

COUNTY NEWS – LOCAL RESULTS

Avon

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AVON'S team for the November's Tollemache: Chris Dixon & David Jones, Trevor Ward & Rob Lawy, Tim Brierley & Graham Hartley, Peter Shelley & Brian Goalby, Jeremy Rickard & Robert Glass.

Berks and Bucks

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CAROLE and Herb Mueller, David Perkins and Phil Thornton won the Perkins Cup (Teams); runners-up were Ed Scerri, Dick Davey, Richard Hillman, and Richard Bowdery.

Steve Lynch and Paul Dolphin were joint winners of the John Pares Cup in the 2015-16 Victor Ludorum competition.

Graduate League: seven teams took part and, in a close finish, Jane Morris' DOMPF team (Jan Przybys, Pamela King, Jane Morris and Peter Duncan) defeated the defending champions David Genders' Grand Slam. Both of these teams are expecting to join two teams from the 2014-15 Graduate League in Division 4 of the Brown Cup next year, so fulfilling one of the objectives when the Graduate League was founded four years ago.

Student League: six teams from three different bridge classes took part and the winners were Hilary Rouse's Not Vulnerable team (Mark Taylor, David King, Hilary Rouse, Caroline Hunt, plus Andy Graham and Val Karruck) taught by Rob Wilkinson at the Bridge School at Gerrards Cross.

End-of-Season Event: at the end of the season, the two leagues get together for a celebration pairs match. This was won by Anne Byles & Barbara Gibbs and joint runners-up were Bill Astles & Mark Bannister and Peter Duncan & Pamela King.

Cornwall

www.bridgewebs.com/cornwall



DIARY dates: 9 Oct, AGM & Mixed Pairs Championship, Ladock. 23 Oct, County Swiss Teams, Queens Hotel, Penzance. 6 Nov, Pivot Teams, Ladock. 27 Nov, Bodmin Swiss Pairs, Lanhydrock Golf Club.

Derbyshire

www.bridgewebs.com/derbyshire



WINNERS of the Vic Morris Plate was Malcolm Young's team (Alan Kenny, Jeff Calladine and Richard Horsley were his team mates).

Devon

www.devonbridge.co.uk



AT the AGM Mike Hamon and Terence Treeby were re-elected as Chairman and Secretary; following the AGM Ruth Edmondson was co-opted as Treasurer. The teams following the AGM was won by Mike Hamon, Howard Kent-Webster, Joe and Gillian Fawcett.

Essex

www.essexbridge.co.uk



CLUB Player Championships – 1st, Sandra Fenton & Roger Bacon. 2nd, David Brace & Linda Fleet. 3rd, Brenda & Frans Van Nunes. George Curtis – 1st, John Stimson, Winnie Godber, Rick Hanley & Graham Beeton. 2nd, Bernie Hunt, Sheena Millins, Val & Paul Mollison. 3rd, Richard Register, John Sutcliffe, Tanya Genthe & Alan Cohen. Summer Seniors – 1st, Graham Foster & Dennis Johnson. 2nd, Chris Chorley & Paddy Murray. 3rd, Pat Johnson & Peter Scotting. ECBA Really Easy Pairs – 1st, Linda & Vaughan Jenkins. 2nd, Cath Fox & Val Pater. 3rd equal, Richard Manning & Mustapha Rahaman and Mike Wares & Amanda Murphy.

Gloucestershire

www.gcba.org.uk



THE Champions' Cup after our AGM was won by Patrick Shields and Derek Rue. The Spring Pairs finished in May with the victors being Alan Wearmouth and Tony Hill.

Hants and IoW

www.bridgewebs.com/hiwcba/



DIARY dates: 16 Oct, Mixed Pairs. 13 Nov, Teams of Eight. 27 Nov, BP Teams of Four. 11 Dec, Yuletide Swiss Teams. All at Romsey. 22 Oct, BP Swiss Pairs at Petersfield. Entries via HIOW website or Steve Preston on 02380 702934.

Hertfordshire

www.hertsbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Peter and Ann Clark for winning the Swiss Pairs on the 23 July at the Herts and Essex Green pointed weekend.

Well done to Paul and Fiona Littlewood, Tim Nash and Mark Westley for winning the teams at the Southern Midweek Congress, 14-16 June.

Kent

www.kcba.org.uk



THE Phillimore Cup (Swiss Pairs) was won by Ian Draper and Jeremy Willans.

The Brook Shield (Kent Area League play-off) was won by North West Kent; Norman Inniss, Stefan Syplywczak, Pat McBain and Colin Game (see photo below).

Diary dates: 22 Oct, Bromley North BC Swiss Teams. 29-30 Oct, 56th Kent Congress, Tunbridge Wells (Blue pointed). 15 Jan Fleming Femina/Hunter Homines Tunbridge Wells.



Kent Area League play-off winners: Stefan Syplywczak, Pat McBain, Norman Inniss, Colin Game

Lancashire

www.bridgewebs.com/lancs



BLACKBURN Swiss Pairs: 1st John Holland and Brian Senior.

Leicestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/leicestershire/



THE Samani Salver (the summer knockout – aggregate scored handicap Teams of Four competition) – Clarendon South, who beat Golf in the semi-final, will meet the winners of the other semi-final which is Bradgate B (receive (2000) vs Clarendon North, in the final. In the Samani Plate (for 1st round losers) – the semi-finals will be Grantham A vs Loughborough A and Hinckley vs Westcotes A.

London

www.metrobridge.co.uk



THE finals of the London Trophy took place in June. The Trophy was won by the HM Treasury team of Roy Westwater, Peter Brook, Peter Donovan and Sir Alex Allan with runners-up Christine Tomkin, Neil Tomkin, Karen Milliner, and Pip Smitham. The Plate was won by MCC, comprising Russell Tenzer, Gary Diamond, Harvey Laurance, Nigel Clayton, Pralab Barua & Geoff Lane. The Plate runners up were Thakeham BC - Carolyn Phillip, Diana Caplin, Frances Fuller and Joan Kellett.

Manchester

www.manchesterbridge.org.uk



SUMMER Intermediate Pairs: Well done to Andrea Mills and David Welsh who won this 26 pair event by over four percent.

Castle Swiss Pairs: Congratulations to Neil Thomas and Gillian McMullan who won this event for the second time in three years.

MCBA Green Point Swiss Teams: Congratulations to Kath Nelson & Jeff Morris, Alan Nelson & Jeff Smith who won this event by the huge margin of 22 VPs which is especially notable as Kath & Jeff are not a regular partnership.

Middlesex

www.middlesexbridge.co.uk



MIDDLESEX Cup: Neil Rosen (Capt), Keith Bennett, Simon Cope, Richard Hillman, Martin Jones, Anne Rosen.

Championship Pairs: Tony Mutukisna, Malcolm Todd.

Mixed Pairs: Jill Feldman, Neil Rosen.

Ladies Pairs: Vanessa Clarke, Jacqui Tobias.

Senior Pairs: Maurizia Trowell, Michael Trowell.

Gentle Duplicate Pairs: Mahesh Shah, Sheela Shah.

Seniors Teams: Harry Ashar, Azad Husein, Denise Miller, Saleem Sachak.

Club Teams of Eight: Pinner Bridge Club.

Norfolk

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OK, so our attempt to run a Sunday event in July fell foul of the British Grand Prix and Wimbledon – we'll not try that again any time soon! The June event was enjoyed by all and won by Nawal Fenwick and John Harrison (the Mills Knight) and Barbara & Mike Harnden (the Broke).

The club visits continued with Bawburgh who generously sponsored two prizes – won by Gabriel Ip and Bogdan Drobny (Pam Allwood) and Clive Turner and Mervyn Scutter (Houston). Our next visit was to Holt where Michael Whiting and Roger Amey emerged triumphant.

We then went to Aylsham where Nawal Fenwick and John Harrison again topped the table. On to Wymondham and the Shaw Trophy where Roger Amey and Mike Walsh were substantially ahead of the rest of the field.

The last event in this report is the Kings Lynn Trophy won with a large margin by the local team of Tony Graham, Trish Foster, Peter Clemens and Brian Barrett. There are three more events in this summer season which I will report on in the next issue.

Events in October are the Orb Paquet on 9th and the AGM and Smart Trophy on 30th – see you there!

North East

www.neba.co.uk



CLEAR winners of the Summer Pairs Final on 25 June were Jacqui Taylor and Geoff Parker with a very creditable score of nearly 65%. Second place was taken by Damian Hassan and Clive Owen who in turn were well clear of third placed Brenda Osborne and Frank Springett. Winners of the Simultaneous Open Pairs held at Darlington BC and Castle Morpeth BC on 17 July were Aileen Cunningham and Mary Page. Second place went to Haydon Dando and Eric Knight and in third place were Brenda Osborne and Frank Springett.

The Kathy Pike Charity Event held on 6 July at Stanington was well supported and a huge success. Runaway winners were Marian Curran and Pat Tuff, second place was taken by Sue and Dick Davies and in third were Kenneth Bodenham and Monica Tuka.

NEBA won both the 'A' and 'B' team matches in the annual match against East of Scotland at Berwick on 3 July. A close finish saw the 'A' team ahead by just 2 IMPs, the 'B' team finishing strongly in the final round to accumulate a 20 IMP margin. Congratulations to all successful players.

Somerset

www.bridgewebs.com/somerset



SCBA AGM was held at Woolavington Village Hall on 18 June followed by a Swiss Team event won by Caroline Macpherson, Katrina Foote, Sally Stuttard and Chris Thomas.

The Barometer Pairs event held at Woolavington Village Hall on 23 July, was won by Caroline Macpherson and Andy Ridgers and runners up Steve Fletcher and Shirley Durrant.

Staffs and Shrops

www.staffsandshrops.org.uk



THE winners of the new Midland Regional Improver's Simultaneous Pairs competition, played in early July at Spondon and Solihull, are members of Newcastle-under-Lyme & District Bridge Club. The trophies were presented at Newcastle to Steve Smith and Jason Webb by EBU board member Darren Evetts and Linda Curtis Staffs & Shrops chair on July 20th. The runners up, Anna Lis and John Higgs, are also Staffs & Shrops players being members of Wolverhampton Bridge Club.

Wolverhampton Bridge Club celebrated its 10th Anniversary at the Shaw Rd Business Park Premises on 28 August. Rob Marris, MP for Wolverhampton South West, was there. Rob originally cut the ribbon in 2006 and he returned for a celebratory drink, cake and a game of bridge.

Stafford Bridge Club had its fourth away weekend in April and plans another in April 2017. The venues have ranged from Lytham St. Anne's, Quedgeley (near Gloucester) and Marston (near Grantham) all of which have been very successful and owe much to club chairman, David Drinkwater, for his organisation of the bridge sessions.



Steve Smith and Jason Webb, winners of the new Midland Regional Improver's Simultaneous Pairs being presented with a trophy by Linda Curtis, Staffs & Shrops chair, and EBU board member Darren Evetts

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



WINNERS of the Mixed Pairs: 1st, Andrew & Jane Moore, 2nd, Din Gudka & Cathy Rowland, 3rd, May Li and John Gan.

Winners of the Senior Pairs, 1st, Andrew & Jane Moore, 2nd, Jill & Roger Tattersfield, 3rd, Jeff Orton & Rick Hanley.

Surrey

www.bridgewebs.com/surrey



WINNERS of the Wanborough Cup were the Mayfield team of Roger Morton, Tim Cook, Bernard Pike and Derek Norman.

Winners of the AGM Bracketed Pairs were A, Jeffrey Allerton and Peter Lee; B, Roger Pratt and Maciej Pilecki.

Sussex

www.sccba.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Janet Cretchley and Susan Napper who won this year's SCCBA Venture Pairs at Worthing Bridge Club. The runners-up were Marie Willey and Susan Pettit.

Warwickshire

www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk



DAVID Jones and Mike Northwood were convincing winners of the County Senior Pairs.

A Division winners of the Warwickshire Pairs And Coventry Pairs Leagues were George Cuthbertson and Ian Handley and Steve Green and Martin Jones respectively.

The final of the Coventry Open Cup was won by Menagerie (Darren Evetts, Susan Norton, Roger Bryant and Malcolm Oliver - Simon Creasey and Adrain Knight played in earlier rounds).

Worcestershire

www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire



ALTHOUGH two heats of the Grand Prix teams have already been held, there is nothing to prevent more teams joining in the fun – possibly to try the event out in preparation for playing in all the heats next year. It's a very sociable and enjoyable event – come along and give it a try if you're not in one of the teams already involved!

It's not too late to enter for the Irene Allen Non-Expert Swiss Pairs which will be held on 16th Oct at Claines.

The Healey Cup, the WCBA Inter-Club Teams of Eight event will be held at Claines on 20 Nov. We hope every club in both Worcestershire and Herefordshire will be able to send a team. Similarly the County will hold a Christmas Charity Swiss Teams event at Cutnall Green on 12 Dec – get your team organised now so that you can start to celebrate Christmas early!

Yorkshire

www.ycba.co.uk/



WADDINGTON Shield: Heather Hobson, Roy Garthwaite, Pearl & Denis Murphy defeated Tom Gisborne's team by 10 IMPs in the final.

Yorkshire Trophy: Ian Johns, John O'Sullivan, Adrian Goulding & Geoff Newman defeated Anthony Abraham's team by 63 IMPs in the final.

Affiliated Clubs Teams: The winners were Doncaster (Barbara Bowler, Julia Staniforth, Geoff Kenyon & Richard Draycott).

John Gerrard Simultaneous Pairs: 1st, Judy Holt & Steve Roswald (Scarborough); 2nd, Ian Johns & John O'Sullivan (Wakefield); 3rd, Kevin Moody & Debbie Allen (Richmondshire); 4th, Phil Godfrey & Alan Jarvis (Leeds); 5th, Patrick Trevanion & Stuart Barrett (Huddersfield).

Castle Swiss Pairs: 1st, Gillian McMullan & Neil Thomas; 2nd, Basil Caygill & Matthew Kiggins; 3rd, Kevin Hawkins & Heather Hobson.

Malton Cup: 1st, Tom Copeland, David Waxman, Richard Pike & Dominic Rayner; 2nd, John Kimpton, Keith Sowerbutts, Tim Prior & Paul Brereton.

Peter Littlewood Trophy: 1st, Frank Littlewood & David Musson; 2nd, Sandy Davies & Dave Robinson; Ian Martin & Gill Copeland.

Yorkshire Flitch: 1st, Ian & Julie Grant; 2nd, Jim & Shona Tate; 3rd, Toby & Ann Wall

Play without the Experts Swiss Pairs: 1st, Anne Kimberley & Linda James; 2nd, Pat Brockway & Kathie Gill; 3rd, David Norcross & Terry Jacobs.

The deadline for submission of articles for the December issue is 7 October

In Memoriam

BRIAN JACKSON 1938-2016 (London): Brian Jackson wrote occasional articles about bridge-playing. He was not a high-profile player, but made his living from the game, gracing most London Rubber Bridge Clubs either as an excellent host or, post-retirement, as a player. Unlike most hosts he wasn't over-endowed with ego. He never lectured a partner, and famously claimed that after any hand there were only two things that a host should say. They were either 'Well done, partner' or 'Bad luck, partner'. Anything else he viewed as unprofessional. This, of course, paid practical dividends, as well. Even the club duffer knows when he's made a mess of things (he may not understand why, mind you) and the important thing is to get him on to the next hand without him worrying about a hand that's already history.

Growing up during the Blitz ('After that, a rubber with R**** A**** was pretty much plain sailing,' he once said), South Londoner Brian went through grammar school and studied Chemistry at college. He and the test tube soon fell out, and he left in order to pursue a life outside the world of science. National Service intervened, and he subsidised his meagre RAF pay with regular trips to the Mayfair Bridge

Studio for the big 6d game, capitalising on the skill he'd picked up when he should have been learning the Periodic Table.

After National Service he fell among good bridge players, and soon decided that the world of commerce (having sampled the insurance and oil industries) was not for him. After a short spell subbing for Irving Rose as host at Crockfords he took the job up full-time, first at Curzon House, then at Green Street, Mayfair, where he enjoyed a long residency. It was at Green Street that he honed his trade, and after a brief spell at the London School of Bridge in the King's Road, where he delighted in playing in a low-stake game because he enjoyed the company, he moved to the higher stake club at St. James' moving to TGR when that club opened (essentially St. James' moved a mile up the road).

If Brian came up to you with a hand scrawled on a piece of paper, it was always instructive – he was always on the lookout for hands that had a point. He wasn't a result merchant – the story would end either with 'I managed to wake up just in time and spot that,' or 'I came a cropper on that one'. He wasn't interested in proving how clever he was.