; 3. Mary Osmond, Jo Whitty, Joe and Judy Petran.

Essex

www.essexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to all of the following: Thorpe Bay A team (Richard Register, Tanya Genthe, Allan Greenstein, Paddy Murray) who won the *Ray Cornell Trophy*, and Mid Essex Bridge Club (Bernie Hunt, Paul Mollison, Peter Oake, Simon Moorman, Alan Aylott, Jon Ward, Steve Cade-Bowyer, Gary Howchen) on qualifying for the *Garden Cities Regional* competition.

Tony Philpott – John Williams on winning the *Spring Seniors*, with Dennis Valtisariis – John Sutcliffe (2nd) and Chris Chorley – Paddy Murray (3rd). The winner of the *Seniors Cup* for overall performance in the three Seniors' events is Tony Philpott.

Ian Moss – Mike Graham on winning the *Essex Championship Pairs*, Paul Spencer – Marc Chawner (2nd), Stephanie and Laurie Burt (3rd), and Patrick O'Gara and Wendy Coldham (4th), all of whom qualified for the *Corwen Trophy*. Also congratulations to Marcia Levan-Harris – John McCoy on winning the *Consolation Final* and to Alaric Cundy – Chris Megahey on winning the qualifying heat.

The inaugural *B Flight* event was won by Terry Burney – Godfrey Chasmer, with Vaughan and Linda Jenkins 2nd.

Hants and IoW

www.bridgewebs.com/hiwcba/



POTTAGE GP Pairs Final: Steve Preston – Miles Cowling. *Valentine's Mini Swiss Teams*: Dave Huggett, Steve Preston, Christine and Richard Ray. *Solent Cup* (K/O Teams of 8): Petersfield. *Basingstoke Cup* (Restricted K/O Teams of 8): Titchfield. *Hicko* (Restricted K/O Teams of 4): Petersfield.

Diary date: Jun 7, AGM & Ranked Pairs, Romsey. Entries via HIOW website or Steve Preston ☎ 02380 702934.

Hertfordshire

www.hertsbridge.co.uk



The *Desmond Flockhart Trophy* was won by Mike Hancock, Anne Flockhart, Dave Walker, Alan Kay, Maria Budd, Malcolm Harris, Bill Thurl, Mike Robson of Welwyn Garden City.

The *Senior Pairs* was won by Jill Mumford – Mike Robson. The *Marjorie Lukyn Charity Cup* winners were Barbara McKinnon – Howard Morgan.

Congratulations to all.

Kent

www.kcba.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to all our Kent competition winners: Michael Prior – Keith Ashcroft winners of the *Larsky Cup* for the Kent Premier Pairs Championship; runners-up, Keith and Robin George. Dave McVey – Doug Andrews, winners of the *George Griffiths Cup* for the Kent Seniors Pairs Championship; runners-up, David Burgess and Lionel Shields.

Diary dates: Sun June 28, Brook Shield (Area League winners). Sun July 12, Phillimore Cup (Kent Swiss Pairs Championship), 11am, and KCBA AGM, Tunbridge Wells.

Lancashire

www.bridgewebs.com/lancs



LCBA Hector Barker Pivot Teams: 1. Barrie and Julia Newall, Judy Brearley, Pauline Holden. *Non-Expert Team*: 1. Yvonne Dickinson, Gill Armstrong, Jenny Coupe, Geraldine Rankin.

LCBA KO Teams of Four: 1. Nick and Sue Woodcock, Stuart Clarke, Bill Carr.

Leicestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/leicestershire/



INTER-CLUB Teams of Eight League: Divisional Winners: *Div. 1* – County 'B'; *Div. 2* – Loughborough 'A'; *Div. 3* – County 'E'; *Div. 4* – Ashby 'B'.

The *Joseph's Bowl Final* (Championship Teams of Four Knockout) was won by Tony Odams' team (Paul Bowyer, Duncan and Kerri Happer, Jim Mason, Dick Pathan), who defeated the Wright team in the final. The third-place play-off will be between Myles and Krantz.

The *Leicestershire Cup* was won by Susan Bowyer's team (Paul Bowyer, Jim Mason, Duncan and Kerri Happer, Simon Stokes) who defeated the Cook team in the final.

The *Leicestershire Plate* was won by John Myles' team (Len Clayton, Dennis Davis, Jackie Wilkes) who defeated the Beasley team in the final.

The *Leicestershire Pairs League* has completed its fourth season. Divisional Winners were: *Div. 1* – Brian and Sheila Stockdale; *Div. 2* – Marjorie Gilbertson – Pat Watson; *Div. 3* – Peter Halford – Mick Mahoney; *Div. 4* – John Bee – Mary Johnson.

The *Leicester Mercury Trophy* for students was won by Gilly Clear – Janet McEwan.

The *Stanley Trophy* (Butler Pairs Championship): after six of the seven rounds Tim Glover – Peter Neville lead with Ian Bruce – Mick Mahoney in 2nd place.

Lincolnshire

www.lincsbridge.org.uk

BAINTON Trophy: 1. Ron Wall – Brian Smith; 2. John and Gerry Petherick; 3. Chris Phillips – Alan Millington. In the *Garden Cities Trophy*, Scunthorpe BC beat the City of Lincoln.

Annual Championships: *Pairs Final* winners were Maurice Ladlow – Mo Parsons; the *Consolation Pairs* was won by Roy Hughes – Dennis Mellor. *Teams Final* winners were Andy King, Ron Wall, Mo Parsons, Maurice Ladlow; the *Consolation Teams* was won by Ted and Brenda Goodacre, Brigid Hughes and Sylvia Bunton. The *Veterans Cup* was won by Ron Wall – Brian Smith.

London

www.metrobridge.co.uk



THE *ODGP Swiss Pairs* in March was won by Allison Green – Glyn Liggins, with Barry Stoker and Gordon O’Hair 2nd and Heather Dhondy – Brian Callaghan 3rd. The *ODGP Swiss Teams* was won by Graham Osborne, Frances Hinden, Philip Wood and Jeffrey Allerton with previous two-time winners Paul Hackett, Roger O’Shea, Justin Hackett and Jason Hackett 2nd and Dinah Caplan, Dessy Malakova, Marion Robertson and Mike Bell 3rd.

The *Garden Cities* heat was won by the Young Chelsea BC team of Paula Leslie, Roger Gibbons, Peter Taylor, Ingar Hansen, Richard Hillman, Richard Bowdery, Andy Bowles and Shireen Mohandes,

The *London Championship Pairs* was very close at the end, with Victor Silverstone – Brigid Battiscombe winning by a whisker from Debby Sandford – Gad Chadha, with David Williams – Paul Russell 3rd.

The *London Trophy Pairs* was won comfortably by Bill Linton – Carrie Eden with Charles Moore – Kate Woodruff 2nd and Philip Watson – Rita Desmarais 3rd.

Manchester

www.manchesterbridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Alec Smalley, Tom Slater, John Currie and Royce Alexander who won the *League* finishing with an emphatic 30-0 victory against Bare Bones. This is the first league win for all four players in their first full season in their current line-up. St Titus (Michael Byrne, Michael Newman, Alan Mould, Gary Hyett, Rodney Lighton, Ollie Burgess) were 2nd.

In *Div. 2 DASH* (Ken Hassell), North Star (Mike Hart) and Leaders with Attitude (Jeanne Bayly) are promoted – congratulations. In *Div. 3 Sedgely* (Bernard Kaye) have won the division with a fine average of 23 VPs. In *Div. 4 Manchester A* (Ray Ashleigh) and Altrincham Z (Roy Higginbottom) are promoted. In *Div. 5 Davenport* (Derek Bailey) are promoted. In *Div. 6 Enigmas* (Heather Saunders) are champions. In *Div. 7, 3 Reds* and a Rebel (Annie Curtis) have won the division.

Green Point Pairs: winners of the annual MCBA Green Point Pairs, by a large margin, were Alan Nelson – Jeff Smith with Peter Kauffman – Chris Pope of Merseyside in 2nd place, again well ahead of third; congratulations to Stephen Ward – Chris Hine who came 3rd belying their Intermediate status. Rodney Lighton and John Currie won their last match 20-0 and leaped a large number of places to finish 4th.

Merseyside/Cheshire

www.mcba.org.uk



THE County Ladies’ Teams event for the *Jean Keen Trophy* was won by Joan King, Pat Crossley, Mui Fellows, Lollo Murthwaite; the runners-up were Dorothy Hislop, Lucy Jones, Anne Davies, Dorothea Gilbert.

In the *Eric Howarth Trophy* (County Open Teams) the local foursome of Peter Hall, Danny Miller, John and Pauline Rudolf finished in 2nd place behind winners Babs Matthews, John Farmer, Bill and Joyce White.

Middlesex

www.middlesexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Suren Velayutham – Rasool Somji on winning the *County Championship Pairs*; Peter Hasenson – David Sherman were 2nd and Anne Rosen – Jeremy Dhondy finished 3rd.

Well done to Pauline Cohen – Joanne Waterman who won the *County Ladies’ Pairs*; Frances Liew and Belinda Bridgen were 2nd with Daksha Malde – Jayoti Shah finishing 3rd.

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

Norfolk

www.bridgewebs.com/norfolk/



THE *Hudson Cup* is our qualifier for the *Corwen Trophy*; this year’s winners were Peter Ison – Jane Aylett. We wish them and the two other qualifying pairs every success at the next stage.

Our ‘less experienced’ pairs weekend featuring the *Barbara Dick Cleland* and *Buxton* trophies was marred by a problem with the scoring programme so that the wrong winners were announced on the day. Congratulations to Tina Potter – John Savery and Karen – Gary Seaman, and our apologies to those whose hopes were raised only to be dashed.

The *Norfolk Congress* is the big event of the year; turnout was slightly down on last year and there are too many winners to list them here! Instead our thanks to Congress Secretary Maureen Kimbley and TD Martin Lee, who will not be returning next year when we will be organised by Gary Conrad.

The *North Walsham Trophy Swiss Teams* event attracted thirteen teams and was won by the new County Chairman, Sue Gill and her team of Graham Hardman, James Tullett and Andrew Brown.

North East

www.neba.co.uk



FOLLOWING an extremely close contest in the final of the *Chronicle Cup* in February, victory went to Bodhan Hnyda – John Eglington (57.13%) just edging out Damian Hassan – Bill March (56.89%). Third place was taken by Inga and Neil Aiston. Clear winners of the *Chronicle Plate* were Nichola Cockerill-Smith – Beverley Godfrey who finished more than 6% clear of the field.

Team Gibson beat Team Muir in the final of the *North Eastern League* and go on to represent NEBA in the *Pachabo Cup*. The winning team comprised Val Gibson, Bill March, John Atthey, Julian Gibson and Clive Owen.

In March, the winning team in the final for the *Kempson Vases* was Inga and Neil Aiston, Don Reid and David Brickland, 19 IMPs clear of Pat Barton, Graham Cox, Catherine Longley and John Moor. Congratulations go to all successful players.

Northamptonshire

www.bridgewebs.com/northants/



THE *Alastair Brodie* event was an enjoyable day. The trophy was won by Gill Webb – Brian Churchill; 2nd were Chandra Ramamoorthy – Trevor Thrower, with 3rd place taken by Terry and Mary Knights. The *Teams* event in the evening was won by Marlene Jones, David Banks, Liz Coltman and Simon Few; 2nd were Doreen Simpson, Alan Coker. Lynda McNally and Aman Ansari; in 3rd place were Luszek Lubaszewski. Maggie Jones, Jim and Nicky Bainbridge.

Congratulations to the following teams who have won their divisions in the *Inter-club League*: Kettering A in *Div. 1*; Kettering B in *Div. 2*; Rugby Village in *Div. 3 South*; Stamford D in *Div. 3 North*.

The *Broke Cup* was won by Jim Deacon, Daniel Baines, Chris Wormleighton, and Robert Miller. The winning margin was 26 IMPs and the team will represent Northants in the *Pachabo*.

The *Betts Bowl* was won by Richard Gibson, Eifion Jones, Ian James, Maggie Jones and Malcolm Orr-Ewing.

The *Eden Cup* was won by Mike Trask – Mark Tilley; 2nd were Jim Deacon – Chris Wormleighton, with 3rd being Tony Hough – Robert Miller. These three pairs will represent the county in the *Corwen*.

Nottinghamshire

www.bridgewebs.com/nottinghamshire



LLOYD Eagling – Wendy Walker became county *Mixed Pairs* champions in January and Mark Goddard – David Hodge won the *Journal Cup* to be *County Pairs* champions in April. The *County Teams* champions were again Willie Crook, Rob Sharpe, Sandy Fulton, Mark Goddard and David Hodge.

The four county *Teams of Eight Leagues* ended with victories for Nottingham Gambit, Retford B, Nottingham A and Retford C.

Oxfordshire

www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk



OXFORDSHIRE members are invited to the *County AGM* on Tuesday 9th June at the Oxford Bridge Club and are reminded that there is still time to enter the *Oxfordshire Congress* on June 13 and 14.

The *OBA Swiss Teams* was won by Gillian Lonsdale, John Clifford, Clive Keep and Nigel Wilkes.

Central Yarnton Bridge Club held an event as part of *Night of the Stars 2015* (see page 41) and raised £205 locally for four charities.

Somerset

www.somersetbridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Yeovil BC who won the *Inter-club* competition; Langport were the runners-up. Twelve clubs competed with pairs and team events.

Staffs and Shrops

www.staffsandshrops.org.uk



BEARN Final: 14 pairs played 39 boards over the afternoon and early evening. The winners were Roger Keane – Dave Beavon; 2nd Annette Lucas – Mike Cornes; 3rd Pam Booth-Jones – Tony Leech. These players qualified to represent the county in the *Corwen Trophy*.

The *League Championship* was won by Geoff Davies, Robin Adey, Geoff Feltblower, John Day and Peter Cartwright.

Winners of the *Staffs Cup*, and thus qualifying for the *Pachabo*, were Dan Crofts, Ed Levy, Barbara, Justin and Paul Hackett, who beat Kath Adams, Anne Jones, John Seymour and Nick Thorne in the final.

Diary dates: Wed June 10, Mixed/Fritch Championship Pairs, 7pm for 7.15pm start. Entries to Judy Mitchell, ☎ 01743 235374, email mitchellmj@btinternet.com by the previous Sunday. Holders: Monica Scott – James Vickers.

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



CHAMPIONSHIP Pairs Final: 1. Debby Sutcliffe – Maria Allnutt; 2. David Wiseman – Eric Wright; 3. Sarah and Nick Farr. *Championship Pairs Semi-Final*: 1. David and Jenny Price; 2. Roger and Jill Tattersfield; 3. Debby Sutcliffe – Maria Allnutt.

Team Price (David Price, Jane Moore, Jenny Price and Rosemarie Mascall) beat Team Carey (Malcolm Carey, Barbara Carey, Phillip Edwards, Anne Edwards) to win the *Championship Teams Final* by 43 IMPs.

Surrey

www.surreycountybridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Graham Osborne – Frances Hinden who won the *County Pairs Cup*, and Paul Shannon – Nick Browne who won the *Plate*.

Sussex

www.sccba.co.uk



MANY congratulations to all the winners at the *Spring Congress* held at Uckfield. Dave Franklin, Chris Jepson, Martin Pool and Nigel Urban won the *Multiple Teams*; Robert Hirst – Edmund Barter won the *Basic Bridge Pairs* and Chris Jepson – Neil Watts won the *Mixed Pairs*.

The clear winners of the *Swiss Pairs* on the second day were Matthew Read – Philip Hunt. The winners of the *Non-Expert* prize were Kim Booth – Carole Nicholas-Booth.

Winners of the Blue-pointed *Swiss Teams* on the final day were the Surrey team of Frances Hinden, Paula Leslie, Jeffrey Allerton and Graham Osborne. The winners of the *Boreham Salver* for the best-placed Sussex team were Jill Skinner, Chris Jepson, Jeremy Willans and Neil Watts.

Congratulations too to the Horsham team (Andy Morris, Gerry Stanford, Mick Carrington, Martin Pool, Graham and Berry Hedley, Duncan Curtis and Dave Franklin) who won the county *Teams of Eight*.

A big ‘well done’ to the winners of this year’s *Sussex Pairs*, Harold and Cecily Linfield, and to the winners of the *Mixed Pairs*, Nigel Urban – Liz Hoskins. Also congratulations to David Towell from Horsham BC who won the final of the *Sussex Individual*.

Wiltshire

www.wcba.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of our recent various events: Sonia Blandy, Georgie Dalton, David Hale, Brian Johnson took the honours in the *County KO* event. Ambrose Holmes-Mackie – Hugh Gross came first in the *Championship Pairs*. Tessa Attwater – Tony Reed won the *Chairman’s Cup* after a well-attended AGM.

League winners were teams headed by Keith Williamson for the *Premier*, Chris Dixon for *League 1* and Paul Winstone for *League 2*.

Worcestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire



THE season is drawing to a close and winners of the major competitions are being announced.

In the *Charity Rubber Bridge KO*, Glen Thorney – Martyn Hills beat Jessie Newton – John Turner in the final. The *Phillips Series* was won by Richard Jephcott – John Sansom, with Maureen Ledger – Mike Vetch winning the *Phillips Handicap Final*. Mike Willoughby – Stewart Fishburne have won the *Pairs Ladder* and the *Grand Prix Teams* has been won by Worcester Grant.

Winners of the *County Championship Pairs* were Roger Bowles – Simon Harrison, with Joyce Skelton – Ross Garratt in 2nd place and Martin Gill – Paul Slater in 3rd. The *Club Championship Pairs* was won by Suzanne Griffin – Rufus Ulyett, representing Droitwich BC, with Joyce Skelton – David Thomas, representing Worcester BC, in 2nd place and Eve Doyle – Terry Blackman, also of Droitwich, in 3rd place. The *County Mixed Pairs* was won by Jane Morton – Stewart Fishburne, with Jane and Dick Rutter in 2nd place.

Yorkshire

www.ycba.co.uk/



MARGERY Cartwright Simultaneous Pairs: 1. Robert Ross – Richard Edwards (Leeds); 2. Roman Gembicki – Frank Littlewood (Beauchief); 3. Kevin Hawkins – Denis Murphy (Huddersfield); 4. Judith Biles – June Manning (Olicana); 5. Ian Johnson – Carol Heron (Garforth).

Yorkshire Golf Clubs competition: in a close finish to the final, Moor Allerton B (Godfrey Jackson, Henry Irving, Howard Senior, Michael Sandpearl) overcame their fellow club players Moor Allerton A, with Harrogate A not far behind. In the *Plate* final Doncaster C defeated Doncaster D.

Newcomers Pairs: 1. Anthony Taglione – Terry Hainsworth; 2. Vivienne and David Goodman; 3. Richard and Ann Barton; 4. Gillian Almond – John Ryan. 5. Paul Kaufman – Mary Clark.

Scarborough Congress: Ladies’ Pairs: Janet Latham – Agnes Baxter; *Mixed Pairs*: Ray Hutchinson – Pauline Cooper; *Men’s Pairs*: Frank Littlewood – Glyn Foley; *Championship Pairs*: 1. David Lewis – Martin Carlile, 2. Frank Littlewood – Glyn Foley, 3. Agnes and Peter Baxter, 4. Janet and Ted Latham, 5. Jim Proctor – Roger Taylor; *Championship Teams*: 1. Richard Hilton, Pauline Cooper, Margaret Allison, Tricia Pearce; 2. David Wilson, Mark Ballantine, Ian Cook, Waldemar Maciejewski; 3. Janet and Ted Latham, Agnes and Peter Baxter. □

In Memoriam

GEORGE WILCOX (Essex). Alan Cohen writes: Regretfully I lost my long-time bridge partner, George Wilcox. For many years he was the Chief Tournament Director and then became the Vice-Chairman of Thorpe Bay Bridge Club. Sadly George died on 16th April, aged 88. He was regarded by all as the perfect English gentleman and all who knew him will miss him terribly.

My everlasting memory is of the delight on his face a week prior, when I told him we had taken overall first place in the Wednesday heat of the British Spring Sim Pairs with 73%.

PO SHING LEE (Essex). It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of Po Shing Lee at the age of 44. Although Po had not played bridge in Essex for several years and only moved to Essex around fifteen years ago, in that time he had good results in county and national competitions, played in the county team and served on the committee as 'School Liaison Officer' for a number of years. He was also involved in online bridge, working with 'Bridge Club Live'. Po was a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge. Our sympathies go to his widow and son.

ARTHUR BOWYER (Leicestershire). It is with great sadness that the LCBA has to announce the death of Arthur Bowyer at the age of 91.

Arthur first joined the Leicestershire CBA way back in the 1950s. He played bridge for many years with distinction. He formed successful partnerships with Ralph Crane, Arthur Bloxham, his son Paul and Ken Ford. He played in the Dawes League teams on many occasions, and was a regular entrant in the local LCBA events.

His son Paul tells us that many of the tributes that have been made to his family have used the word 'gentleman' to describe his father. That is an old fashioned word but it sums up a thoroughly decent man of old-fashioned virtue. He will be missed.

He leaves behind his wife Zoe, two sons and two grandchildren.

BARBARA COOKE (Staffs & Shops), who died on 10th April 2015 aged 95, was a long-time and very popular member of Stafford Bridge Club playing regularly at the club until recently. Originally Barbara accompanied her husband, Basil, to help with making the tea for Basil's lessons. Barbara 'listened in' to the lessons and soon became a convert to bridge herself. Barbara was elected an honorary member of the club in 2000. Club members play for the 'Cooke Bowl', a trophy presented to the club by Basil in 1993, which is awarded annually to the member earning the most master points over that year.

DETTA BENTLEY (Surrey), who has died aged 79, was a very fine player who played both club and county bridge to a high standard. She also won many events nationally including the National Ladies Pairs partnering Angela McCready. She was also a much-loved bridge teacher, both at Wimbledon and on cruises. Sadly her last years were marred by Alzheimer's and she survived her husband Peter (obituary in the April *English Bridge*, page 36) by only six weeks.

DEREK ENEAS (Surrey), who has died after a short illness, was a very good club player who won many tournaments. He played mainly at Chipstead, Bletchingley and Selsdon.

He was noted for his friendly and uncritical behaviour at the table. Derek had been a maths teacher and also a very fine tennis player.

GILES FOSTER (Yorkshire). Members will be sad to learn that Giles Foster passed away on Monday 23rd February. Giles had not been well for the past few years but had continued to be able to get out and play his very much beloved game of bridge. His most recent successes were Mixed Pivot Teams in December 2014 and the Yorkshire Pairs in February – very welcome final accolades to such a distinguished local and national bridge career.