

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.



Avon

www.avoncba.org.uk



TIM Brierley, Robert Covill, David Jones and Steve Tomlinson have made it through to the quarter-final of the *NICKO*, while the team of Peter Shelley, Alan Williams, Mike Letts and Andrew Urbanski have reached the quarter-final of the *Silver Plate*. Trevor Ward and Rob Lawy are in a team which has reached the final of the *Gerard Faulkner Salver*.

In the *Gloucester/Hereford Green Point Swiss Pairs* Peter Shelley and his partner came 4th, while Mary McKenzie and Gerry Gowling were 5th. In the *East/West Wales Swiss Teams* Tony Gammon, Sue O'Hara, Peter Shelley and Nelson Stephens came 4th.

Bedfordshire

www.bedsbridge.co.uk



DAVID WOULDs and Janis Maurins were 2nd= in the *BBA GP Swiss Pairs* in June. John Neville and Richard Chester were 11th nationally in the *EBU Sim Pairs* on 29th July, playing at Leverstock Green BC.

At the *Scarborough Summer Congress*, four of the 46 teams competing in the *Multiple Teams* featured Bedfordshire players and all made it through to the *A Final*; Iain Roberts – Alan Oddie, playing with Giles and Gabriel Ip of Norfolk, finished 4th. Iain Roberts – Alan Oddie were also 9th= in the *Swiss Pairs* as was Ron Davis, partnering Bill Taylor of Hampshire.

Berks and Bucks

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



BERKS & Bucks players were well represented in the *Summer Seniors' Congress* held at Eastbourne in July. Heather and Matthew Tan were 3rd in the *Championship Pairs A Final*, just behind Celia and Derek Oram in 2nd place. In the *Swiss Teams*,

Colin Simpson was in a team in 9th place, with Heather and Matthew Tan (playing with Sue and Richard Millard) tying with Phil Thornton and Bob Holder (playing with R Proctor and M Robinson) both in 14th place.

At the *Brighton Summer Meeting*, Andrew Murphy (playing with Simon Cope) took 1st place in the *Open Pairs* on August 18. Ed Scerri – Dick Davey came 18th in the *Swiss Pairs*.

At the AGM Anders Wallen left the committee after many years of service and his place as treasurer is taken by Joyce Baldock. Tony Aston was appointed to the committee.

Channel Islands

www.cwgsy.net/community/cicba/



CONGRATULATIONS to Dan McIntosh on coming 4th in the *Junior European Championships* – the best result England has had in the U26 event for the last twenty-one years (see pages 41-42).

Also congratulations to Dan McIntosh – Robert Myers on winning the *North Wales Swiss Pairs*.

Cornwall

www.bridgewebs.com/cornwall



IT is good to see our new, slimline, chairman, Mike Booth, back at the bridge table after a lengthy spell in hospital.

Viv Mably, who now plays most of her bridge in Exeter, has been promoted to the rank of Life Master. She has also become the first Cornish player to be awarded a Gold point, for her performance at the *Brighton Congress*. Many congratulations.

Congratulations also to Rod Bell – Stephen Crouch, who were 3rd nationally in the *British Summer Sim Pairs*, playing at Helston on the Tuesday evening. They scored an excellent 70.94%. Bill Adams – Audrey Barker, playing at Carnon Downs, were 6th with 68.01%.

Diary dates: Oct 11, Mixed Pairs, Ladock. Oct 25, Swiss Teams, Penzance. Nov 8, Mixed Teams of Four, Ladock. Nov 29, Bodmin Swiss Pairs, Lanhydrock Golf Club.

Derbyshire

www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire



DERBYSHIRE'S Harry Madden played in the England U16 team that finished 4th in the recent *European Junior Championships*. They were only 9 VPs behind the winners Poland whom they convincingly beat on the first day (see pages 41-43).

Devon

www.devonbridge.co.uk



DEVON'S C team of Gwen Watkins, Stephen Rafferty, Jeanine Keith, Roger Gowland, George Delafield, Bill Luscombe, Betty Golding and Andrew Leslie won the *Inter-league Finals* for the winners of all the C divisions of the regional leagues.

Devon players did well at the *Riviera Congress*: Richard Lingham, Ann Slee, Ruth Edmondson and Brigid McElroy were 2nd in the *Swiss Teams*; Warner Solomon – Peter Bowles were 2nd in the *Swiss Pairs*, Alison Pollok – Ian Walsh 4th and

Stefan Lindfors – Miles Cowling 5th=.

At the (last) *Brighton Summer Meeting* Michael Hamon was 3rd in the *Midweek Pairs Championship* with Gad Chadha, and Warner Solomon was 2nd in the *Seniors' Pairs A Final* with Mike Fithyan.

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

Dorset

www.bridgewebs.com/dorset



CONGRATULATIONS to Helen Ackroyd who has achieved the rank of Grand Master.

Dorset Green-pointed Teams: 1. Miles Cowling, Dave Huggett, Steve Preston and Jeremy Baker; 2. Krzysztof Ginda, Mark Hooper, Phil Norman and Christine Bradley; 3. James and Shirley Dutton, Geoff Fogg and Sue Hands. *Dorset Green-pointed Pairs:* 1. Miles Cowling – Mike Pownall, 2. Edward Leatham – Nick Forrest, 3. Barry Tobutt – Jenny Ashby. *Riviera Congress:* Mark Hooper, Ron Heath, Alan Wilson and A. Allerston finished 10th in the *Teams*. *EBU Summer Seniors' Congress:* Janet Smith – Alan Wilson qualified for the *B Final*.

Diary dates: Sun Oct 11, Boston Cup, Swiss Teams, 1.45pm, Shaftesbury Bridge Club. Sun Nov 1st, Flemmich Cup, Blue-pointed Swiss Teams, 2pm, Allendale Bridge Club, Wimborne. Mon Dec 7, Weymouth & Hardwick Cups, Multiple Teams, 7pm, Weymouth Bridge Club.

Essex

www.essexbridge.co.uk



Congratulations to all of the following: *Kent GP Swiss Teams:* 6th, Pat Johnson, Peter Scotting, Tony Verran and Brian Gladman. *Summer Seniors Eastbourne: Championship Pairs 'B' Final:* 3rd, Alan Cohen – Richard Register; *Swiss Teams:* 7th, Richard Register, Alan Cohen, Richard Perryman, Mike Wren. *Essex/Herts GP Weekend: Pairs:* 7th=, Robert Elliott – Peter Oake; *Teams:* 4th=, Paul and Val Mollison, Bernie Hunt, Brian Davies; also Alan Mayo and team; 6th=, Chris Taylor, David Wing, Albert Kitchin, David Clark. *Scarborough Congress: Swiss Pairs:* 8th, Chris Chorley – Paddy Murray.

Simultaneous Pairs: EBED Spring Pairs: Tue: 3rd, Ted Cockle – Tony Philpott; *Wed:* Marc Chawner – Paul Spencer; *Thurs:* 3rd, Andrew Mundy – Paul Cast, 12th: Sandy Lambert – Pat Taylor. *Kidney Research Pairs:* 6th, Peter Oake – Frank Morrison; 10th, Phil Mattacks – Ken Rolph.

Diary dates: Oct 16, Really Easy Afternoon. Oct 25, Fletcher Trophy & Cup for Clubs. Oct 28, Autumn Seniors. Nov 15, Tony Kelvin Teams. Dec 6, Mixed Pairs.

Hants and IoW

www.bridgewebs.com/hiwcb



A DONATION of £1,600 was made to Hampshire Air Ambulance at the end of last season. This was our 'charity of the year'.

Brighton Summer Meeting: 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs*, Andy Hughes – Jeremy Dhondy; 2nd in the *Seniors' Pairs A Final*, Mike Fithyan – Warner Solomon. *Summer Seniors Congress Eastbourne:* 1st in the *Swiss Pairs B final*, John Jones – Adrian Fontes. *Riviera Congress:* 3rd in the *Swiss Teams*, Bill

Taylor and John Dakin. *Dorset GP Swiss Teams*, 1st, Miles Cowling, Dave Huggett, Steve Preston and Jeremy Baker. *Dorset GP Swiss Pairs:* 1st, Miles Cowling – Mike Pownall; 3rd, Barry Tobutt – Jenny Ashby.

In the national k/o competitions, four Hampshire teams are through to the quarter-finals. *Crockfords:* Tim Smith. *Crockfords Plate:* Andy Hughes and Jeremy Baker. *NICKO:* Petersfield.

Dave Huggett is holding a special charity seminar on 'All about overcalling' at Winchester Tennis Club on November 15 at 3pm. This is in aid of 'Help for Heroes'.

Herefordshire

www.herefordshirebridge.co.uk

IN the *Gloucestershire and Herefordshire Green Point Event*, the *Swiss Pairs* was won by David Thomas – Jimmy Ledger; 2nd were Carmen Ruiz-Castell – David Southcombe, with Barry and Beth Wennell 3rd. The *Non-expert Prize* was won by Margaret and Peter Randall.

In the *Swiss Teams*, the winners were Martin Garvey, Alan Wearmouth, Tony Hill and Steve Evans; 2nd were Judith and Allan Sanis, Tony Letts and Brian Goalby, and 3rd Philip Howard, Dave Latchem, Richard Sampter and Andrew Parkes. The *Non-expert Prize* was won by Ken and Diana Vowles, Mike and Maggie Appleton.

Full results of all county competitions are on our website.

Diary dates: Oct 17, No Fear Teams (restricted), 1.30pm, Wellington Heath. Nov 13, Inter-club Teams Round 2, 7pm, Ledbury.

Hertfordshire

www.hertsbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to our B Squad who won their division of the final of the *National Inter-county League Final*. The team was; Karima Basse, Roy Button (capt.), Fiona and Paul Littlewood, Maria Budd, Malcolm Harris, Roger Edmonds and David Stimson.

County v Cambs & Hunts: another clean sweep for the county against Cambs & Hunts in July. The A team won 14-6, the B team won 18-2, the C team won 20-0.

A *Café Bridge* event in Hitchin was organized by Margaret and Bernard Eddleston. This went very well and everyone enjoyed themselves. We had 18 tables and were turning people away. People who came were not all regular club attendees but people who play more social bridge. We had a range from unranked players to Grand Masters (*report in the next issue*).

Kent

www.kcba.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who has been successful over the summer competition season. *Brighton Summer Congress:* Monica Aitken, Angela Treen, Rodney Meredith and Chris Morgan were 2nd in the *Bracketed Teams A Final*; Brian Crack, Shirley Goldwin, Diana Avis and Colin Wilson won the *Bracketed Teams B Final*. *Torquay Riviera Congress:* in the *Swiss Teams*, Bill Gardner's team won all seven matches to take the title; in the *Swiss Pairs*, Michael Hampton – John Amor were undefeated in all twelve matches, winning ten and drawing two, to take the title by an emphatic margin of 26 VPs.

July EBU Sim Pairs: the *Monday* event was won by Frank

Wright – Mary Lee (Dover BC) and the *Wednesday* event by Nicky Adamson – Malcolm Lewis (Broadstairs BC).

'The History of the KCBA' – people and cup winners, is now up in the Archive section of the website. Contact Phil Jones or Gerald Soper if you have any information they can add.

Lancashire

www.bridgewebs.com/lancs



CONGRATULATIONS go to Marianne Farr and Mike Nicholson who comprised half the winning team in the *Manchester GP Swiss Teams* at Altrincham.

Cumbria defeated Lancashire by 18 IMPs in the *Pearse McNamara Trophy* held at Lytham Bridge Club.

In the first round of the *Northern Bridge League*, Lancashire A finished third out of six teams, Lancashire B first out of eight teams and Lancashire C second out of seven teams.

Diary dates: Oct 3-4, Great Northern Swiss Pairs, Leeds. Oct 10, Northern Bridge League, Round 4. Oct 24, LCBA Congress Swiss Pairs, Bolton Bridge Club. Oct 25, LCBA Congress Swiss Teams, Blackburn Bridge Club. Nov 8, Pendle Witch Pairs, Brierfield Bridge Club. Nov 15, Foundation Cup Swiss Teams, Blackburn Bridge Club. Dec 6, Lytham Rose Bowl, Lytham Bridge Club.

Leicestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/leicestershire/



CONGRATULATIONS to Ben Norton from the Loughborough Bridge Club, who played for the England *Under 21 Team* in the *European Junior Championships* (see pages 41-43).

Congratulations also to the Loughborough Club which recently celebrated the 60th Anniversary of its foundation.

Diary dates: Oct 7, Otto & Edith Mixed Pairs, County Club. Oct 11, Midland League vs Oxfordshire, away. Oct 21, Stanley Trophy Round 2, Glenfield. Nov 1st, Midland League vs Derbyshire, Greenfields. Nov 4, Leicestershire Cup Round 1, Rothley. Nov 18, Stanley Trophy Round 3, Glenfield. Dec 2, Josephs Bowl Round 1, Rothley. Dec 6, Midland League vs Gloucestershire, away.

Lincolnshire

www.lincsbridge.org.uk

AFTER the 2015 AGM the officials of the county remain the same. Please remember that entries have to be received by the Competition Secretary at least seven days before the event.

Diary dates: Sun, Oct 11, Allcomers Duplicate Pairs, 11.30am, City of Lincoln Club; cost is £5 per player. Sun, Nov 1st, County Swiss Teams, 11.30am, Scunthorpe Bridge Club; cost is £50 per team which includes a buffet meal. Sun, Nov 29, Ghost Pairs, 1.30pm, Dunholme Village Hall; cost is £5 per player. Light refreshments will be available at County events.

London

www.metrobridge.co.uk



AT *Brighton*, many congratulations to Kieran Dyke and Andrew Bannock, equal first in the *Pairs*; Toby Nonnenmacher – Michael Alishaw, 2nd, and Nick Dean, 3rd, in the *Under-25 Pairs*; David Gold, 1st and Mike and Carrie Eden, 2nd, in the *Play-with-an-Expert Pairs*; Ewa Kater – Tom Townsend, 2nd, and

Gad Chadha, 3rd, in the *GCH Fox Trophy*.

Also well done to Phil King – Rob Sheehan, losing *Hubert Phillips* finalists; Mike Bell, 1st in the *Riviera Congress Swiss Teams*; Bernard and Kitty Teltscher and Willie Coyle, 1st, and David Ould, 2nd, in the *Summer Seniors' Swiss Teams*; Ben Green, 2nd in the *Teams A Final* and Anne Catchpole – David Schiff, 1st in the *Consolation Teams* at Scarborough; Dessy Malakova – Shahzaad Natt, 3rd in the *B&B GP Swiss Teams*.

Diary dates: Oct 25, Men's & Women's IMP Pairs, 1pm. Jan 31, Palmer Bayer No Fear Pairs, 1pm. Feb 7, Championship Teams for the Ian Gardiner Trophy, 11.30am – all at YCBC.

Manchester

www.manchesterbridge.org.uk



MANCHESTER won the *National County Teams of Eight A Division Final*. Well done to John Holland, Gary Hyett, Michael Byrne, Michael Newman, Rodney Lighton, John Currie, Alec Smalley and Tom Slater.

EBU Summer Congress Scarborough: for the second year running John Holland and Alan Mould won the Teams playing with Bill Hirst and EBU Chairman Jeremy Dhondy, then completed the double by winning the *Swiss Pairs*.

Michelle Brunner Memorial Trophy: eighteen teams played in this annual event and raised over £1,650 for the Christie Hospital and St Anne's Hospice. The winners were Sally Brock, Alan Mould, Michael Newman and Neil Thomas.

Brighton: congratulations to Michael Byrne who won the *Swiss Pairs* playing with Kieran Dyke of London. Also well done to Sean Mekié on winning the *Under-25 Pairs Championship*.

Diary dates: Sun Nov 1, Manchester Intermediate Pairs, 1.30pm, St Peters Assembly Rooms, Hale; entries to Barbara Lewis babsandalec@dsl.pipex.com. Sun Dec 6, Ben Franks Pairs, 1.30pm, Manchester Bridge Club.

Merseyside/Cheshire

www.mcba.org.uk



THE *President's Cup*, which David Stevenson organises on behalf of the county, is becoming increasingly popular. This year teams from thirteen counties entered.

Yorkshire won, and we were fourth.

Well done to Julian Merrill's team who have reached the *Crockford's Plate Final*.

In the *Bill Hughes Simultaneous Pairs* (another event that is expanding under David Stevenson's stewardship) locals Liz Commins – Paddy Murphy finished 2nd of the 848 pairs who took part.

Diary dates: Oct 10, NBL Round 4. Oct 18, Chester Bowl (charity pairs), Deva BC. Nov 1st, Merseyside Cup. Nov 29, Waterworth Cup (county pairs).

North East

www.neba.co.uk



A TREMENDOUS performance by Val Gibson's team brought the *EBU Hubert Phillips Bowl* to the North East for only the second time since its inception in 1937 (previous occasion 1993).

Congratulations go to Val Gibson, John Atthey, Bill March and Clive Owen who defeated the team of Sally Brock, Phil King, Robert Sheehan and Barry Myers in an extremely close

contest over 60 boards. Further congratulations go to Clive Owen who, with partner Damian Hassan and Charles and Di Outred (from Scotland), won the *Championship Teams* event at the *SBU Summer Congress*.

A hearty well done goes to Gianna Ulyatt for her successful initiative in bringing bridge lessons to sixty Year Two children at St Margaret's CE Primary School in Durham.

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

Northamptonshire

www.bridgewebs.com/northants/



NINETEEN tables competed in the blue-pointed *Swiss Pairs*. The winners were Derek and Celia Oram; 2nd were Jim and Susan Deacon who were awarded the *Murchie Lerner Trophy* for the highest-placed Northants mixed pair.

In the *Eastern Counties League* match against Hertfordshire all three teams lost, the A team 4-16, the B team 6-14 and the C team 8-12. Against Bedfordshire the A team lost 2-18, the B team won 19-1 and the C team won 16-4.

The C team played in the *National Inter-county Final*. In a very tight finish they were third, only 4 VPs behind first place.

Diary dates: Sat, Oct 10, Saturday Winter League, Stamford. Wed, Oct 21, Wednesday Winter League, Northampton. Sun, Oct 26, Lakeland Trophy, Stamford. Sun, Oct 25, Kettering Trophy, Kettering. Sat, Nov 14, Saturday Winter League, Stamford. Wed, Nov 18, Wednesday Winter League, Northampton. Sun, Dec 6, Porch Trophy, Kettering.

Oxfordshire

www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk



AT the *EBU Brighton Summer Meeting*, Laura Covill won the first *Friday Speedball*; Rob Dixon was 3rd in the *Sunday Open Teams* and Tim Dickinson was 4th in the *Tuesday Championship Pairs*.

Congratulations to Abbey Smith and Robert Procter's team on winning the *Essex & Hertfordshire Swiss Teams*.

At the *Berks & Bucks Green-pointed Weekend*, Debbie Roberts – Geoff Nicholas were joint 2nd in the *Swiss Pairs*.

Chris Cooper's team were 3rd in the *Multiple Teams A Final* at the *EBU Scarborough Summer Congress*. Rob Dixon's team were 4th in the *B Final* and he was in joint 5th place in the *Swiss Pairs*.

David Southcombe came 2nd in the *Gloucestershire & Hereford Swiss Pairs* and joint 5th in the *Swiss Teams* in the *East & West Wales Congress*.

Trevor Dawn & Robert Gasser came 3rd in the *Monday* heat of the *EBU British Summer Simultaneous Pairs*.

Diary dates: Mon, Nov 16, OBA Management Committee.

Somerset

www.somersetbridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Donne Hoong and Pip Duncan for being in the winning *Swiss Team* in the *Scottish Bridge Union Overseas Congress*.

A creditable performance from Dave Latchem, Sheila Coda, Bill Rowe and Rod Marks for coming 7th in the *Swiss Teams* event in the *Riviera Congress*.

The Andrew Robson seminars will take place in the Webbington Hotel on Nov 19. If you wish to participate please contact Tony Russ on tony.russ@btinternet.com

Staffs and Shrops

www.staffsandshrops.org.uk



AFTER serving twenty-three years on the county committee, recently as secretary, Pat Poxon has decided to call it a day. We thank Pat for her services throughout those years and hope she will continue to enjoy her bridge.

Paul and Justin Hackett did the treble at *Deauville*, winning the *Men's Pairs*, the *IMP Pairs* and the *Tournament of Champions* in which they were joined by Jason. Jason came back to *Scarborough* where he finished 3rd in the *Teams* and 4th in the *Pairs*.

Diary date: the dates of the Shropshire Congress have been changed to April 16 and 17, 2016.

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



SUFFOLK did well in the first week of *Brighton*. Chris Chambers finished 8th in the *Harold Poster Pairs* over the first weekend, ahead of players such as Brian Senior and Andrew Robson. Jane and Andrew Moore won the *B Final* of the *Seniors' Pairs*.

Claude Stokes is moving out of the area in October. Claude is a founding father of SCBA, an ex-Chairman and ex-County Captain. He was also a leading organiser of the very successful Clacton Congress. We are very grateful for all Claude has done for Suffolk Bridge and we wish him well in his future.

Diary dates: Sun, Nov 15, Club Teams of Eight, 2pm, Colchester. Sun Nov 1st, Novice Pairs, 2pm, Great Barton Village Hall. Sun, Dec 6, Teams of Four, 2pm, Colchester.

Surrey

www.surreycountybridge.org.uk

FRANCES Hinden, Jeffrey Allerton, Graham Osborne and Peter Lee won the *A Stars Final* in the main *Teams* at Brighton.

Ken Ford – Ian Swanson were in the runners-up team at the *Summer Senior's Congress* at Eastbourne.

Sussex

www.sccba.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Geoffrey Wolfarth who, with Brian Senior, was a very creditable 9th= in the *Swiss Pairs* at the *Brighton Summer Meeting* and then followed it up by winning the *Mercian Travel Seniors' Pairs*.

Many congratulations also to Mike Keeping and David Benjamin who won the *Championship Pairs A Final* at the *EBU Summer Seniors Congress*. Sussex were well represented in the *A Final* with Geoffrey Wolfarth – Vivian Friday, Dave and Jill Armstrong, and Dave Franklin – David Gritt also finishing in the top ten. Peter Griffin and partner also did well to finish as runners-up in the *B Final*. Well done also to Alan and Nanette Gillespie who finished equal 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs*.

Warwickshire

www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk



THE county is very grateful to Nicklins, business advisers, for their continued sponsorship for 2015-2016. This enables the county to increase and develop its youth programme which has been hugely successful. Future sponsorship by individuals or groups would be very welcome and anyone interested should contact the county secretary for further information.

Diary dates: Sun, Oct 11, Rugby Lions Club Annual Pairs, 1.30pm, Rugby. Wed, Oct 14, Ladies' and Men's Pairs, 7pm, West Mids. Fri, Oct 16, Really Easy Congress, 3pm, West Mids. Thurs, Oct 29, Seniors' Pairs, 1.30pm, West Mids. Sun, Nov 15, Mentored Novice Pivot Teams, 1.30pm, Arden. Sun, Nov 22, Chick O' The County Pairs, 1.30pm, West Mids.

Wiltshire

www.wcba.co.uk



THE next county event is the Blue Point *Open Pairs* on October 11 (2pm, Bowls Club, Devizes). The event is open to all EBU members.

Worcestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire



THE *Midland Counties Bowl* held in June attracted entries from eleven teams from six counties. It was hosted by Worcestershire this year and one of the Worcestershire teams won the event. Results: 1. Worcestershire 1 (Dennis Loynes, Roger Bowles, Nick Forward, Steve Allerston); 2. Staffs and Shropshire 1 (Paul Hackett, Dan Crofts, Jason Hackett, Ed Levy); 3. Staffs and Shropshire 2 (Robin Adey, Geoff Davies, John Day, Geoff Feltblower).

At the time of writing, there are still a few places left for the *Green-pointed Malvern Congress* on October 25-26. The new venue, St John's Sports Centre in Worcester, has proved extremely popular – if anyone else would like to enter, please do so as soon as possible.

Yorkshire

www.ycba.co.uk/



THE YCBA will celebrate its 80th anniversary with a special event, open to all members. It will take place at the Bridge Inn, Wetherby on Saturday November 28. More info on the website.

Daniel Winter was in the fourth-placed England *Under-16* team at the *European Youth Teams Championship*. Yorkshire (Tony McNiff, Bill Townsend, Nick Woolven, Phil Morrison, Dave Robinson, Phil Godfrey, Sandy Davies, Tom Gisborne) successfully defended its *President's Cup* title in the annual inter-county event. Yorkshire South-East (Rod Hose, Rob Turner, Lesley Blanchard, Stuart Fletcher, Wendy Watson, John Squires, Mary Whymys, Barrie Partridge) were 2nd in the *National Final for County C Teams*. Roman Gembicki, Arthur Hughes, Frank Littlewood and David Musson won the *Nottinghamshire Swiss Teams*. Congratulations to all.

Diary dates: Oct 25, Yorkshire League (match 1). Nov 1, Ryedale Pairs, York. Nov 14, Schools Cup, York. Nov 15, Yorkshire League (match 2). Nov 29, Stratified Pairs, York. Dec 6, Yorkshire League (match 3). □

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COUNTY NEWS – LOCAL RESULTS

Bedfordshire

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PROSPECTS are looking good for the new BBA League format with fourteen teams already entered, and what looked to be a league system in decline now appears rejuvenated.

Diary dates: Oct 15, Mixed Pairs, 7.30pm, Wilstead. Nov 12, Marsh Trophy, 10am, Bedford No-Fear Club. Nov 19, Seniors' Pairs, 1pm, Wilstead. Further details of these events are available on the BBA website.

Berks and Bucks

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



THE final event of the 2014-15 season, the *Perkins Cup*, was won by Stan and Tara Harding, Chris Mooney and Kevin Elstow. The *Victor Ludorum* was won by the county chairman, Dick Davey.

For details of events in the 2015-16 season visit the county website. We hope to see you at county events.

Channel Islands

www.cwgsy.net/community/cicba/



COUNTY: *Inter-Insular Sims*: 1. Liz Thompson – Susan Jones, 2. Graham Boxall – Sue Rankin. *Individual*: 1. Robert Plumley, 2. Daniel McIntosh.

District: *Jersey* (nice to see some new names!) *B Le V Dit Durell Trophy*: 1. Seb Perez – Craig Honey, 2. David and Bidy Waters. *Individual*: 1. June Le Blancq, 2. Pat Panter. *Guernsey: Unrestricted Pairs*: 1. Mike Handcock – Melvyn Russel, 2. Andy Hall – Mike Allen.

Club: *Victoria Club: Ladies' Pairs*: 1. Sue Rankin – Marion Miles, 2. Sally Brouard – Elizabeth Heron. *Mens' Pairs*: 1. Richard Christensen – Chris Davey, 2. Brian Youd – Graham Boxall.

Derbyshire

www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire



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

Winners of recent DCBA competitions: the *Individual* was won by Richard Edwards. The *Atkins Cup* (Swiss Pairs) was won by Roman Gembicki – Fank Littlewood.

Forthcoming competitions: In October our Club Teams of 8 competition starts; results are accessible from the DCBA website. Our Winter Teams of 4 competitions started in September; the Winter Plate and Secretaries' Cup (for newer players) can be entered at any point during the ten Wednesdays they run – a prize is awarded on the night. On October 24 we have the Warnock Trophy; this is for Pairs with a NGS grading of 8 or less.

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

Details of events scheduled by our county association can be found on our website.

Devon

www.devonbridge.co.uk



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

Dorset

www.bridgewebs.com/dorset



CHOPE Salver: 1. Alastair Cowley – Chris Stevens, 2. Eugene Sheehan – David Gill, 3. James and Shirley Dutton.

Handicap: 1. Angela Walters – Inga-Lill Button, 2. Anne Allerston – Doris Hutchinson, 3. Hugh Kevill-Davies – Jon Holland.

Essex

www.essexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to all of the following:

Club Pairs: 1. David Brace – Eric Field, 2= Alan Bryant – Geoff Weber and George Vede – John Peacock; Billericay Mayflower won the overall *Club*

Prize.

Pro-Am: 1. Martyn Neill – Simon Moorman, 2. Richard Manning – Jon Ward, 3. Richard Wilson – Mike Harbour.

Summer Seniors' Pairs: 1. Graham Foster – Marc Chawner, 2. Alan Green – Frank Morrison, 3. Chris Chorley – Paddy Murray.

Friendly League Finals: 1. Barleylands (Irene Bessell, Trevor Elcock, Monica Watters, John McCoy, Catherine Gilmore, Janice Ashby, Alastair Robertson and Martyn Neill); 2. Chelmsford (Joan McGuffin, Brian Mitchell, George McGuffin, Ivan McLauchlan, Judith Loveridge, Susan Thorburn, Ann Owen and Neil Grandy).

Eastern Counties League vs Norfolk: the A team won 13-7, the B team drew 10-10, and the C team won 19-1.

Hants and IoW

www.bridgewebs.com/hiwcba/



DIARY dates: Oct 4, Men's/Ladies'/Mixed Pairs, Winchester Tennis Club. Oct 18, Wessex Teams, Blue-pointed, Romsey. Nov 15, Jubilee Cup Teams of Eight, Romsey. Nov 29, Bloxham Teams, Basingstoke Bridge Club. Dec 13, Yuletide Teams, Romsey.

Entries via the HHOW website or Steve Preston ☎ 02380 702934.

Hertfordshire

www.hertsbridge.co.uk



AT the last AGM, Bernard Eddlestone retired as President after serving Hertfordshire well for seven years. We wish to thank him for his service. Richard Banbury has taken over the Presidency.

Congratulations to Malcolm Harris and Rick Irwin on winning the Saturday *Green-pointed Swiss Pairs* in July at Wodson Park, Ware – unbeaten in all seven matches in a field of 112 pairs. Runners-up were also a Herts pairing, Celia and Derek Oram.

Diary dates: Sun, Oct 12, Hatfield Heath Swiss Teams, 1.45pm, Hatfield Heath BC. Wed, Oct 14, Really Easy Pairs, 2pm, Baptist Church Hall, Watford, WD17 1JJ. Sun, Nov 1st, Hertfordshire Rose Bowl, 12 noon W.G.C.B.C. Fri, Nov 13, Club Winners Cup, 7.30pm, W.G.C.B.C. Fri, Nov 20, Mixed Pairs, 7.30pm, W.G.C.B.C. Fri, Nov 27, Eccles Cup, 7.30pm, Bennetts End Community Centre, HP3 9LZ. Sun, Dec 6, Desmond Flockhart Trophy, 12 noon, W.G.C.B.C. Sun, Jan 10, Humble Cup, 12 noon, 1st Qualifinal, W.G.C.B.C. Sun, Jan 24, Championship Pairs Semi-final, 12 noon, W.G.C.B.C.

Kent

www.kcba.org.uk



BROOK Shield play-off of the four area league winners: 1st SW league (*Pearson Cup*) team Griffiths – Mike Griffiths (Capt.), John Murrell, Harry Trusted, Ian Soutar.

Congratulations to Croz Croswell – Matthew Brown, winners of the *Kent Swiss Pairs Championship* and the *Phillimore Cup*. *Phillimore Cup* runners-up: Gerald Soper – Terry Goldsmith.

Congratulations to Stuart Tredinnick on promotion to Premier Grand Master.

Diary dates: 56th Kent Congress (Blue-pointed): Swiss Pairs Saturday October 24, 11am, TWBC; Swiss Teams Sunday October 25, 11am, TWBC. Sun, Nov 1st, Mixed Pairs Championship, 11am, TWBC (Dyer Smith Cup / Hunter Cup).

Lancashire

www.bridgewebs.com/lancs



PRESTON Pairs: 1. Andrew Woodcock – Catherine Draper.

Leicestershire

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IN the *Samani Salver* (the summer knockout-handicap teams of four competition), the final will be between the two Clarendon Teams (South & North) who beat Loughborough A & Glenfield A respectively in the semi-finals.

In the *Samani Plate* (for first-round losers), the final will be between County B and Bradgate B, who respectively won against Bradgate C and Blaby A in the semi-finals.

London

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IN the *London League, Division 1* was won by Punters, captained by Brian Kelly, 7 VPs clear of YC1, led by Fiona Hutchison, in second place. *Division 2* was won by Uday Hegde's Tartan team, 9 VPs ahead of second-placed Café Bridge captained by Brian Wallace. *Division 3* was won by the Improbables captained by Richard Wharton, who were over a match clear of John Clarke's Barrels in second place.

Manchester

www.manchesterbridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Raymond Semp who won the *MCBA Green Point Swiss Teams* with Alan Williams, Marianne Farr and Mike Nicholson. Second were Alan Mould, Michael Newman, Ollie Burgess and Barry Myers.

Merseyside/Cheshire

www.mcba.org.uk



HAPPILY we came out on top in the *Annual Match v Derbyshire*. Well done to our team of Ann Davies, Dorothea Gilbert, Dave Edwards, Peter Richmond, Paul Holt, Peter Sumption, Paul Mathews, John Gibb, Angie Pinnington, Helen Wight, Barbara Serres (capt.) and Gareth Thomas.

Norfolk

www.bridgewebs.com/norfolk/



IN the last report, our summer season was in full swing; now it's gone and we have our Autumn weekends to look forward to!

In July, the *Holt Open Pairs* was won by visitors Giles and Gabriel Ip, whilst the *Aylsham Open Pairs* was won by local members, Graeme Johnston – Cheryl Plunkett. In the last of our 'visits', the *Kings Lynn Trophy* was won by the visitors – John Harrison, Nawal Fenwick, and Tom and Charlie Melvin.

Back home, the *Wymondham Trophy* was won by Wymondham members John and Penny Stroud, and the Mixed Pairs by Rob and Rosa Richardson. The final trophy result we can include in this report is the *Shaw Trophy*, won by Nigel Block – Mervyn Scutter.

Thank you to everyone who attended our summer programme and particularly to the team of standbys who made sure that no-one went without a game.

Looking forward, October brings the AGM followed by the Smart Trophy. This is a point-a-board, blue-pointed teams event. We hope that with questions on premises and Charitable Status up for discussion at the AGM there will be a good attendance at both the meeting and the play!

North East

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INGA and Neil Aiston completed their highly successful season by winning the *Summer Pairs Final* in June, just ahead of Jocelyn Gordon – Pamela Niven; Desmond Dunleavy – Stella Findlay finished third (56.89%).

The *Northern Open Pairs* was won by Brenda Osborne – Frank Springett, second place going to Ajit Shivdasani – Mike Stanbury and third to Inga and Neil Aiston; the NGS prize went to Cecily Manghan and Ken Wharrier.

Unfortunately both NEBA 'A' and 'B' teams lost to East District Scotland in the *Annual Match* played in July. Heavy reverses in the respective final sets (which followed a super tea) put paid to any chances of victory.

A very successful *Cramlington Congress* in August resulted in a split-tie finish with the eventual honours going to the Chester-le-Street pairing of Phyllis Hands – James Grant. On the same score, Jim Hodgson – Chris Stenning were just edged out into second place, with Pat Barton – Graham Cox in third. The *Consolation Final* was won by Allan Hoggan and Harold Wells.

Congratulations go to all successful players. ☐

Northamptonshire

www.bridgewebs.com/northants/



THE *Lakeland* will be taking place on Sunday October 25 starting at 1pm; it has changed to an inter-club teams-of-four event. On the same day the *Kettering Trophy* for teams of four will be held at Kettering Bridge Club starting at 1pm; it is limited to players playing in Division 3 of the inter-club league. Entries to Susan Deacon.

Kettering Bridge Club's *Porch Trophy* will be held on Sunday December 6 starting at 1pm. Entries to Colin Tuton.

Somerset

www.somersetbridge.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to the joint winners of the *Barometer Pairs*, Gina and David Howard, Steve Tomlinson and Ralph Smith. This was a new county event held at Woolavington in July, which was a very enjoyable success.

The *AGM Swiss Teams* was won by Wendy Miller, Sheila Coda, Daphne Greatorex, and Les Barrett.

Congratulations to David and Gina Howard, Eric Cummings and Graham Heal for winning the *Paul Jones* team event.

Staffs and Shrops

www.staffsandshrops.org.uk



THE winners of the *No Fear Pairs* event that took place at Wolverhampton in July were a student/teacher partnership, Sean Clarke – Ann Sleightholme; 2. Eileen Pinches – Joan Butler; 3. Tom Redshaw – Guy Kershaw. Linda and her helpers laid on an excellent lunch and the day was most enjoyable. Another such event is planned in February.

In August the *Summer Sim Pairs* was played. All six S&SCBA clubs that play on a Wednesday took part, 40 tables in all. David Clarke – Gillian Allsop at Wolverhampton were

the overall winners with Marion Jordan – Kevin Sullivan at Newcastle 2nd and Paul and Linda Laughlin, playing at Stafford, 3rd.

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



IN the *Mixed Pairs* Jill and Roger Tattersfield won the *Ringer Cup* for coming 1st; Jane and Andrew Moore won the *Lang Cup* for the highest placed married pair (not having won overall). Graham Beeton – Janet Fleming were third.

The winners of the *Club Players Championship* were Bridget Smith – Paul Flavell, who finished ahead of Cleopatra Hensby – Marcus Hopkins in second, with Jackie Chester – Susan Nisbett third.

Congratulations to Helen Mason – David Mathews whose fine score secured the *Seniors' Pairs*. Richard Evans – Marion Spear were second and third-placed Bim and Sam Wilson took the *Veterans' Prize*.

Surrey

www.surreycountybridge.org.uk

CONGRATULATIONS to Elizabeth Taylor, Margaret Mansell, Beryl Mullins, Marilyn Frame who won the *Wanborough Cup* representing Woking.

Sussex

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CONGRATULATIONS to the team of David Gritt, Mike Keeping, Vivian Priday and David Benjamin who won the *Green Point Swiss Teams* at Crowborough in July. The runners-up were Dave Franklin, Gerry Stanford, Neil Watts and Nigel Urban.

Congratulations to Matt Davis and Stephen Kennedy who won this year's *SCCBA Venture Pairs* at West Sussex Bridge Club. Stephen also represented England in the *Under-21* team in Tromsø, Norway, in the *European Junior Championships*.

Both the Sussex A and B teams acquitted themselves well with two solid above-average performances in the *National Inter-county League Finals*. Sussex finished second in the *A Final* behind a strong Manchester team and third in the *B Final*.



Photo: EBU

Staffs & Shrops No Fear Pairs' winners, Ann Sleightholme and Sean Clarke from Stafford, receiving their prize.

Warwickshire

www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk



SHAKESPEARE Swiss Teams: 1. Mary Andrew, Margaret Crangle, Andrew Clifford, Mike Thorley; 2. Brian Lawless, Gordon Fox, Anne Lawless, Gaynor Fox.

Seniors' Pairs: 1. Barry Holloway – John Wright; 2. Adrian and Prue Knight.

Worcestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire



THE new season has got off to a good start and early leaders in the *Grand Prix Teams* are Half and Half, closely followed by Unquote. In the *Phillipps Pairs*, Nick Forward – Steve Allerston have established an early lead, with Mel Downing – Roger Bowles snapping at their heels.

The *Irene Allen Swiss Pairs* for players below the rank of Regional Master will be held on Sunday October 18. It has been decided to hold the event in the North and South of the county in alternate years and this year it will be at a venue in the South, the British Legion Club at Claines.

The Inter-club Swiss Teams of Four for the *Healey Cup* will be held on Sunday November 22 at the Astley and Dunley Village Hall. Every club in Worcestershire and Herefordshire is invited and encouraged to enter at least one team in this popular event.

Yorkshire

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CONGRATULATIONS to the following on their achievements:

John Gerrard Simultaneous Pairs: John O'Sullivan – Ian Johns. *Victor Ludorum* prize – all three simultaneous pairs competitions – Frank

Littlewood.

Malton Teams: Stuart Davies, George Bak, Gill Copeland and Steve Blackburn. *Fritch:* Lesley and Ron Millet.

Waddington Cup: Malton (Philip Mason, Robin Ashdown and Mike and Annette Jackson). This is the first time Malton has won the Waddington Cup. However, Philip Mason was in the winning team for the second time, having represented York in 1963, no fewer than 52 years ago! Possibly a minor record.

Newcomers Pivot Teams: Ana-Maria Scherson, James Newby, Madeleine Newby and Sue Sheldrick. *Peter Littlewood Midweek Pairs:* Stuart Davies – Alan Jarvis.

EBU Pachabo Cup: Nick Woolven, Martin Edge, Alan Brossill and Robin Jepson were 10th out of 26 counties.

EBU Scarborough Summer Congress: in the *A Final* of the *Teams event*, Barrie Partridge, Linda MacFarlane, Mary Whymys and Nick Hodsdon were 5th. In the *Swiss Pairs*, Hugh McGann – Ciaran Coyne were 2nd. □

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In Memoriam

BETTY RADCLIFFE (Cornwall) has died, aged 99. Her sight was poor and she had not played bridge for some years, though formerly she had enjoyed county competitions and been a member of Falmouth and Truro. She lived in Truro, where her family owned the Royal Hotel and often she made rooms available for bridge, without charge, and provided refreshments. With her husband, she ran a pub until it was demolished by a runaway lorry.

RAY NOBLE (Derbyshire). It is with great sadness that we have learned that Ray died at home on Monday 10th August.

BEN BEEVER (Manchester). We are sorry to report the death of Ben Beever at the age of 39 as a result of a fall from a balcony. Ben was a well known bridge player in the Manchester area and an inspirational teacher of bridge at Manchester Bridge Club. As a player his major achievements were winning the Ben Franks with Eddie Thornton-Chan in 2011 and winning the second division with the Petersfield team in 2014. He was also a regular player at Bramhall Bridge Club where he won several trophies and served as Chairman for a year.

Ben was also well known as an expert juggler, performing and running workshops. He held some world records for a time and wrote a book on the subject.

The funeral took place on Thursday 23rd July at Southern Cemetery and afterwards at Manchester Bridge Club where Ben's mother, Pru, was able to meet many of his friends. A donation in Ben's memory to the Red Cross can be made at www.justgiving.com/BenjaminBeever.

DR JOHN BIRD (Manchester). It is with great sadness that we report the death of John Bird. John was a member of Manchester and Bramhall Bridge Clubs for very many years and a regular player in the Manchester League, playing in particular with Geoff Storry. He was a psychiatrist by profession and an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. John was also a keen poker player and regularly went to Las Vegas to play,

He was a gentleman at the bridge table and will be greatly missed.

RIC DEARING (Merseyside & Cheshire). Ric sadly passed away on 24 July. Despite not being in the best of health lately, Ric lived life to the full and will be very much missed by his friends in the bridge world.

MIKE DUNSTAN (Surrey), who has died following a stroke, was a member of Wimbledon Bridge Club for many years. Mike always played on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons without fail, and was loved by the whole club. He was always courteous and friendly to all at the table.

Mike was a doctor and was also an accomplished pianist. Mike was Heather Dhondy's father.

BRIAN STANDISH (Worcestershire). We learned the sad news of Brian's death on the 16th August. At various times over the years he had been both a committee member and chairperson of the Stourbridge clubs and also of the Worcestershire County Association. The older players in particular at the county will remember both Brian and his wife, Jean, although his bridge in his later years was confined solely to playing at the Stourbridge club. Unfortunately, increasingly severe ill-health culminated in him latterly ceasing playing – much to his understandable great disappointment. Perhaps one lasting way in which he will be remembered is by the trophy awarded to the Fritch Winners at the Midland Counties Congress – the Standish Salver.

MIKE POWERS (Worcestershire) died on 5th July. He was born in Birmingham in 1942, attended King Edward's Grammar School and obtained a degree in Russian, maintaining his love of the language all his life. Mike ran a business chauffeuring people from all walks of life. Whether it be a celebrity or someone going to the airport for their holiday, he was proud to perform a friendly yet professional service. Mike was a member of Bromsgrove Bridge Club for thirty-two years and represented the Club in the Worcestershire League Teams, the Garden Cities Cup and the Club Pairs Championship. It was not necessary to see Mike at an event to know he was there: he had a very loud laugh and a mischievous wit. His laughter and humour will be a remaining memory. □