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Congratulations, We're Engaged!



Sally Bugden, Chairman

IF YOU are reading this, I think congratulations are in order: we're engaged, or should that read 'we've engaged'? However I put it, the point I would like to make is that you have bothered to read this column. I have been lucky enough to grab your attention. But why are you reading this? So far I haven't said anything about the English Bridge Union. What would you like to read here? Well, I have always believed that you do want to read about what's happening in our national bridge organisation. I suppose if I deconstruct the words in 'English Bridge Union', we all know what 'English' means and what 'Bridge' means, but the word that we rarely concentrate on is 'Union'. Don't worry, I'm not going to expand my marital analogy any further but I am going to look at what it is we are and see if it matches what you think we are.

We are a group of people who all play duplicate bridge and who come together in various places to play the game we love – in clubs of all sizes and in counties of all sizes, in national events of all sizes and, for the gifted few, in countries of all sizes. We are united in our desire to play the game. Are we united in our desire to keep the game going? I would like to think we are. There are volunteers at every level including a group of national volunteers assisted by our employees in Aylesbury, who support our united group of people. By providing services to ensure our playing experience is the most comfortable and secure, we can make it wherever we

play – club, county or nationally – and by providing development to ensure that there are more people to play with us as years go by. And in a nutshell that is it. That's what we all do. Isn't it?

And what about the gifted few? Two teams will be representing us all in the World Championships beginning on 16th September 2013 – and they are gifted. Our Open Team is playing for the Bermuda Bowl – Andrew Robson, Alexander Allfrey, Tony Forrester, David Gold, David Bakhshi and Tom Townsend, supported by Simon Cope, their Non Playing Captain (NPC), and Ben Green, their Coach. Our Women's Team, currently the European Champions and World Mind Sports Gold Medallists, is playing for the Venice Cup – Heather Dhondy, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith, Sally Brock, Susan Stockdale and Fiona Brown, supported by Jeremy Dhondy, their NPC and David Burn their Coach. Both teams have qualified to play in these competitions through their excellent performance in the European Championships held in Dublin last year. This is an exceptional achievement. They are *our* teams; they are playing for all of us, this Union of people who play bridge in England. Read the first instalment on the teams in our magazine – please see page 29 – and find out about the players, and follow all the action on our website (and Bridge Base Online) over the coming couple of months.

Let's get engaged all over again! ☐



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Don't Play for a 'Perfecto'

WHEN DECIDING how high to bid, you should try to construct possible hands for partner and see how many tricks are likely. Say you hold:

♠ A 8 5 3 2
♥ A 3
♦ A Q 8 6 3
♣ 4

You open 1♠ and hear partner jump to 3♣. Should you look for slam with your fine shapely five-loser hand, or just settle for game?

Construct some 10-point hands for partner and see what could be made. If you give partner:

♠ K Q 6 4
♥ 5 4 2
♦ K J 2
♣ J 8 6

You can make twelve tricks as long as trumps don't split 4-0. After drawing trumps, you play out five rounds of diamonds, shedding

two hearts from dummy and can then ruff your small heart in dummy. Playing teams (or rubber), you might well bid 4♦, best played as a natural slam try, which would elicit great excitement from partner if he holds this 'perfecto' (perfect hand).

Playing pairs, however, you should play the frequency game. Partner is unlikely to hold this hand. You are unlikely to have a slam. By bidding 4♦, you tip the opponents off that (a) you have a diamond second suit and (b) you have slam interest. Their opening lead and subsequent defence will surely be more accurate as a result. Simply raise 3♠ to 4♠. Maybe they'll lead a diamond from the king; maybe they'll discard a diamond as you draw trumps.

Do not play partner for the 'perfecto'. Give as little as possible away during the bidding and you'll make far more overtricks than with an overly scientific approach. Say you hold:

♠ A Q 9 3
♥ A K 8 5 4 3
♦ A 10
♣ 3

You open 1♥ and hear partner raise to 2♥.

Your first thoughts might be: 'If my partner holds:

♠ K 7 6 2
♥ 9 7 6 2
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 4 2

'Just three high-card points, we can make a 4-4 fit 6♠ on reasonable major-suit splits, by drawing trumps, then cashing hearts discarding dummy's diamonds.' (Note you cannot make 6♥ as you need the discards on the unequal-length side-suit). Should you begin the exploration with a bid of 2♠?

No. The key word is 'if'. Do not play the 'if' game. Be practical and jump to 4♥, not tipping off the opponents. Here is a much more likely layout than the 'perfecto':

Love All. Dealer South.

♠ 5 2		♠ K 7 4
♥ Q J 2		♥ 9 7
♦ 9 4 3		♦ K J 7 5
♣ K Q 6 4 2		♣ J 10 9 5
♠ J 10 8 6	♠ N	
♥ 10 6	W	
♦ Q 8 6 2	E	
♣ A 8 7	S	
		♠ A Q 9 3
		♥ A K 8 5 4 3
		♦ A 10
		♣ 3

The bidding (playing for the 'perfecto'):

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣ ¹	Pass	4♥ ²
			All Pass

¹ Showing his club values (if partner is describing his hand, North is duty-bound to follow suit).

² No slam facing semi-wasted club values.

The practical pairs bidding auction:

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
			All Pass

After North-South's investigative auction, South playing for the 'perfecto', West will lead an unbid diamond. Declarer beats the king with the ace and will lead up his singleton club. Wary that this may well be a singleton for South's shapely bidding, and with a promoted diamond winner to cash, West will rise with his ace and cash the queen of diamonds. Declarer can make the remainder with the aid of the spade finesse, but that's just eleven tricks and game made plus one. Probably a 30% score.

After the practical pairs auction, West's natural lead is the jack of spades. This will run to declarer's queen and the singleton club will again be led. West will probably play low here, loath to help declarer set up dummy's suit (even if he plays the ace, that will be his side's last trick). After winning with dummy's queen, declarer ruffs a club, then crosses to the queen of hearts and ruffs a second club. When West's ace appears, South plays flat out: he crosses to the jack of hearts pleased to see the 2-2 split, cashes the king of clubs and the long club discarding a diamond and a spade, crosses to the ace of spades, and ruffs a spade with dummy's remaining trump. That's thirteen tricks and game made plus three.

Should South now regret that he didn't bid a slam? Certainly not – for 4♥ plus three will score 95% of the match-points. Those overtricks make little difference at other forms of bridge – where South would have mild regret he didn't have a go at slam. At pairs, the overtricks are everything and there is absolutely no need to bid a slam, because making thirteen tricks in game will be a virtual top.

Match-point scoring *à la pairs* rewards practical no-frills bidding: no looking for 'perfectos'. □

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The Headmaster's Oversight

'A VERY poor effort on your Divinity essay, Hutson,' declared the Headmaster, as the two fourth-formers took their seats against him. 'I marked it as beta-minus-minus, which was a generous assessment. Surely you can manage more than a page and a half on "The Impact of St John's Gospel on the early Christians"?'

'It was quite small writing, Sir,' John Hutson replied. 'With normal-size writing it would have been two pages, at least.'

'Homework is for your benefit not mine,' continued the Headmaster. 'I still haven't made up my mind whether your lack of endeavour merits a detention next Saturday.'

John Hutson looked somewhat alarmed. 'There's an under-16 cricket match next Saturday, Sir,' he said. 'Away to Mill Hill.'

The Headmaster glared at him. 'Do you think an under-16 cricket match is more important than St John's Gospel?' he demanded.

'No, Sir.'

Silence reigned as the players drew their cards for the first board of the round:

Love All. Dealer: West.

♠ A K Q 8 6 2			
♥ 10 6			
♦ 8 5 4			
♣ 7 3			
♠ 9 7 3		♠ J 10 5 4	
♥ K Q J 9 8 5 3		♥ 2	
♦ 3		♦ K Q J 10 7	
♣ 8 4		♣ 6 5 2	
♠ Void			
♥ A 7 4			
♦ A 9 6 2			
♣ A K Q J 10 9			

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West	North	East	South
Rev. Benson	Neil Phillips	Headmaster	John Hutson
3♥	3♠	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

The Reverend Benson led the king of hearts against the club slam and down went the dummy. 'I thought I had to bid with these spades,' said Neil Phillips. 'Sorry if it's not enough.'

John Hutson stared glumly at the cards that his partner had laid out. With no entry to the dummy, what on earth was he meant to do with his five red-suit losers? If he tried to ruff a heart in dummy, the Headmaster would overruff. Wait a minute. Perhaps Charlie B would hold the eight of clubs!

The red-haired fourth-former led a second round of hearts at trick two. The Reverend Benson stepped in with the jack of hearts and the Headmaster signalled heavily, discarding the king of diamonds. When Benson continued with a third round of hearts, Hutson called for dummy's seven of trumps. To his great delight the Headmaster was unable to overruff, discarding another diamond. Hurray! He had managed to reach the dummy. 'Ace of spades, please,' said John Hutson.

Two more top spades followed and the young declarer was able to discard his three diamond losers. He then displayed his six top trumps and claimed the contract.

'What an ill-considered opening lead!' thundered the Headmaster. 'It's automatic to lead a singleton against a slam. I could have held the ace of diamonds.'

'I might have done, I suppose,' the elderly cleric replied. 'Can't he follow the same line as before, though? He plays ace

and another heart, which I have to win. Then he can reach dummy with a heart ruff, as before.'

For a brief moment the Headmaster closed his eyes. 'It might just occur to me to ruff your second-round heart winner and cash two diamonds,' he replied. 'Lead a diamond, or a trump for that matter, and the slam must go down.'

It seemed to John Hutson that the Headmaster might have beaten the slam anyway. What if he had discarded a spade on the second round of hearts, followed by another spade discard when the next round of hearts was ruffed with the seven? There would then have been only two diamond discards available. The Headmaster could ruff the third spade winner.

'There was no defence after that awful heart lead,' continued the Headmaster. 'Very expensive. It'll cost us a whole top.'

John Hutson was in two minds whether to point out the winning defence that the Headmaster had missed. A brave act like that would make some story to tell his fourth-form colleagues. Unfortunately, the outcome was all too predictable. The Headmaster would add his name to the detention list and he would miss the cricket match, where he was due to open the batting for the first time. He would also miss the best tea of the season afterwards. Last year the Mill Hill cream buns had been unbelievably good. They had even gone so far as to serve ginger beer shandy.

'Nothing you could do, Sir,' said John Hutson. 'It was a very lucky one for us!' □

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Switches, Signals and Raises

SATISH PANCHAMIA, Middlesex, asks: In a no-trump contract, when would it be right for a player *not* to return partner's opening-lead suit and instead switch to another suit?

An opening lead is the only card which is played with just one hand to view. We try to play the odds by listening to the bidding and using the evidence of our own hand but, despite our best efforts, our opening leads are sometimes pretty disastrous. Instead of ruing what might have been, you may need to consider how to recover from an unfortunate start. Sometimes this will mean not returning partner's suit in a no-trump contract when the evidence tells us that something else is likely to be better. What evidence might there be?

- You have a very strong suit of your own, say a solid suit, or a one-loser suit with an outside entry.
- There is a strong holding in partner's suit in dummy.
- Playing Smith Peters, your partner suggests an alternative.
- The Rule of 11 tells you that declarer is either strong or long in the suit led. For example, partner leads a two and both you and dummy hold a doubleton. You do not want to continue this suit since you will be establishing declarer's five card suit. Consider this situation:



Partner's lead of the 2 (fourth highest) tells you that declarer holds four cards in the suit. Also declarer has at least two of the king, queen, ten and nine since partner would have led an honour card with any combination of three of these cards. Therefore you will only be helping declarer by continuing this suit, and should look

for something else.

RD asks by email for an outline of obvious suit-preference situations.

Suit-preference situations principally occur where partner is about to gain the lead and will need to know which suit to switch to. This assumes that continuing the current suit is known to be either impossible or undesirable, and that there is a choice of possible alternatives. The most common positions are:

- When giving partner a ruff, lead a high card to indicate a switch to the higher ranked of the remaining two suits (discounting trumps and the suit led), or a low one for the lower ranked suit.
- In a trump contract, partner leads an ace and dummy has a singleton. Now a switch is likely to be desirable and partner may want to know your preference. Again we discount the suit led and trumps, and give our preference as above.

Other situations where you may decide to give a suit-preference signal include:

- As a secondary signal in a suit. You have already given your primary message with your first card in a suit. The second card you play in the same suit may be high or low depending on your preference between the other suits (again, if it is a trump contract, the trump suit is generally disregarded for suit-preference purposes). If it is a no-trump contract, it will usually be fairly clear which of the remaining three suits is not a logical switch, and your suit preference signal will be based on the remaining two suits.
- When declarer is drawing trumps, you may agree with your partner to use your spot cards in trumps to give a suit-preference signal.

HANNA BROOMBERG, London, writes: Is it wrong to support partner's opening bid of 1♠ when holding four spades to the queen (1♠ – 2♠), no other high-card points, but a singleton heart?

It is not wrong from a legal point of view, but it is not recommended to raise with such a weak hand. Bidding to the level of the trump fit more commonly occurs when the auction has become competitive. It is best to use unassuming cue-bids (*see Neil Rosen's article on pages 24-25 in the June 2012 issue*) to show decent hands, and raise directly with pre-emptive hands. When the opponents are silent, you should use constructive high-card raises, in other words 6-9 HCP to raise to the two level and 10-12 HCP to raise to the three level.

The danger with raising partner with a very weak hand is that he will not be able to judge whether to bid game or make a game try, and will go down because he imagined that you would hold more points. □



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Julie is not Impressed

'THE HANDS have been so boring tonight, I hope we get some more exciting ones soon,' said John.

'I think boring is good,' replied Julie who feared that John might use his imagination if the hands got wild.

E/W Game. Dealer West.

♠ 5
♥ Q 10 8 6 5
♦ Void
♣ A K Q 9 6 3 2

♠ 8 7 6 3 ♠ Q 10 4
♥ A K 3 ♥ 9 4
♦ K J 4 ♦ Q 10 9 6 5 3
♣ 10 5 4 ♣ J 8

♠ A K J 9 2
♥ J 7 2
♦ A 8 7 2
♣ 7

West	North	East	South
	<i>John</i>		<i>Julie</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

John was delighted that at last he had some distribution and hoped that he would get the chance to leap around in the bidding to show Julie just what he had. After 1♣ – 1♠ he felt that he should show his hearts; however, he was wary of bidding 2♥ as Julie would take this as a reverse and so expect more high-card points than he had. He reasoned that if he leapt to 3♥ surely Julie would get the message, but he was wrong!

Julie alerted John's 3♥ and, on enquiry,

said: 'As it is an unnecessary jump, it is a splinter agreeing spades and showing a singleton or void heart.' John's heart sank as he had completely forgotten about splinters, even though they were on his convention card.

When Julie cue-bid 4♦, showing first round control, John realised that he must carry on as if Julie thought he had clubs and hearts so he attempted to sign off in 4♥ knowing full well that Julie would think he held a void or the singleton ace. In response to Blackwood he showed his one ace and when Julie leapt to 6♠ he felt he could do little else other than pass.

'Knowing' that John had a heart void, West decided against leading a top heart and instead decided to cut down dummy's ruffs by leading a trump. Unsurprisingly as John tabled the dummy, West was bellowing 'Director!' as soon as he saw dummy's hearts.

'I was told that John had a heart void but, as you can see, he has five of them. If I had been given a truthful answer I would have led a top heart,' insisted West.

'You were given a truthful answer,' retorted Julie. 'I told you what his bid showed. I can't be held responsible for him getting the system wrong.'

'But then John should have said something before I faced my opening lead,' replied West.

'John is only obliged to say something if his partner has given an incorrect explanation which, in this case, she clearly has not. John has confused his partner as much as he has the defence, so I am afraid the lead stands and you must play out the hand and accept whatever score is reached,' said the Director.

Julie duly wrapped up thirteen tricks and they moved on to the next hand in silence.

Game All. Dealer North.

♠ K Q 7 6
♥ 9
♦ K 7 5
♣ A K J 10 4

♠ 5 4 ♠ 10 8
♥ K J 6 3 2 ♥ A Q 10 5
♦ Q 8 3 ♦ J 10 9 6
♣ 9 5 3 ♣ Q 8 7

♠ A J 9 3 2
♥ 8 4
♦ A 7 4 2
♣ 6 2

West	North	East	South
	<i>John</i>		<i>Julie</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

After the previous hand John was all of a dither, so it was hardly surprising that he managed to put his seven of hearts in with his diamonds. When Julie responded 1♠ to his 1♣ again he couldn't believe his luck; this time he was able to rebid 3♥ knowing that it was a splinter bid. The 4♦ cue-bid was exactly what he wanted to hear so he launched into Blackwood just to check that they weren't missing two aces and then bid 6♠.

West settled for a neutral club lead and John tabled the dummy, at which point Julie asked innocently: 'Why have you got a heart in with your diamond suit?' John blushed as he put the seven of hearts in the right place and West shook his head, knowing that once more he had avoided cashing the first two heart tricks and that there was nothing he could do about it.

'Partner, you should start using splinter bids correctly before you start causing splintered relationships instead,' observed Julie while John just kept his head down, not daring to look Julie in the eye. □



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ENGLAND SENIORS STUMBLE AT LAST HURDLE

THE TELTSCHER TROPHY (previously known as the 'Seniors Camrose') is for seniors from the four home nations, plus the Republic of Ireland, and was held in May in Cardiff. Since its inception in 2008, the event has been generously sponsored by Bernard Teltscher, who led the Great Britain team that brought the number of teams up to six. Bernard was partnered by fellow nonagenarian Tony Priday. The Patron's team could come first, but they could not win the trophy.

England were leading at the half-way point; indeed after six of the ten matches they were the only team above average! There were some memorable deals involving the diamond suit: a bidding sequence of 2♦ – 7♦ was successful against England and, on another board, the Patron's team played in 2♦ in both rooms, scoring +110 in a 5-0 fit and -1100 in a 5-3 fit.

There was a report of a 'senior moment' when a declarer claimed his contract on a cross-ruff. The bad news was that he was playing in 3NT; the good news was that he was still able to scramble nine tricks.

England lost heavily to Northern Ireland on Sunday morning to fall back into the pack, and their subsequent wins were not big enough to regain the lead. Scotland (Liz McGowan, David Liggatt, Irving Gordon, Danny Kane, Brian Short, Alan Goodman and NPC Anne Symons) finished strongly to win the Teltscher Trophy, with Northern Ireland second and England third.

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The Mysterious Redouble (Part II)

IN THE last issue we started to look at the situation where you had redoubled after an opponent had doubled your partner's opening bid for take-out. This time we will see what happens next and how you should go about punishing the transgressors when it is right to do so, and making a different call when it is not.

What happens after a redouble? The most important thing to appreciate is that by redoubling you have declared *ownership of the hand* – you must either play the contract yourselves or double the opponents for penalties. It is illogical to redouble saying: 'We have the balance of power,' and then suddenly pass the opponents out in 2♣ on the next round.

Sometimes, of course, opener isn't suitable for defending: rather than having 13 points and you *owning the hand*, he has a light opening bid with a six-card suit and a shapely 10 count. How can you tell the difference?

The answer is for opener to describe his hand after the redouble. Most of the time the fourth player will bid and now opener has the option to do one of several things:


Partner	Oppo1	You	Oppo2
1♠	Dble	Redble	2♣
?			

- If opener doubles, that is a penalty double showing a good opening bid with some clubs. Typically he would have four, but three good ones and a reasonable hand is fine given that your redouble invited him to penalise. These types of hand would be OK for a penalty double of 2♣ in the above sequence:

♠ AKJ65	♠ KQ1086	♠ AJ106
♥ 7	♥ 87	♥ Q103
♦ 876	♦ J3	♦ K32
♣ KJ87	♣ AK106	♣ KQ9

- If opener passes, he is simply con-

firmer a sound opener, 12+ HCP or so. This is a *forcing pass* and he is inviting you to make a decision. This is the call opener will make on at least 50% of hands – he will wait for you (the redoubler) to make a decision.

- If opener bids a suit at his second turn, he is saying he is unsuitable for defending as he has a poor hand and either extra length in the suit he is rebidding (so rebidding his suit would show six cards) or a shapely two-suiter (so bidding a second suit would normally show 5-5 in the two suits). The higher opener bids, the more shape he has, so a jump to 3♦ after opening 1♠, for example, would simply show a very shapely hand, e.g. 6-5, without any extra values. This is known as *'bidding in front of partner'*, a similar situation to the one we looked at in the April issue (page 13) when a 1NT  opening has been doubled for penalties. Note that in order to rebid after a redouble, opener must have a shapely hand and a low point count – with a normal six-card suit and average 12 points he should just pass.

Although it can be frustrating for the redoubler to be desperate to double the opponents for penalties and suddenly see his partner bid before he has a chance to do so, opener must do his duty and show the full nature of his hand when he lacks defensive strength.

- If opener holds a good hand in terms of high-card points, but is very shapely (e.g. a 5-5 16-count), then he must pass at his second turn to confirm a fair hand and subsequently pull partner's penalty double. This auction:

Partner	Oppo1	You	Oppo2
1♠	Dble	Redble	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♦			

would therefore suggest the same very

shapely hand as if opener had bid 2♦ without waiting for partner to double but with one crucial difference: *it promises extra values*, hence it would be *forcing*. The redoubler is expected to support one of opener's suits if he can, or else retreat to no-trumps (since a hand that makes a penalty double of a suit is usually assumed to have a stopper there).

Note that the redoubler makes his decision to make a penalty double on the assumption that opener has a *normal* opening hand – if opener's hand is significantly different, then the redoubler needs to be told.

Let's review some of the Dos and Don'ts of Redoubling:

Do:

- Make sure that when you redouble you have enough values to *'own the hand'* – if partner is in the habit of liberally applying the Rule of 19 and opening on very slim values, then make sure you make up for it with a sound redouble based on at least 10 points.
- Remember that when partner has redoubled, opener can pass (*forcing*) if the fourth hand bids a suit and opener is not sure whether or not to double him; this will give the redoubler a chance to 'express an opinion,' as the saying goes.

Don't:

- Redouble when you have no interest in penalising the opposition – if you just have a long suit and the requisite values, then bid your suit instead.
- Rebid *in front of* partner's redouble when you have a good hand as opener – if you don't give him a chance to double, you are showing a *weak* and shapely hand.

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The 'Tight Fist' Syndrome

THERE ARE various pitfalls in trump contracts that can trap the unwary. Perhaps one of the most common is the 'tight fist' syndrome when ruffing. We'll start with an easy example where brilliance in bidding may be eclipsed by a lapse in card-play. As South you do well to reach a grand slam in spades and West leads the two of diamonds:

Deal 1
 South plays in 7♠.
 West leads the ♦2.

♠ 8 6 3
 ♥ 8
 ♦ A J 8 7 6 4
 ♣ A K Q

♠ A K Q J 10 7
 ♥ A 5 2
 ♦ 3
 ♣ 7 3 2

Count – Plan – Execute. There are eleven top tricks so, as declarer, you realise that you have to ruff the two heart losers on the table. So . . . win the ace of diamonds, play off the ace of hearts, ruff a heart, cross to hand with a trump, ruff a heart. We are down to:

♠ —
 ♥ —
 ♦ J 8 7 6 4
 ♣ A K Q

♠ A K Q J 7
 ♥ —
 ♦ —
 ♣ 7 3 2

If you now ruff a diamond to hand with the seven of spades West overruffs with the nine! One down. Is it unlucky that the diamonds break 5–1 and that West has the nine of spades? No, it's just bad play. You can afford to ruff that diamond with a high trump (the ace of spades for choice – if you've got it, flaunt it) and then draw trumps. Why ruff low? The only reason can be that you are too tight-fisted to 'waste' a top trump on the menial task of ruffing a low card. From the days of whist comes an appropriate aphorism: 'Don't send a boy on a man's errand.'

The same principle of ruffing high when you can afford to do so applies to ruffs in the dummy:

Deal 2
 South plays in 4♠.
 West leads the ♠A.

♠ 9 8 2
 ♥ A 5
 ♦ J 8 6 3 2
 ♣ 9 7 5

♠ A K Q J 10 6
 ♥ K 7 3 2
 ♦ Void
 ♣ J 8 4

The defenders lead three rounds of clubs and try to cash the ace of diamonds, ruffed in the South hand. Now, plan the play from here. Count – Plan – Execute. The formula never varies.

You can see that you can ruff two heart losers in the dummy, so should play off the top hearts and lead another. Now, it is sheer carelessness to ruff the third heart with the two of spades. If East is also out of hearts he will overruff and the deal will be transferred to the archives of the Guinness Book of Butchered Contracts.

The hand is secure if declarer ruffs his two hearts with the eight of spades and the nine of spades as East will not be able to overruff.



This deal follows similar lines but is more subtle (we'll show all four hands for a change). West leads the king of spades against your contract of 4♥. How should you play?

Deal 3
 South plays in 4♥.
 West leads the ♠K.

♠ 8 7 4
 ♥ A 7 3
 ♦ Q 9 8 5 3
 ♣ 10 6

♠ K Q J 9
 ♥ 8 2
 ♦ K 6
 ♣ J 9 8 4 2

♠ 10 6 3 2
 ♥ 6 5 4
 ♦ A J 10 4
 ♣ Q 3

♠ A 5
 ♥ K Q J 10 9
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ A K 7 5

As declarer you spot three obvious losers in spades and diamonds, so you should be able to see that you have to ruff your losing clubs in the dummy. Accordingly, after winning the spade lead with the ace of spades, you should cash the top clubs and ruff one in the dummy – but with which trump? As you are intending to ruff *two* clubs, you should ruff the first low club with the seven of hearts and the second with the ace of hearts. If you carelessly ruff the third round of clubs with the three of hearts, you will be overruffed with the lowly heart four and suffer an embarrassing defeat.

In detail, then, win the ace of spades, play off the ace and king of clubs, ruff a club with the seven of hearts, play the

three of hearts to hand, ruff the last club with the ace of hearts. That's six tricks and you have four top trumps to come.

Now, this principle can be extended to more difficult hands. I'm sure the editor has space to fit this one in . . . !

Deal 4
South plays in 4♥.
West leads the ♦A.

♠ A 8 6 5 3
 ♥ K 10
 ♦ 8 7 4 3
 ♣ K 6

♠ 4
 ♥ A Q 9 8 7 6
 ♦ J 6
 ♣ A 7 5 3

The defenders play off three rounds of diamonds, the last being ruffed by South. Now, to be certain of making 4♥ you must ruff the two club losers in the dummy. So, king of clubs, ace of clubs, ruff a club . . . with what?

If you try the ten of hearts, then East just might be able to over-ruff with the jack of hearts and return a trump, leaving you with a club loser.

The defence has slipped badly by not leading trumps, you mustn't give them another chance. To be completely secure you must ruff the third round of clubs with the king of hearts, return to hand by cashing the ace of spades and ruffing a spade (actually, you ought to ruff that high as well) and ruff the last club with the ten of hearts. The defenders will make the jack of hearts at some time at their convenience but the power of your trump intermediates means that you can lose no other trick. Your losers are confined to two diamonds and a trump. □

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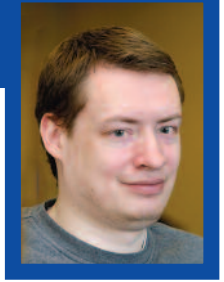
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Down to the Wire

by Tom Townsend

ONE HUNDRED and thirty-one teams entered the 2013 Crockfords Cup, the English open teams-of-four championship. Four rounds of knockout matches reduced the field to a very strong looking last sixteen. The fifth round, even with the longer 48-board matches, produced some shock qualifiers for the eight-team final weekend. *Christine Duckworth* (Jane Moore, Gillian Fawcett, Brian Callaghan and Ian Payn) eliminated *Jason Hackett's* strong team. *David Jones* (Trevor Ward, Andrew Thompson, Rob Lawy, Patrick Jourdain, Tony Ratcliff) defeated *Anita Sinclair's* all-international London outfit by a single IMP. *Malcolm Oliver* (Mike Leese, John Collin, Steve Wood) took out *Janet de Botton's* cosmopolitan squad. The final match drawn by the EBU computer was a delight for everyone else involved: *Alexander Allfrey vs Nick Irens*. *Allfrey* had pipped *Irens* on the last deal to win the 2012 Crockfords but 2013 was different. *Irens* beat the holders to join *Brian Senior*, *Chris Jagger*, *Paul Hackett*, *Peter Hawkes* and the others in the final.

It was *Hawkes's* largely Berkshire team which led with two matches to go, but their remaining matches were against closest pursuers, *Irens* and *Hackett*. This explosive deal severely dented their chances:

N/S Game. Dealer North.

♠ 10 2	♠ A Q 8 5 3	♠ Void
♥ 9 8	♥ K 7 2	♥ Q 4 3
♦ A 9 3	♦ Q 10 7 4	♦ K J 8 6 5 2
♣ A Q J 10 9 2	♣ 8	♣ K 7 5 3
	♠ K J 9 7 6 4	
	♥ A J 10 6 5	
	♦ Void	
	♣ 6 4	

When East pre-empted with a vigorous 4♦ over 1♠, Zia Mahmood (South for *Irens*) simply jumped to 6♠ to give West a problem. Saving in 7♦ looks normal. Dummy is bound to be void in one of the minors, West is looking at nothing in the majors and can't expect much help from partner in defence.

But pass worked fine. Faced with a guess for the ♥Q for his contract, David Bakhshi (North) understandably placed West with this defensive asset to justify his decision to defend rather than sacrifice. One down. Not as expensive a view as it might have been, as this is how the action unfolded at the other table:

West	North	East	South
	1♠	3♦	4♦ ¹
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♦ ¹
Pass	5♠	6♣	Dble
6♦	Dble	All Pass	

¹ Cue-bids agreeing spades

The key to the auction was my partner Espen Erichsen's 5♣ bid on the way to 5♦. With the double fit established, we had no thoughts of defending below the seven-level. The double of 6♣ with nothing in that suit was a definite mistake, and South may still be asking himself why he led a spade, not the ♥A. It wasn't too hard to ruff, cross to the ♦A and pick up North's trumps to make the doubled slam.

So *Hawkes* lost 23-7 VP to *Irens* to make a close three-way finish with *Hackett* who had beaten *Jagger* 17-13 VP. The boards were generally forgettable but this deal was critical:

Game All. Dealer North.

♠ 10 9 6 4	♠ 10 9 4	♠ K 7 3 2
♥ 7	♥ 7	♥ 10 6 5
♦ Q J 7 4	♦ Q J 7 4	♦ K 6 5 3
♣ A J 8 7	♣ A J 8 7	♣ K Q
♠ A Q	♠ A Q	♠ J 8 5
♥ A Q J	♥ A Q J	♥ K 9 8 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 8 2	♦ 10 9 8 2	♦ A
♣ 9 6 3 2	♣ 9 6 3 2	♣ 10 5 4

In *Hackett vs Hawkes* South's weak 2♥ opener went for 400 (four off undoubled) and 500 (two off doubled) for 3 IMPs to *Hackett*. *Jones* also collected 400 the hard way against Zia Mahmood's pre-empt. Could *Irens* collect a big penalty at the other table to clinch the trophy?

No, Patrick Jourdain soberly passed

throughout with the South hand and watched Erichsen make 1NT plus two. This held *Irens* to 19 VPs in the last match, not enough as the Anglo-Irish *Hackett* syndicate swept home with 22 VP to take home the cup on a split-tie.

My last deal comes from the first match of the final weekend:

Game All. Dealer North.

♠ Q 8	♠ Q 8	♠ K 10 9 4
♥ Q 8 7 6 4	♥ Q 8 7 6 4	♥ J 9 5
♦ J 10 9 4	♦ J 10 9 4	♦ K 6 5
♣ K 10	♣ K 10	♣ 6 5 4
♠ A J 7 6 3	♠ A J 7 6 3	♠ 5 2
♥ K 3	♥ K 3	♥ A 10 2
♦ A	♦ A	♦ Q 8 7 3 2
♣ A 9 8 3 2	♣ A 9 8 3 2	♣ Q J 7

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

Anticipating a more balanced hand in dummy (because West had not made a splinter raise) Dublin's Tom Hanlon for *Hackett* chanced his arm with the ♥2 lead. East played low from dummy and the ♥Q won the first trick. Hanlon won the heart return and exited with a diamond. Declarer still had hopes of making his contract by drawing trumps, eliminating the red suits and endplaying a defender with his singleton or doubleton club honour to give a ruff-and-discard. But it was much too late in the day to catch Paul Hackett, North, napping. The ♣K was dumped under the ace and that was one down.

The final result was:

- (on tie-break) Paul Hackett, Tom Hanlon, Peter Lester, Hugh McGann, Ian Panto 133 VPs.
- Nick Irens, Espen Erichsen, Tom Townsend, Zia Mahmood, David Bakhshi 133 VPs.
- Peter Hawkes, Tim Rees, Ian Reissmann, John Howard, Mike Perkins, Andy Bowles 117 VPs. □



Matters of Disclosure

This is Jeremy Dhondy's last Laws column and we owe him a very big thank you for making the Laws intelligible as well as entertaining – no mean feat! – for so long.

The column, however, will continue (see bottom of the page) so please keep your questions coming. English Bridge and the EBU are not responsible if the information in the letters is incorrect or incomplete.

KEN DAVIES asks: I partner a stranger. We agree to keep it simple. Acol, weak no-trump, Stayman, transfers and Blackwood. Our opponents join us, then partner asks if we are to use a strict 12-14 HCP, or use judgement. I reply that we open a good 11-HCP with strong intermediates and downgrade 15 HCP with nine small cards. RHO says you now have an agreement and defenders cannot reliably count your hand if you announce 12-14 ergo defenders will be disadvantaged. What should my answer be?

What you must disclose is your agreement. It sounds to me as if you have a view about what you think you should do when you are just outside the range and many would agree with your assessment. If you open, for example, 20% or more of your no-trump bids outside the published range (and we all know that Milton Work Count is far from perfect), then you are not telling your opponents the whole story. Personally, I would ignore your opponents who sound like barrack-room lawyers from your description but if I played in a regular partnership and opened quite a few 11-counts (which for some reason upsets people more than the possibility of you having a 15 count), I might say '12-14, occasionally 11' or something similar. It's all in the presentation!

The most relevant thing is whether your partner acts as if it is 12-14 when raising and does not allow discussion or previous experience to let him pass marginal raises. If so, then it is hard to criticise what you have decided to do. If he allows for the fact that you may have 11 and does not mention this when announcing the range, then the level of disclosure is not sufficient.

DAVID FAIRBARIN writes: I request your opinion on the following auction.

West	North	East	South
2♦ ¹	Pass	2♠ ²	3♦
3♥	All Pass		

- ¹ Weak, any 6-card suit,
- ² 16+ points and asking for partner's suit. 2♥ would have been a relay with fewer than 16 points.

When dummy tabled his hand, it held only 12 points. South, my partner, called the Director, and I pointed out that she was prevented from bidding again in the belief that East-West had a minimum of 22 points.

The Director ruled that the score should stand. No-one argued with this; however, this use of 2♠ (Psyche? Misbid? Irregularity?) seems a cheap ploy which only stands to gain, since partner is bound to bid his six-carder, unknowingly fielding the bid. The 2♠ bidder can pass, and has smugly misled opponents.

I would appreciate your comments on this use of this 2♠ bid holding only 12 points, and whether you would have any words for East-West and their bidding in future?

The first question I would ask as a tournament director is why East-West believed this to be a permitted method. Assuming your club allows anything at Level 4, then playing the bid as 'weak only' is fine and choosing any two suits is also fine (i.e. it does not have to be a traditional Multi with hearts or spades, it could be spades or clubs but any of the four suits is *not* allowable in normal club bridge).

So perhaps the hand should not have come to what followed; however, to answer your general point . . .

If this were a one off and the agreement really was 16+, I would take no action because what East has done is psyched. If South is fixed by this then that is life.

If it is something that happens regularly, then West's description of the system bid needs amending to something like 16+ but he has been known to have fewer non-vulnerable.

If West's bid allows for this while explaining it as 16+, then I might take action against West for fielding the misbid. If, for example West had a maximum for his 2♦ bid, I would want to know why he bid only 3♥ and what calls such as Pass or Double would be, or bids such as 4♦ or 4♥ might be. The hand in the pass-out seat might also want to ask some of these questions to determine what is going on, but not doing so does not allow East-West off the hook.

I do believe that doing it on a 12-count is peculiar. If you want to psyche, then a weaker hand would be much more suitable.

GOODBYE FROM JEREMY

This is my final column so I would like to thank all readers and the many who have contributed interesting problems to keep the column going.

The column will, however, be in safe hands as our Chief Tournament Director, Gordon Rainsford, will be taking it over, so from now on you will have a real expert to consult.

You can send problems to him at gordon@ebu.co.uk or by post c/o The Editor, English Bridge, 23 Erleigh Road, Reading RG1 5LR. □



Leaping and Non-Leaping Michaels

FURTHER TO my article developing modern ideas on the use of Lebensohl continuations when defending against Weak Two bids and the Multi 2♦ (April 2013 issue, pages 22-23), I thought we would look at **Leaping Michaels** as a defence to two-level openings (Weak Twos and the Multi) and also consider **non-Leaping Michaels** against three-level pre-emptive bids.



Leaping Michaels

These are terrific bids to have in your armoury. They are highly descriptive, very effective but, just as importantly, enormous fun to play!

The basic idea is to play as follows:

Over a weak 2♦ opener:

- 3♦ = Asks for a stopper for no-trumps
- 3♥/3♠ = Natural and strong (six cards, 16-18 HCP)
- 4♣ = Clubs + major (at least 5-5)
- 4♦ = Both majors (at least 5-5)

Over a weak 2♥ opener:

- 3♥ = Asks for a stopper
- 3♠ = Natural and strong
- 4♣ = Clubs + spades (at least 5-5)
- 4♦ = Diamonds + spades (at least 5-5)

Over a weak 2♠ opener:

- 3♠ = Asks for a stopper
- 4♣ = Clubs + hearts (at least 5-5)
- 4♦ = Diamonds + hearts (at least 5-5)

Over a Multi 2♦ opener:

- 3♣/3♦ = Natural
- 3♥/3♠ = Natural and strong, at least six cards
- 4♣ = Clubs + major (at least 5-5)
- 4♦ = Diamonds + major (at least 5-5)

The principle is that you can 'leap' to a Michaels-style bid at the four level. These bids *guarantee* at least 5-5 in the two suits shown. Since they commit the partnership to the four level by deliberate choice, a good hand is needed, typically four or five losers at most. The current trend is to play the bids as *almost* forcing (95% or so, anyway).

As with normal Michaels cue-bids, I recommend that you *do not use* the bid when holding a *strong* six-card major, as it makes reaching the best contract so much more difficult.

Hand A is a typical example (absolute minimum in my opinion):

Hand A

♠ A K J 10 5
♥ 3
♦ K Q J 8 2
♣ 4 3

Over 2♥ (weak) you can bid 4♦ to show the two suits immediately. This would reserve the cue-bid to ask for a stopper, so with Hand B:

Hand B

♠ A 5
♥ 3 2
♦ A 8
♣ A K Q 7 6 4 2

You could bid 3♥ over the opponent's opening 2♥ bid to ask for a heart stopper with no fear that partner would interpret it as a Michaels cue-bid.

Responding to Leaping Michaels

Typically what you do is to 'choose' to play in either of partner's known two suits. Very rarely you might decide to pass – and I must stress the 'very' in 'very rarely'!

Given that the Leaping Michaels bid shows a really good hand, the partner of the 'leaper' can sometimes make an immediate slam try either via a cue-bid of the opponent's suit or Roman Key-Card Blackwood etc. In order to avoid ambiguity, I would play that RKCB agrees the suit just bid by the 'leaper', e.g. in the following auction:

West	North	East	South
2♥	4♦ ¹	Pass	4NT ²

¹ Diamonds and spades

² Roman Key-Card Blackwood

RKCB is for diamonds rather than spades.

Non-Leaping Michaels

If you do start playing these methods, it is very rewarding – not to mention quite logical – to play non-Leaping Michaels as well. These bids apply when the opponents have opened at the three level. Thus:

Over 3♣:

- 4♣ = Both majors
- 4♦ = Diamonds + major

Over 3♦:

- 4♣ = Clubs + major
- 4♦ = Both majors

Over 3♥:

- 4♣ = Clubs + spades
- 4♦ = Diamonds + spades

Over 3♠:

- 4♣ = Clubs + hearts
- 4♦ = Diamonds + hearts

Since you are not jumping, I suggest the need for such a good hand (as was the case for Leaping Michaels, discussed earlier) is not so strong. For example, with Hand C:

Hand C

♠ 5
♥ K Q J 3 2
♦ A Q 8 7 4
♣ 4 2

This hand might well chance 4♦ over a 3♠ bid from the opposition. The bid is now not remotely close to being forcing.

Adding non-Leaping Michaels to your repertoire does not impact significantly on your traditional approach to dealing with pre-empts. Thus doubles, overcalls at

the three level and bidding no-trumps, all remain the same – it is just the four-level overcalls that are affected.

However, an issue remains with hands which might previously have wanted to overcall naturally at the four level in a minor, e.g. with a hand such as Hand D:

Hand D
 ♠ A 5
 ♥ 2
 ♦ K 7 4
 ♣ A Q J 7 5 4 2

Over 3♥ *be careful!* You cannot now bid 4♣ as it shows clubs and spades. Your options therefore are to pass, jump to 5♣, or occasionally have a bash at 3NT

(you will need a stopper in the opponent's suit, of course!).

Further Treatments

Just for completeness, I recommend the following:

Over 3♣/♦:

4♥/4♠ = Natural

Over 3♥:

4♥ = Game-forcing two-suiter (spades + minor)

4♠ = Natural

4NT = Minor two-suiter

Over 3♠:

4♠ = Huge two-suiter (hearts + minor)

4NT = Minor two-suiter

So there you have it. Try these methods out, and let me know whether you enjoy them.

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English Bridge Archives



by Elena Jeronimidis

REACTIONS TO the online version of the June *English Bridge* have ranged from 'Wonderful – at last. I LOVE it!' to 'I do NOT want an online *English Bridge*. No good to me whatsoever.' Luckily there were rather more comments like the former than the latter, so thank you all who gave us feedback – especially those who said something nice!

On discovering that not only is the current magazine online, but that the last six issues can also be accessed from the Members Area of the EBU website, one person commented: 'I've been hoping that the EBU would do that – I don't need to worry about keeping my old copies!' That is indeed the case, and it gets better because now all past issues since 2007 are online too (except the last six, which are 'members only') in the public area at www.ebu.co.uk. Why only since 2007? Because in August 2007, when I became the magazine editor, I also took over the typesetting, so having all those issues on my computer I could provide the files in suitable format to Matt Betts at Aylesbury, and he has since converted them for uploading on the web.

Matt has done a great job, and has put in links to advertisers' websites for your convenience. As from this issue, he will also add links to articles in this or past issues, as marked by the little 'Link' logo featured here.



Matt will continue to enlarge our archive to include, eventually, all back issues of the magazine. But it will be a slower process, as issues prior to August 2007 need to be lovingly scanned page by page, so please don't expect the job to be completed at the speed of light. However, there is a gift for you when you visit our archives: the very first, historic issue of *English Bridge* is already there, so you will be able to judge how much the magazine has developed over the years.

I hope the archives will solve the problem of wanting to read again a particular article or series, and maybe print it out for your partner, so you can both benefit from our experts' advice. Although this is the most common reason for wanting to look through back issues, I hope you will find that perusing them online is a rewarding activity. I know I'm biased, but I enjoyed revisiting the issues I have edited, and would like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to all contributors, past and present, for providing quality writing and illustrations (one of my favourites is below, a Celia Weber cartoon from the August 2007 issue). And finally, a big 'thank you' to those members who have contributed to the 'Letters' pages and County News, or have provided feedback. Without you all, this would be a very different – and much poorer – magazine.



THE MAN WHO FORGOT TO SWITCH OFF HIS MOBILE PHONE AT A BRIDGE TOURNAMENT



Answers to June Problems

Hand 1
♠ J 5
♥ K Q J 10 7 4 2
♦ 7 4
♣ 8 4

West	North	East	South
3♥	Dble	4♣	4♠
All Pass			

Pick your lead out of: (a) a spade; (b) ♥K; (c) ♦7; (d) ♣8.

(a) **A spade: 3 marks.** This will only be right if declarer needs to take a lot of ruffs. It may work but is heavily odds-against in my opinion.

(b) **♥K: 7 marks.** Nobody can criticise you for leading from a K-Q-J combination – until now! This more or less needs the hearts 2-2-2 around the table for it to matter and so, while it is probably safe, you have a much better lead available.

(c) **♦7: 1 mark.** This is just insulting partner, who did not bid 4♣ to see you lead a diamond.

(d) **♣8: 10 marks.** The indicated lead. Partner has bid clubs and even if you do not play that as lead directional, surely it is the right lead. Here partner had made a very good bid on ♠Qx ♥xxx ♦xxxx ♣AKJx. Dummy had Q-x-x-x of clubs so four rounds of clubs promoted a trump trick and was the only way to beat the contract.

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Hand 2
♠ Void
♥ A 10 9 2
♦ J 10 8 7 4 2
♣ 9 8 7

West	North	East	South
3♦	4NT	5♦	1♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	5♥ ¹

¹ Two 'aces', no trump queen

Pick your lead out of: (a) ♥A; (b) ♥2; (c) ♦J; (d) a club.

(a) **♥A: 9 marks.** North has bid very strongly and clearly thinks they can make 6♠. Thus you will need to cash two tricks quickly, or cash a trick and hope for another one. Hence the ♥A gets good marks and you can decide what to do after seeing dummy. It is not quite as good however as . . .

(b) **♥2: 10 marks.** Either North has taken a flyer with two or more low hearts or North will have the king, so a low heart to try and induce a misguess seems a good shot. I do *not* lead the ten as I do not want partner ducking the queen. At the table any heart would work as North had indeed taken a flyer on ♠KQJx ♥xx ♦x ♣AKQJxx and partner had the K-Q!

(c) **♦J: 3 marks.** Can this really be the right lead? Unless the opposition cannot count, partner does not have the ♦A and so to set up a trick you need partner to have bid 5♦ with only three and you need them 3-2-2 around the table. All very unlikely.

(d) **A club: 2 marks.** In my view this is just too likely to be North's second suit to make it a viable option.

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Hand 3
♠ K J 9 6 4 2
♥ Q 5 2
♦ 2
♣ K 5 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♠ ¹
			All Pass

¹ Weak

Pick your lead out of: (a) a spade; (b) ♥2; (c) ♦2; (d) ♣3.

(a) **A spade: 1 mark.** Why are you leading around into declarer's trumps allowing declarer to make cheap trump tricks?

(b) **♥2: 4 marks.** Usually you want to try and set up tricks. But here there are more important concerns. At the table declarer had a singleton heart and was able to ruff hearts.

(c) **♦2: 10 marks.** The auction has gone very well for you but you must be careful. There is such a thing as too many trumps. If you become trump bound, you will end up ruffing partner's winners and leading into declarer's trump tenaces. It is vital you reduce your trump length, so the singleton lead it is.

(d) **♣3: 6 marks.** This suffers from the same problems as the heart lead, but not as badly. □

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THIS MONTH'S QUIZ

Hand 1
 ♠ K 8 5
 ♥ A 4
 ♦ 6 4 2
 ♣ K 10 6 5 2

West	North	East	South
	1♠ ¹	Pass	1♦ ²
Pass	1♥ ³	Pass	1NT ⁴
All Pass			

- ¹ Polish Club: 17-22 any shape or 12-14 balanced or natural
- ² 0-7 any shape
- ³ Either 12-14 balanced or 17-22 natural
- ⁴ 5-7 balanced without four or more spades

Pick your lead out of: (a) ♠5; (b) ♥A; (c) a diamond; (d) ♣5.

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Hand 2
 ♠ A K 6
 ♥ K 3
 ♦ K Q 6 2
 ♣ 8 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
1♦	2♦ ¹	Dble ²	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble ³	All Pass

- ¹ Majors
- ² Looking for penalties
- ³ Penalties

Pick your lead out of: (a) ♠A/♠K; (b) ♥K; (c) ♦K; (d) a club.

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Hand 3
 ♠ Q 5 2
 ♥ 5
 ♦ Q 8 6 5 4 2
 ♣ A 9 5

West	North	East	South
		3♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Pick your lead out of: (a) ♠2; (b) ♦5; (c) ♦2; (d) ♣A.

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Benito Garozzo Returns

by David Bird

Mixed Pairs

THE 2013 European Open Championships in Ostend began with a Mixed Pairs. Several England participants reached the final: Sally Brock and Barry Myers (finishing 12th), William Frisby partnered by Austria's Eva Caplan (34th), Nevena Senior and Nick Sandqvist (39th), Jenny Cooper partnered by Tim Rees of Wales (49th), also Catherine Seale and Thomas Paske (52nd).

There was interest in the bidding and the play on this deal from the final:

Love All. Dealer North.

♠ K 9 5 ♥ 7 6 ♦ Q 10 8 6 4 ♣ 10 8 7 ♠ 10 4 2 ♥ 8 2 ♦ 7 3 2 ♣ A Q 9 5 3		♠ 7 6 ♥ A Q J 10 9 4 ♦ 9 5 ♣ J 6 4 ♠ A Q J 8 3 ♥ K 5 3 ♦ A K J ♣ K 2	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Popova</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Gunev</i>	<i>Cronier</i>
	Pass	2♦	Dble
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East opened a Multi and West's 2♥ was to play opposite a Weak Two in hearts. What would you say as North when partner rebids 2♠? Some Norths passed. At the table where I was watching, North leapt to 4♠! Catherine D'Ovidio's 3♠ looks exactly right. Phillippe Cronier suggested 3NT as the final spot and that ended the auction.

West led the ♥8 and East very reasonably played the ♥10, to preserve communications. Declarer, who had been fearing ♥A and a club switch, claimed eleven tricks for a fine 76% score. The result was the same for all the declarers in 3NT.

Suppose East is super-human and rises with the ♥A, switching to the ♣4. What should declarer do then? Since East cannot hold the ♣A or he would be too strong for a Weak Two, declarer should play the ♣2. West can take the ♣Q and ♣A but the club suit will then be blocked. Declarer will at least pick up +400, salvaging a 16% score.

Rosenn Gunev and Desislava Popova of Bulgaria took gold (57.55%); France's Sylvie Willard and Marc Bompis claimed the silver (57.27%); Netsy Sayer (Turkey) and Zahari Zahariev (Bulgaria) won bronze (56.45%).

Mixed Teams

The second event was the Mixed Teams. The *Troll* team (Helen and Espen Erichsen, playing with Norway's Tonje and Boye Brogeland) flew the English flag. They finished fourth after thirteen rounds of Swiss Teams, qualifying for the bronze medal match. There was some great bidding on this spectacular deal:

N/S Game. Dealer East.

♠ K Q J 8 6 ♥ 6 ♦ Q 9 5 2 ♣ J 4 3 ♠ 7 2 ♥ K 9 4 ♦ Void ♣ A K Q 10 8 7 5 2		♠ 10 9 5 ♥ Q 7 5 3 2 ♦ 6 4 3 ♣ 9 6 ♠ A 4 3 ♥ A J 10 8 ♦ A K J 10 8 7 ♣ Void	
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West	North	East	South
<i>D.Schaltz</i>	<i>T.Brogeland</i>	<i>P.Schaltz</i>	<i>B.Brogeland</i>
		Pass	1♦
5♣	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	7♣	Pass
Pass	7♦	All Pass	

Boye's 5♥ was a cue-bid, inviting a grand slam. Tonje, who had already done her bit by bidding 5♦ on a modest hand, signed

off in 6♦. When Peter Schaltz sacrificed in 7♣, Boye took the opportunity to make a forcing pass – showing first-round club control and inviting a grand slam for a second time. Tonje could then place him with good diamonds, the major-suit aces and a club void. She bid 7♦, completing a wonderful auction, and there were no problems in the play.

Sadly for them, there were no IMPs in the plus column either. At the other table the bidding from Peter Fredin and Nadia Bekkouche was equally impressive:

West	North	East	South
<i>E.Erichsen</i>	<i>Bekkouche</i>	<i>H.Erichsen</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
		2♦	Dble
Redble	Pass	2♥	3♦
4♥	4NT	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

In the match for the gold and silver medals, South played in 6♦ at one table. This was the auction at the other table:


West	North	East	South
<i>Grümm</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>	<i>Lindermann</i>	<i>Wernle</i>
		Pass	1♣
5♣	5♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♠
Dble	All Pass		

South opened with a strong 1♣. West made a (lead-directing) Lightner Double of 6♠, hoping to receive a diamond ruff followed by a club trick. Two possible drawbacks of the Lightner Double were exhibited on the same deal. Firstly, East held five hearts and only three diamonds, so therefore chose a heart as the opening lead. Secondly, there would have been no second trick even after a diamond lead.

The gold medals went to Netherlands-Austria (Huub Bertens, Marion Michielsen, Jovi Smederevac, Ricco van Prooijen, Martine Verbeek and Sascha Wernle), beating the silver medallists Austria (Iris Grümm, Arno Lindermann, Martin Shifko and Terry Weigkricht). The Danish *Schaltz* team edged out *Troll* by 61-47 IMPs and claimed the bronze medal.

Women's Teams

China 1 (Xuefeng Feng, Wen Fei Wang, Liping Wang, Yu Zhang) and the *Dutch Women* (Carla Arnolds, Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Wietske van Zwol) reached the final of the Women's Teams. This deal produced the largest swing:

E/W Game. Dealer West.			
♠ 9			
♥ 7 6 5			
♦ J 10 8 5			
♣ A Q 10 9 6			
♠ Q 6 5		♠ J 8 7 4	
♥ K J 10 9 8 4 3 2		♥ A Q	
♦ 6 4		♦ A 9 3 2	
♣ Void		♣ 5 3 2	
♠ A K 10 3 2			
♥ Void			
♦ K Q 7			
♣ K J 8 7 4			

West	North	East	South
Zang Yu	van Zwol	Feng Xue	Arnolds
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

What action would you have taken as South? Would you double or bid 4♠?

Carla Arnolds's double was passed and ten tricks could not be prevented. North led the ♠9, South winning and switching to a club. (If she delivers a spade ruff instead, declarer throws her diamond loser on the ♠J.)

West	North	East	South
Pasman	Liping Wang	Simons	WF Wang
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	5♣
All Pass			

Wen Fei Wang preferred to bid 4♠ and, after two passes, East chose to double. With a heart trick no certainty, this was a dubious action. (It takes a heart lead to put the spade game one down.) Wen Fei Wang made the inspired decision to move to 5♣! This was passed out and made with an overtrick. The double game swing gave 15 IMPs to *China 1*, who went on to win the final 94-44. *Italia I* took the bronze.

Seniors Teams

Sweden took gold (Peter Billgren, Sven-Olov Flodqvist, Mats Pettersson and Björn Sanzen), with teams from Austria and Italy claiming silver and bronze.

Open Teams

The main event was the Open Teams. The 85-year-old Benito Garozzo, a member of the Italian *Blue Team* that won 16 world titles between 1957 and 1975, played wonderfully well when I watched him in the semi-final against *Groupe France*:

N/S Game. Dealer East.			
♠ J 7 6			
♥ 7 6 4			
♦ Q 10 6			
♣ K J 9 3			
♠ 4		♠ 8 3	
♥ Q 8 2		♥ K J 10 9 5 3	
♦ J 7 5 3		♦ A 9 8 2	
♣ A Q 8 7 4		♣ 2	
♠ A K Q 10 9 5 2			
♥ A			
♦ K 4			
♣ 10 6 5			

West	North	East	South
Garozzo	Lorenzini	Zaleski	Rombaut
4♣	Pass	2♥	Dble
5♥	5♠	Dble	All Pass

Instead of raising to 4♥, Garozzo bid a lead-directing 4♣. (3♣ would have the same meaning on a hand worth 3♥.) Romain Zaleski, his 80-year-old partner, continued the good work with 4♦. When North took the push to 5♠, Garozzo was then able to find the diamond lead! Back

came a club for a ruff. One down.

This was the bidding at the other table:

West	North	East	South
T.Bessis	D'Avossa	M.Bessis	Intonti
		3♥	4♠
5♥	5♠	All Pass	

Riccardo Intonti's 4♠ allowed no space for lead-directing mechanisms. The contract was made on a heart lead.

Garozzo's *Breno* team reached the final and the veteran maestro handed over a 31-7 IMPs lead at half-time, when another pair stepped in. The Polish opponents then overtook *Breno* and won by 8 IMPs (including a 6-IMP fine for Zaleski's mobile phone ringing!). Gold went to Krzysztof Jassem, Marcin Mazurkiewicz, Piotr Gawrys, Piotr Tuszynski, Pawel Jassem and Jakub Wojcieszek. Israel-Germany took bronze.

Open, Women's and Seniors' Pairs

In the Open Pairs Sabine Auken and Roy Welland took gold, Jan Jansma and Zia Mahmood the silver, and Nils Kvangraven and Terje Lie the bronze.

The Women's Pairs gold went to Catherine D'Ovidio and Janice Seamon-Molson, silver to Marion Michielsen and Meike Wortel, and bronze to Véronique Bessis and Carole PUILLET.

Senior medals went to Nick Fitzgibbon and Adam Mesbur (gold), Michael Elinescu and Entschow Wladow (silver), and Stephan Cabaj and Wlodzimierz Ilnicki (bronze). □

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EBU News



NEW TD UNIFORMS

THE FAMILIAR maroon jackets of the TD uniform are set to become a thing of the past, and new uniforms based on polo shirts will take their place, starting in August at the Brighton Congress.

The old uniforms have served us well, but they are rather hot and impractical, and it's now time to move forward with a more contemporary style.

So from Brighton onwards, instead of looking for a maroon jacket to find a director across the sea of players (or more often just the white shirt from underneath the jacket), you'll be able to spot directors by looking for the bright red of their polo shirts!

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2013-2014 DIARY

ONCE AGAIN, this will reach members with the October issue of *English Bridge*.

PIANOLA AT BRIGHTON

THE EBU is glad to announce that we are planning a joint initiative with Pianola, who already provide a web-based toolkit for club managers and members. The first stage of this will come into effect at the Brighton Summer Meeting in August, when we will display all our results via Pianola. This will allow our members easy access to detailed information about results, directly from our own website.

Accessing these results will be simple. There will be a 'public' view that will not involve logging in. However, players at Brighton who would like more detailed analysis of their performance will be able to log in to their own personal results history in Pianola. We will provide more information at the Summer Congress and there will be representatives from Pianola on hand to answer any questions you have.

We expect fairly soon afterwards to extend this cooperation, so that EBU members will be able to access detailed results information from any EBU event or affiliated club.

Further information about Pianola at www.pianola.net

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Blue Point Bridge Holidays

WE ARE pleased to be offering five EBU Blue Point Bridge Holiday events in 2014. This is in response to the demand from members for a more social and friendly play environment with national ranking point awards. The national Green Point tournaments are serious bridge events which can be a little intimidating at first. We hope that these Blue Point holidays can either be a stepping stone towards those competitions or simply a fun bridge holiday. As such, they are not intended for seasoned bridge congress-goers: they are aimed primarily at those who are below a Jack in the NGS and below the rank of Regional Master – but these are just guidelines, not absolute limits. There is no lower limit but you will need to be comfortable with your ability to play at a respectable pace and without referring to notes. If you are unsure, do not hesitate to contact us for more guidance.

Bridge Overseas has been assisting the EBU with venue selection and accommodation successfully for some time, and will be the booking agents for these holidays. You will be able to use the Accommodation Booking Service (ABS) already in place. A free phone number (0800 0346 246) is available and you will be able to discuss your bookings with advisers who have been to the hotels in question and will help you with your travel requirements. The locations on offer also boast golf, spa and bowling, as well as interesting local excursions. The bridge will be directed by Tournament Directors approved by the EBU.

All bridge fees are included in the total price of the holiday, but you must be a member of the EBU. You may join the EBU in order to book one of these holidays, either by joining an affiliated bridge club, or on payment of the direct annual membership fee of £26.

Blue Points

Blue Points were introduced by the EBU at the start of 2013, for those members who don't go to the larger EBU events where Green Points are awarded, to help them get on the master-point ladder and start progressing through the master-point ranks. The way they work is that they have the same value as Local Points and Green Points, but they can be used in place of Green Points for ranks that require them, in the ratio of 3 Blue Points = 1 Green Point, up to a maximum of 50 Green Points. For example, you would be able to reach Premier Regional Master rank entirely with Blue Points, or with a combination of Blues and Greens, but will require some Greens as well as Blues for higher ranks.

These EBU Blue Point Bridge Holidays are the only bridge holidays that will be able to issue Blue Points.

Bridge Programme & Venues

There will be seven sessions of duplicate bridge starting on the first evening after your welcome drink and evening meal. Bridge will be played each morning and evening leaving the afternoon free to enjoy the hotel's facilities or the local area. Afternoon seminars will be offered and details of these will be available nearer the time.

Our venues (illustrated) are:

- (1) Redworth Hall Hotel & Spa, County Durham, 17 March 2014
- (2) Hythe Imperial Hotel & Spa, Kent, 19 May 2014
- (3) Albrighton Hall & Spa, Shrewsbury, 7 July 2014
- (4) Dunkenhalgh Hotel & Spa, Clayton-le-Moors, Lancashire, 1 September 2014
- (5) Hellidon Lakes Golf & Spa Hotel, Hellidon, Northants, 3 November 2014.



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EBU News

NICKO DEADLINE

THE NICKO, as the National Inter-club Knock Out is affectionately acronymised, is probably the most popular of all EBU tournaments, with around 300 teams entering annually. The Green-pointed NICKO is open to all fully affiliated EBU bridge clubs. The early rounds are of just 24 boards, increasing to 32 boards for the quarter-finals and semi-finals and 48 boards for the final, with the draw regionalised so as to reduce travelling.

All players must be members of the registering clubs.

There is no limit to the number of teams any one club can enter, so why not get together with your regular partner and a couple of team-mates from your club and ask your club secretary to enter your team for the NICKO?

New for 2013: the seeding will be based on Gold Points for the top teams (probably 32). Seeded teams will be exempt from the first two rounds and will be ineligible for the Plate competition.

Deadline for entries:

20th September 2013.

CROCKFORDS DEADLINE

THE CROCKFORDS Cup is the prize at stake for England's premier competition for teams of four. The competition consists of five rounds of knock-out matches played privately, qualifying eight teams to contest an all-play-all final. **Note: for the first time**, this will take place in September, on 6th-7th, 2014. This is a Green-pointed event.

The last eight from the Crockfords Plate will play alongside the main final (same dates, venue and format).

Deadline for entries:

26th September 2013.

GARDEN CITIES TROPHY

CONGRATULATIONS TO the Coventry and North Warwickshire Bridge Club for winning the 2013 Garden Cities Trophy for club teams of eight. Winning six out of seven matches they finished a comfortable 13 VPs ahead of second-placed Sheffield. Cheltenham were third.

The team comprised Roger Bryant, Ian Handley, David Kenward, Gareth Roberts, Martin Jones, Stephen Green, Garry Watson and Nick Stevens.

PACHABO CUP

CONGRATULATIONS TO Julian Wightwick, Catherine Jagger, Jonathan Mestel and Paul Barden who, representing Cambs and Hunts, have won the 2013 Pachabo Trophy held in June. They finished three points ahead of Bedfordshire, with Warwickshire and Berks & Bucks tied for third.

CORWEN TROPHY

Congratulations to Marten Wortel and Doug Andrews for winning the 2013 Corwen Trophy. Things were very exciting at the end, but they just managed to pip Richard Lingham and Ann Slee by 0.02%. Neil Rosen and Jill Feldman were third.

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GOOD LUCK TO OUR TEAMS AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

A short introduction to the events and our representative teams

THE 41st World Bridge Team Championships will be played in Bali on September 16-29 (watch them on Bridge Base Online!). The two main events are the Bermuda Bowl for Open Teams (the oldest and most prestigious event in bridge, held for the first time in 1950 in Bermuda) and the Venice Cup (a more recent, but no less prestigious event, first held in 1974 in Venice) for Women's Teams. Qualification to either event is by zones which, as regards Europe, means that teams, selected by their respective national bridge authorities, must come in the top six at the preceding European Teams Championship (this time, it was the 2012 event held in Dublin). The last time England qualified for the Bermuda Bowl was in 2005; our Women qualified more recently, in 2011. The World Teams Championships are held every odd-numbered year.

WOMEN'S TEAM



H Dhondy



Senior



Smith



Brock



Stockdale



Brown



J Dhondy



Burn

Heather Dhondy – Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith – Sally Brock, Susan Stockdale – Fiona Brown; NPC: Jeremy Dhondy; coach: David Burn.

This is the same team that won the European Women's Teams Championships in Dublin and then went on to win the World Mind Sports Women's Bridge Teams Championships in Lille last year.

Our Women's Team is one of the strongest ever, with several world titles under their belts. All six are ranked in the Top 50 by the World Bridge Federation. Heather Dhondy, Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith and Sally Brock are all bridge professionals, though Sally also works as a typesetter. Susan Stockdale works as a director of a company that markets and distributes products to the animal healthcare sector; Fiona Brown works in a pharmacy.

As is by now well known, our women have a team ritual: they don't sit at the bridge table before putting on a few drops of lavender oil to keep the bad spirits away. It obviously works well for them!

Jeremy Dhondy, a retired school-teacher, is well known to *English Bridge* readers from his popular Laws column. He will choose the line-up, check the scores, ensure the right players turn up in time, and generally run around double-checking there are no glitches. Coach David Burn, a bridge professional, will lend his strong shoulders and an amazing bridge knowledge in support.

OPEN TEAM



Allfrey



Robson



Bakhshi



Townsend



Forrester



Gold



Cope



Green

Alexander Allfrey – Andrew Robson, David Bakhshi – Tom Townsend, Tony Forrester – David Gold; NPC: Simon Cope; coach: Ben Green.

As the bridge correspondent for the *Times*, *English Bridge* columnist and sought-after bridge teacher and lecturer, Andrew Robson needs no introduction. His partner, Alexander Allfrey, is a psychotherapist and occasional bridge teacher. Together, they have dominated the national English bridge teams scene for some time.

When Allfrey and Robson, for family reasons, had to pull out of the European Championships in Dublin last year, David Bakhshi and Tom Townsend replaced them at short notice and played an important part in qualifying for the Bermuda Bowl in Bali. David is a professional bridge player and teacher; he is the first Brit to win a major US pairs title, the Silodor Open Pairs, in 2013, since Forrester won the same event in 1998. Tom Townsend was in the team that won the Junior World Championship in 1995 in Bali – so that's a good omen!

Telegraph bridge correspondent and most-capped England player, Tony Forrester is another England star who needs little introduction. His partner, David Gold, was not even born when Tony started dominating the English game. David is now a full-time bridge pro with several major international successes to his name, and is one of only three English players ranked in the Top 100 by the WBF.

Simon Cope, the young bridge pro who captained our Open team at the European Teams Championships in Dublin last year, will again be the non-playing captain. Ben Green, a management consultant and bridge professional who was coach to our Open team in Dublin, will once again fulfil this demanding role.

SINCERE THANKS FROM ALL ON THE TEAMS

Our teams thank all those players and clubs who supported them by taking part in the Bridge England Sim Pairs, enabling them to enjoy better training facilities and go to Bali.

It is now their ambition to do us proud at the bridge table and we wish them all the best. Good luck!

■ AUGUST 2013

- 9-18 Brighton Summer Meeting
Hilton Metropole Hotel
- 12-14 Really Easy Congress – Novices and students
Hilton Metropole Hotel, Brighton
- 12-15 Seniors Congress
Hilton Metropole Hotel, Brighton
- 13-15 Next Step Congress
Hilton Metropole Hotel, Brighton
- 23-25 Junior Teach-In
Loughborough University
- 27-29 Telford Midweek Congress
Telford Hotel & Golf Resort, Shropshire

■ SEPTEMBER 2013

- 6-8 Isle of Man Congress
- 9-13 EBU Autumn Sims, **Clubs**
- 14-15 Bedford Congress
Milton Keynes
- 16-29 41st World Team Championships
Bali, Indonesia
- 20-29 Guernsey Congress
La Trelade Country House Hotel
- 28-29 Essex/Herts GP Weekend
- 28-29 Surrey GP Weekend
- 28-29 Derbyshire GP Weekend
EMBA, Spondon
- 29 Cornwall GP Swiss Teams
White Hart Hotel, Launceston
- 29 Westmorland GP Swiss Pair
Castle Green Hotel, Kendal

■ OCTOBER 2013

- 4-6 West of England Congress
- 5-6 Felixstowe Congress
- 5-6 Great Northern Swiss Pairs
Hilton Leeds City Hotel
- 5-6 Premier League 1st w/e
Manchester Bridge Club
- 7-11 British Sims, **Clubs**
- 9-15 Overseas Congress Lake Garda
Grand Hotel Gardone
- 12-13 Premier League 2nd w/e
Div. 1 Richmond
Div. 2 Wimbledon
- 18-20 Autumn Congress
Stratford-upon-Avon
- 25-28 Really Easy Autumn Break
Wroxton House Hotel, Oxon
- 26-27 Malvern Congress
- 26-27 Lancashire Congress
- 26-27 Kent Congress

■ NOVEMBER 2013

- 1-3 Seniors Congress
Daventry Hotel
- 8-10 North East Congress
- 8-10 Premier League 3rd w/e
West Midlands BC, Solihull
- 15-17 Seniors Camrose Trials
Richmond Bridge Club
- 16-17 Middlesex Congress, **Barnet**
- 23-24 Tollemache Cup Qualifier
Daventry Hotel



LAWS & ETHICS UPDATE

THE L&E has reviewed its publications and published new editions online effective from August 1st.

The new publications are:

1. **The Blue Book:** This replaces the *Orange* and *Tangerine* Books and is half the length of the previous *Orange Book*. There were sufficient different versions of the *Orange Book* floating around that a decision was made to have a clean break and a new colour.
2. **The White Book:** This is about fifty pages shorter than the previous version. It contains some material transferred from the old *Orange Book* and is aimed at Tournament Directors, Clubs and Organisers.

My thanks go to all the volunteers who have commented on, contributed to, and proof-read our new publications.

What are the Major Changes Affecting Players?

1. **Announcements:** These have been extended, so that you will now announce a natural 2NT opening (by saying the range) and the responses of 3♣ (assuming it is normal four-card Stayman) and 3♦/3♥ (assuming they are transfers). The pattern will be the same as for a 1NT announcement. It won't apply to overcalls, again exactly like the scheme relating to 1NT openings.

The second change is announcing short minor-suit openings. If 1♣ or 1♦ can be two, one or no cards, then you will announce by saying e.g. 'May be two'. The reason for this extension is because a lot more people are playing five-card majors with a short club than were when announcements started. If 1♣ is strong, forcing and artificial – a Precision 1♣ for example – then it will continue to be alerted.

2. **Alerting:** There are minor changes to alerting over the level of 3NT. You will now alert any suit bid on the first round of the auction so that in auctions such as 1NT – Pass – 4♥ showing spades, as well as 2♥ Weak from the opposition – 4♣ (overcall, showing clubs and spades) the 4♥ and 4♣ bids will now be alerted. Although you can ask when

such bids are made against you, you may give some of your hand away to opponents or put partner in a tough position. If you don't ask, there is no reasonable way of knowing. We already alert opening bids above 3NT, so the regulation will become alerting any suit bid on the first round (there is a definition of this to ensure that if we alert 1NT – Pass – 4♥ we will also alert Pass – Pass – 1NT – Pass – 4♥). We are *not* going back to alerting Blackwood.

3. **Regulations for opening strong artificial two-of-a-suit bids:** No change.
4. **Alerting of doubles:** No change.
5. **Level 3:** Scrapped. No EBU tournaments have been held for some time using this level. For clubs who have used this level and wish to continue to play something simpler, the *Blue Book* includes a short list of agreements which might be excluded for a simpler game. Clubs, of course, are free to determine their own regulations for agreements, although the vast majority prefer to stick to a published level.
6. **Agreements:** There are some minor amendments to what is allowed. This is tidying up for greater consistency and clarity rather than a substantial change.

The new *White Book* also includes a revised victory point scale for teams events which applies to all EBU-run events from September 1st onwards. Counties and Clubs are likely to wish to switch to this sooner rather than later. The common scales are in the diary and on the EBU website. There is also, on the website, a facility to enter any number of boards so a scale can be determined for matches of an unusual length. The change results from the World Bridge Federation introducing a new scale for its events, which the EBU has decided to follow. In a standard Swiss Teams match of, say, seven boards, the amount needed to obtain a 20-0 score will rise from 30 to 36 IMPs. There are also scales which include decimal places but these will only be used initially for such events as trials and international matches.

(Jeremy Dhondy)

Beat Today's Experts

These hands are all from modern events and David Bird points to some useful lessons to be learned from them. See how your efforts compare with the experts' bidding.

August 2013 WEST HANDS

(IMP scoring on every deal)

1. Game All ♠ A 5
Dealer West ♥ 6 4
 ♦ A K Q 10 5 4 2
(Zagorin) ♣ J 2
2. Game All ♠ 7
Dealer East ♥ A 7 2
 ♦ A K 10 9 4 3
(Welland) ♣ J 10 5
3. Love All ♠ K Q 9 6
Dealer West ♥ A K 10
 ♦ K Q 3
(Drijver) ♣ A J 7
4. E/W Game ♠ 8 7
Dealer South ♥ 9 8 7 6 3
 ♦ Q 10 7 2
(Dennis Bilde) ♣ 10 4
*South bids 1♥, North bids 2♥.
5. N/S Game ♠ 8 7 5
Dealer West ♥ K 9 8 3
 ♦ K 6 5 4
(Brink) ♣ K 2
6. N/S Game ♠ A 6 5 2
Dealer South ♥ Q 7
 ♦ J 9 6
(Auken) ♣ A 6 5 2
*South bids 3♣

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August 2013 EAST HANDS

(IMP scoring on every deal)

1. Game All ♠ K 6 4 3 2
Dealer West ♥ A Q J 10
 ♦ 3
(Bathurst) ♣ A K 8
2. Game All ♠ A K Q 10 9 6 2
Dealer East ♥ K Q 5
 ♦ 2
(Auken) ♣ 8 4
3. Love All ♠ A 8 7 3
Dealer West ♥ J 9 8 6 3
 ♦ A
(Brink) ♣ Q 10 4
4. E/W Game ♠ A K 4 2
Dealer South ♥ Void
 ♦ A K J 5 4 3
(Morten Bilde) ♣ K 8 2
*South bids 1♥, North bids 2♥.
5. N/S Game ♠ 6
Dealer West ♥ A 4 2
 ♦ A Q 9 8 3
(Drijver) ♣ A Q J 8
6. N/S Game ♠ K Q J 7
Dealer South ♥ 6 3 2
 ♦ A K Q 10 8 7
(Welland) ♣ Void
*South bids 3♣



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Views

I WISH to make it clear that both Moseley Bridge Club and its members totally disassociate themselves from the comments made by John West and David Heard in the June EBU magazine.

Moseley Bridge Club feel that the facilities offered by West Midlands Bridge Club are second to none and in particular the catering.

**David Hulston, Chairman,
Moseley Bridge Club**

The article in question was written as participants to the Masters event, not as representatives of Moseley BC.

I AM writing with reference to the article 'Confessions of Two National Winners', page 12, *English Bridge*, June 2013.

I have been a member of West Midlands BC for over 25 years, and am proud to belong to such a prestigious club, which has undergone much refurbishment over the last ten years and is the envy of the bridge world.

So to read negative remarks regarding the catering and the comfort at the table was disappointing. We have a wonderful steward, Jayne, who works very hard to provide delicious and substantial food for the club and outside bridge events, and has done so for over 25 years. She is much valued by all.

Unfair remarks from a visitor, in print in a national magazine, to my mind showed the writer in a bad light, not the club. As for making an issue of being cold until the heating got under way, how long were the visitors cold? One round? Was it really worth mentioning getting a coat and hat from the car? I don't think so.

Louise Payne, by email

The New Rules

RE. THE Laws and Ethics report in your June issue, it was pleasing to note that those responsible for such things do sometimes take notice of feedback, and hence that, for example, the announcing and alerting rules will be standardised for 1NT and 2NT openings.

However, one despairs at some of the things those same people do. In particular, getting rid of Level 3 – just because no EBU tournaments are held at that level – is entirely symptomatic of the EBU's thinking. If you don't play in EBU tournaments, congresses, etc. we are not interested in you.

A large number of ordinary players do not play in such tournaments, but they do play at one or two, or perhaps even several, different clubs where 'ordinary' conventions are used and which operate at Level 3. Such clubs use Level 3 to avoid members who wish to play serious but enjoyable bridge being baffled by the clever clogs who enjoy the esoteric conventions permitted at higher levels. 'EBU News' says: 'Some clubs still use [Level 3]' but *every* club at which I play does so!

Is it really the EBU's intention that every club must now presumably poll its members in order to decide which bits of Level 4 are to be removed? Are ordinary members then really expected to remember which of the clubs at which they play

have chosen to allow or disallow which bits of Level 4 conventions? Is all this expected to enhance members' enjoyment?

Andrew Gilmour, by email

Jeremy Dhondy, Chairman of the L&E Committee, replies: The L&E considered valuable feedback from individuals and groups such as the National Club Committee. In the matter of Level 3 we are, of course, aware that not all are tournament players and that different levels are needed for different groups hence Level 2 for inexperienced players. Many clubs play Level 4 but some don't wish to. Although clubs are free to do as they wish in this respect, many don't wish to re-invent the wheel and it isn't all that desirable that different methods are played in clubs as that makes life difficult both for visitors and those who visit other clubs. I doubt many members actually care provided it is a level playing field and the allowed agreements are not too bizarre.

If clubs prefer their members to be protected from some of the elements of Level 4, then the new *Blue Book* has a list of agreements that may be omitted for a more restrictive game. It is significantly shorter than what was in the last edition and this reflects most people's desire for briefer and less intrusive regulation where possible, hence a book of 32 not 72 pages! If I were on the club committee I would either adopt Level 4 or, if my members preferred that this was not so, adopt the restrictions mentioned in the new book.

Advice

RECENTLY the *Daily Telegraph* letters column included a piece of marriage guidance which applies equally well to bridge partnerships. It is in the form of verse attributed to Ogden Nash: 'To keep your marriage brimming with love from the loving cup / When you're wrong admit it. When you're right shut up.'

Frank Tomlin, Billericay

Not Funny

I'M fizzing. I'm furious. The cat runs and hides behind the settee when it sees me coming. Why? Well, I didn't win the June Caption Competition – you know, the one where a chap is strapped into the electric chair.

When I had my idea I knew it was a pipperoo. I was really looking forward to receiving the trophy mug but I didn't win – not even a mention in despatches. What had gone wrong?

Now, I don't begrudge the winner his triumph nor the 'mentions' their pleasure. However, humour is a serious subject and different things are funny to different people. So when composing my caption I try to look a bit further than just some loose connection with the bridge world.

On viewing the cartoon of the man strapped in the electric chair and two warders talking to him, the first question that came to mind was: how did a bridge player come to be in the electric chair? While we are all guilty of heinous crimes at the bridge table, none, to my knowledge, are capital offences, even in the USA. So how did he get there?

To my mind the best answer quoted was from Gloria Ireland: 'Your bad defence let you down!' This had the merit of explaining the electric chair and the use of a common bridge expression.

My train of thought was: here we have a criminal guilty of a capital offence; who would a criminal be likely to be playing bridge with? Other criminals, of course, so it is likely they are going to cheat. So how do you get from cheating at bridge to the electric chair? The answer was clear: 'Big Tony grassed you up after you ruffed his fifth ace with your fourteenth trump!' Sheer brilliance!

Re. the new cartoon, I based my caption on the occasional tiffs of some very good friends who... yes, you're right. I'm not going to win this one either.

David Richardson, Boston Spa

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Mislaid Plans

WHEN PLAYING as declarer, one of the most important habits to develop involves effective planning. This requires a degree of counting, and a level of anticipation about the likely developments over the first couple of tricks.

Choosing the Best Suit to Develop in No-trump Contracts

First, consider some no-trump planning, as in Example A:

Example A

♠ A 5
♥ K J 5
♦ A 8 7 6 5
♣ J 6 3

♠ K 6 3
♥ Q 4
♦ 10 4 3 2
♣ A K Q 4

You are South, the declarer in a 3NT contract. West leads the two of spades. How should you plan the play?

Mistakes People Make: Taking Unnecessary Risks

It is a good habit to begin by counting your certain winners (top tricks). If you fail to count your winners, you might be tempted to choose diamonds as your best source of tricks. You start with seven top tricks – two spades, one diamond and four clubs. While playing on diamonds could allow you to make an overtrick if they split evenly, your contract will now be at risk if they split 3-1. Say you play the ace of diamonds followed by the five. The defenders

can win and continue spades. Whether you now lose a second diamond trick or turn to hearts, the defenders can potentially win two spades, one heart and two diamonds to defeat your game.

However, starting out with seven winners means that you only require two more tricks, and these can be guaranteed by forcing out the ace of hearts immediately. You will not have any chance of making an overtrick if the defenders continue spades, but your contract will be secure.

Now consider Example B:

Example B

♠ A 5
♥ K J 5
♦ A Q J 6 5
♣ 7 6 3

♠ 9 6 3
♥ Q 4
♦ 8 4 3
♣ A K Q J 10

Once again you are South, the declarer in 3NT and West leads the two of spades. How should you plan the play?

Mistakes People Make: Failing to Draw Inferences

This time you only have one stopper in spades, so it is tempting to win the ace of spades, cross to the ten of clubs and lead the three of diamond to the jack hoping to find your left-hand opponent with the king of diamonds. If the finesse succeeds, you will make at least three diamond tricks without losing the lead. However, this approach will also lead to defeat if it is your right-hand opponent who holds the

diamond king. Does this represent the best chance of success?

Assuming that your opponents are playing 'fourth highest' leads, then it is still safer to attack hearts immediately. Why is this? You begin with seven top tricks – one spade, one diamond and five clubs, so can again make two winners by force in hearts. This might seem risky once the ace of spades has been played, but will only lead to defeat if spades do not divide 4-4. West's lead of the two of spades is consistent with a four-card holding, in which case the safest approach is to force out the ace of hearts rather than finessing diamonds.

Suit-contract Planning

Counting winners is still a good habit to develop, but it is often a good idea to also count your potential losers when planning a trump contract. This is particularly important when assessing whether to draw trumps immediately or not.

Mistakes People Make: Mis-timing Trump Plays

Consider Example C:

Example C

♠ K Q 4
♥ Q 10 5 3
♦ 8 6 4 3
♣ Q 5

♠ A J
♥ K J 9 7 6 4
♦ A 2
♣ J 7 3

Once again you are South, but this time ⇒

Top Table

Tony Waterlow



TONY WATERLOW has won many of the national tournaments including the Spring Fours, Crockfords, the Brighton pairs and teams, and the Grand Master pairs. He represented England in the European Championship in the Open team in 2002 and 2008, and in the Senior team in 1999, 2001, 2004 and 2012. He has also played a number of Camrose matches in both Open and Seniors.

When did you start playing bridge?

In 1960, while studying for my Chartered Accountant exams.

How often / where do you play?

About once or twice a week, usually in London at TGR's, the Young Chelsea or Pinner Bridge Club, plus some UK and overseas tournaments.

Do you always play with the same partners / team-mates? What do you expect of them?

I have two or three regular partners and team-mates – if I have not upset them! I prefer courtesy and little discussion at the table, plenty of analysis with a drink afterwards.

What do you do for a living?

I was Financial Director and then MD and Chairman of a UK subsidiary of an American multi-national. Now retired.

What are your favourite bridge books?

I have a fairly large collection. I much

prefer narrative to text-book style. I also recommend the monthly *Bridge World*; it's first class.

What are your hobbies?

Reading, cricket, horse racing and bridge!

What do you like and what would you change in bridge?

Bridge has given me great pleasure so there is not much that I would change. However, the problem of presenting the game on television has reduced sponsorship and stopped new and young recruits. Therefore I think that the EBU should cosset their old-age members! As regards the future of the game, internet bridge is possibly a huge growth area.

What's the bridge success (so far) closest to your heart?

The silver medal I won with Paul Hackett in the 1995 European Pairs championship in Rome.

⇒ you are the declarer in a 4♥ contract. West leads the king of diamonds. How should you plan the play?

Counting your winners, you would see three spades and one diamond. Five extra tricks can be made through length in trumps and a further trick can be made by ruffing a club in the dummy. It may therefore seem natural to win the first trick with the ace of diamonds and start drawing trumps. While this would lead to ten winners given time, the defenders will first have the chance to win four tricks – one heart, one diamond and two clubs. Given that it will be necessary to lose the lead in

hearts, it is important to first consider how many potential losers declarer has at this point. Once you have noted the possibility of losing four tricks, it is essential to consider ways of disposing of a potential loser before losing the lead. If declarer first plays on spades, there is the small risk that the defenders will ruff in, but if spades divide no worse than 5-3, you can cash the ace of spades, then cross to the king of spades and cash the spade queen, throwing the two of diamonds. Having discarded the potential diamond loser, it is now safe to lead trumps, as the defenders can now win just one heart and two clubs. □

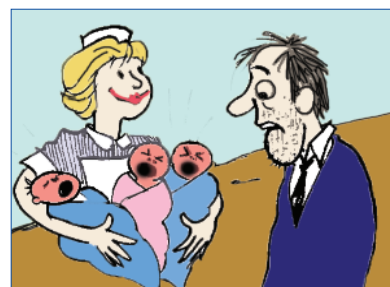
CAPTION COMPETITION



All I said was: 'Thank you, partner!'

THE winner of our June competition, with the caption above, is Peter Aston of Ross on Wye, who will receive an elegant bridge mug from our sponsors, Bridge and Golf Gifts Direct (see page 21). Other excellent captions were: *And another thing: ruff my winner again and you're making your own porridge!* (D.J. Richardson, Boston Spa); *Mother wants to partner you tonight* (Hilton Stansfield, Rochdale); *Finesse? You didn't and you haven't!* (Kath Adams, Stone); *Negative Double* (Myra Dawes, Whitefield); *The post-mortem continued way into breakfast time* (David Craven, Whitstable); *Finesse? You don't know the meaning of the word!* (Chris Ruff, London); *You may be Grand Master at the club, but you're not here!* (Michael Wilkes, Hatfield); *Tired! How can you be tired? You've slept right through twenty-four boards!* (Richard Perryman, Southend-on-Sea).

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Clues from the Bidding

SITTING WEST, on lead to 3NT, what would be your choice with the following collection?

♠ 8 4
♥ 7 6 3
♦ K J 8 7
♣ K 8 5 2

'Hold on, what about the bidding?' you exclaim. Well, that is the point of this article. The bidding almost always provides clues –

some subtle, some fairly obvious. So let us consider this uncontested auction:

North	South
	1♦
1♠	1NT
2NT	3NT
Pass	

There are some (hopefully, not many) whose choice would be completely unaffected by the auction and who would have the ♦7 on the table, almost before the final pass has been made, in the firm belief that 'fourth highest of longest and strongest' is the answer to all lead problems. This might prove effective but because of the opening bid many would prefer a club.

My choice, however, after considering the bidding, would be a heart. I would lead the ♥7 (top of nothing) or the ♥6 (second from bad suits), depending on partnership agreement, to ensure that partner can interpret the lead.

In general, there are two main strategies that the defenders might adopt:

- Passive, to avoid giving declarer any free gifts.
- Attacking, to cash winners or set them up before it is too late.

The opening lead should be chosen with the appropriate strategy in mind. A successful lead will be in accordance with it, although occasionally there might be enough time to change tack. Often the correct plan can be inferred from the bidding.

What are the clues on the featured hand and auction?

1. The opponents do not have a surplus of high-card points (opener can pass 2NT with a minimum).
2. Moreover, it is probable, but not certain, that their hands are fairly balanced.
3. West's diamond holding is likely to make it difficult for declarer to develop tricks in this suit.
4. It is probable that partner's spades will stop declarer from developing that suit as well.

All things considered, it would appear that declarer will not have many tricks to start with and will not find it easy to establish many more. This analysis strongly suggests a *passive* defence.

Here is the full deal:

	♠ Q 7 5 2	
	♥ Q 8 4	
	♦ 6 5	
	♣ A J 4 3	
♠ 8 4		♠ A 10 9 3
♥ 7 6 3		♥ K J 9 2
♦ K J 8 7	♦ N	♦ 10 3
♣ K 8 5 2	♦ W	♣ 10 7 6
	♦ E	
	♦ S	
	♠ K J 6	
	♥ A 10 5	
	♦ A Q 9 4 2	
	♣ Q 9	

It can be seen that persisting with hearts only gives declarer that which is readily available to him, the approach resulting in a comfortable defeat of the contract. A minor-suit lead will give declarer a free trick and a much better chance of making 3NT.

Note that if East's hand is changed to ♠ A1093 ♥ 9842 ♦ 103 ♣ A106 but the South and West hands are not altered, then the bidding would be the same but this time a club lead would work well. The salient issue, however, is that

leading hearts would still be better, confirming the wisdom of adopting a passive stance, which, in the context of the auction, is strongly indicated by the diamond holding.

What about the following lead problem for West with the hand below after this auction?

♠ K 10 4	North	South
♥ 7 6 3		1♦
♦ 8 7 5	1♠	3NT
♣ K 8 5 2	Pass	

The prognosis is very different this time in that any diamond finesse that declarer might require, rates to be working and all the suits are breaking evenly for him, which suggests that declarer will be able to generate several tricks given time. Therefore, there is much more to be said for attacking with a club lead. Although this might give away a trick, it might strike gold – and to beat 3NT there is evidence that the defenders will have to grab their tricks quickly.

Tips:

- Listen to the bidding. When there is evidence that declarer might have to struggle, adopt a passive approach.
- Leads from holdings without honour cards are not likely to give a trick that declarer could not have made otherwise and are in keeping with a passive approach. When choosing a lead of this sort, lead a high pip so that partner can tell what you have done.
- Leads from unsupported honours (such as Q-x-x-x) are not passive and are in keeping with an attacking stance, which a defender should be prepared to adopt when it can be seen that tricks might have to be taken quickly. □



Beat Today's Experts

Answers to Problems on Page 31



1. Game All. Dealer West.

♠ A 5	♠ K 6 4 3 2
♥ 6 4	♥ A Q J 10
♦ A K Q 10 5 4 2	♦ 3
♣ J 2	♣ A K 8

West Zagorin	East Bathurst
1♦	1♠
3♦	4♥
4♣	4NT
6♦	

ALL OUR hands will be taken from the 64-board final of the USA's Vanderbilt championship, which was heavily laden with slam deals. Seven of the ten players in the final were European (three Danish and four Dutch). What would you bid on the second round with those East cards? Kevin Bathurst saw no value in 3♥, since his partner would have reversed to 2♥ if his shape was 4-6 in the red suits. Nor did it seem appropriate to seek delayed support for his weak five-card spade suit.

East bid 4♥. Many players like to save space by using the bid one higher than four of the trump suit to ask for key-cards. If you use only 4♦ and 4♥ (when clubs or diamonds are trumps), this is known as 'Redwood'. If you use the method for all four trump suits – 4♣

for hearts and 4NT for spades – it is known as 'Kickback Blackwood'.

West's 4♣ response (the first step) showed 0 or 3 key-cards. 4NT then asked for the queen of trumps. West's 6♦ showed the trump queen but denied any side-suit king.

East decided to leave it there, rather than converting to 6NT. If partner held only six diamonds and there was a diamond loser, perhaps the side suits would provide another seven tricks.

7♦ is better than 7NT because you have a good chance of establishing an extra spade trick.

■ **Awards:** 6NT/6♦ (10), 7♦ (9), 7NT (6), games (4).

2. Game All. Dealer East.

♠ 7	♠ A K Q 10 9 6 2
♥ A 7 2	♥ K Q 5
♦ A K 10 9 4 3	♦ 2
♣ J 10 5	♣ 8 4

West Welland	East Auken
1NT	1♠
2♠	2♥
3NT	3♦

I usually choose bidding sequences that are natural and easily comprehensible. Let's go mad and look briefly at the sort of artificial bidding that some top pairs use.

Sabine Auken opens 1♠ which is (hurray!) natural. Roy Welland's 1NT is an artificial game-forcing relay. (He would bid 2♣ to indicate a normal 'forcing 1NT' response.) Auken's 2♥ is a transfer bid, showing at least six spades and a single-suiter. 2♠ is a relay asking for further information and 3♦ shows a singleton diamond. West, who has a reliable diamond stopper, then bids 3NT.

I will leave it to you to judge whether Auken should have gone to 4♣. Louk Verhees was on lead with ♠J 8 4 ♥10 9 6 4 3 ♦7 6 ♣A 6 2. Five club tricks could be taken but of course he led a heart. That was +720 and a 2-IMP pick-up against 4♣ plus one at the other table!

■ **Awards:** 4♣ (10), 5♣ (8), 3NT (5), 6♣ (2).

3. Love All. Dealer West.

♠ K Q 9 6	♠ A 8 7 3
♥ A K 10	♥ J 9 8 6 3
♦ K Q 3	♦ A
♣ A J 7	♣ Q 10 4

West Drijver	East Brink
2NT	3♦
3♥	3♣
3NT	4♦
4NT	5♥
6♥	

The first four bids may look familiar – East showing five hearts and four spades. That was not the meaning here. The Dutch pair use a method that is becoming increasingly popular. Following a transfer response of 3♦, the opener rebids 3♥ only when he has at least three-card heart support. Otherwise he bids 3♠ or 3NT.

Playing this method, you cannot stop in 3♥ when responder has a weak hand with long hearts. However, there is a big advantage on strong hands. With hearts agreed as trumps, responder can suggest a slam at a low level, by

cue-bidding.

Sjoert Brink's 3♠ was a cue-bid. Drijver showed a slam-suitable hand with a Serious 3NT and East cue-bid his diamond control. RKCB confirmed two aces without the trump queen and the better slam was reached.

Two clubs go away on the diamonds and an overtrick was made when spades broke 3-2 and South held the ♥Q.

■ **Awards:** 6♥ (10), 6♣ (9) 7♥ (5), games (4), 7♠ (3).

4. E/W Game. Dealer South.

♠ 9 7 ♥ 9 8 7 6 3 ♦ Q 10 7 2 ♣ 10 4		♠ A K 4 2 ♥ Void ♦ A K J 5 4 3 ♣ K 8 2	
West <i>D. Bilde</i>	North <i>v Prooijen</i>	East <i>M. Bilde</i>	South <i>Verhees</i>
Pass	2♥	Dble	1♥
3♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	Pass

It is more or less standard nowadays to play Lebensohl opposite a take-out double of a weak-two opening. (2NT is bid on most 0-7 point hands; a direct suit response suggests 8-10.) Many pairs use it on this auction too and 3♦ would suggest 8-10.

Father and son, Morten and Dennis Bilde do not use Lebensohl here, so 3♦ carried a very wide range. East suggested a slam with a void-showing leap to 4♥ and West signed off. East was looking at several potential losers in the black suits. As I see it, he had little justification for bidding the small slam. How would you play 6♦ when North leads the ♠Q?

Dennis Bilde won in the dummy and played the other top spade. He then entered his hand with a spade ruff to lead towards the ♠K. His luck was in when the weaker of the defenders' hands (North) contained the ♠A. He gave up a club and was then able to ruff three black-suit losers in his hand. The lucky slam was made.

A trump lead would have scuttled the contract, since a second trump can be played when the defenders win a club trick.

■ **Awards:** 5♦ (10), 6♦ (6), part-scores (4), 3NT (2).

5. N/S Game. Dealer West.

♠ 8 7 5 ♥ K 9 8 3 ♦ K 6 5 4 ♣ K 2		♠ 6 ♥ A 4 2 ♦ A Q 9 8 3 ♣ A Q J 8
West <i>Brink</i>	East <i>Drijver</i>	
Pass	1♦	
1♥	2♣	
3♦	4♣	
6♦		

If East held only a 12-count, he might raise to 2♥ on this shape. With his splendid five-loser hand, he prefers the wider-range 2♣ rebid.

When West shows limit-bid values in diamonds, East leaps to 4♣. This is a splinter bid, showing at most a singleton spade. How should West react to this?

West has no aces, it is true. He has limited his hand with the 3♦ bid, however, and holds a magic 8-7-5 opposite partner's shortage. He also likes the look of his ♠K-2 in partner's second suit. Brink duly jumps to 6♦, completing a splendidly elegant auction. The same fine

contract was reached at the other table.

West <i>M Bilde</i>	North <i>Verhees</i>	East <i>D. Bilde</i>	South <i>v Prooijen</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Dble	Rdble	2♣
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♦	

East's Support Redouble indicated three-card heart support. West's 5♣ showed one key-card.

■ **Awards:** 6♦ (10), 5♦ (6), part-scores (2).

6. N/S Game. Dealer South.

♠ A 6 5 2 ♥ Q 7 ♦ J 9 6 ♣ A 6 5 2		♠ K Q J 7 ♥ 6 3 2 ♦ A K Q 10 8 7 ♣ Void	
West <i>Auken</i>	North <i>v Prooijen</i>	East <i>Welland</i>	South <i>Verhees</i>
Pass	Pass	Dble	3♣
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass

This was the 64th and last board of a wonderful Vanderbilt final. Auken was leading 128-117, so van Prooijen needed a big swing to win the match. What would you say as East over 3♣?

3♦ was possible but Roy Welland preferred a take-out double, to pick up a possible major-suit game. Sabine Auken responded only 3♠, since partner might be light for a double in the

protective seat. Welland had an easy raise to game and twelve tricks were made on a club lead.

At the other table Morten Bilde opened a full-blooded 4♣ on:

♠10 9 4 ♥K ♦2 ♣K J 10 9 8 7 4 3.

After two passes, Brink protected with a double and this was passed out for only +200. Auken had won by 18 IMPs.

Our congratulations go to Sabine Auken, Roy Welland, Morten and Dennis Bilde. It is rare for a team of just four players to win this event.

■ **Awards:** 5♠/4♠ (10), 5♦ (9), 6♠/3NT (5), part-scores (3), 3♣ by South doubled (1).



A commendable 51/60 for the Vanderbilt stars. Not so easy for you to match that! Let's look for some tips.

Tips to remember

- Ordinary Blackwood can carry you too high when the trump suit is a minor. Consider using the space-saving Redwood or Kickback Blackwood.
- Use splinter bids in as many situations as possible. They are essential for evaluating how well two hands fit together.
- When the auction starts 1♠ – Pass – 2♣ – Dble (or similar), use the Lebensohl convention when responding to the double.
- When partner responds to your 2NT with a 3♦ or 3♥ transfer, rebid in the indicated major only when you have a fit. Your partner can then cue-bid to suggest a slam. □

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAME JANET DE BOTTON

WE ARE delighted that EBU member, top class bridge player and *Spectator* bridge columnist Janet de Botton has been made a Dame in the Queen's birthday honours list for charitable services to the Arts.

Many congratulations, Dame Janet!



CLUB PLAYER'S BIDDING QUIZ

ON each of the following problems, you are West. What should you bid with each hand on the given auction?

Julian Pottage gives his answers on page 54.



Hand 1	W	N	E	S
♠ 10 8 2			1♥	Pass
♥ J 3	?			
♦ A K 9 6 5				
♣ 10 9 4				

Hand 2	W	N	E	S
♠ Q J 9			1♦	1♠
♥ Q J 6 3 2	?			
♦ Q 9 8 2				
♣ 4				

Hand 3	W	N	E	S
♠ A Q 10 8 7	1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
♥ A 10 3	2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
♦ K 10	?			
♣ 8 4 3				

Hand 4	W	N	E	S
♠ 8 7 6 4 3 2		1♦	1♠	2♥
♥ 7	?			
♦ 8 5 2				
♣ 9 8 2				

Hand 5	W	N	E	S
♠ K J 5 3 2		1NT	2♠ ¹	Pass
♥ A 10 4	?			
♦ J 7				
♣ J 8 7				

¹Majors

Hand 6	W	N	E	S
♠ 10 8 7 5 3	Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
♥ Q J 7	1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
♦ J 8	?			
♣ A J 9				

Heather's Hints

by Heather Dhondy



Conning the Opponents

E/W Game. Dealer South.	
♠ J 8 5	
♥ 10 5 4	
♦ J 8 7	
♣ K 6 3 2	
♠ A K Q	
♥ A J 2	
♦ 9 6 5	
♣ A Q J 10	

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♣	Pass	2NT
All Pass			3NT

PLAYING TEAMS, South opens 2NT. What should North reply?

Unlike 1NT, it is quite usual for a 2NT opening to have a five-card major, and it is therefore sensible to have a system to help locate a 5-3 fit. North should bid 3♣, five-card Stayman. Over this partner will bid a five-card major if held, 3♦ with a four-card major, or 3NT with no five- or four-card major. Here South rebids 3NT which becomes the final contract.

West leads the queen of hearts, and East follows with the three. This queen lead is likely to be from a king-queen holding since the lead of the king would request an unblock. Playing these methods, the three will be an attitude signal from East. How do you plan the play?

You have eight tricks, and winning the ace and returning a heart will set up your ninth. The problem with this is that the defence should wake up and realise that you are establishing your ninth trick and switch to diamonds. If they do, they will almost certainly be able to defeat your contract.

Your best chance will come from

conning West. If you duck this trick, it will be very hard for West to believe that you have made this play from your actual holding, since you have reduced two certain winners in the suit to one. He may continue the suit believing his partner's three to have been from, for example, jack-three doubleton.

This was the full deal:

♠ J 8 5		♠ 10 7 6 3
♥ 10 5 4		♥ 6 3
♦ J 8 7		♦ K 10 3 2
♣ K 6 3 2		♣ 8 7 5
♠ 9 4 2		♠ A K Q
♥ K Q 9 8 7		♥ A J 2
♦ A Q 4		♦ 9 6 5
♣ 9 4		♣ A Q J 10

Heather's Hints

- Consider using some methods over 2NT to locate a 5-3 major-suit fit. Holding 20-22 points and a five-card major, you will be reluctant to open at the one-level, for fear of playing there when partner has 4 or 5 points. Therefore you will want to be able to open 2NT, and yet still be able to locate the major-suit fit if held.
- When planning the play to your contract always count both the winners and the losers. There will be many occasions where you are able to establish nine winners in 3NT, but the defence will have established five first, as in this example. □

Around & About

BIG TIDY UP



Members of Hitchin Bridge Club with the 'loot'

MEMBERS OF the Hitchin Bridge Club turned out in force to help with the 'Big Hitchin Tidy Up' over the first May bank holiday weekend. This was a town-wide community effort to remove litter. The club concentrated on cleaning the Bancroft Recreation Ground where the hall they hire for bridge is sited.

Loads of rubbish was collected, including eight bags of general litter and five bags of recyclable cans, bottles and plastic. Members waded in the River Hiz, pulling out bundles of undelivered local newspapers, old iron, carpet, an office chair, bicycle wheels and panes of glass.

(Margaret Eddleston)

CHAMPAGNE LUNCH FOR NEW PARTNERSHIP

LOCAL MP Laura Sandys joined the celebration when Thanet Bridge Club moved to the social premises of Margate Football Club in April. The bridge club was formed thirty-three years ago for bridge students who had completed courses at adult education centres and needed to develop their skills. As the one existing club in Thanet accepted experienced players only, Joyce Saker and her husband Brian, both qualified EBU bridge teachers, started Thanet Bridge Club with the help of Pat Husband who was then in charge of EBU teaching. As the previous premises became inadequate and too expensive, it was imperative to find alternative accommodation and eventually this was found at Margate Football Club. We have been lucky as a club in that a former student and member of the club, local businessman Alan Bown, has underwritten our move and the first six months of play besides paying for our superb lunch.

Bridge sessions including tea and biscuits, cost £1.50. We open four sessions a week and are looking to expand.

Apart from an annual charity evening, one feature of the club is the raising of money for charity through teaching fees which over the last twelve years has raised £35,000 for local causes such as Demelza House (Children's Hospice), Pilgrims Hospice (homeless at Christmas) and the furnishing of three flats for the homeless (Emmaus).

(Joyce Saker)

CITY CUP TOUR COMES TO AN END

WHAT HAVE all of these places got in common? Plymouth, Exeter, Truro, Bath, Bristol, Wells, Gloucester, Worcester, Birmingham, Lichfield, Wolverhampton, Stoke, Chester, Liverpool, Salford, Preston, Lancaster, Carlisle, Newcastle, Durham, Sunderland, York, Ripon, Hull, Leeds, Bradford, Wakefield, Sheffield, Manchester, Nottingham, Derby, Lincoln, Cambridge, Peterborough, Leicester, Coventry, Ely, Norwich, St. Albans, Hereford, Oxford, Canterbury, Chelmsford, Southampton, Chichester, Portsmouth, Brighton, Salisbury, Winchester, London and Westminster.

Puzzled? They are all cities, and all have a cathedral (or at least a large church) and at least one bridge club affiliated to the EBU, and David Wing – the 'Mad Cyclist', as he dubs himself – has been there to visit the church and play bridge in a special pairs competition where he presented the winners with a 'City Cup' to mark the occasion. Each cup, a gift from David, was engraved with the name of the city plus the winners' names.



Westminster Cup winners Roland Gronau and Lorna Vestey with Zia Mahmood (left) and David Wing (right)

David's sponsored tour of these cities lasted a year and was carried out by bike – raising over £6000 in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. The last event was held at Richmond Bridge Club, by which time David's achievement had so captured the bridge playing public's imagination that the competition for the Westminster Cup attracted not just fifty pairs but also an exalted visitor: Zia Mahmood. David promptly secured him as his partner and although they did not win, they were – appropriately – highly placed.

The online version of this issue of *English Bridge* will carry photos of City Cup tour winners (page 57-61). You can also read about David's tour at: <http://goo.gl/gMuJQ>

Should readers wish to support David's endeavour and donate to the Alzheimer's Society, this can be done via the website www.justgiving.com/citycup



Around & About

BIRTHDAY GIRL



Pam Jenkins with Ross BC Chairman Roy Milnes

MEMBERS OF Ross Bridge Club were delighted to celebrate recently the latest achievement of Pam Jenkins in becoming a nonagenarian. They were generously treated to some highly appropriately decorated birthday cake to accompany their tea-time break during the first round of the club's Summer Pairs event. Pam has been a devoted bridge player for most of her life and in addition to being a regular supporter of many local clubs, with her late husband, Brian, she was a founder member of Newent Bridge Club in 1973.

Pam is still a highly accomplished and much liked bridge player as indicated by her second-place 57.14% achievement in the event playing with her good friend, Judith Landau, and another runners-up spot in the previous week's event when she partnered her daughter Sue, who with her husband Ken have been visiting the UK from their home in Australia to be part of the family celebrations.

(Roy Milnes)

BIRTHDAY BOY



Hubert Castle at his 100th birthday party

HUBERT CASTLE, President of the Yorkshire CBA, reached his century on 24 May. He was Chairman of the YCBA from 1976 to 1990 and Chairman of Huddersfield BC for many years.

Bridge was his chief hobby, closely followed by gardening and, in his younger days, tennis. He played with a series of partners including his wife Cath, to whom he was happily married for over sixty years. He now has five grandsons and ten great-grandchildren.

On the day after his birthday the family had invited over thirty bridge players to join them for a celebration lunch at Woodsome Hall Golf Club. As he did not want any presents, Hubert had indicated that a donation to the Salvation Army would be appreciated. When the Salvationists heard about this, they responded by sending a band to play for us after lunch in glorious sunshine. Not even the family knew that he was interested in the Salvation Army. Asked why he had chosen them, Hubert replied: 'Because it was the only place where I could get a bath when I was in the army!' *(Roy Garthwaite)*

'GENTLE DUPLICATE' AT FOLKESTONE

2013 HAS seen a number of new initiatives at Folkestone Duplicate Bridge Club, leading to a welcome growth in club membership.

In February the club moved home to a new state-of-the-art pavilion at the Three Hills Sports Park in Folkestone, which has a bar, refreshment facilities and a large free car park. It also has a lift to the upper floor where the club meets on a Monday evening.

At the same venue the club's fully qualified EBU teacher and chairman, Chris Lohan, runs two daytime classes for beginners and improvers. These are extremely popular with anything up to forty students participating, but the challenge was then to give those new players sufficient confidence to play duplicate with the more experienced club members. Chris's solution was to introduce a second separate movement alongside normal club duplicate, playing up to eighteen of the same pre-dealt boards at a slower pace than in the main movement. This has the great advantage that the hands are then available for discussion at the classes. Usually there are five or six 'gentle duplicate' tables and this has led to a gradual flow of new players into the main movement as confidence is built up.

Without doubt, this initiative has been a great success, for not only does the majority of the more experienced students attend on a regular basis, but it has also attracted other local, less confident players into the club. As a result, Folkestone Duplicate Bridge Club is now thriving.



92-year old 'student', Linda Rene-Martin, with Chris Lohan at the Three Hills Sports Park



A Matter of Style

Bridge writers and editors try and work together to give you an easy read, and that means having a house-style for bridge articles. Each publication has its own set of rules for terminology and layout.

I AM SURE the editor had a fit when she first read this article. (*Nearly. Ed.*) Have a look at my write-up of this hand from a recent Camrose match and see if you can spot the causes of her apoplexy.

E/W Game. Dealer North.

♠ 4 2 ♥ K 6 ♦ 8 7 6 3 2 ♣ A 4 3 2		♠ 9 7 5 ♥ T 5 4 3 ♦ A Q J T ♣ T 6
♠ A 8 ♥ A Q J 8 7 ♦ 9 4 ♣ K J 8 5		♠ K Q J T 6 3 ♥ 9 2 ♦ K 5 ♣ Q 9 7

North	East	South	West
Pass	1♥	1♠	Double
2♠	3♣	3♠	End

West led the ♥K against 3♠ and continued with ♥6 at Trick 2. East won and played the ♥J. Declarer ruffed with the knave of spades, West discarding ♦2. Declarer now played the ♠K to East's ace, and East persevered with hearts, hoping to promote ♠10 in West's hand. South ruffed high, drew trumps and played on diamonds, discarding two clubs from hand. Contract made and, with East bringing 4♣ home in the other room, that was seven imps away.

What went wrong? Well, first of all, let us credit declarer with ruffing with the ♠J, leaving East the option of trying to promote ♠10 in West's hand. At two other tables, where the Souths were playing in Two Spades and three spades, the declarers ruffed with the ten of spades at trick three. Now the Easts had no difficulty switching to a club when they were in with ♠A, and

both contracts were held to eight tricks.

Some of you play reverse-attitude discards and would happily have discarded ♣2 to suggest a club switch. It is not so easy if you play count or standard attitude discards.

So is it just a matter of the partnership's defensive agreements? I thought so until the VuGraph commentator said: "West can make it clear to partner that he doesn't want a trump promotion by under-ruffing with the ♠2." An underruff at trick three! Whoever heard of such a thing? The only time I ever under-ruff is when declarer is making the last few tricks on a high cross-ruff and I have no choice. (OK, there was that time when I underruffed at about trick seven, but that was because I thought we were playing in no trumps.)



How did you get on? I hope you found the deal interesting and weren't too distracted by my abject failure to follow Elena's rules.

Virtually all bridge publications now agree that a hand is thirteen cards and a deal is all fifty-two cards. They vary on how to show the contract in narrative text: 2♠, Two Spades or sometimes two spades. Similarly a card can be the six of clubs, the club six, the ♣6 or just plain ♣6, without the *the*. Consistency is the key, something I spectacularly failed to achieve.

Mr Forrester of *The Daily Telegraph* goes for the short forms (e.g. 'West led ♥5 against 4♠'), and thus creates more space for his words of wisdom. Mr Robson of *The Times* prefers longer forms. He too has lots of good advice to impart and solves the space problem by making the font size as small as possible.

Next is the matter of the bidding table. In olden days the dealer was always shown first in the table (as above), but now the

vast majority of publications have West on the left, as it is on a map. Only *The Bridge World* (where space is at a premium because of their small page size), still puts the dealer on the left, to minimise the number of lines needed for the table. Thus, if South opens 4♥ and plays there, the bidding will only take one line.

Have you noticed how South is always declarer? It used to be common to see the words *Rotated for convenience* attached to three-quarters of the real-life deals that appeared in print. Nowadays the phrase is generally omitted; the sophisticated modern reader is fully aware that the original declarer may well not have been South.

Capitalisation is another thorny issue. All agree on IMPs rather than I.M.P.s (never imps and never-ever IMP's). Conventions like Stayman and Blackwood, named after people, are not a problem. Lebensohl, the purists tell me, is not named after a real person and should be written lebensohl (as it was when first described in 1970). But Negative Double or negative double? Forcing Pass or forcing pass? And similarly with Unassuming Cue Bid, Fourth Suit Forcing, and so on.

Did you spot the *Ts* instead of *10s* in the hand diagram? Popular in some quarters.

English Bridge uses single quotes for speech and the editor prefers Vu-graph to VuGraph, trick two to Trick 2, underruff to under-ruff and no-trumps to no trumps or notrumps. She will usually change the old-fashioned knave to jack and her auctions always finish with All Pass rather than Pass Pass Pass or End. Another seven black marks for me.

Finally, when all the rules have been followed and the guidelines observed, Elena likes the article to be the right size. If it is a line or two too long, then it can be tweaked by the judicious use of hyphenation and/or the removal of a redundant or superfluous word so that the piece fits th



The Early Days of Bridge

Introduction

I MUST ADMIT to a certain amusement when the Editor asked me to contribute a series on exotic bridge hands. As I have long contended that most players spend too much time in trying to play complex conventions and looking for obscure plays, it is a bit like asking Sir Alex Ferguson (who for the sake of those who don't follow football, was until recently the manager of Manchester United) to write enthusiastically on the beauty of the football that is played by Manchester City. However, I will enjoy writing this series. Although I believe that most players would greatly improve their bridge results by concentrating on doing the simple tasks well, it is undeniably true that part of the fascination of bridge is its ability to produce hands of beauty and elegance. My approach is to look at hands that have actually been played or slight variations that could be played at the table. I will try to analyse the thought processes that led (or in some cases should have led) to success at the table.

In this series you will meet many exotic and beautiful plays. How should you approach analysing the hands? Before I played bridge, I was a chess player with lots of enthusiasm but no great technique. The endgame (i.e. the part of the game with relatively few pieces left) was a closed book to me. My approach was: 'If I do that, he does that, then I do ... etc.' A stronger player could look at the board and know that if he could reach a known position it was a win for him. So he knew what he was aiming at, whereas I didn't. This is called technique. The same is true at bridge: when considering a wide variety of potentially clever plays (e.g. endplays and squeezes), the expert is aiming for a known position and working back to see how he could get there. Many of my hands will feature this approach.

Some 'Coups' Were just Good Plays

The early days of bridge abounded with

stories of brilliancies and magical plays by the experts. New ideas were surfacing. Many of these were called 'Coups'. It is an indication of how much the general standard of card play has improved that some of these would hardly raise an eyebrow nowadays. In Layout A South is in 7NT; West leads the ♥J:

Layout A			
♠ A K Q 6			
♥ K 6			
♦ A 6			
♣ A Q 10 3 2			
♠ 7 4		♠ J 10 9 8	
♥ J 10 9 8		♥ 7 4 3 2	
♦ J 9 8 5		♦ K 10 7	
♣ 9 6 5		♣ 8 7	
♠ 5 3 2			
♥ A Q 5			
♦ Q 4 3 2			
♣ K J 4			

South has twelve easy tricks. A 3-3 spade break would give him a thirteenth but any good county player would realise that if the same defender has four spades and the king of diamonds he can be squeezed without giving up the chances of a 3-3 spade break. The secret of planning squeeze play is to work back from the desired ending, in this case Layout B with South on lead:

Layout B			
♠ A K Q 6			
♥ —			
♦ 6			
♣ —			
♠ 7 4		♠ J 10 9 8	
♥ 10 9		♥ —	
♦ J		♦ K	
♣ —		♣ —	
♠ 5 3 2			
♥ Q			
♦ Q			
♣ —			

Declarer wins the king of hearts, cashes dummy's clubs and crucially, the ace of diamonds, before returning to his hand with the ace of hearts, reaching Layout B. Now when the queen of hearts is cashed, dummy throwing the six of diamonds, East cannot retain the king of diamonds and four spades. Of course if declarer fails to cash the ace of diamonds, East could safely discard the king of diamonds because declarer could not use the diamond queen. Hardly earth shattering but the cashing of the ace of diamonds was originally considered sufficiently difficult to merit the name 'Vienna Coup' – an unblocking manoeuvre made in preparation for a squeeze play.

Some 'Coups' Featured Bad Plays!

Coups didn't necessarily have to feature good bridge! Have you ever heard a bridge player claiming he had been 'Grosvenored'? The 'Grosvenor Gambit' is named after a fictitious literary character called Philip Grosvenor who discovered by accident the psychological merits of making an absurd defensive play which gave opponents a chance of making an impossible contract, but was so grotesque that opponents could never believe what had happened and so could not take advantage. For example, South bids to 7♠ and the trump suit is shown in Layout C:

Layout C			
♠ A Q 10 9			
♠ 7 6 5		♠ K 4	
		♠ J 8 3 2	

Declarer runs the jack of spades and East ... ducks! With the sight of all four hands declarer could drop the king of spades, but of course he will do no such thing. He will lose a second finesse and be irritated that

East was not made to pay for his absurdity. East's plan is that this will demoralize declarer and will lead to bad play as he blames himself and broods over it. Accordingly, Grosvenor developed this approach and perfected it to a fine art, although he was sometimes frustrated by opponents who were not good enough to fall for his tricks. Do I recommend it? According to the story, Grosvenor's lifeless body was eventually found bludgeoned to death, shortly after a bridge tournament in which he used his gambit against the wrong opponents.

I remember reading about the deal in Layout D from a European championship many years ago:

Layout D
Game All. Dealer North.

♠ 6 2	♠ Q J 5 3	♠ A K 9 8 7	
♥ 6	♥ 10 7 5	♥ Q J 4	
♦ 10 8 6 5 3	♦ A K 9	♦ Q J 7 2	
♣ J 9 5 4 3	♣ K 6 2	♣ 7	

♠ 10 4	♠ 10 4	♠ A K 9 8 3 2	
♥ A K 9 8 3 2	♥ A K 9 8 3 2	♥ 4	
♦ 4	♦ 4	♦ A Q 10 8	
♣ A Q 10 8	♣ A Q 10 8	♣ A Q 10 8	

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♠	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

In one room England comfortably made 3NT by South. In the other room Austria somewhat overbid to 5♥. West led spades and East cashed ♠ A-K. Now East (Ben Franks) had a problem. If he led a third spade South could not afford to ruff with the ace of hearts or the king of hearts, and

would have to ruff with a lower trump. When West could not overruff declarer would realise that East had the queen and jack of hearts, and would make his contract by finessing trumps twice against East. Franks tried to avoid this by switching to a club, but of course declarer should have got the trumps right anyway by asking himself why East had turned down the obvious third spade for a trump promotion. Luckily for England, the Austrian declarer was not up to the task!

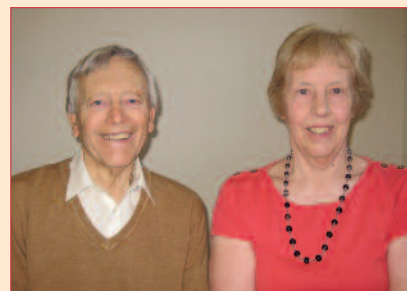
Note the hideous bidding. This theme will reoccur during my series. If South had played in 4♥ then the deal would never have seen the light of day. North's 1♣ followed by 2NT showed a weak no-trump; 4♠ was inexplicable. Perhaps the reason why bridge players of yesteryear had so many opportunities for headline-catching coups was that their bidding got them into so many dreadful contracts!

Anyhow, some time later I found myself playing a similar trump suit. The defenders cashed their winners but East didn't aim for a trump promotion when I knew he could have done so. Aha! My chance to show flair! I crossed to dummy and led the ten of hearts, running it when East played low. And here was the layout (give or take the small cards, which I cannot fully recall!):

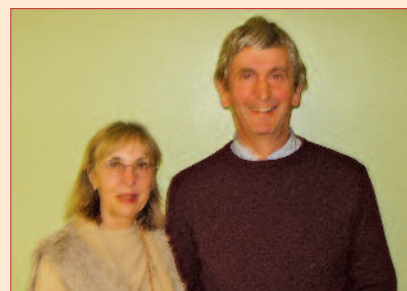
	♥ 10 7 5		
♥ J 6		♥ Q 4	
	♥ A K 9 8 3 2		

I had been well and truly Grosvenored. The defenders had not meant to fool me, and were very kind as they explained that the best percentage play was to hope for a 2-2 break! I narrowly resisted the temptation to bludgeon East to death. □

BRITISH SPRING SIM PAIRS NATIONAL HEAT WINNERS



Mon Apr 8, (Weald of Kent BC):
Peter Quinton – Valerie Reeves



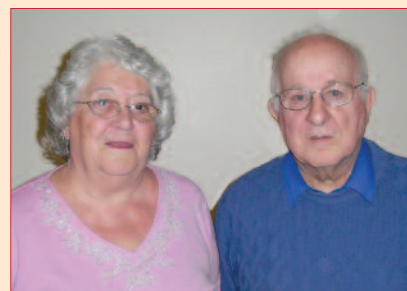
Tues Apr 9 (Thirsk BC):
Ruth Barker – John Blackett



Wed Apr 10 (Ayrshire BU):
Sandra and Yvonne Wiseman



Thurs Apr 11 (Reading BC):
Sam Botfield – Peter Parsons



Fri Apr 12 (Milton Keynes BC):
Rita and Brian Keable

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Landmark Promotions March 2013 – June 2013

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Avon

www.avoncba.org.uk



THE Avon County A team won the *Western League*. Congratulations to all the many players who contributed to this success.

The ACBA *Handicapped Pairs* was won by Gareth Evans – Mike Short with Julienne Holder – Pat Clowes 2nd.

The *League* has now been completed and the winners of *League 1* were Robert Covill, Robert Glass, David Jones, Jeremy Rickard, Aidan Schofield and Trevor Ward. *Leagues 2* and *3* and the *No Fears League* were won by Wibberley, O'Brien and King respectively. The *Knockout* competition was won by Andrew, Cathy and Ralph Smith and Steve Tomlinson. The *Plate* was won by the Page team.

In the EBU *Spring Bank Holiday Swiss Teams*, David Jones and Rob Lawy were in the team that came 3rd. In the *Welsh Seniors Congress*, the *Swiss Pairs* was won by Nelson Stephens – Steve Tomlinson, who also came 2nd in the *Swiss Teams*.

Avon players have achieved notable success in national competitions. The West of England A team (Tim Brierley, Robert Covill, Mike Elliott, David Jones, Alan Jones and Steve Tomlinson) proceed to the last eight of the *NICKO*. The West of England C team (Irene Robinson, Tony Gammon, Mike Huggins, Jeremy Rickard and Aidan Schofield) proceed to the semi-finals of the *NICKO Plate*.

The Smith team got to the last sixteen of the *Crockfords Cup*. Rob Lawy, David Jones, Tony Ratcliffe and Trevor Ward reached the final (see page 18).



In the *Garden Cities Trophy*, the Bristol A team (Bryan Dyde, Sue O'Hara, Rob Lawy, Michael Letts, Tony Ratcliffe, Peter Sherry, Nelson Stephens and Andrew Urbanski) won the Avon qualifier and then the Regional Final.

Bedfordshire

www.bedsbridge.co.uk



THE *Charity Pairs* event returned to Wilstead in April, organised and run by Janet and Derek Marsh, and was a great success with 13 tables in

play. £912 was raised for the nominated charity of Macmillan Cancer Support. Winners on the day were Liz Varga – Les Calver.

Andrew Mason – Peter Malpass were 1st nationally in the EBU *Spring Sim Pairs* played on 7th May (photo on page 54).



For those who qualified, the *Champions' Trophy* was held in June and the winners were Liz Varga – Les Calver. 'Tudor Rose' have won the 2012-2013 *BBA League Div. 1* while the 'Clangers' have won *Div. 2*.

Further afield at the *Jersey Congress*, Brian and Maureen Stairs won the *Pre-Congress Pairs*; runners-up were Alan Cooke – Maris Sheppard. Brian and Maureen also won the *Seniors' Pairs*.

At the recent AGM, Michael Collins

was appointed the new Chairman of the BBA. Liz Varga was elected as a new committee member, while the other existing committee members remain unchanged. There still remains a vacancy for Vice-chairman and for a new committee member. Some changes have been made to the county events calendar for 2013-14 season in order to move a number of events to Sundays. The move will allow time to play more boards in these competitions and also avoid clashing with local club nights.

Diary date: Sept 12, Opening Pairs, Wilstead, 7.30 pm.

Berks and Bucks

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



THE *County Teams Championship Knockout* was won by Peter Hawkes (captain) with Mike Perkins, Tim Rees, John Howards and Ian Reissmann.

The *League of Four* was won by Chris Burley (captain) with Gary Jones, Ed Scerri, Dick Davey, Richard Bowdery and Simon Cope. In the *League of Eight* both Amersham teams finished in the top three. New Amersham A were the runaway winners, with the B team taking 2nd place; in 3rd place was the Amersham Community Centre A Team.

The *Student League* for 2nd year students was won by the team captained by Mary Pace with Pauline Priest, Anne Siddell and Sue Gammage. The new *Graduate League* was won by Marilyn Halton's team consisting of Phillippa Goss, Joyce Heath, Sue Stabler and Laura and Paddy Walker-Taylor – one man only in this new generation of bridge players!

A successful *Pro-Am* event was organised to mark the end of the season, following which the Student and Graduate Trophies were awarded. The winners of the *Pro-Am* were Carolyn Leventon, Joyce Heath, Sue Stabler and Darina Scott (no pro in their team!).

371 pairs competed in local heats of Club Pairs with 58 pairs in the final for the *Waller Bowl*. Ed Scerri – Chris Burley were the worthy winners and went on to represent the County in the *Corwen*.

Liz Clark – Elaine Lloyd won the *May Friendly Pairs*. The overall winner of the

Philip Thornton Shield in the annual Berks v Bucks match was Berks.

In the national arena, Harvey Bengen – Nigel Wolfendale, teamed with a pair from Hants, won the *Welsh Senior Teams*.

Well done all!

Please check our website for coming events.

Cambs and Hunts

www.cambsbridge.org.uk

THE *County Swiss Pairs* was won by Tapan Pal – Abdel Abdelmoneim (photo below). The *County Teams* was won by Chris and Cath Jagger, Jonathan Mestel, Julian Wightwick and Paul Barden; the *Plate* was won by Trevor and Marion King and Chris and Christine Heames. The *Cambs and Hunts League 2012-13* was won by Cambridge 2.

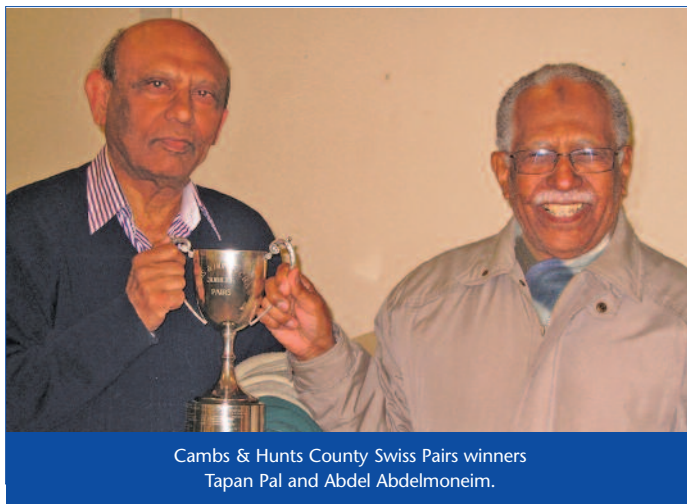
In the *NICKO*, Cambridge A (capt. Chris Jagger) has reached the last eight. In the *Plate*, Cambridge E (capt. Peter Bhat) are also through to the last eight, after beating Thursday B (capt. Brian Copping) in Round 4.

Chris and Catherine Jagger, Jonathan Mestel, Paul Barden, Julian Wightwick finished 4th in the *Crockfords Cup*. Cambridge won the *Regional Final* of the *Garden Cities*, and finished 4th in the *National Final*. Jon Cooke's team finished 6th in the *Spring Bank Holiday Congress Swiss Teams*.

Channel Islands

www.cwgsy.net/community/cicba/

THE *Lambourne Jersey Festival*, held at the end of April, was a success with numbers up on last year in all events. In the *Swiss Pairs* CI players managed five and a half of the top seven places, the winners on a split tie being Daniel McIntosh – Alistair Kent from Brian Youd partnering a mainland player. In the Multiple Teams John and Fiona Honey, Paul Reed and Mike Newman won the *Stanley's Trophy*. Ken and Hilary Wise won the *Seniors' Teams* with partners from the UK. Special congratulations to them as they put an extraordinary amount of work into the Festival. In the *Mixed Pairs* John and Fiona Honey came 2nd overall and won the Fritch prize.



Cambs & Hunts County Swiss Pairs winners
Tapan Pal and Abdel Abdelmoneim.

Photo: Cambs & Hunts CBA

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CI News: the final the *CI Mixed Pairs* was held on the first Friday of the Festival; winners were Marion Miles – David Hole from Martin Jones – Cherry McMillen.

Jersey News: the *District Men's and Ladies' Pairs* were won by David Waters – Paul Reed and Jackie Rumball – June Le Blancq; runners-up were Howard Basden-Smith – Chris Hill and Sue Rankin – Marion Miles. Highfield Bridge Club has also held its version of the same events and these were won by Chris Borny – John Panter and Sue Rankin – Marion Miles; 2nd were Harold Walden – Brian Youd and Jill Amy – Jane Phelps.

Guernsey News: the *District Individual* was won by Sue Corbet from Jacqui Crispini. The IBC also held its *Individual* and this was won by John Seymour, followed by Don Babbe.

Diary dates: EBU Guernsey Festival September 20-29, La Trelade Hotel.

Cornwall

www.bridgewebs.com/cornwall



CONGRATULATIONS to the county B team, who won their league, and then went on to play in the *National Final* in Solihull. Team members are Alan Biggs, Ian Edwards, Viv Mably, Celia Bishop, Chris and Sandra Bickerdike, Stephen Crouch, Richard Draycott and Jean Law.

The *Green-Pointed Knockout Teams* was won by Brian and Elaine Relton, Mark Reeve and Dave Mattos. (Josh Saitch played in earlier rounds.) They beat the holders, Jan and Ken Keast, Jo Bryant and Wendy Miller, by 15 IMPs, having led throughout the match.

The Shufflers (Wendy Miller, Wendy Thornton, Wally Heaton and Jo Bryant) have again won the *Western League*.

The *Jo Brown Memorial* was won by the holder, Brian Colvin, playing with Steve Flavell. Alan Rohrs – Marcia Cloke were 2nd. £249 was raised for the Cornwall Leukaemia Trust.

Please note that we have a new venue for the September's *Green-Pointed Swiss Teams*, the White Hart Hotel, Launceston. A buffet tea will be included in the entry fee.

Diary dates: Sept 8, AGM and Individual Competition, Ladock. Sept 29, Green-Pointed Swiss Teams, White Hart Hotel, Launceston.

Cumbria

www.ccdba.co.uk

THE team representing Cumbria in the *President's Cup* on June 29-30 at Bradford are Ian Reeves, Ken Johnston, Colin Woods, Graeme Walker, Adam Aitken, Ian Smith, Tony Bartlett and Simon Smith.

We shall be holding our AGM on August 11 at St Herbert's Church Hall, Keswick, and the AGM Pairs will be held directly afterwards.

Diary dates: Sept 8, Imp Pairs, St Herbert's, Keswick. Sept 22, Simple Systems, Eden Club, Carlisle. Nov 3,

Multiple Teams, Barrow. Nov 17, Pro-Am Teams, Eden Club, Carlisle.

Derbyshire

www.bridgewebs/derbyshire



AT the recent AGM the following officers were elected: President Judy Lomas, Chairman Arnold Chandler, Secretary Mick Gavigan, Treasurer John Sowter, Competitions Secretary Mary Marshall, Tournament Director Richard Edwards.

The county teams were very successful last year, the 1st team winning the *Dawes Trophy*; the 2nd team were 2nd in the *Porter Trophy*, and the 3rd team were 5th in the *Markham Trophy*. The DCBA individual competition for the *Gerry Fletcher Cup* was won by Pym Berry. The DCBA *Mixed Pairs* was won by Gitte Lee – Tony Haywood. The *Summer Swiss Teams* continues and after six sessions Brian Elliot's team is leading, followed by Mary Marshall's team.

The *Three Counties* competition with Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire has been changed to a Swiss Teams format and commences on July 18, followed by further sessions on August 15 and September 12.

Devon

www.devonbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Ann Slee – Richard Lingham who came 2nd in the *Corwen Trophy* and missed winning by 0.2%. Well done also to Warner Solomon, Alex Maddox, Peter Bowles and Mike Orriel who have reached the last sixteen of the 2013 *Gold Cup* by beating a seeded Bristol team; we wish them the best of luck in the next round.

Devon Knockout Teams: Robin

Mardlin; *Devon Knockout Teams Plate:* George Simnett. *Western League: Div. A:* Devon 3rd; *Div. B:* Devon 3rd; *Div. C:* Devon 2nd. *East Section League: Div. 1:* Tom Cook; *Div. 2:* Terry Cannon; *Div. 3:* Nigel Richardson. *South Section League: Div. A:* Tim Walton; *Div. B:* Geoff White. *North Section League: Div. 1:* Neil Marsden; *Div. 2:* Dena Sells.

Congratulations to Ann Slee for once again winning the *Kevin and Ann Slee Trophy* (Victor Ludorum) and to John Boxall, Chris Bray, Audrey Grzesiak, Roger Luckham for winning the *Graphic*. Overall first in the *Winter Cup* were Ann Slee – Peter Bowles, with Mike Smith – Norman Massey, Geoff and Nethie White, Jacek Pietrzycki – Mike Orriel closely behind. The *DBA AGM Swiss Teams* was well attended; congratulations to Andrew Leslie, Betty Golding, Norman Massey and Don Pearson for coming first.

Once again we must thank Paul Ainsworth for organising the local *Charity Sim Pairs* for the Devon Air Ambulance. The event raised just over £1620, bringing the total given to the charity over the last four years to over £5,000.

Remember that the League commences in September and the Winter Cup on the first Tuesday in October.

Dorset

www.bridgewebs.com/dorset



GEE Trophy: Won by Janet Smith, Kelly Courtney, Alastair Cowley and Matt Phillips on count back after tying with Anne Allerston, Alan Wilson, Mary Clews and Maggie Kerr.

Udall Trophy: Won by Christine and Terry Edwards, Inga-Lill Button and Doris Hutchinson (photo below).

Western League: Dorset have again won the overall league with the A team finishing 2nd, the B team finishing joint 3rd and the C team finishing joint 2nd.



Photo: Dorset CBA

Dorset's Udall Trophy winners, from the left: Inga-Lill Button, Christine Edwards, Terry Edwards and Doris Hutchinson.

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Mr Tim Howard
Mr Peter Lang
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Mr David McCulloch
Mrs Vera Orlandini
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Aubrey Welterveden

Herefordshire

Regional Master

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Mr N Duberley

Well done to all players who have re-presented Dorset this season.

Hampshire Green Point Swiss Teams: Helen Ackroyd, Ann Sharples, Krzysztof Ginda and Mark Hooper finished 4th.

EBU Spring Bank Holiday Congress: Eugene Sheehan – Robin Wright and David Gill – Mike McMorran reached the B final in the *Championship Pairs*. Lynne and Ron Heath and Janet Smith – Lesley Lewis finished joint 8th in the *Swiss Pairs*. Margot Wilson, John Gardner, Kelly Courtney and Janet Smith finished 4th in the *Teams*.

Diary dates: Aug 18, Weymouth & Hardwick Cups, Cup Multi-Teams (Blue Pointed), Fordington, Dorchester. Sept 8, Men's & Ladies' Pairs Championship, Romsey. Oct 13, Flemmich Cup (Mixed Teams), Allendale BC, Wimborne.

Essex

www.essexbridge.co.uk



ESSEX and Herts have a new *Green-pointed Pairs* event on Saturday September 28; this is the day before the regular *Green-pointed Swiss Teams* on September 29.

The *Club Pairs* is a new event for club members who are not members of the Essex squads. Winners were Eric Field – Dave Brace, 2. Jon Ward – Alan Aylot, 3. June Brown – Angela Fenton.

Essex Expert event for the *Warboys Cup*: 1. Yvonne Dias – Alan Greenstein, 2. Richard Register – Alan Cohen, 3. Graham Foster – Simon Moorman.

The *Essex League First Division* champions are South East Essex – Barleylands (Peter Oake, Rob Elliott, Bernie Harrison and Dave Duffy.) *West Essex*: Loughton Collier (Peter Scotting, Phil Collier, Sandy Riach, Michael Watson and Jacek Lapszys.)

Essex Mixed Teams of Four: well done to Margaret Curtis, David Sherman, Ian Moss and Frank Morrison who came 1st.

Essex Championship Pairs: 1. Chris Megahey – Alaric Cundy, 2. Margaret Curtis – David Sherman, 3. Ian Moss – Mike Graham. *Consolation Final*: 1. Ted Cockle – John Williams, 2. Peter Oake – Simon Moorman, 3. Jacek Lapszys – Manny Marks.

Sandy Riach – David Clark were 2nd in the *EBU Spring Congress Swiss Pairs*, Cecil Leighton was 4th. Sue and Chris Taylor came 5th in the *Oxford Midweek Congress Swiss Teams*.

Diary dates: Thurs Sept 26, Daytime Pairs League. Sat Sept 28, GP Swiss Pairs. Sun Sept 29, GP Swiss Teams.

Gloucestershire

www.gcba.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Gloucestershire: GCBA has a 75th Birthday this year and we plan to celebrate it with a Youth Bridge event in a local school in November.

Newent Bridge Club also has a Birthday, its 40th; in celebration the mem-

bers, and Andrew Urbanski from the EBU, enjoyed a wonderful evening of bridge, cake and champagne.

We have a new President this year: Alan Wearmouth, supported by Jim Simons, his deputy, is looking forward to steering the county towards good results and a range of competitions for all our members.

Congratulations to the team of Kambites, Chamberlain, Butland and Kinloch who won the *Div. 1 League* this year and to Harrison, Lilley, Schofield and Wignall who won the *Div. 2 League*. Norah Allen won our *Individual* competition and Megan Davis was 2nd. The first competition of the new season, the *Champions' Cup*, was won by Joe and Wendy Angseesing.

The Monday night Autumn season will kick off with the *Men's and Ladies' Pairs* on September 2, followed by the *Swiss Pairs* and *Swiss Teams* on Sept 9 and 16. The first weekend event is on September 1st and it is the first round of the *Ace of Clubs*, a Club Players' Championship for those with a rank below National Master.

Hants and IOW

www.bridgewebs.com/hiwcba/



THE AGM was held on June 2nd. Our Chairman, Jeremy Baker, retired and so did Lillian Craigen who has worked on the Committee for many years as Treasurer, then Events Secretary. Our thanks to both for all their work for the county. We welcome Andy Hughes as our new Chairman.

Congratulations to Pauline Serby – John Moore who won the *Beck Cup* (Oxford CBA invitation pairs) and also came 2nd, with team-mates John Jones – Adrian Fontes, in the *HIWCBA Green Point Swiss Teams*, where Helen Ackroyd, Ann Sharples, Krzysztof Ginda and Mark Hooper finished 4th.

County league and Knockout events winners: *HICKO*: Swanmore A (Richard Green-Wilkinson, Ted Quincey, Bob Wilson, Liz Borrow). *Solent Cup*: Richard and Christine Ray, Bob McRobert, Richard Harris, Steve Tearle, Keith Bennett, Brian Anderson, John Shergold, Chris Kinloch. *League winners, Div. 1*: Guy Lawrenson, Chris Bradley, Karen Dewar, Mac Lowcock, Adrian Fontes Mike Gwilliam; *Div. 2*: Madeline Lawson, Sula Turpin, Eleanor Rice, Stuart Strachan, Phil Downham, Mac Nurmohamed; *Div. 3*: Liz Madeley, Gill Weeks, Ann McMahon, Val Moules, Michael Beer. *Finale Pairs: Open Div. 1*: 1. Macushla Stewart – Gwyn Evans, 2. David Dunhill – John Fairhurst. 3. Dave Willis – Lesley Lewis; *Div. 2*: 1. Mary Lucas – Sandra Ruffell; *Div. 3*: 1. Char-mayne Hoey – Gill Vaughan.

Diary dates: Sept. 8, Ladies' & Men's Pairs. Sept 20, Candover Mini Swiss Teams. Oct 6, Simmons Trophy (Married Pairs) & Lincoln Plate (other Mixed Pairs). All to be held in Romsey starting at 2pm.

For entries, see yearbook.

Herefordshire

www.herefordshirebridge.co.uk

IT'S the end of the season, and the multi-round competitions have been concluded.

The *Inter-club Teams of Four* were won by Wyeside B (John Thacker, Cathy England, Dave and Sarah Weller). The *In-house League Div. 1* winners on a split tie were Chris Chowney, Ben Britton, George Richardson and Paul Smith from John Thacker, Mike Ralph, Cathy England, Dave Weller and Nick Duberley; *Div. 2* was won by Martyn Moxley, Neville Shorrick, John Crowe, Brian Meadows, Judy Eaton and Daphne Whittaker. The winners of the *Restricted Section* were Ruth and Fred Stott, Henry Watson, Michael Green and Dinah Johnston.

The *Knock-out Cup* was won by Dave Weller, Nick Duberley, Paul Ford and Guy Van der Gucht; and the *KO Plate* by Chris Chowney, Ben Britton, Sue Shore, George Richardson, Paul Smith and Bob Underhill.

In other events, the *Avocet Teams* was won by Chris Chowney, Ben Britton, Paul Smith and George Richardson, and in the *Next Step Pairs* (Restricted), the winners were Andrew Davis – John Duvall.

This has not been a great year in the *Western League*. The A Team rescued a measure of respectability by ending the season with two wins after five losses, finishing 7th out of eight. The B Team won four and lost three but also finished 7th out of eight. The C Team won three, lost three and drew one, finishing 5th.

Full results of all county competitions are on our website.

Diary dates: Sept 6, Annual General Meeting, 7pm, Hampton Bishop. Oct 11, Inter-club Teams Round 1, 7pm, Ledbury. Oct 19, Ladies' and Men's Pairs, 10.30am, Tarrington.

Isle of Man

www.manxbridgeunion.org



THE Manx Bridge Union's 2013 AGM was held in May. 2012-2013 had been a satisfactory, if slightly quiet year, and the Union's finances remained healthy. Jack Jowett, who had served as the Union's Treasurer for many years, retired with the members' thanks for his long services. He has been replaced by Paul De Weerd. Two additional members were recruited onto the Committee: Tim Eyre and Mike English. It will be good to have their input. After some discussion the AGM agreed to keep all subscriptions and the P2P levy unchanged for the coming year and the evening concluded, appropriately, with a friendly game of bridge.

The Committee has published its programme of events for 2013-2014, as follows:

- Island Individual Championship 4th August 2013
- Isle of Man Congress

Landmark Promotions

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Regional Master

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Mr RA Smith

Master

Mr RA Schlich

Lincolnshire

Regional Master

Miss D Burton
Mr FJ Davis

6th – 8th September 2013

- Island Pairs Championship
29th September 2013
- Island Teams Championship
3rd November 2013
- Green-pointed Pairs (Mini-Congress)
16th March 2014
- Rawcliffe Bowl (Mixed Pairs)
30th March 2014

The MBU has also accepted an invitation from the Scottish Bridge Union to send a team to compete in the 4th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship to be held in Glasgow in September 2014. There will be keen competition for places in the team.

Kent

www.kcba.org.uk



THE *Corwen Trophy* (played by leading pairs from each County Association's main pairs championship) was won by Kent players Marten Wortel – Doug Andrews (*photo below*).

Many congratulations.

Congratulations to Diana Avis, Brian Crack, Shirley Goldwin and Colin Wilson, winners of the *Oxford Midweek Congress Swiss Teams*.

At the *Maidstone Green Pointed Swiss Teams* in May, the winners were Tim Chanter, Helen Wildsmith, Mandie Campbell and Ben Hackenbroch; Jackie Davies, Chris Smart, Graham Pollack and Paul Chapman came in 2nd.

Jeremy Willans, Ian Draper, Stuart and Gerald Tredinnick won the *Arnold Cup* (Knockout County Teams of Four Championship). The *Gill Cup* (Kent League North West Div. 1) was won by Team Foster. *NW Kent Div. 2* was won by Team Foreman. The *Dover Cup* (Kent League East) was won by Team Adamson. The *Mid Kent League* was won by the Maidstone Team. Congratulations to all.

Diary dates: Sun Oct 13, Dyer-Smith Cup (Kent Mixed Pairs Championship), 11am, Tunbridge Wells. Oct 26-27, 54th Kent Congress, Tunbridge Wells.

Lancashire

www.lancsbridge.co.uk



AT the Lancashire Contract Bridge Association's Annual General Meeting John Brearley was elected as the new Chairman, replacing Jeff Smith.

Congratulations go to Ollie Burgess on winning the *Pairs* at the *Yorkshire Congress* with Fiona Brown. They also won the *Teams* playing with Michael Byrne and Hugh McGann.

Madeline Berner Swiss Pairs: 1. Barrie Newall – Brian Ripley. *Bolton Spring Bank Holiday Swiss Teams:* 1. Roger Hopton, Ann Thornton, Nicholas Greer and Karen Reissmann.

Diary dates: Aug 3, Northern Bridge League, Round 1. Aug 4, Preston Pairs, Preston Bridge Club. Aug 31, Northern Bridge League, Round 2. Sept 6-8,

Bolton Congress, Bolton Bridge Club. Sept 14, Northern Bridge League, Round 3. Sept 22, LCBA Mixed Pairs, Bolton Bridge Club. Sept 29, Westmorland Swiss Pairs, Kendal.

Leicestershire

www.leicsbridge.org.uk



THE 2013 AGM was held in June. The committee reports were heard and adopted, and officers were elected as follows: Chairman David Pollard, Treasurer Henry Cooklin, General Secretary Robert Northage, League Secretary Richard Smith, Tournament Secretary Neil Beasley, Fixtures Secretary Dick Pathan, Webmaster John Thompson, Membership Secretary Pat Beasley.

The guest of honour was Nick Stevens. Nick was also made a life member of the LCBA, and then presented trophies to the competition winners. These included: *Stanley Trophy* (Butler Pairs Championship), won by Gerry Bucciero and Roger Cook. *Joseph's Bowl* (teams of four knockout), won by Simon Stokes, Yasser Haider, Tim Glover and Peter Neville. *Butterworth Plate* (for first round losers in the Joseph's Bowl), won by Bharat Thakrar, Jenny Grant, Anne and Steve Wright. *Gimson Trophy* (Pairs Championship), won by Dick and Lucy Pathan. *Leicestershire Cup*, won by Paul and Sue Bowyer, Duncan and Kerri Happer, Jim Mason, Simon Stokes. *Leicestershire Cup Plate*, won by Alan Langley, Dick and Lucy Pathan, Bill Hood and Nick Stevens. *Bucky Cup* (Men's Pairs), won by Alan Lord – John Thompson. *Olga Cup* (Ladies' Pairs) won by Audrey Mount – Jane Nichols.

Diary dates: Sept 15, Midland League 3 v Staffs & Shrops (away). Sept 28-29, Green Point Swiss Pairs & Teams, Spondon. Oct 2, Stanley Trophy Round 1. Oct 13, Midland League Lincolnshire (home). Oct 16, Otto & Edith Bowl

Mixed Pairs. Oct 17, Pairs League Round 1, Rothley. Oct 30, Stanley Trophy Round 2.

Lincolnshire

www.lincsbridge.org.uk

THE *Veterans Cup* was played at Dunholme in April: 1. Roy Hughes – Keith Stewart, 2. John Longmuir – Andrew Green, 3. Phillip Harland – David Caldwell.

Round 10 of the *Champion Pairs League* only attracted five pairs, and was won by Glynn Elwick – David Caldwell.

Congratulations to Maurice Ladlow, Maureen Parsons, John Gaunt and Dennis Mellor, who defeated Ron Wall's team in the final of the *Lincoln Gold*.

The *County League Division 1* was won by Maurice Ladlow, Maureen Parsons, John Gaunt, Dennis Mellor and Debbie Burton.

The 2012-13 Season was completed by the final of the *Barbara Maplethorpe Plate*, the winners being Glynn Elwick, David Caldwell, Mike and Vic Llewellyn. The committee will strive to increase attendances at County events for the 2013-14 season, the fixture list for which will be published shortly after the upcoming AGM.

London

www.metrobridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to David Gold – David Bakhshi who reached the semi-finals of the *NEC Cup* in Japan. Also to Tom Townsend and David Bakhshi, 2nd in the *Crockfords* final, with Andy Bowles 3rd, and David Ould who won the *Crockfords Plate*. At the *Jersey Festival*, Graham Horscroft – Mike Fletcher won the *Swiss Teams* and were 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs*; Roland Gronau – David Wing won the *Jersey Tourism Trophy*. At the *Spring Bank Holiday Congress*, Gunnar Hallberg and Ben



Photo: EBU

Corwen Trophy winners: Marten Wortel and Doug Andrews of Kent.

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Green won the *Swiss Teams* and Ben was also 3rd in the *Swiss Pairs*. Alan and Olivia Woo won the *Pairs* at the *Oxford Midweek Congress*. The Young Chelsea team won the *Garden Cities Regional Final*. David Wing won the *HIOW One-day Swiss Teams*, and in the *Kent Swiss Teams* Tim Chanter, Helen Wildsmith, Mandie Campbell and Ben Hackenbroch won, with Graham Pollack – Paul Chapman 2nd.

County results: *Ian Gardiner Final*: 1. Fredrik Bjornlund, Anita Sinclair, Glyn Liggins, Ben Green. *London Championship Pairs*: 1. John Pemberton – Stephen Popham, 2. Susanna Gross – Barry Myers, 3. Victor Silverstone – Bridgid Battiscombe. *Fox Shammon Seniors Pairs*: 1. Gilly Cardiff – Simon Cochemé, 2. Rolf Alexander – Steve Eginton, 3. Mark Davies – Julia Holland.

Home Counties League: 1. Surrey Orange (Tony Richards), 2= London Red and Middlesex Black. *Newcomers League*: 1. Improbables, 2. Concentric. *London League Div. 1*: 1. Young Chelsea 5, 2. Young Chelsea 3.

Diary dates: Sept 12, AGM, 7.00pm, Young Chelsea BC at The Queen's Club, Palliser Road, W14 9EQ. Sept 15, Mixed Pairs, 1pm, Wimbledon Bridge Club. Enquiries/entries to lmbaentries@gmail.com. Sept 17, Café Bridge Clapham, 10.30am, Newtons, Abbeville Road, SW4. Enquiries/entries to lmbaentries@gmail.com

Manchester

www.manchesterbridge.org.uk



AT the County AGM a presentation was made to retiring chairman Kevin Comrie (photo below), marking 24 years of involvement in county bridge organisation. He was thanked for his role in setting up and making the Manchester Congress so successful and for his diplomatic chairing of the association over the last five years. Bob Cooke was elected as the



Photo: Manchester CBA

Manchester's Kevin Comrie and his wife, Celia, celebrate Kevin's retirement from county bridge administration.

new Chairman and Irene Davies as Vice-Chairman.

The *Higson Cup* was won by Isolated Menaces (Bernard and Rhona Goldenfield, John Holland, John Hassett). The *Higson Plate* was won by a large margin by Upper Cut (James Shephard, Michael Wymer, Chris Hine, Stephen Ward). St Titus (Michael Byrne, Michael Newman, Alan Mould, Gary Hyett, Rodney Lighton, Mike Bell and Sarah O'Connor) won their 4th Manchester league title in the last six years.

The annual MCBA *Player of the Year Award* for 2012-2013 was a three-way tie in the *Expert* category between Rodney Lighton, Mike Bell and John Holland. The *Intermediate* category was won by Nicholas Greer.

Jeff Morris, John Hassett and John Holland with Clive Owen (North East) have reached the final of the *EBU Seniors Knockout*. Jeff Morris' team (John Hassett, Mike Bell and Sarah O'Connor) had a stunning fourth-round victory in the *Gold Cup* beating the 12th seeds by 107 IMPS.

Well done to Kath and Alan Nelson who won the *Punchbowl* at the *Spring Fours* and to Michael Byrne who won the *Pairs* at *EBU Spring Bank Holiday Congress* at Bournemouth.

More players are encouraged to enter the *Manchester League* which starts September. There are eight divisions so all standards are catered for. Contact league secretary Kath Nelson ☎ 0161 9291849, email manchesterleague@gmail.com before August 20 if interested.

Merseyside/Cheshire

www.mcba.org.uk



THE winners of the *North Wales Spring Teams Congress* were Ted Reveley, Bill Niccol, Stuart Matthews and Alan Stephenson. The annual *Charity Pairs* event at Merseyside BC was won by Joan King – John Griffith. At the

Shropshire Congress, the teams event was won by Dave and Jean Keen, Liz Commins, David Stevenson. Only 1 VP behind were a team containing three M&CBA players: Marks Weeks, John Hampson and Paddy Murphy. The winners of the *Preece Rosebowl* were Lollo Murthwaite – Pat Crossley.

Merseyside League: with the season completed, the winners were: *Div. 1*, Sutton; *Div. 2*, Green Team; *Div. 3*, High Hoppers. *KO Cup*: Sutton. *Consolation Cup*: Acolytes. *Swiss Teams*: Dusty Millers. *Blue Pairs*: Richard Davies – Stuart Scholes.

In the *Armagh Congress* in late April, David Stevenson – Liz Commins firstly won the *Mixed Pairs* title and then with NI internationals Robin Burns – Ian Lindsay, finished at the head of the field in the *Teams* event.

The County Teams for the *Lady Connell* trophy was won by Dave Shaw, Bernard Krasner, Steve Downes, Richard Davies, Chris Raymond and Stuart Scholes. The consolation event for the *Cheshire Salver* was retained by Barbara Serres, Gareth Thomas, Peter Richmond, Roger Allison. The *May Day Swiss Pairs* was won by David Howe and Chris Whaley.

The County *GP One-day Swiss Pairs* was won by Pete Foster – John Roberts.

The Deva team were 2nd in the *Northern Semi-final* of the *Garden Cities Trophy* and so qualify for the *National Final* (details on our website)

Diary dates: Aug 3, NBL Round 1. Aug 31, NBL Round 2. Sept 1, Anniversary Pairs. MBC Lady Connell heats in Oct 8 LBC, 11 Deva BC, 17 MBC.

Middlesex

www.middlesexbridge.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to Artur Malinowski, Nick Sandqvist, Janet de Botton, David Burn and Thor Erik Hoftaniska who have won the prestigious *Chapiro Spring Foursomes*. Nevena Senior was part of

the team that came 2nd. Well done to Ian Panto who won the *Crockfords Cup* (page 18).

Congratulations to Simon Cope who won the *Spring Bank Holiday Championship Pairs*. Simon was also part of the team to win the *Swiss Teams*; Neil Rosen was in the runners-up team.

In county news, congratulations to Artur and Marilyn Malinowski, Nick Sandqvist, Janet de Botton, David Burn and Thor Erik Hoftaniska who defeated Jacqui Tobias, Steve Root, Jerry Harouni and Uday Hegde in the *Middlesex Cup*. The *Middlesex Plate* was won by David Arundel, Vic Martin, Lawrence Powell, Ron Seymour, Ian Budden and the late Ken Drane. The runners-up were Judith Haring, Sylvie Grant, Janet Cohen, Vanessa Clarke and Trevor Morris. The *Championship Pairs* was won by Harvey Bengen – Harold Schogger, with Jerry Harouni – Ray Robinson 2nd. The *Committee Cup* was won by Peter Hasenson, Jeff Alper, Artur and Marilyn



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Malinowski. Well done to Jacqui Tobias for winning the *Victor Ludorum Trophy*, awarded to the player who gains the most points from Middlesex events throughout the season.

The winners of the *Middlesex Leagues* were as follows: *Div. 1 (Peter Edelman Trophy)*: Uday Hegde, Jerry Harouni, Steve Root, Richard Bowdery, Ray Robinson; *Div. 2*: Vanessa Clarke, Trevor Morris, Steve Foster, Jacqui and Peter Tobias; *Div. 3Y*: Irene Fine, Nigel Clayton, Denise Miller, Saleem Sacheh and Latchmin Tiwari; *Div. 3Z*: David Landes, Dennis Backer, Ellard Roberts, Denice Golend, Jeff Harris, Russell Spiro.

Please consult the county website for the Autumn schedule.

Norfolk

www.bridgewebs.com/norfolk/



NORFOLK bridge clubs are doing their bit for the Big Society this summer with a positive epidemic of charity events for good causes. These include Holt Bridge Club running its annual fundraiser for the *Kimbley Cup*, which raised £400 for the National Coastwatch station at Wells-next-the-Sea and building works at High Kelling Village Hall, plus the Afternoon Bridge Club's launch event in July for the £3 million Norfolk Bone and Joint Appeal.

On the competition front, Maureen Kimbley – Bogdan Drobnay won the *Hudson Cup*, with Peter Ison and Michael Whiting 2nd and Roger Amey – Mike Walsh 3rd. Paul Whittleby – David Thompson scooped the *Lowestoft Trophy*, followed by Gabriel and Giles Ip 2nd and Sylvia Carver – Gaye Pocock 3rd. The *Dereham/Swaffham Trophy* winners were Nawal Fenwick – John Harrison, 2. Gabriel and Giles Ip, 3. Barbara and Mike Harnden.

Holt Bridge Club is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a champagne evening on Wednesday August 7. Chairman Nigel Baker said: 'Holt has this nice combination of people enjoying the social occasion and those who play competitive bridge.'

Tickets are still on sale at £20 for international bridge player Heather Dhondy's All Day Seminar at Afternoon Bridge Club on Sunday October 6. Email Jan Wells on janettewells@live.co.uk

North East

www.neba.co.uk



The *North East League for Teams of Four* was won by Val and Julian Gibson, John Atthey, Bill March, Chris and Clive Owen. They represent the NEBA in the *Pachabo Cup*. In the competitions for the champions of each club, the *Pairs* event was won by Nichola Cockerill-Smith – Liz Reese representing Hurworth, while the *Teams* event was won by the Bishop Auckland

Team of John Dobson, Audrey Bainbridge, and Alison and Godfrey Young.

The NEBA AGM was held in May and amongst the trophies presented were the *John Clark Salver* for the champion club, which went to the Whitley Bay Club, and the *Player of the Year Trophy* which was won by Martin Kane.

In a disappointing finish to the year's calendar, three events due to be held in June had to be cancelled because of an insufficient number of entries.

Northamptonshire

www.northantsbridge.info/



THE *Winter League* will start in September; the Saturday event will be held at Stamford, starting at 7pm. Entries to Trevor Thrower. The Wednesday event will be held at Northampton starting at 7pm. Entries to Jim Bainbridge.

The *Broke Cup* is a teams of four knockout event with the winners representing the county in the *Pachabo*. First round losers compete in the *Betts Bowl*, so everyone is guaranteed at least two matches. Entries are required by the end of August to Jim Bainbridge.

The joint *Bedford and Northants Congress* will be held on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September with *Pairs* on the Saturday and *Green-pointed Teams* on the Sunday. The event will be held at Heron's Lodge Guide Centre, opposite the National Badminton Centre, Bradwell Road, Loughton, Milton Keynes MK8 9LG. I would ask Northants members to support this event. Entries can be made online on the Bedfordshire Bridge Association website or to Rita Keable, 170 Bideford Green, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. LU7 2TS, email: congress@bedsbridge.co.uk

The 'new *Eastern Counties* season has started well with the A team winning both matches 20-0 and 16-4; the B team have lost 8-12 and won 20-0, the C team have won 11-9 and lost 8-12.

Congratulations to Tim Durdin – Tony Hough who won the *Warwickshire Green Pointed Swiss Pairs*. Also congratulations to Robert Miller who won the *Swiss Pairs* at the *Spring Bank Holiday Congress*.

Diary dates: Sat Aug 24, Charity Salver, Kettering Sat Sept 7, Winter League N/E, Stamford. Sat Sept 14, Bedford Congress Pairs. Sun Sept 15, Bedford Congress Teams. Wed Sept 18, Winter League S/W, Northampton.

Nottinghamshire

www.bridgewebs.com/nottinghamshire

IN the first *County Match* of the new season, against Gloucestershire, the first team lost 8-12, but the second and third teams both won, 15-5 and 11-9.

Retford Swiss Teams: 1. John and Irene Auld, Lloyd Eagling, Keith Rodgers; 2. Liz Rothwell, Bernard Plumb, Nick and Angie Dyer. *Priday Cup*: 1. David Burgess, 2. Gordon Fullerton.

The winning teams in the four divisions of the *League for Teams of Eight* were Nottingham Gambit, West Bridgford A, Wollaton and Keyworth B. The winning teams in the two divisions of the *League for Teams of Four* were Four Deuces and Ruffians.

The *Team of Four Championship* was won by William Crook, Rob Sharpe, Sandy Fulton, David Hodge and Mark Goddard.

There are still vacancies on the Committee, and the Chairman would be pleased to hear of members willing to serve on the committee.

Diary dates: on Wednesdays the Black and Farr Cups alternate until Sept 25. Beyond that, details will become available on the website.

Oxfordshire

www.oxfordshirebridge.co.uk



AT the AGM, players were congratulated on their success over the past year. *President's Cup* winners Chris Cooper, Stuart McPhee, Lorna Swadling, Alastair Gidman, Ian Angus and Ed Jones are representing the county in the *Pachabo*.

Mike Brown, Clive Keep, Gillian Lonsdale, Nigel Wilkes and John Slater won the *Chester Cup*. Nigel Wilkes – Mike Webley won the *County Pairs Final* and Nigel Wilkes also won the *Premiership Award*. Wallingford A won the *Wessex League* in *Div. 1*; Oxford C, *Div. 2*; Oxford D, *Div. 3*; Aylesbury Aces, *Div. 4*; Aylesbury Vale, *Div. 5*.

Other prize-winners not previously featured were Mary-Ann Sheehy – Christopher Whitehouse (*Mixed Pairs*); John Slater (*Pairs Ladder*); Robert Procter (*Teams Ladder*); Dale Thomas – Keith Goswell (*Sadler Seniors' Salver*).

Congratulations to Kathy and Denis Talbot on their success at the EBU *Jersey Festival* including 3rd in the *Mixed Pairs Championship*, 1st in the *Multiple Teams Championship* and 2nd in the *Swiss Teams Championship* with Helen Lawton-Smith – John Slater.

At the *Hampshire & IoW Swiss Teams* Debbie Roberts, Geoff Nicholas and Kathy and Denis Talbot were 3rd.

Congratulations to Oxfordshire pairs Ron Quanton – Adrian Lambe, Alison Nicolson – Keith Robbins, and Erica and Christopher Sheppard who won three of the EBU *Spring Simultaneous Pairs* (photos on page 54).

Congratulations to Debbie Roberts – Geoff Nicholas who came 2nd in the EBU *Oxford Belfry Midweek Congress Championship Pairs* and equal 1st in the *Swiss Teams* with Adrian Lambe – Mike Webley.

The *Oxfordshire Congress* was a great success: *Swiss Pairs* winners were Celia and Derek Oram; *Swiss Teams* winners were Charles King-Farlow, Bruce Leslie, Jane Davies and Stephen Gore. The *Sandra Landy Trophy* winners were Pat Lewis – Miriam Seaver.



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Somerset

www.somersetbridge.org.uk



THE *Championship Teams Knockout* was won by the team led by Eric Cummings with Colin Flood and Jette and Alan Bailey. The final was played over 56 boards.

Congratulations to Gina Howard for winning the *Victor Ludorum*.

Entries for the *West of England Congress* are being received by Ann Bawdon at kbawdon@btinternet.com or ☎ 01275853509. Details are also on the Somerset Count Association website.

Diary dates: Sun Sept 8, Paul Jones team event, Kingston Seymour Village Hall. Fri Oct 4 to Sun Oct 6, West of England congress.

Staffs and Shrops

www.staffsandshrops.org.uk



THE winners of the mixed pairs were Jane Perrins – Tony Togneri ahead of Anne Jones – John Seymour, with Gillian Allsop – David Clarke 3rd.

Roger Keane – David Beavon, Keith Shuttleworth – Brian Nicholls, and Paul Cutler – Dave Moir qualified in the *Bearn* to play in the *Corwen*. In a tough field Roger and David finished 6th. The *Staffs Cup* was won by Dan Crofts, Edward Levy, Mike Goldsmith, and Justin, Barbara and Paul Hackett. Dan, Ed, Mike and Paul went on to play in the *Pachabo*.

Chasetown winners: *Bearn*: 1= Craig Woodbridge – Tony Brian and Sue Crawford – Bob Reynolds. Tony Brian won the *Summer Ladder* and *Handicap* with Craig Woodbridge sharing the *Ladder*. The *Winter Ladder* produced a three-way tie between Rachel Ashmore, Mel Cooper and Andrew Crawford while Marion Taylor won the *Winter Handicap*. Tony Brian – Craig Woodbridge did the double in winning the *Pairs* and the *Teams*; team-mates were Gordon Woodbridge – Elaine Watterson. Brain and Craig added the *Handicap Teams* to their trophies partnering Audrey Clarke and Geoff Thomas

Shrewsbury winners: *Teams*: Keith Shuttleworth, Brian Nicholls, Mike Amos and Roger Bowles. *Ladies'*: Monica Scott – Pam Booth-Jones. *Men's*: Roger Bowles – David Small. *Pairs*: Keith Shuttleworth – Brian Nicholls. *Mixed Pairs*: Pam Booth-Jones – Tony Leech.

Congratulations to Paul Hackett for winning *Crockfords*.

Suffolk

www.suffolkbridge.co.uk



SUFFOLK started the new *ECL* campaign in great style, all three teams winning against Norfolk. Suffolk's first home match of the season – vs Northants – did not go so well: the first and second teams both lost, with the county third winning 12-8.

Congratulations to Richard and Mary Evans, Jackie Chester and Chris Hollingsworth (John Bloomfield also played in earlier matches) for winning the *Winter League Division 2*.

Rick Hanley, Peter and Debby Sutcliffe, Maria Allnutt, Peter Gemmill and Chris Chambers beat Eric Newman, Mike Sherer, Julian Lang and David Morran to win the *Championship Teams* and now represent Suffolk in the *Pachabo*.

At the AGM Nick Farr, having resigned, was replaced as Treasurer by new member Graham Beeton. Eric Newman, one of Suffolk's most active players, stepped down from the committee. Nick celebrated his release from office by winning the *AGM Pairs* with fellow committee member Richard Evans, the results being: 1. Richard Evans – Nick Farr, 2. Adele Wayman – Jan Havard-Davies, 3. Rick and Fleur Waters.

Suffolk Captain David Price played for England in the *Senior Camrose* (see page 12).



The *Felixstowe Green-pointed Congress* in early October will soon be here. Now is a good time to book your place if you haven't already done so.

Diary dates: Sun Sept 8, Ipswich Swiss Pairs, 7pm, Kesgrave Community Centre. Wed Sept 18, Suffolk Men's & Women's Pairs, 7pm, Clare. Sat Oct 5, Felixstowe Congress GP Pairs, 1pm, Felixstowe Leisure Centre. Sun Oct 6, Felixstowe Congress GP Swiss Teams, 11am Felixstowe Leisure Centre.

Surrey

www.surreycountybridge.org.uk



FIRSTLY, enclosed with this copy of *English Bridge* is your calendar of Surrey events for the forthcoming year. Please do not throw it away!

Congratulations to Mike Skelly, Leo Wang and Maureen Dennison, playing with a London member, who won the *Hants & IOW Green Pointed Swiss Teams*. Helen Beattie – Diane Richmond

were in the team of highest-placed players in the B stratification of the *Swiss Teams* at the *Bournemouth Spring Bank Holiday Congress*.

Lorne Anderson – Keith Wilson, representing Yateley & Hawley, won the *Mary Edwards Cup* for Club Pairs Champions. Jeffrey Allerton – Graham Osborne won the *AGM Swiss Pairs*.

The *League* team winners were as follows: Frances Hinden's team won the *Lady Rose Cup*; Jane Green's team won the *Lady Rose Plate*. *Div. 2*: Norma Macmillan, Christine Dyer, Roger Hitt and Derek Eneas. *Div. 3*: Annabel Burrows, Caroline Owens, Danielle Gosselin and Sheila White. *Div. 4*: Vivek Radhakrishnan, David Gravestock, Penny Moody, Ian Lewis and Penny Thomas. *Novices*: Lynn and Peter Young, Mags Hutchinson and Dani Byrne.

Thanks are due to the Chairman, Mac Derwig, who personally phoned the Chairmen of all forty affiliated clubs to encourage them to attend the AGM. This resulted in a 120% increase in attendance over last year.

Next season begins with the *Club Pairs Challenge* which takes place in the week commencing August 19, and the *August Bank Holiday* (Monday 26) *Swiss Teams* at Banstead.

Enter via the Surrey website, or contact Frances Trebble ☎ 01252 679883, or email f.trebble@ntlworld.com

Entries are now open for the *Surrey Green Point Weekend* on September 28-29. Please note the earlier starting time of *noon* this year. Entries only via the website or by post.

Sussex

www.sccba.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to the Avenue Team (Peter Clinch, Nigel Urban, Shefton Kaplan, Liz Hoskins, Tim Dickenson, Andy Ryder, Mike Allen, and Richard Newton) who won the *Club Teams of Eight* held at Eastbourne; 2nd Horsham Club (Dave Franklin, Gerry Stanford, Andy Morris, Duncan Curtis, Mick Carrington, Rick Stevens, Peter Rowell and David Cairns).

Congratulations to all *League* winners this year, particularly *Div. 1* winners Ken Ford, Ian Swanson, Nigel Urban, Neil Watts, Andy Ryder and Mike Allen. *Div. 2* winners were Malcolm and Karen Pryor, Duncan Curtis, Andy Morris, Harold and Cecily Linfield.

An exciting conclusion to the *Championship Teams* this year – 1 IMP in it over 64 boards in a match played in the spirit of bridge. Winners were Julian

August 20th is the closing date for the submission of county reports for the next issue of *English Bridge*. Please e-mail: elena@ebu.co.uk

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Mitchell's team, Peter Clinch, Duncan Quibell, Philip Poulter, Per Lindsten and Andy Ryder, and runners-up Mick Carrington's team (Richard Fedrick, Andrew Southwell and Ian Lancaster).

Hastings Basic Bridge Pairs: 1. Stephen and Katharine Kennedy, 2. Gerry Stanford – Joy Mayall. **Henfield Candles:** 1. Yves Lebrec, Leon Northeast, Philip Hunt and John Williams; 2. Nigel Osmer, Vida Bingham, Ros and Geoffrey Wolfarth.

Diary dates: Please check the County Diary for all heats for Sussex Pairs, Mixed Pairs, David Pavey, Elizabeth North and all Individual competitions.

Warwickshire

www.warwickshirebridge.co.uk



IN the first match of the 2013-2014 *Inter-County League* all three teams won against Oxfordshire: the 1st team 18-2, 2nd team 12-8 and the 3rd team 17-3.

Congratulations to John Baxter – Carrolleann Philp on winning the *Fledgling Pairs*, and to Anne and Nick Woosnam who won the *Mixed Pairs*.

Division winners in the *County League* were: *Div. 1*, Moseley C (Wood); *Div. 2*, Griffins (Galvin); and *Div. 3*, West Midlands I (Oddy). Anyone interested in forming a team to play in the League next season should contact the League Secretary Ron Birch ☎ 0121 384 4850 or email ron@ronbirch.plus.com

Initiatives to encourage juniors and newcomers are currently run at Coventry BC and in the near future also at West Midlands. Coventry BC run lessons and a game for juniors every Saturday at 2pm. Newcomers aged 5-18 are welcome. Please contact Frank Deakin ☎ 024 7633 8668 or email frankdeakin@aol.com for details.

Starting September 14, West Mids BC are running a Junior Club on Saturday afternoons from 2-4pm. For more information contact Christine Killeen or Beryl Latham, enquiries@westmidbridge.co.uk

Diary dates: Wed Sept 25, Moseley Bowl (teams), 7.15pm, Mos. Sat Sept 28, WCBA Teachers Workshop, 11.30am, WMBC. Tues Sept 30, closing date for Goodman entries.

Worcestershire

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THE County AGM took place at the end of May. Our grateful thanks go to retiring Committee Members, Richard Jephcott and Nick Forward – we hope to be welcoming them back soon when their other commitments permit! We also thank outgoing Chairman David Thomas who, we are pleased to say, remains on the Committee as Vice-Chair, and offer our best wishes to the rest of the new Committee.

In the final competition of the 'old'

season, Jean and Jessie Newton prevailed in the *Phillipps Final*, closely followed by Nick Forward – Steve Allerston. Suzanne Griffin – Neil Humphries headed Monica Parker – Ian Argyle in the *Phillipps Consolation Final*. In the *Chairman's Cup*, Jan Francis-Smythe – Alison Thomson came 1st with Peter Goodgame – Stuart Harper 2nd. At national level, Pam Pearce, John Sansom, Joyce Skelton and Richard Jephcott won the *Hubert Phillipps Plate*.

The 'new' season has started brightly, with our first and third teams winning both their first two matches in the *Inter-County Dawes League* and our second team winning one. We wish the second team, who won the *Porter Cup* last season, success in the *Inter-County League Winners Final*. The first competition of the season, the *Seniors' Pairs*, was won by Stewart Fishburne – Mike Willoughby, with Jessie Newton – John Turner runners-up.

As usual the Malvern Congress will be held at the Bank House Hotel in Bransford. This year it will be on October 26-27. At the time of writing the brochure has just been printed and the congress is proving as popular as ever, being already a quarter booked. We would encourage regular attendees to book as soon as possible before it is fully booked.

Yorkshire

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WARMEST congratulations to YCBA President Hubert Castle, who celebrated his 100th birthday on May 24 (see page 43).

The YCBA and Bradford Bridge Club hosted the friendly international match between England and Ireland for the *Corn Cairdis Trophy*. The England teams

included Yorkshire players Peter Stocken, Philip Mason, Stuart Davies, George Bak, Gill Copeland, Steve Blackburn, Julia Staniforth, Gill Woodcock, Judith Biles and Stephen Pollard.

Congratulations also to the following on their successes in recent county events: *Yorkshire Mixed Pairs:* Carole Kelly – Stuart Davies. *West Yorkshire Open Teams:* Stuart Davies, George Bak, Gill Copeland and Steve Blackburn. *Leeds Swiss Pairs:* Pauline Cooper – Richard Hilton. *Yorkshire Masters Pairs, Grade 1:* Jack Stocken – Phil Godfrey; *Grade 2:* Philip Cooper – David Brooks-bank; *Grade 3:* Brian Stones – Julia Baker.

Yorkshire Congress: Improvers Trophy: Alan Chalmers – Ian Martin; *Ladies Pairs:* Angela Booth – Cheryl Duddell; *Men's Pairs:* Richard Winter – Stuart Davies; *Mixed Pairs:* Michael Byrne – Fiona Brown; *Pairs, Moortown Cup:* Fiona Brown – Ollie Burgess; *York Mount Group Trophy:* Basil Letts – Simon Cope; *Chairman's Plate:* David Stevenson – Liz Commins; *Teams, Fell-Vincent Cup:* Michael Byrne, Hugh McGann, Ollie Burgess, Fiona Brown; *John Colley Trophy:* Martin Stephens, Peter Stephens, Phil Stephens, Alex Wilkinson; *Scarborough Trophy:* Malcolm Caporn, Cedric Cockcroft, Richard Edwards, Bob Ross.

Affiliated Clubs Teams: Beauchief (Jacqueline Starsmore, Stan Haywood, Janet Thomson, Gary Heane). *Waddington Shield:* Bill Townsend, Tony McNiff, Sarah Teshome, Richard Winter. *Yorkshire Trophy:* Nick Woolven, Martin Edge, Alan Brosgill, Robin Jepson, Adam Dickinson, Phil Morrison.

Diary dates: Sept 1, Huddersfield Rose Bowl. Sept 15, Garforth Swiss Teams, Collingham. Sept 19, Kath Grimoldby Simultaneous Pairs. Oct 5-6, Great Northern Swiss Pairs, Hilton Hotel, Leeds. ☐



Worcs CBA Grand Prix teams winners; from the left: Sue Evans, Mike Willoughby (County Chairman, presenting the Cup), Dennis Loynes, Jessie Newton, Jean Newton. John Turner, also in the winning team, was on holiday!

Photo: Richard Jephcott

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Thurs May 9 (Wantage BC):
Alison Nicolson – Keith Robbins



Fri May 10 (Oxford BC):
Erica and Christopher Sheppard



Mon May 13 (Christchurch BC):
Miles Cowling – Martin Brook

Club Bidding Quiz



by Julian Pottage

Answers to Problems on Page 40



Hand 1	
♠	10 8 2
♥	J 3
♦	A K 9 6 5
♣	10 9 4

W	N	E	S
?		1♥	Pass

1NT. Even with the five-card suit, 8 points is not quite enough these days for a two level response.

You would expect partner to raise to 2NT with 17 points, so you are unlikely to miss game. If partner rebids 2♥ over 1NT, you will know it is a 6-2 fit, something you would not know after 1♥ – 2♦ – 2♥.

Hand 2	
♠	Q J 9
♥	Q J 6 3 2
♦	Q 9 8 2
♣	4

W	N	E	S
?		1♦	1♠

Double. At this level, a double is for take-out rather than penalty. You are not strong enough to respond 2♥. While you do have support for partner's diamonds, getting the heart suit into the picture is more important. If partner does not bid hearts, you can probably give preference to or compete in diamonds later.

Hand 3	
♠	A Q 10 8 7
♥	A 10 3
♦	K 10
♣	8 4 3

W	N	E	S
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
?			

3NT. Facing partner's invitational 2NT, you need to look at your suit quality and spot cards. Here the spades are quite good and you have two further tens in the red suits. Had you opened a 12-14 1NT and received an invitational raise, again you would have gone on to 3NT.

Hand 4	
♠	8 7 6 4 3 2
♥	7
♦	8 5 2
♣	9 8 2

W	N	E	S
?		1♦	1♠
			2♥

4♣. When you have a big fit, six-card support for partner's presumed five-card suit, you do not need points to raise pre-emptively. While you expect to go down, the opponents must have a good fit too and be able to make a game, if not a slam.

Hand 5	
♠	K J 5 3 2
♥	A 10 4
♦	J 7
♣	J 8 7

W	N	E	S
		1NT	2♠ ¹ Pass
?			
			1Majors

4♣. Facing both majors, you have a great hand. Five-card support for partner's four- or five-card spade suit is good news itself. A-10-x in partner's other suit is useful too. If there is a two-way finesse in either major, North's 1NT opening will give you a big clue which way to take it.

Hand 6	
♠	10 8 7 5 3
♥	Q J 7
♦	J 8
♣	A J 9

W	N	E	S
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
?			

Pass. Although partner could have passed 1♠ (because you had already passed), you do not want to get too excited facing a single raise. Partner's raise shows little more than a sound opening with four-card support. Holding a nine-loser hand, admittedly a good nine-loser hand, game is some way off. □

CONGRATULATIONS TO John Sansom, Richard Jephcott, Pam Pearce and Joyce Skelton, who beat Carol Mueller, Kevin Elstow, Chris Mooney, Herb Mueller and Victor Savage in the final of the **Hubert Phillips Plate**.



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CITY CUP WINNERS



If you missed the article on page 41, do go back and read about David Wing's extraordinary bicycle/bridge tour of English Cities. On this page and the next four you can see the winners of the various City Cups that David donated to each bridge club he visited. It is hoped that the City Cup will become an annual event in participating clubs.



Bath Bridge Club
Pat Davies – James Dunlop



Birmingham (West Midlands BC)
Ian Prentice – John Lovett



Bradford Bridge Club
Sue Logan – Stuart Davies



Brighton (Avenue Bridge Club)
Julian Mitchell – Richard Sydenham
with Sally Bugden, EBU Chairman



David Wing in front of Exeter Cathedral. His bicycle/bridge tour of English Cities lasted just over one year and raised over £6,000 in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.



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Leicester Bridge Club
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Stoke Bridge Club
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Sheffield Bridge Club
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Mrs Bunny Clark
Mrs V Crabb
Mr Edwin Cripps
Dr Maury Ervine
Mr Tim Gay
Jenni Harvie
Mr John Heal

Mr John Heaton
Mrs Brigitte Henderson
Mrs Pam Hiscocks
Mrs J Jolliff
Prof M Jones
Mr M Jones
Mrs Maureen Jones
Mrs Brenda Kirby
Ms Jean Lee
Mrs Anne Macallister
Mrs Gwen Martin
Mrs Jacqui Munns
Mr Steve Munns
Mrs Elizabeth Penn
Chris Powell-Smith
Jenny Powell-Smith
Mr Chris Reynard
Mrs Lynne Thornley
Mrs Barbara Triplett
Mr Kevin Yardley
Local Master
William Barber
Mr Micky Birchall
Mr Nick Bunn
Mrs Joan Clarke
Mrs Judy Edwards
Rachel Greaves
Mrs K Heywood
Elsie Hobbs
Mrs K Jennings
Mr M Jennings
Mr Alan Keyworth
Mr Steve Lacey
Mrs Diane McGregor
Jane Roberts
Mr J Tory
Mrs Christine Wilson
Mr John Wilson

Direct

Advanced Master
Mr T Owen
Area Master
Mr G Ware
Club Master
Mr G Baker
Dr R Bates
Mrs A Green
Local Master
Mr P Bellingham
Mr P Crout
Ms L Paterson
Mrs G Stretch

Dorset



4 Star Premier Regional Master
Mr T Dunsby
1 Star Premier Regional Master
Mr DJ Gill
3 Star Regional Master Regional Master
Mr DR Wooldridge
Regional Master
Mr Kryzysztof Ginda
13 Star Premier Master
Mr JS Marshall
1 Star Premier Master
Mr Kelly Courtney
3 Star Master
Mrs SK Banks
1 Star Master
Mr TD Edwards
Advanced Master
Mrs A Beaney
Ms A Woolner
County Master
Mrs Ann Beeson
Mr Keith Beeson
Mrs Denise Maitland
District Master
Mrs NJ Law
Mrs Gill Philip
Robin Stewart
Mrs Pat Tope
Mr Oliver Woodroffe
Area Master
Mr George Dodman
Mrs Patricia Martin
Mrs C Robson
Mary Straughan
Club Master
Lee Arnold-Jones
Jenny Beale
Jennifer Cookson
Catherine Lynn
Mr Keith Pickett
Local Master
Mr Ahmad Zahedi

Essex



Premier Life Master
Mr A Riach
5 Star Regional Master
Mr JC Birch
22 Star Premier Master
Mr DJ Brace
15 Star Premier Master
Mr GE Wilcox
5 Star Premier Master
Mr RO Hudson
3 Star Premier Master
Mr W Rodger
2 Star Premier Master
Mr J Bernard
Mrs P Johnson
5 Star Master
Mrs CL McCue
3 Star Master
Mr JR Sayer
1 Star Master
Mr K Booth
Master
Mr AR Anstey
Mrs S Lowe
Mr R Strudwick
County Master
Mr LM Harris
Mrs Carol Wise
District Master
Janice Ashby
Mr M Bakewell
Ms HP Buckley
Mrs M Foster
Mrs Dorothy Greaves
Mr M Joslin
Mr Alex Kemura
Mrs S Knight
Chris Leeding
Mr Alan Moore
Mrs JA Mullins
Mr Ted Munt
Mustapha Rahaman
Friedgard Smith
Dr Joe Swift
Area Master
Mrs J Birch
Mrs Carole Brown

ONLINE EXTRA – MASTER-POINT PROMOTIONS

May – June 2013

Mr Douglas Brown
Mr George Davis
Bryan Gaze
Ms Sheri Grigg
Mr M Harvey
Mr A Lyndon Smith
Mrs Jean Lyndon-Smith
Chas Moore
Mrs Greta Nutchey
Mr Martin Perlmutter
Irene Rose
Mrs LM Sitch
Pamela Turnbull
Lindsay Wilner
Club Master
Mr M Andrews
Vicky Anfilogoff
Mr T Collins
Mr J Coughlan
Angela Davenport
Mr Jim Davidson
Sybil Folkson
Mr John Hammond
Mr C Kilby
Mrs Gwenyth Kirk
Mr S Krishnan
Mrs Pauline Leah
Mrs Carole Mathews
Christopher Parmenter
Tony Schutz
Mrs M Sweet
Larry Symmons
Mrs Jess Taylor
Sue Whittle
Stephanie Withers
Local Master
Mr Ian Brown
Mrs Yvonne Edwards
Albert Harrison
Ron Naughton
Martyn Neill
Mrs Liz Panzetta
Barbara Ridgewell

Gloucestershire



Premier Life Master
Mr PJ Phair
Premier National Master
Mr MJ Lewis

National Master
Mr P Ford
Mr RG Kingston
3 Star Premier Regional Master
Mrs V Chidgey
4 Star Premier Master
Mr BM Dorey
Mr IP Francis
3 Star Premier Master
Mr A Kwatra
2 Star Premier Master
Mrs EM Devereux
Mr N Pitel
1 Star Premier Master
Mr CP Fleming
1 Star Tournament Master
Ms PJ Phillips
Tournament Master
Mrs M Newport
5 Star Master
Mrs W Brelsford
3 Star Master
Mrs C Lewis
2 Star Master
Mrs DJ Hogarth
Mrs N Kemp
1 Star Master
Mrs Carole Foulkes
Advanced Master
Mr AF Richards
Master
Mr RG Miles
County Master
Ms Sian Brady
Mrs DM Ellis
Mr R Gass
O Windsor-Clive
District Master
Mrs I Fort
Ms A Hausscherr
Mr DK Wilson
Area Master
Ms NJ Battell
Mr Jeremy Furtado
Mrs Pat Holyer
Mrs Mn Hyde
Mrs Kate Maxwell
Mrs H Morgan
Mrs Francoise Raison
Mr IC Statham
Mrs Jm Statham
Mr Eric Turner
Club Master
Mr Jim Blenkinsop

Ms Carol Jacob
Mr David Lewis
Mr Tim Lorigan
Mrs Sally Micklethwait
Mrs Jean Neale
Mr John Osborne
Mr AJ Simpson
Mrs J Wylie
Local Master
Linda Blunt
Mrs J Davies
Mrs Margaret Davis
Mrs J Drummond
Mrs JJ Fennell
Mr RJ Haggerwood
Mrs ME Plent
Mrs Caroline Pye
Mrs Roberta Rastrick
Mrs Vanessa Ryle
Mrs Marian Venn
Mrs Ann Williams

Hants and loW



Premier Life Master
Mrs C Ray
Mr RR Ray
1 Star Premier Regional Master
Mr IR Giles
6 Star Premier Master
Mr JW Pearson
4 Star Premier Master
Mr JA Collyer
Premier Master
Mr CA Patrick
Tournament Master
Mr GA Mcdermott
5 Star Master
Mr P Francis
4 Star Master
Mrs V Moules
Ms J Percival
Mrs P Yeoman
2 Star Master
Mr RF Wilson
1 Star Master
Mr DE Blundell
Advanced Master
Mrs J Steele
Master
Mr Martin Church
Mr John Foster

Mr Tim Howard
Mr Peter Lang
Mrs B Manners
Mrs Vera Orlandini
Mr MJ Sullman
County Master
Ms C Hoey
David Judd
Mr David Richardson
John Symonds
Janet Wright
Mr John Wright
District Master
Mrs Mandy Bristow
Ms Ann Fieldhouse
Mrs V Halladey
Mrs Anne Jepsen
Mr Farid Motamed
Mrs Lorraine Motamed
Mr Derek Winslow
Area Master
Mrs Patricia Emmett
Mr Neil Featonby
Mr John Glasscock
Mr Stephen Levin
Mary Smith
Mr Norman Weston
Club Master
Mrs Rosmarie Boag
Mr Martin Coyne
Elaine Drayton
Gerald Drayton
Mr David Freeman
Mr Patrick Hill
Eddie Humm
Valerie Law
Michael Mates
Mr Steve Murrey
Mr Peter Owen
Dr Frank Price
H Scott-Cowell
Mr J Wilson
Mr Anthony Young
Local Master
Mrs Gay Bessant
Mr John Binks
Mr Gus Cunningham
Mr Chris Diston
Mr Mark Hanson
John Harland
Mrs Ann James
Mrs Janet Meager
Mrs Pamela Phillips
Mr Tas Poullais
Mrs Pamela Young

Herefordshire

Premier National Master
Mr G Barrett
2 Star Regional Master
Mr N Duberley
5 Star Master
Mrs D Robertson
2 Star Master
Mr KA Brookes
Advanced Master
Mrs C Timms
Master
Mr PJ Harrison
Mr Ralph Rea
County Master
Mr D Crocker
Mrs E Riddle
District Master
Mrs M Barrett
Area Master
Mrs V Glazzard
David Ingham
Mrs Molly Lavender
David Rix
Mrs Josie Roué
Club Master
Mr John Duvall
Mrs Barbara Johnson
Mr Keith Stait
Local Master
Marion Blaymires
Mrs JE Burke
Mr Gerrit Fianen
Mrs Ria Fianen
Tilly Hare
Mr John McKnight
Mrs Susan Middle
Richard Price

Hertfordshire



Life Master
Mrs S Dow
Mr DJ Peers
National Master
Mr J Leake
8 Star Premier Regional Master
Mr GR Fair
9 Star Regional Master
Mrs P Reed

ONLINE EXTRA – MASTER-POINT PROMOTIONS

May – June 2013

3 Star Regional Master

Mr JM Wareham

2 Star Regional Master

Mrs SJ Barnett

1 Star Regional Master

Mr D Mail

Ms R Windler

7 Star Premier Master

Mr K Farraway

4 Star Premier Master

Keith Darley

5 Star Master

Ms R Allenby

4 Star Master

Mr F Ross

3 Star Master

Mrs SD Bull

2 Star Master

Mrs VC Fullforth

Mrs D Nelson

1 Star Master

Mrs SM Fleming

Mr RHT Wright

Advanced Master

Iain Climie

Mr MH King

Mr R Parker

Mr TJ Potter

Master

Mr Stephen Leadbetter

Ulla Lee

Mr R Maureso

Mr Ted Shaw

Mr AJE Shields

County Master

Mr Ed Devine

Mr Derek Gowlett

Mr Raymond Silver

Mr BA Wells

District Master

Ian Buckley

Jean Bunyan

Mrs S Cirket

Winifred Clarkson

Mr Tony Clayton

Joe Coulson

Mr Pete Davis

Mr Paul Hawkins

Mrs Sue Hawkins

Sue Hill

Mr Roger Lester

Mrs Sue Levene

Ellen Long

Mr TP McRobert

Mr Dennis Naylor

Anthony Osborne

Mrs Barbara Robjant

Mr J Shelfer

Mrs Jane Spreull

Mr Ossie Vickers

Pat Vickers

Mr P Wakefield

Mrs Ruth Weinstein

Area Master

Tess Alexander

Mrs Christine Andrew

Mrs Mary Bain

Mr Nigel Bain

Maryanne Beech

Mrs Anita Broadfield

Gwen Flynn

Ms Barbara O'Hagan

Mrs Shirley Pettifer

Mr Tim Potter

Mrs Jenny Sandercock

Mrs Joan Scoles

Mrs G Sugrue

Club Master

Mr Dennis Alder

Pat Barker

Mr R Colucci

Mr Barry Cooksley

Ms Doreen Ellenbogen

Mrs Anne Fitzgerald

Angus Gull

Frank Harvey

Ken Kempzell

Angela Naylor-Vane

Mr Terry Naylor-Vane

Mr John Potter

P Skyrme

Mrs Ann Strickfuss

Mr John Strickfuss

Mrs A Thomas

Local Master

Ms Anne Axford

Mary Barrett

P Bovaird

Eric Chorley

John Davies

Mrs S Dyble

Mr Douglas Emson

Mrs Sally Emson

Ms Marion Giddings

Ms Susan Gordon

Mrs J Guppy

Mr A Hipkiss

Mrs A Jowett

Zena Learner

Bob McKay

Mr John Metcalfe

Gerry Newing

Mrs S Peace

Mrs Helen Samuels

Mark Smith

Pattie Tzouliadis

Mrs Barbara Wells

Isle of Man



5 Star Premier Master

Mrs M Beere

Club Master

Mrs Diana Mullan

Local Master

Mrs Jackie Molesworth

Kent



Life Master

Mr MS Hampton

Premier National Master

Mrs VA Reeves

1 Star Premier Regional Master

Mr R George

4 Star Regional Master

Mrs M Harris

2 Star Regional Master

Mrs K Staples

1 Star Regional Master

Dr CH Game

Regional Master

Mr D Andrews

11 Star Premier Master

Mrs DF Baxter

8 Star Premier Master

Mr JCH Blanford

7 Star Premier Master

Mrs J Green

6 Star Premier Master

Mr NM Allen

Ms J Connor

Mr VR Hughes

Mr JW Mills

3 Star Tournament Master

Miss JH Pakeman

1 Star Tournament Master

Mrs BA Barnes

Mrs EA Fox

Mrs M Gibson

Tournament Master

Mr DW Gibson

Mrs G Jessel

5 Star Master

Mrs PA Barker

Mrs JD Lightfoot

Mrs M Trevor-Jones

4 Star Master

Mrs L Bracher

Mrs V Fuller

Mr KG Marsh

Mrs MB Van Der Bijl

3 Star Master

Mrs M Gibson

Mr DG Hurter

Mr BM Waters

2 Star Master

Mr P Lehos

1 Star Master

Mrs F Diggins

Mrs BA Hewitt

Mr R Kendall

Mrs AM Mace

Mrs Maggie Piazza

Advanced Master

Mrs W Church

Mr TJ Connor

Ms Jane Cruickshank

Mr Alan Hodgkinson

Mr C McNeil

Mr S Moruzzi

Mr N Roach

Mr I Thomas

Mr F Waller

Master

Mr Jim Anderson

Mr Brian Broadbent

Mrs Nadia Coote

Mr RS Garritty

Ms Molly Perham

County Master

Alan Emus

Judy Emus

Mr J L Gibbons

Mr Tony Hollingworth

Mr Hugh Macdonald

Mary Mossetto

Mr B Newman

Mrs Linda Skipworth

Mrs CE Symons

Mr Mark Symons

Mr Ruedi Welti

Ian White

Mr Marten Wortel

Mr RG Young

District Master

Mr J Barton

Mrs T Bayley

Mrs Anne Brant

Mrs A Bushell

Mr R Cave

Mrs Ann Darby

Mr Frank Fridd

Mr Gerhard Hess

Mrs J Holdom

John Marshallsay

Mrs Jane Pace

Mr Barry Redbourn

Mr Neil Shilling

Ms S Wallis

Mr Pieter Weel

Area Master

Mrs Elaine Cartledge

Mrs J Cazalay

Mr Joe Czarnowski

Mrs Janet Harris

Sylvia Hayward

Mrs J Heyburn

Reggie Kwan

Mrs Anne McKean

Mr Bob Moore

Arleen Paton-Smith

Hilary Reed

Jim Rountledge

Mrs Marilyn Smart

Gladys Stanhope

Mrs Delia Waldie

Mrs Lin Watson

Club Master

Mr Godfrey Bland

Robert Corbett

Jane Dennett

Mr Trevor Dickson

Mrs Michelle Esau

Mr RM Goldsmith

Mrs Sue Hallett

Mrs Judith Lloyd

Mr Richard Mountford

Mr Clive Pemberton

Mrs Agnes Ridge

Tony Stoneham

Mr Chris Thompsett

ONLINE EXTRA – MASTER-POINT PROMOTIONS

May – June 2013

Mr Brian Willmott
Local Master
Mrs Terry Bayley
Mrs Mary Belsham
Mrs E Bembridge
Lorraine Broadley
Mrs SE Brooks
Mr Martin Chandler
Mrs Jeanna Grieves
Jane Johnson
Mr Geoffrey May
Simon Mold
Mrs Chris Rutherford
Mr Paul Rutherford
Dora Smith
Mr Peter Walkden
Mrs P Young

Lancashire



Grand Master
Mr SR Norris
Premier National Master
Mr M Tomlinson
National Master
Miss S Richmond
3 Star Regional Master
Mrs Susan Charlton
15 Star Premier Master
Dr GA Khan
6 Star Premier Master
Mrs MA Mitchell
5 Star Premier Master
Mr RA Goddard
3 Star Premier Master
Mr N Sutcliffe
2 Star Premier Master
Mrs DJ Ault
Mr B Perry
Premier Master
Mr David Costich
2 Star Master
Mrs BB Bickerton
Advanced Master
Mr B Kenny
Mr Ken Readitt
Mr Stanley Woods
Master
Mrs Diana Ackerman
Mr AG Muchall

Mrs Beryl Ratford
Mr Harry Ratford
County Master
Mrs Rita Bradbury
Mrs Andre Carroll
Valerie Goldberg
Mrs M Holme
Mrs Fay Trickett
Mrs P Wrigley
District Master
Margaret Atkinson
Jean Carrington
Mr S Clarkson
Mr A Cove
Barbara Delaney
Mrs Maureen Fallon
Mrs Kathleen Fisher
Ms Marie Fox
Mrs C Halsall
Mr David Holme
Ms W Houlden
Peter Hutson
Mrs Hilary Lambert
Mr Melvyn Makin
Mrs O Middleton
Catherine Mosawy
Sheila Nolan
Mr Joe Nugent
Mrs Kathy Scott
Mr Hynda Silver
Ms C Thompson
Mr Phil Thompson
Mrs Elsie Thornber
Area Master
S Abraham
Mrs Anne Allen
Mrs Joyce Anderson
Mr David Askew
Mr Mike Brady
Mr J Brown
Mrs Maureen Coeulle
Jenny Coupe
Mr David Cowan
Mrs Vera Craven
Robert Cruse
Mrs Shirley Degani
Shirley Della
Mr K Ellwood
Mr Bill Gordon
Mr John Graddon
Mr Wilfred Hartley
Mr B Hogg
Mrs Clare Kaye
Diana Oelbaum
Mr David Porter

Rosa Simon
Mr W Tait
Mrs JE Taylor
Ms Sylvia Thomas
Hillary Turner
William John Webster
Mrs Rosemary Webster
Mrs Jill Weinbren
Club Master
Mrs Margaret Birtwell
Mrs C Crompton
Joan Dutton
Elizabeth Hill
Pat Jaffa
Mrs Pat Jones
Mrs Moira Keany
Mr Ken Lloyd
Mrs Fenella McMullan
S O'Brien
Mr R Pickford
Mildred Rhodes
Mr Jonathan Sandbrook
Mrs Yvonne Sandbrook
Mrs Pamela Shepherd
Mrs Shirley Wilkinson
Mr Barry Windsor
Local Master
C Cassels
Mrs P Chadwick
Judith Davies
Pat Ellwood
Susan Fillyary
Mrs Sheila Jefferies
Henry Jones
Mr Jack Leach
Tony Lumb
Mr Richard Moss
Mr Ashley Myers
Mr John Ollerton
Mrs Joan Robinson
KEP Simcox
Mr Lawrie Steel
Pat Ward

Leicestershire



13 Star Premier Master
Mr PS Nuttall
7 Star Premier Master
Mr R Ferguson

4 Star Premier Master
Mrs AS Abbott
1 Star Premier Master
Mr R Rees
5 Star Master
Ms AR Grant
3 Star Master
Mrs G Chivers
Mr D Pimm
1 Star Master
Mrs D Bowden
Mr Don James
Mr TR Wright
County Master
Mr Graham Clarke
Mr Tony Jones
District Master
Christine Bonney-James
Mr Graham Lee
Mr Graham Turner
Area Master
Mrs Althea Bandy
Mr JL Copeland
Mr Geoff Gibbs
Mrs Val Hart
Mrs Shirley Parnell
Mr David Wenlock
Club Master
Mr Neil Ackerley
Mrs A Bakowski
Mr P Chalmers
Sylvia Heath
Mr Max Jelley
Mr Ian Lymbery
Judith Mitton
Mr RC O'Brien
Local Master
Mrs Lynda Bassinder
Ms Chris Greasley
Mrs Maureen Jones
Mrs Sandra Reynolds

Lincolnshire

9 Star Premier Regional Master
Mr DJ Stoddart
3 Star Regional Master
Mr FJ Davis
Regional Master
Miss D Burton
8 Star Premier Master
Mr D Raddish
7 Star Premier Master
Mr RWJ Pickard

3 Star Premier Master
Mrs B Evans
5 Star Master
Mr KA Taylor
3 Star Master
Mr T Atkinson
1 Star Master
Mrs JE Knowler
County Master
Mrs SP Rouse
Mr M Waters
District Master
Mrs Veronica Boland
Mr Roy Brixton
Mr Richard Grant
Mrs Rita Knaggs
Mrs Margaret Muir
Mrs Louise Stone
Mr Tony Swann
Club Master
Mrs Jo Burndred
Mr Phil Cope
Mrs Gill Cotterill
Mrs Julie Harvey
Mrs Mary Jackson
Pam Readhead
Paul Readhead
Mr Richard Spencer
Mr Andrew Tomlinson
Mrs V Waldron
Mr Vince Wilkins
Local Master
Mrs Carmel Muhl
Mr Derek Muhl

London



National Master
Mr GD Clay
2 Star Regional Master
Mrs N Buxton
19 Star Premier Master
Mrs EAC Freeman
4 Star Premier Master
Mrs EJ Scott
3 Star Premier Master
Mr J Drummond
1 Star Premier Master
Mrs K Hashizume
Mr BJ Sear

ONLINE EXTRA – MASTER-POINT PROMOTIONS

May – June 2013

Premier Master

Ingar Kofoed Hansen
Mr N Leaver

Advanced Master

Mr TFJ Ehram

Master

Mr S Prager

County Master

Mr M Atkinson-Zahm
Mrs M Burke
Mrs Myra Chapman
Mr B Higgins
Mrs C Rogers
Mr Gerry Weston

District Master

Mrs LA Apthorp
Mr Malcolm Bridgeford
Miss Maggie Christmas
Christopher Dee
Mr S Jones

Shahzaad Natt

Mr M Rajabali

Area Master

Mrs Teresa Brookes
Charmian Cooper
Mrs A Grashoff
Andrew Romanowski
Antonia Sharpe
Rachel Shashoua
Mr AP Wilson

Club Master

Gill Baird
Teresa Bircher
Dr L Blumberg
Denis Cross
Mr A Crystal
Dr J Davidson-Parker
Mrs Ellen Garraway
Ms Rachel Guebert
Mr Reg Horne
Mr B Hughes
Daniel Johnson
Mr P Johnson
Mr Ted Johnson
Sue Milton
Ms P Prichard
Kara Radcliffe
Angie Spring Rice
Mrs C Stegmann
Haruka Taylor
Mrs Judy Tomline
Mr G Triger
Mr M Williams

Local Master

Mrs Inka Butler
Dr Paul Butler

Malcolm Field
Mr Eddie Gurnett
Frank Hollendonner
Ursula Martin
Max McGuire

Manchester



6 Star Premier Regional Master

Mrs J Bayly

1 Star Premier Regional Master

Mr J Fitzgerald
Premier Regional Master

Miss S O'Connor

1 Star Regional Master

Mrs A Thornton

6 Star Premier Master

Dr KL Hughes

2 Star Premier Master

Mr R Sinton

Premier Master

Nicholas Greer

3 Star Master

Mr B Rowlands

2 Star Master

Mrs M Gilman

David Johnston

Advanced Master

Mr PE Bailey

Mr Colin Davies

Master

Mr G Marsden

Mr J Straffon

Dr M Wadsworth

County Master

Mr B Hart

Mrs HA Saunders

Mrs LF Wright

District Master

Mr K Bennett

Dr Martin Bluck

Mrs Annie Durham

Mr D Fussell

Mrs Helen Herdman

Mr Graham Keay

Mrs H Lister

Mr James Sheppard

Area Master

Mr Anthony Bowden

Mr Geoff Davison

Mrs Nancy Foster
Mrs Cynthia Frith
Mrs Linda Garrity
Margaret Hopkins
Mrs Gillian Horsfield
Mr Tomi Komoly
Mrs MR Manners
Mr M Stern

Club Master

Dr Norman Beenstock
Harry Bennett

Mr John Bridgeman

Dr Louise Hunter

Pamela McKeon

Valerie Ann McNamara

Mrs Judith Nelson

Mr Ken Plant

Mrs Jenny Spiller

Mrs Corinne Veitch

Mr P Wild

Local Master

Mrs Jean Bryan

Mr J Burke

June Chadwick

Mrs Jenny Ithell

Mr Colin Richard Lane

Mr Jonathan Marshall

Mrs Jean Missira

Mrs Margaret Scovell

Merseyside/Cheshire



6 Star Premier Master

Mrs S Stott

Tournament Master

Mr B Moore

5 Star Master

Mrs ME Foster

4 Star Master

Mr AV Gray

2 Star Master

Mr J Higgins

Mr C Hutchinson

Advanced Master

Mr Bernard Farrell

Master

Mr FEW Evans

Mr PE Mathews

Mr Brian Yale

Mrs S Yale

County Master

Sue Birdsall

Mr John Carr

Mrs Mary Dudley
Mr Barry Griffies
Mr Mike Haworth
Mr Fred Longworth
Mr John Watson

District Master

Mr Bob Corkhill
Mrs Dorathea Gilbert
Mrs June Jeffreys
Miss Pat Tweedle
Mrs Joan Valle
Mrs Beryl Webster

Area Master

Mrs Elizabeth Bennett
Mrs Flo Donovan
Mrs Muriel Joughin
Mr Ashley Rogers

Club Master

Mr Jeffrey Angove
Mrs Janet Falcon
Thea Stanford-Hill
Mrs Ann Algawi
Mr John Letchford
Mr Fintan McDonell
Rev. Aidan Prescott

Local Master

Mrs C Embury
Mrs Pamela Fish
Tony James
Mrs Hilary Rowland
Mrs Irene Townend
Mr John Townend
Mr Richard Whitty

Middlesex



Premier Life Master

Mr SP Cope

Mrs J Feldman

Premier National Master

Mr DR Arundel

Premier Regional Master

Mr TE Hoftaniska

Regional Master

Mr SA Goldstein

Mr JD Harris CBE

2 Star Premier Master

Mr A Bhandari

Premier Master

Mr Dinesh Nathwani

3 Star Tournament Master

Mrs B O'Connor

2 Star Master

Mr P Yogeswaran

Advanced Master

Mr K Depala

Mr Lester Emanuel

Mr M Leigh

Mrs NK Patel

Master

Miss L Boyd

Mr Nandlal P Shah

Mrs S Shah

Mrs Saroj N Shah

County Master

Neeta Bavishi

Mr S Hunte

Mrs N Kothary

Eli Marks

John Marks

Mrs M Shah

Mr C Sheth

Mrs U Sheth

District Master

Mrs FM Cable

Mr Michael Dean

Mr S Dodhia

Mrs CM Forbes

Mr C Hearn

Mrs Jenny Hearn

Mrs Kulsum Jivanjee

Mr Murray Leader

Ms J May

Mrs ME O'Keefe

Bhavni Sharad Shah

Ila Narendra Shah

Mrs Jayashree Shah

Naresh Premchand Shah

Vinod Shah

Vipul Thacker

Area Master

Mr Robert Aitchison

Mrs J Clifton

Mrs Gita Kothari

Mrs L Nye

Mr Erdinc Sancar

Bharti Vitlhani

Club Master

Christine Bates

Mr Ravindra Fofaria

Jo Jarrold

Mr Harvey Kasin

Mr H Shah

ONLINE EXTRA – MASTER-POINT PROMOTIONS

May – June 2013

Local Master

Mr Chris Blyth
Erica Ferguson
Gaul Ferrao
Mrs M Hayes
Dot Kelleher
Frances Loughridge
Thomas W Murray
Mr Mahendra Nagda
Keith Richards
Mr Sanjib Kumar Saha
Dr Natubhai Shah
Jon White
Mrs Louise Yates

Norfolk



National Master

Mr PD Ison
5 Star Premier Regional Master
Mr R Cortis
9 Star Regional Master
Mrs AD Brown
2 Star Regional Master
Mrs VC Barret
17 Star Premier Master
Mr PE Whittley
7 Star Premier Master
Mrs PM Raywood
4 Star Premier Master
Mr DE Ellis
3 Star Premier Master
Mrs E Townsend
Premier Master
Mrs T Foster
1 Star Tournament Master
Mrs IB Beven
Tournament Master
Mrs EJ Edwards
Mr PJ Roberts
5 Star Master
Mr D Melville
4 Star Master
Dr OR Hendrie
Advanced Master
Mr DD Jamieson
Master
Mrs C Plunkett

Mr Bob Speller
Mr NJ Watts

County Master

Mr Mike Amos
Mr Eric Clarke
Mrs V Clarke
Gay Lind
Kate Walshe
Peter Walters
District Master
Mr John Barker
Area Master
Richard Duckett
Mr Paul Hutchings
Geoff Micklethwaite
Mrs Ella Mitchell
Wendy Smith
Mr Charles Stenner
Mr Richard Storer
Denise Thick
Club Master

Mrs Beth Brereton
John Cass
Mrs Peggy Duckworth
Mr Bob Gee
Mr Peter Mcluckie
Mrs Edith Pleasance
Mrs Jean Roddy
Mrs D Schiller
Mr Alfred Wells
Mr Frank Wroth
Local Master
Pamela Bartholomew
Mrs Elena Wallace
Jackie Wheatley

North East



Premier Life Master

Mrs J Springett
4 Star Regional Master
Mrs A Young
18 Star Premier Master
Mr JC Kingcome
4 Star Premier Master
Mrs L Badcock
4 Star Master
Mr S Donnellan
1 Star Master
Mrs S Joicey
Mr J Taylor

Mr J Ward
Mrs AM Young
Advanced Master
Mrs I Burns
Dr PJ Lowe
Mrs Anastasia Potter
Master

Mrs E Bennett
County Master
Bernard King
Mrs Maureen Puccia
Mr Alan Wallace
District Master
Mr John Bailey
Mr M Bird
Ms Fiona Gibbins
Mrs Shelia Robertson
Mrs Karen Sewell
Mr John Summerside

Area Master

Mr J Conder
Mrs Frances Herschel
Mrs Sarah Palmer
Mrs Sheila Parker
Mrs Katy Wilcock
Club Master
Mrs S Capron
Dr T Capron
Mrs Eileen Cook
Mrs Marjorie Fitzgerald
Glenda Hope
Mr Trevor Horner
Mrs JO Miller
Francis Stephenson

Local Master

Pam Bell
Norma Bennett
Mrs Audrey Burton
Mr Ronald Clark
Mr John Clarke
Linda Hind
Mr Barry Jones
Mrs Jean Peat
Mrs Joyce Snape

Northamptonshire



8 Star Premier Regional Master
Mrs E Coltman
Premier Regional Master
Mr T Durdin

9 Star Premier Master

Miss H Bailey
5 Star Premier Master
Mr MH Aldridge
4 Star Premier Master
Mr AR Bamford
2 Star Premier Master
Mrs M Jones
5 Star Master
3 Star Master
Mr I Chacksfield
1 Star Master
Mrs VM Watts
Advanced Master

Mrs JA Tily
Mr H Williams
Master
Mrs Celia Beaty
Mrs E Healey
Mr Jim Norman
Mr J Samworth
Mr R Tickle
Mr CNJ Tily
County Master
Mrs B Bale
Mrs Judit Bovai
Mr Alan Haynes
Mrs Joan O'Sullivan
Anne Ramamoorthy
Mr Baz Richardson
Mr John Tilling
Mr Tony Warner-Smith
Dr C Winfrey

District Master

Mr Bert Attwood
Mrs Alison Bailey
Mr Peter Baines
Ms Justine Harle
Mr Neil Jenkinson
Mr Alan Kinch
Ms Karen Knight
JL Perkins
Mrs Lin Routhorn
Area Master
Mr Aubrey Carter
Mrs Alison Clarke
Gerry Clarke
Mr Michael Clayton
Mr Richard Cook
Mrs Freda Dodds
Mrs Angela Duffin
Mrs Chrissie Hassell
Mrs Jill Parkinson
Club Master
Mrs Beryl Carpenter

Mrs Helen Dale
Mrs Lynn Darwin
Vivienne Duffy
Subie Fonseka
Mrs Joyce Mason
Keith McFarland
Mrs Hilary Price
Mr Ken Waudby
Mr Derek Wright
Local Master
Mr Jim Bealby
Mrs Sue Bealby
Mrs A Bowler
Mrs Patricia Cook
Leithan Cradick
Mr Michael Dronfield
Mrs Pam Garrard
Mrs Sue Hartley
Mrs Sue Wilson

Nottinghamshire

Life Master

Mr L Eagling
1 Star Regional Master
Mrs J Ackermann
5 Star Premier Master
Mr R Milne
3 Star Master
Mr JA Kirkwood
Advanced Master
Mrs S Ball
Mr JW Bayliss
Mrs JI Wall
Mr SW Wharton
Master
Mr DJ Wilkins
County Master
Mr D Fletcher
Kathryn Grochowska
Mrs JH Langworthy
Kate Thornburrow
Mr Thornburrow
District Master
Mr Michael Egginton
Barbara Fisher
Mr Len Jackson
Mrs P Signorini
Area Master
Mrs Fay Buckley
Mrs Pam Dent
P Girdher
R Girdher
Peter Smith
Club Master
Mrs PA Bartley

ONLINE EXTRA – MASTER-POINT PROMOTIONS

May – June 2013

Mr William Jackson
Maurice King
Helen Lister
Mrs Sue McIntosh
Mrs Chris Parsons
Mr Paul Sweet
Mrs H Walters
John Woolmer
Local Master
Mary Dade
Mrs Joyce Dean
Ann Fraser
Vivienne French
Mrs Jenny Hayes
Mr A Holding
Mr S Lockwood
Paul Morris
Mrs Dorothy Murdoch
Mrs Barbara Norris
Mrs Rosemary Rodgers

Oxfordshire



Life Master
Mr DW Patterson
Premier National Master
Mr D Southcombe
National Master
Mrs E Sheppard
3 Star Premier Regional Master
Mrs A Nicolson
1 Star Premier Regional Master
Mrs I Merriman
Premier Regional Master
Mr M Lucas
4 Star Regional Master
Mrs W Claye
1 Star Regional Master
Mr BS Geary
7 Star Premier Master
Mrs L Furnival
6 Star Premier Master
Mr K Philpott
4 Star Premier Master
Mr A P Lambe
3 Star Premier Master
Mrs A Adams
Mr D Dobson

2 Star Premier Master
Dr RPH Gasser
4 Star Master
Mrs D Marriott
3 Star Master
Mrs B Green
Dr JC Mitchell
1 Star Master
Mr K Plumb
Dr RB Plummer
Mrs W Roderick
Mrs DR Sayer
Mr D Wright
Advanced Master
Mrs LA Edwards
Mr DR Heath-Brown
Ms A Lee
Mrs D Mertens
Master
Mr H Arnes
Mr N Whiting
County Master
Mrs Hilary Dewey
Mr A Holmes-Mackie
District Master
Mr JED Barton
Mr JF Chalfont
Mrs Katherine Fotherby
Mr S Fox
Nick Haynes
Mr Malcolm Higgins
Mrs Sally Higgins
Mr D Iyadurai
Dr S Iyadurai
Mr RD Kelly
Mrs Jean Maisey
Mr Chris Measures
Mr Chris Nagle
Mrs Tracey Reimer
Area Master
Mrs Joan Bailes
Mrs J Garvey
Dr J Martin
Mrs Sheila Meek
Dr Chisholm Ogg
Mrs Gay Ogg
Mrs C Quinton
Dr Alistair Swanson
Mrs Bridget Voss
Mr Peter Voss
Rosemary Young
Club Master
Mrs E Barnett
Helen Bateman
Sharon Benson
Gorden Critchley

Virginia Crouch
Hanne Hill
Mr Jon Hughes
Viv Parker
Jill Rowland
Mr J Stayte
Mr L Thompson
Mr Charles Worrell
Local Master
Mr Alastair Auckland
Alan Cartwright
Christine Cartwright
Mrs Audrey Deeley
Mr P Elvins
Fiona Hilsdon
Mr Martin Lamaison
Mrs V Parker
Clifford Pitman
Alfred Sawbridge
Mrs M Tipping
Mrs J Vernon

Somerset



Premier National Master
Mr RJ Marks
Mr A Ridgers
National Master
Mr D Hoong
5 Star Premier Regional Master
Mrs S Stuttard
3 Star Regional Master
Mr RE Feetenby
2 Star Regional Master
Mr ML Gordon
Mrs MA Gordon
3 Star Premier Master
Mr ME Percival
2 Star Premier Master
Dr A Atkinson
1 Star Premier Master
Pip Duncan
Mr C Thomas
4 Star Master
Mr N Hipwell
2 Star Master
Mrs CD Nicholls
1 Star Master
Mr RD Anderson

Advanced Master
Mr Roy Rowe
Master
Mrs J Chadwick
County Master
Mrs Louise Hobhouse
Robert Hobhouse
Mrs H Hudson
Mr Bill Lawrence
Jane Mearing
Mrs Pat Nelson
Mr CM Rymill
Margaret Spencer
District Master
Mrs Lorna Chynoweth
Mr RP Earthy
Miss P Griffiths
Mrs L Jenkins
Mrs Holly Quinn
Mr Richard Tempest
Mr Ian Williamson
Area Master
Mrs Y Coggins
Hilary Eldridge
Mrs T Jenkin-Jones
Michael Leach
John Moore
Mr John Scotford
Mrs Valerie Tucker
Club Master
Mrs Jill Clements
Mr John Gould
Mrs EP Incledon
Mrs CL Northcott
Mr David Wilkes
Local Master
Mr P Colton
Mrs Jenny Cornwell
Mr John Leacey
Mr Maurice Stanbury
Mr Derek Sutton
Mrs Jean Wright

Staffs and Shrops



National Master
Mrs B Hackett
Regional Master
Mr FA Rebello
Advanced Master
Mr Mike Barlow

County Master
Mr Alan Ashmore
Audrey Clarke
Mr PJ Collier
Mr G Kershaw
Mrs J Kershaw
Mrs Margaret Latham
Mrs Peggie Lewis
Mr B McLaren
Mrs O Morgan
Mr JA Sheard
Mr Joe Tittensor
District Master
Mrs Libby Dale
Ms Jan Firth
Mr Christopher Gilbert
Mrs Helen Jones
Mrs Beryl Metcalf
Joan Round
Area Master
Mrs Wendy Arthur
Mr William Arthur
Chris Bateson
Mr Hugo Dash
Mr Alan Diffey
Mr Tony Frondigoun
Mrs Doreen Hartshorne
Maureen Humphreys
Mrs JJ Ikin
Mrs Anna Lis
Mrs W McCloy
Mrs Maureen Palser
Mrs Anne Smith
Mrs Ann Whiteman
Tricia Wilson
Club Master
Mr Maurice Barton
Valerie Chapman
Mr Marcus Eassom
Mr Gerald Griffin
Mrs Sally Griffin
Mrs Gloria Harris
Mr Roger Hickinbottem
Marian Manning
Marion Taylor
Mrs Rosemary Wase
Joan Webb
Mr John Whilton
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David Berry
Ms M Bishop
Dorothy Hockenhull
Mr John Ogden
Mr Ken Stevenson
Ms Tessa Toone

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May – June 2013

Suffolk



2 Star Premier Regional Master

Mr N Bresler

1 Star Premier Regional Master

Mr DM Morran

Premier Regional Master

Mrs J Price

6 Star Premier Master

Mr JM Ede

Capt. RI Waters

4 Star Premier Master

Mrs PM Barnes

Mrs JM Watson

3 Star Premier Master

Mrs AB Parker

1 Star Premier Master

Mrs M Evans

Mr S Riley

Mr D Willson

4 Star Master

Ms S Scott-Laws

2 Star Master

Mr SJ Ashworth

Mrs SM Bentley

1 Star Master

Mrs MB Driver

Master

Mr Derek Borrowman

County Master

Mr P Bushby

Rick Leathley-Hewitt

Mr E Ward

District Master

Mr Michael Blasby

Mrs Viv Mason

Mr Alan Pinwill

Mr Phil Stanton

Mr Norman Thompson

Area Master

Mrs Gilly Beddard

Mrs Bette McWilliam

Rui Paes

Mrs PL Phelan

Mrs M Rickard

Hilary Russell

Mr Charles Smith

Mr John Stracey

Mr David Tott

Mrs Dee Watson

Club Master

Mr David Gay

Barbara Horrocks

Ms May Li

Mr Alan Nette-Thomas

Mrs Jacquelin Waghorn

Local Master

Ms Joanna Bradbury

Mr Fred Mason

Mrs Mirabelle Paulsen

Mrs Bridget Smith

Surrey



Grand Master

Mr W Hodgkiss

Premier Life Master

Mrs B Stoker

Life Master

Mrs D Richmond

Premier National

Master

Mrs RS Johnson

Mr TJG Warren

National Master

Mr J Goody

Mr J Osmond

10 Star Premier

Regional Master

Mrs M Scott

4 Star Premier

Regional Master

Ms JW Chignall

3 Star Premier

Regional Master

Mrs A Glancy

Mr BJ Marsh

1 Star Premier

Regional Master

Mr RA Edmonds

9 Star Regional Master

Mr J Neal

5 Star Regional Master

Mr T Quilley

3 Star Regional Master

Mr CJ Loughton

1 Star Regional Master

Mr Dan O'Farrell

32 Star Premier

Master

Mr GJ Wells

24 Star Premier Master

Mrs BM Bueno

15 Star Premier Master

Mr FT Lynes

Mrs KJ McKimmie

12 Star Premier Master

Mrs LA Rae

10 Star Premier Master

Mrs M Ibbott

Miss M Julius

8 Star Premier Master

Mrs BF Mullins

Miss JE Spence

5 Star Premier Master

Mr P Bohan

Mrs JR Robson

4 Star Premier Master

Mr S Laredo

3 Star Premier Master

Mr R Cunningham

Mrs JM Davies

2 Star Premier Master

Mr AN Margetts

Mr GE Osborne

1 Star Premier Master

Mrs VEA Franklin

Tournament Master

Miss E Bailey

Mr ED Humphrey

4 Star Master

Mr S Mai

Mr J Spiers

3 Star Master

Ms P Baxell

Mrs DD Brewster

Mr PC Brooks

Mrs S Hankin

Mr F Vickers

1 Star Master

Mr BC Barrow

Mrs SL Cumming

Mr L Harvey

Mrs KD Long

Mrs J A Munro

Mr BJ North

Mrs Liz Scott

Mr P Symm

Advanced Master

Mr JM Gattrell

Sandra Grossman

Mr John Harbridge

Mrs VM Harris

Mrs A Hereward

Mrs RM Moore

Mr RJ Paine

Mrs ML Ritchie

Mrs M Samani

Master

Margaret Alan-Smith

Mr PM Camp

Mr Geoffrey Chapman

Mrs CL Edwards

Mrs Deanne Goddard

Mrs R Harrison

Mr Alex Mcfie

Mrs P Moore

Mrs EA Pullinger

Ian Robertson

Mr Peter Scott

County Master

Mrs Gloria Boxall

Ms CA Cheesman

Mrs EMT Dooley

Mr Paul Found

Mrs Rhona Kelly

Mr Timothy May

Mrs Iris Oakden

Mr Charles Palmer

Mr Sam Samji

Mrs Yvonne Sharp

Ms R Snelling

Ms Louisa Spawls

Mrs Marjie Sushams

Mr Peter Tarran

Mr Simon Taylor

Arnold Tunbridge

Mrs Ann Walker

Mr Peter Wardle

District Master

Elaine Applebee

Mrs Val Chibnall

Mrs Eileen Davies

Mrs Beth Eccles

Mr Philip Goldenberg

Mr Alan Goldsmith

Masud Khan

Mr David Lawrence

Mrs Gill Leese

Mrs Pat Orton

Adam Parker

Mr Lester Pereira

Mrs Elizabeth Petts

Mrs Jean Pinto

Mrs Kirsty Platts

Grahame Reid

Mrs EA Simpson

Mr William Small

Pauline Soderstrom

Mr Ian Stewart

Dr Ranidevi Tamby

Maddy Tubb

Mrs Pam White

Area Master

Mrs Elizabeth Adkins

Omayma Agha

Mrs Joanna Bugeja

Mrs Kay Cadd

Mrs Paula Carter

Mrs VJ Coke-Smyth

Dr A Cull

Clare Cull

Mr Brian Davison

Ms RTA Desmarais

Michael Dudgeon

Lindy Evans

Carolyn Ezekiel

Clementine Foulser

Jean Gill

Mr Roy Glasper

Eva Glover

Marion Griffiths

Mr Rupert Harding

Mrs Val Johnston

Jan Jones

Mrs Mina Keen

Olive Law

Mrs Anne Leahy

Mr Tony Love

Mr Lee Moore

Beverley Nash

Mr Jim Pearson

Mrs Sarah Potts

Anneke Prior

Mr Graham Shortell

Mrs Shirley Stigant

Ms Diana Sulimirski

Mr David Thompson

J Ward

Mrs Maggie West

Margaret Wilkinson

Alan Windle

Club Master

Mrs CA Berglund

Dr Indira Bhambri

Graham Blackburn

Mr Roger Buckley

Lorraine M Bulbeck

Gulshan Bunting

Sue Chinn

Mr Daniel Cohen

Anna Crockford

Mrs Sue Easton

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May – June 2013

Barbara Elks
Mr Chris Emmins
Garrett Gill
Veronica Grote
Mrs Nuhad Haddad
Tony Haley
Mrs Sonja Henderson
Mr K Howard
Marion Hoyle
Mrs M James
Dr David Kennedy
Mieke Kyle
Margaret Lowe
Mr John Mansell
Enid Mark
Mr Brian Marsh
Mary Parkin
Ms Anne Pickard
J Powell
Mr S Reuben
Monica Sharp
Helen Smith
Mr John Startup
Anna Stokoe
Mr David Taylor
Kathleen Turnbull
Mrs Sue Viney
Mrs Denise Walker
Local Master
Cliff Alison
Miss Carole Andrews
David Beaumont
Barbara Carlisle
Pippa Carter
Mrs Jenny Clegg
Mrs Mieke Cremer
Mr Phil Cunliffe
Ms Sue Davies
Mrs Maureen Donelan
Mrs Wendy Duncan
Mrs Helen Foreman
Mr Del Fryer
Brian Glicksman
Mrs Diana Hancock
Mrs Usha Kapil
Mr Vishwa Kapil
Miss K Kaye
Diana Kinloch
Kathie Lewis
Rosemary Manfield
Mrs Rosemary Mash
Mrs Sue McDonald
Marion Meader
Paul Phillips
Anneke Quant

Mrs Penny Rickard
Mrs Barbara Turner
Mrs Susan Wood
Mrs L Young
Mr P Young

Sussex



Grand Master
Mr PI Clinch
Premier National Master
Mr R Sydenham
4 Star Regional Master
Mr DB Gillespie
11 Star Premier Master
Mrs J Sangster
9 Star Premier Master
Mr DN Hughes
8 Star Premier Master
Mrs HA Barker
3 Star Premier Master
Mr PF Gannon
Premier Master
Mrs W Keech
3 Star Tournament Master
Mrs I Richards
1 Star Tournament Master
Mrs KA Langham
Tournament Master
Mr JP Clark
Mrs P Edmonds
5 Star Master
Mr IF Carruthers
Mr M Haigh
Mr BJ Kelly
3 Star Master
Mr RR Heathfield
Mr PA Hutley
Mrs E Snowden-Trigg
Mr D Williams
2 Star Master
Mr AV Duddy
Mr MJ Hoolahan
Miss AP Wright
1 Star Master
Mrs H Andrews
Roger Bill

Mr R Cleminson
Mr JB Cobbett
Mrs EM Tyler
Advanced Master
Mr F Cameron
Mr David Telfer
Master
Mr RS Bird
Nm Barbara Cundiff
Mrs GC Fletcher
Ms G Flint
Mrs E Hornsey
Mr Mike Pye
Mr M Spence
Ms Sheridan Stevens
Mrs T Wallwork
County Master
Mr Chris Bailey
Mr K Booth
Mr J Burke
Mr MG Clarke
Mr Howard Da Vall
Ms J House
Mrs Rosalie Husson
Suki Kilby
Mr David Manthorpe
David Pickford
Barrie Small
District Master
Mr Allan Banks
Mrs Vera Brown
Bill Edghill
Mr Jason Fairlie
Mr Meic Goodyear
Mrs E Hand
Mrs Barbara Hart
Mr Alastair Herbert
Mrs Hilary Levett
Mr James Martin
Marie Mitchell
Mr Michael Purcell
Mr Dave Sugg
Area Master
Mr Tony Banham
Bruce Barrett
Mrs P Burfoot
Mr N Courtney
Mrs Janet Kennedy
Mr Brian Kirkdale
Mrs Diane Kirkup
Mr John McClelland
Ms Elizabeth Morrison
Mrs Janet Potter
Mrs Gaby Sadovy
Miss S Shields

Dr SG Siddle
Mr Alan Sills
Mr Leonard Sterling
Mrs Maureen Sterling
Mrs A Turrell
Mr Abbi Zarrabi
Club Master
Mr Chris Bailey
Christine Bennett
Mrs Y Bradbury-White
Paul Brown
Sue Brown
Mrs Elizabeth Collison
Andrew Corbett
Miss Phillis Dyer
Dr Pamela Gover
Mr Johny Hart
Kath Heasman
Roger Hitch
A James
Mrs Pam Jones
Mrs Mary Kidman
Mrs Linda McRae
Diana Norris-Jones
Simon Norris-Jones
Mr Martin Pearson
Boyd Pendennis
Mrs Marjorie Platt
Mr D Robbins
Mrs Leigh Robbins
Mrs Lynda Searle
Mr JB Stone
Gina Upton
Mrs Judy Von Daniken
Local Master
Mr Roy Antell
Mr Filippo Broccolino
Mr Leslie Brooks
Mrs J Cheevers
Mrs Valerie Conway
Mrs Liz Dalton
Maurice Daniels
Mr Stephen Dennison
Mrs Denise Duguemin
Mrs Joy Dunn
Mrs Shelagh Furniss
Mrs Bridget Gosney
Mr Roger Jones
Ms Cristina Ktoris
Mr RA Lay
Mr Derek Newark
Manya Oxtoby
Ms Rosamond Palmer
Mrs S Pettit
Mr I Reeve

Mrs S Reid
Mr Malcolm Robinson
Mr Joseph Steward
Mrs Rita Steward
David Strachan
Larry Stuart
Mrs J Watson

Warwickshire



Life Master
Mrs L Birch
Mr R Birch
National Master
Mrs P Knight
3 Star Regional Master
Ms M Lee
2 Star Regional Master
Mrs LL Tolbutt
24 Star Premier Master
Mr T Jones
12 Star Premier Master
Mr PG Jupe
4 Star Premier Master
Mr E Legg
3 Star Premier Master
Mr AB Patel
1 Star Tournament Master
Mr GJ Blakeway
4 Star Master
Mrs A Kent
3 Star Master
Mr N Argust
Mr K Lloyd
2 Star Master
Mrs J Berck
Ms M Scott
1 Star Master
Mrs JM Fine
Advanced Master
Mrs M Greenwood
Mr JLS Peace
Mrs SM Scott
Mrs P Stretton
Mrs C Swanston
Master
Sheila Doyle
Mrs M Johnson

Dr MJ Kingman
Mr C Woolf
County Master
Mrs Sheila Banner
Mrs AM Black
Mr Terry Bloomfield
Mrs Gillian Caldwell
Mrs Linda Clements
Mr A Dowdy
Mr Ray Glasspole
Ms PA Jarvis
Mr PC Lee
Mary Nicholls
Penny Noake
Mr M Owen
Mr Trevor Pethick
Mrs Diana Swann
Mrs P Walton
District Master
Mr A Barrett
Mr G Fairley
Mrs AM Harper
Mr Tony Jennings
Mr Derek Moore
Stuart Moore
Mr John Nogula
Mrs J Parham
Anne Parker
Mrs Ann Pedler
Michael Prosser
Mr H Rae
David Reed
Mr Colin Sharp
Mrs Priscilla Sharp
Dr P Sloan
Pauline Smith
Mrs MF Sparrey
Jean Truesdale
Ron Woolgar
Mrs V Young
Area Master
Mrs C Acey
Mrs Audrey Adams
Mrs Christine Barnes
Andy Baruch
Mr Peter Beale
Marion Cockburn
Mr Bill Coling
Mrs Maureen Coton
Mrs Wendy Crees
Mrs M Davidson
Mr David Evans
Peter Greenfield
Mr Geoff Hall
Mrs H Hebron

Mr Wes Lacey
Mr Geoffrey Parfitt
Mr Rob Parsons
Caelia Pinkney
Mr Richard Simmons
Mr R Smith
Mr Chris Sutcliffe
Mr D Thoms
Mrs Kate Thoms
Mr Peter Turl
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Philippe Allard
Ivan Beniston
Mr Jeffrey Bissenden
Mr TB Bradbury
Barry Bristol
Lesley Cordery
John Crompton
Andrew Freeman
Mrs Vikki Greggs
Mrs E Jeffrey
Mrs L Jones
Mary Kerridge
Mr P Langley
Mrs P Mason
Judith Matthews
Mr D Owen
Mrs Cynthia Parker
Mr Alan Reed
Mrs Sarah Reed
Mr David Roberts
Sheena Smith
Mrs Janet Stuchbury
Mary Sylvester
Laura Von Tucher
Mrs Valerie Walker
Mrs Rita Ward
Local Master
Mr P Augustus
Mr P Beagley
Mrs E Bramham
Mr Brian Chapple
Wendy Dent
May Denton
Sheila Duckham
Mrs Margaret Fox
Mr Phil Gough
Mr Keith Hulin
Mrs B Kenyon
Mrs Gaie Laing
Mrs Ann Law
John Murray
Reginald Pottinger
Mrs LM Pugh
Mr Harvey Quail

Mrs AJ Rigg
Mr DM Rigg
Mrs B Royston
Jeff Stafford
Brian Taylor
Mr Tony Whitby
Mr Martin Winn
Jeff Wren
Veronika Wren

Westmorland



5 Star Premier Master
Mrs JM Gartside
2 Star Master
Mrs MA Peden
Ms ER Troughton
County Master
Mr Bill Tippet
District Master
Mr Robert Boyd
Area Master
Mrs V Garvey
Barbara Meldrum
Club Master
Mrs Diane Burston
Local Master
Mrs Sheila Billing
Mrs S Burrows
Mrs A Jones
Jan Smith

Wiltshire



Premier Grand Master
Miss PS Davies
National Master
Mrs SR Gall
10 Star Premier Regional Master
Mrs SM Blandy
5 Star Premier Regional Master
Mr AF Olech
Premier Regional Master
Taf Anthias
2 Star Premier Master
Mrs G Coltman

2 Star Master
Mrs AM Baker
Mr R Baker
Advanced Master
Mr PR Edwards
Master
Judy Shewring
Mr RJ Thorpe
County Master
Mrs Anne Sharp
David Spens
Mrs Ros Wilcox
District Master
Mrs Jennifer Baxter
Mr Neil Dutfield
Mr Keith Harris
Mr R Harris
Richard Hill
Mr Ian Kirkhope
Mr R Weaver
Mr P Winstone
Area Master
Mrs Sue Brook
Mrs Anne Burton
Mr J Cameron
Mrs Ann Constable
Ian Drake
Mrs K Hayes
Mr Douglas Higham
Linda Locke
Mr BW Morgan
Mr Andrew Mundy
Mrs J Oura
Mrs R Thomas
Mr JA Whittleton
Club Master
Mrs Sarah Boydell
Mr Roger Button
Jane Gordon Wilson
Mrs E Hutchinson
Mrs Shirley Kayne
Nick Lowe
Mrs Wendy Ross
Dr J Russell
Mr Don Soffe
Mr Andrew Turnbull
Mrs Clare Wigmore
Local Master
Mr Graeme Etherington
Ms Sandra Johnson

Worcestershire



4 Star Premier Master
Mr DA McClelland
5 Star Master
Mr BK Brice
4 Star Master
Mrs DE Davies
3 Star Master
Mr RT Keates
2 Star Master
Mr GM Herbert
Mr S Norgrove
Master
Mrs F Wade
Mrs Y Waide
County Master
Ms LJ Fellows
District Master
Mrs Ann Drake
Mrs Wendy Margetts
Mr Tony Oliver
Area Master
Mrs S Clarke
Diana MacMaster
Mr Jonathan Morton
Mr David Pugh
Mr Alan Ward
Club Master
Lynn Craig
Mr Ron Thomas
Mrs Manel Tringham
Local Master
David Fortune
Marilyn Jones
Mr Terry Stringer
Roger Wady

Yorkshire



Life Master
Mrs B Bramall
Premier National Master
Mr R Myers
National Master
Mr G Bak

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May – June 2013

3 Star Premier Regional Master

Mr K Hawkins

2 Star Premier Regional Master

Mr A Fell

Premier Regional Master

Philip Morrison

11 Star Regional Master

Mr M Porter

6 Star Regional Master

Mr G Foley

5 Star Regional Master

Mr GJ Newman

3 Star Regional Master

Mr J Rouse

2 Star Regional Master

Mr S Knight

9 Star Premier Master

Mr AFP Abraham

Mr JA Digby

Mr I Johnson

Mrs E Van Heel

6 Star Premier Master

Mrs M Forshaw

5 Star Premier Master

Mr J Hanson

4 Star Premier Master

Mr HA Ainsworth

Mr MO Rattenbury

3 Star Premier Master

Mrs GL Bouttell

2 Star Premier Master

Mrs R Dickinson

Mrs JE Graham

Premier Master

Mr R D M Munden

1 Star Tournament

Master

Mrs P Cooper

Tournament Master

Mr E Patten

5 Star Master

Mr N Robertshaw

4 Star Master

Mr R Andrews

3 Star Master

Mr MB Cohen

Mr D Conley

Mrs BM Harrop

Mrs IE Newbound

Mr AW Pitt

Mr RA Stone

2 Star Master

Mrs J Brear

Mrs Sylvia Bridge

Mr DA Crossland

Mr S Crossland

Mr J Dyson

Mrs BA Huxstep

Mr DA Miller

Mrs DC Roberts

1 Star Master

Miss C Bosworth

Mr P Carson

Mr JR Chadwick

Mrs R Hartley

Mr PC Henning

Bill Holmes

Mr RA Kempner

Mr Frank Leigh

Ms RM Marston

Mr SP Sellers

Mrs D Stephenson

Mr IK Whitehead

Advanced Master

Mr JR Barrows

Mr M Barton

Mr WD Brown

Mr JM Carpenter

Mrs BP Hutchinson

Mrs WV Mclean

Mr J Milne

Mr MA Ott

Mrs M Temple

Master

Mrs MK Cooper

Mr P Cooper

Mr F Ellis

Mr T Fenton

Capt. S Ledger

Dr I Newman

Mrs Anne Scott

Mr A Stephens

Ms SK Thorpe

Mrs G Wooler

County Master

Mr SP Ballans

Mrs Judith Brindle

Mr C Cawdry

Dr J Cherry

Mrs Margaret Dallinson

AM Dearden-Briggs

Mrs J Dent

Mr Patrick Gray

Mrs Patricia Hall

Mrs J Henson

Mrs Lesley Knaggs

Mr JF Lamb

Mrs M Morley

Ms CHA Parker

Mr AM Platt

Mr Dominic Rayner

Mrs AK Thornton

Mrs C Vielle

Carol Walton

Mr G Ward

Mrs F Wilson

Mr A Woods

Ms Christine Young

District Master

Mr K Bailey

Mr Richard Barrett

Mrs Mavis Binns

Mrs AC Booth

Mr M Craven

Mrs B Fryer

Mr C Gavin

Mrs June Helliwell

Mrs M Hill

Malcolm Leach

Mrs Lorna Mallinson

Mrs Monica Metson

Dr F Pliener

Mrs E Ricketts

Miss K Thorpe

Mr Neville Vickery

Mr Ian Wetherell

Mr John Wheatley

Mrs Mavis Wood

Area Master

Miss Liz Ashmore

Carrie Anne Babington

Mrs S Briske

Mr T Broadbent

Mr Colin Brooke

Mrs DJ Coombes

Joan Couttie

Mr G Davies

Mrs Helen Dietrich

Mrs C Donnelly

Mrs Judith Edmondson

Mr DJ Elliot

Mrs Jacky Foggin

Gillian Hampshire

Mr Roger Holmes

Mr R Kapur

Mr Edward Lea

Ian Martin

Mrs S Matthews

Mr J Middleton

Ms Gillian Molloy

Mr A Morris

Mrs B Pegington

Mr Bill Prior

Ms Sue Probert

Mr Tom Probert

Mrs J Roberts

Mr Peter Scally

Mr GT Southern

Mrs D Swaine

Mrs C Swales

Mr Martin Tidswell

Basil Turner

Ken Waite

Mr J Ward

Mr JM Waters

Miss CE Watson

Mr CR White

Mrs P Wilson

Mr Ken Yeadon

Club Master

B Brewer

Tina Conway

Mrs Milly Hill

Robert Holmes

Teresa Holmes

Mrs Caroline Hopps

Mrs Janet Jackson

Mr AJE Kidd

Mrs S Kitchen

Irene Legg

Mr Sefton Leigh

Mr WJO Matthews

Ms M McDonald

Pat Moore

Mr Mike Nash

Mr J Newby

Mr Paul Ogden

Mr R Oxley

Mrs Chris Pilling

Ms Liz Ripard

Mr Harry Robson

Muriel Robson

Peter Robson

Mr Alan Rothwell

Enid Shields

Mrs Margaret Steen

Mrs Jackie Surr

Susan Whitaker

Mrs PA Wright

Local Master

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Mrs Ed Bexfield

Mr David Brown

Mr Christopher Care

Ann Cawkell

Mr Aldo De Nardi

Mr Alan Draper

Mrs Liz Hammond

Mr. Bruce Harrison

Dorothy Hartley

Mr Richard Hazlerigg

Michael Higginbottom

Mrs Brenda Howell

Mr Geoffrey Jennings

Mrs Joan Locke

Mr Harry Marcroft

Mr G Nield

Mrs J Nutt

Mrs Marjorie Priestley

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Mrs Margaret Robson

Mr Philip Roddison

Mrs Brenda Rose

Heather Rotherham

Phyllis Mary Sanderson

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