

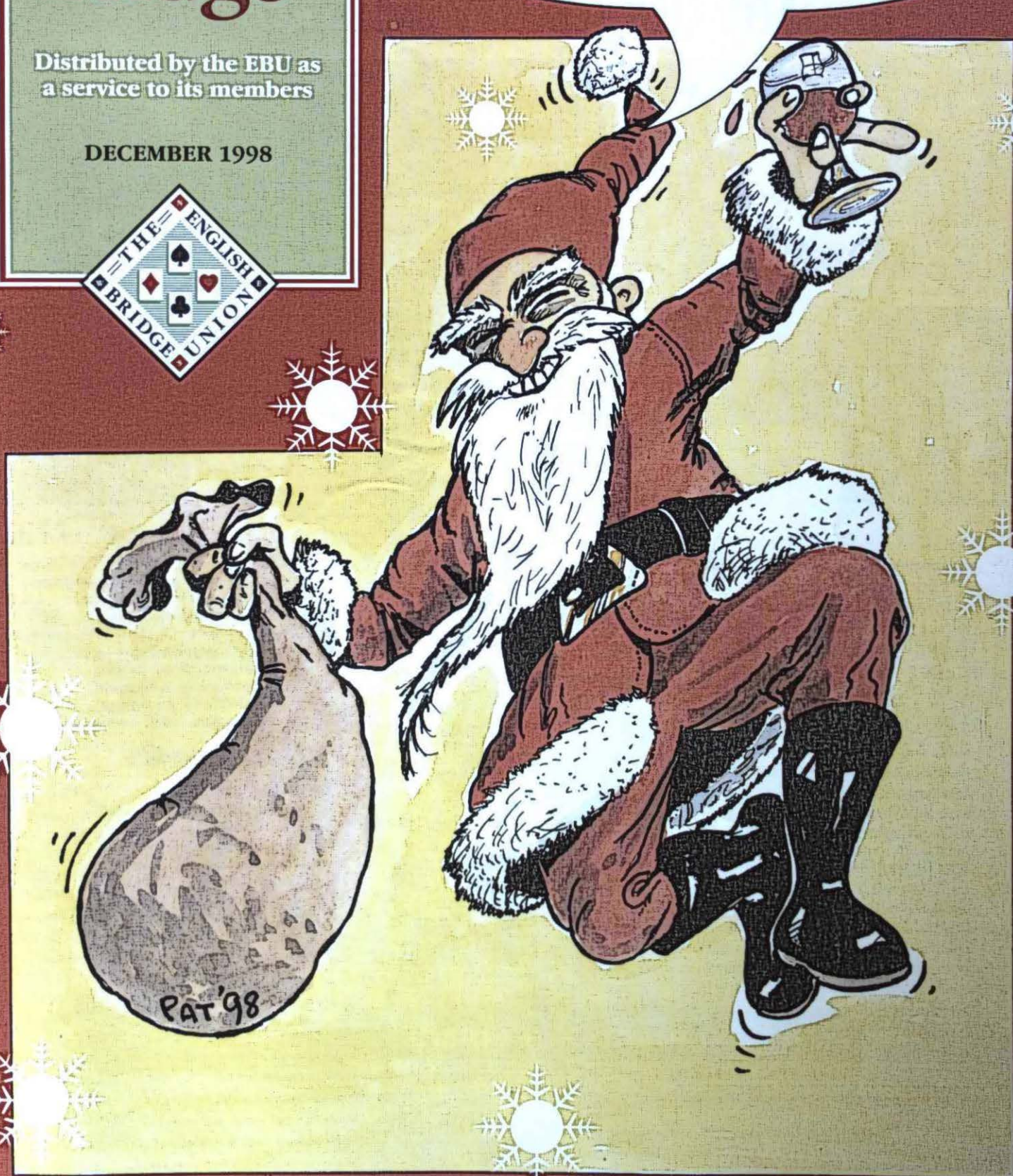
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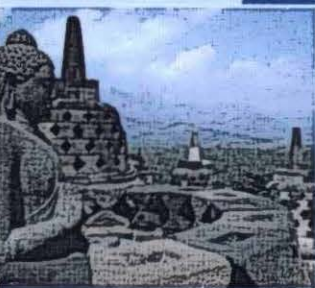
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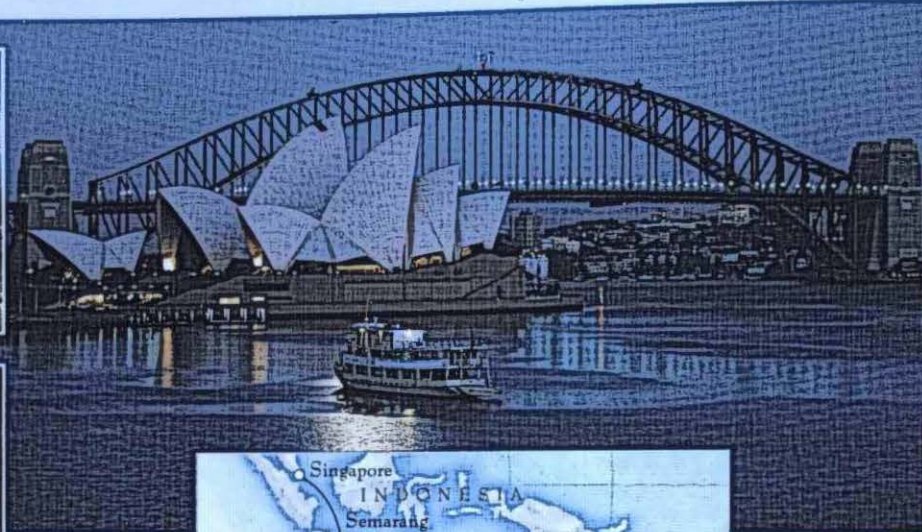


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WHEREVER bridge is played – in a club, at a county event, or at a national competition – behind the scenes there are always some volunteers making everything work. When things are going smoothly they are hardly noticed. But often for months they have been making preparations, at the same time as carrying out countless other tasks needed to organise local bridge.

Once a year there is an opportunity for these stalwarts of the bridge scene to be honoured when the EBU makes awards in the name of the legendary Dimmie Fleming, who as EBU secretary from 1955-74, ran the EBU from her home. The awards are made only on the recommendation of the county organisations – by the local people who know how much the award winner has done over many years.

This year the Dimmie Fleming awards went to Kay Johns (Channel Islands), Marion Murtagh (Warwickshire), John and Dawn Herbert (Merseyside & Cheshire), Kit Platt (Surrey) and Mollie Simmons (Hants & Isle of Wight). The presentations were made by Bill Pencharz, president of the European Bridge League, and a vice president of the EBU. Kay Johns was unable to be present and she will receive her award later.



CHRISTMAS HOURS
THE EBU offices at Aylesbury will close as usual at 12 noon on Christmas Eve, and will re-open at 8.30 on Monday, Jan 4. Throughout the Christmas period messages can be left on the 24-hour answer service, using the normal telephone numbers, and of course faxes and e-mails can be received.

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New face

NICK DOE (above) of Middlesex, has joined the EBU's competitions department to help in the organisation of tournaments and internationals. He replaces John Williams as secretary of the tournament and selection committees. Nick, a solicitor who has played regularly in county and national events.

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BRIDGE LICENSED BY THE BBL -
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THE absence of a computer would certainly make a traumatic difference to my Monday evening at the club - I've been used to taking home my computer-printed reconciliation sheet for over 10 years now. And things have moved on during the course of those 10 years. At first we scored using a Psion Organiser with a bar-code reading wand. Now we have a computer on the premises, and an attached Duplimate machine which deals the cards direct into the boards.

I expect I could remember how to shuffle and deal at a pinch, but the significant added benefit is that we get printed hand records at the end of the evening - a very useful back-up when it comes to placing partner's errors and omissions gently down his throat! More seriously, the availability of hand records is probably the greatest benefit the computer conveys to the less experienced players.

One thought about the bane of the computer-generated hands: Most of us have a more or less accurate idea of the chances of five outstanding cards breaking 3-2 etc, but the probability theory that provides all these odds assumes completely random deals, which you get only if the dealer shuffles the cards around 8 million times! Or if you have computer generated hands.

Scoring by computer is another great boon. You get your results within 10 minutes of finishing play, including the reconciliation sheet, the ranking list, the travellers, and the Master Points. We could achieve all this (just about) without a computer, but some things just wouldn't be possible at all.

Most of us enjoy participating in simultaneous pairs events, but these would hardly be practicable without a computer to consolidate the 3,000-odd results on each traveller. And can you imagine a sizeable county event or a national congress operating without a computer?

Swiss pairS events are extremely popular, and here the computer's role is

not just to deliver a result when all the bridge-playing has finished. The computer scores the event whilst it is being played and assigns the next opponents based on the current scores. If the computer (or more likely the program) doesn't do its job here, you may as well send everyone home!

Just to illustrate what the computer has made possible: at my own club, Swiss Pairs events are played routinely at both daytime and evening sessions, with anything from six tables upwards. A typical evening event comprises six 4-board rounds, current-match assignments (ie

you're assigned your opponents for the new round based on your completely up-to-date score, rather than your 'one round in arrears' score), and the delay between rounds is about one minute. You don't need a non-playing scorer or director, and an odd-number of pairs can be accommodated. But you do need the ability to duplicate several sets of boards (here comes the computer again!) We also run an individual Swiss Individual event using the same technology.

So much for scoring bridge events, but what else would I miss if computers were banished from the world? Well, the EBU wouldn't function too well on my behalf. Event organisation, Master Point administration, membership records, *English Bridge* production and distribution, and many other functions are all critically dependent on the EBU's computer network.

And what about playing bridge by computer? What would I do with all the bridge-playing programs I've acquired? And how would I indulge my passion for playing bridge 'on-line' via Wireplay or OKBridge without my computer?

And then there's the Internet and the World Wide Web. The EBU and BBL, our Advisory Panel, several counties and clubs, and one or two enterprising individuals operate their own Web sites.

Today the WWW is being used to disseminate information, particularly where this is subject to frequent changes, to advertise the forthcoming events, to web-lish* county and club results, and so on. In the bridge world, as in all other fields of activity, the Web is set to have a profound effect on our daily lives, and we'll be saying much more about this in a later article.

* A word I've coined for publishing on the web

If you have any comments, queries, or suggestions as to topics you would like covered in future articles, please contact me c/o the Editor or by email at: nigel@msgcomputers.com

No computers please, we're bridge players

Nigel Lancaster is chairman of the EBU Computer Systems Advisory Panel, a volunteer group originally formed by the EBU to advise clubs and counties on bridge scoring programs. The panel has produced checklists covering all the major scoring programs available in the UK and has drawn up standards for the electronic reporting of Master Points by clubs to Aylesbury. A pilot scheme involving two clubs has now been operating for a year. In the coming months the panel is focussing on the Internet.

Members admonished

1. At a meeting on 30th September, 1998, the Laws & Ethics Committee found as facts that:

(a) Mr Brian Keable, of Bideford Green, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, had used foul language to his partner during the final match of the Swiss Pairs event at the Brighton Summer Meeting.

(b) Mr Keable had admitted the offence in writing in a letter to the Committee dated 23rd September 1998.

The Laws & Ethics Committee decided that Mr Keable be admonished.

2. At a meeting on 30th September, 1998, the Laws & Ethics Committee found as facts that:

(a) Mr Robin Belcher, of Eastmead Lane, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, had falsified the date of issue on a number of master

point certificates belonging to himself and his wife, which were beyond their expiry date.

(b) Mr. Belcher had admitted the offence in writing in an email to the Secretary of the Committee dated 29th August, 1998.

The Laws & Ethics Committee decided that Mr Belcher be admonished.

Mike Green - remembered as a tireless Director

The death was sadly announced in October of Mike Green, an EBU Panel Tournament Director for many years until forced to retire through ill health. Many will remember him as an efficient

director, especially working at the Porthcawl Congress. Whilst being extremely good at manual scoring, he also wrote his own computer scoring programmes for both pairs and teams events.

One of his fellow directors recalls his energy: "The first time I met Mike he was setting up tables, boards and stationery at the Brighton Congress. Within the first half hour I was physically exhausted. Those of us who worked with Mike will always remember his sheer activity."

"He was a pleasure to work with, giving junior colleagues great support and making us think about how the law should be applied. He was a fine example of professionalism. Although he appreciated one's best efforts, he could be scathing about anything less."

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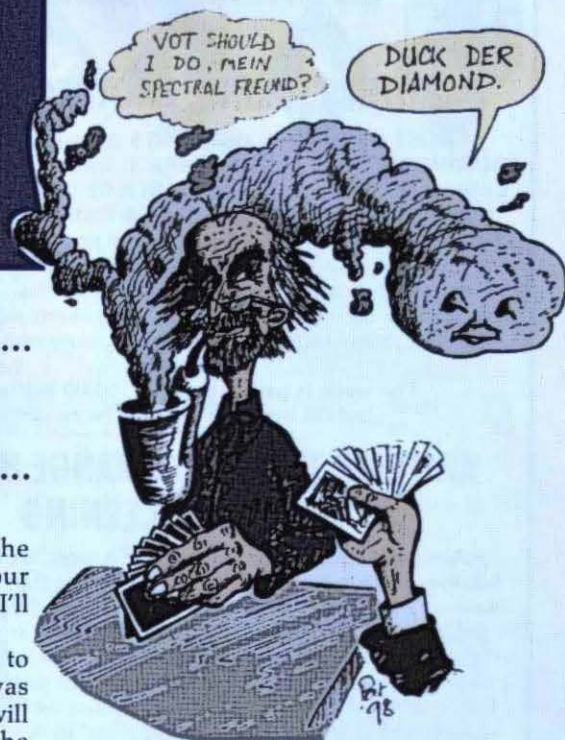
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The Christmas spirit



MICHAELMAS term was over at the University of Trumpingham. The students had gone down, allowing the staff to prepare for their own festivities. Even though it was Christmas Eve there was an atmosphere of gloom in the Administration Department.

The previous day had been the annual bridge match between the administrative and academic staff for the coveted Chancellor's Trophy. For many years the Administration department had won under the captaincy of the Registrar, Mark Fyles. It was disheartening enough to have lost the match. What made it all the more galling was that Mark had a private arrangement with the Principal based on the outcome of the contest. Losing meant that previously unallocated funds would now finance an extension to the library of the medieval manuscripts, rather than the refurbishment of the staff social facilities.

It was coffee time. The Bursar, Owen Lotts, another member of the team, came in and sat at the same table as Mark. Naturally the conversation turned to the previous night's encounter.

"How could we possibly have lost to the academics," bemoaned Owen, "especially as they had to bring in that visiting Professor of Medieval History from Bavaria."

"Oh, Gerhardt Ost," replied Mark. "I've seen him play several rubbers in the Senior Common Room and he didn't have a clue! But he made quite a difficult slam against me," continued Mark. "How would you play this hand in 6♥ on the ♣K lead?"

By John Carter

"It looks as if you will need the diamonds to be king to three on your right, but there will be other positions. I'll win and draw trumps," replied Owen.

"Yes, and eventually you will have to lead a low diamond from hand. I was West and played the ten. Now what will you do?" inquired Mark, but he continued immediately: "Sorry, it's not fair to put you to the test. Gerhardt allowed the 10 to hold and he ruffed my club return. Another diamond allowed him to capture my bare king of diamonds and then finesse my partner's jack of diamonds on the way back to hand. I'm glad that there isn't a brilliancy prize in the Chancellor's Trophy."

"That's absolutely uncanny," said Owen, "When I played against Gerhardt last night, there was another slam which depended on a very similar combination. Do you remember this hand?"

Love All	♠ 73
Dealer North	♥ A 87
	♦ AK 73
	♣ J 7 6 4
♠ 10 6 2	♠ 8 5
♥ K J	♥ 10 6 3 2
♦ Q J 10 2	♦ 9 8 5 4
♣ Q 9 5 3	♣ K 10 2
	♠ AKQJ94
	♥ Q954
	♦ 6
	♣ A 8

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

West	North	East	South
Gustav			Owen
-	1NT	No	3♣
No	3NT	No	4♣
No	4♦	No	4NT
No	5♥	No	6♣

"Gerhardt led a diamond. After discarding the 8♣ on the K♦ and drawing trumps the play was simply about the heart suit. When I played a low heart from hand the king appeared from Gerhardt. Ducking would have succeeded, just like your hand. Obviously I thought the king was a singleton. I thanked my lucky stars, won the ace and played Gerhardt's partner with confi-

dence for the jack and ten. Much to my astonishment, Gerhardt won the second heart with the jack. His return trapped me in hand and now I had to concede a second trick to his partner's ten."

"That's incredible. What on earth could have inspired Gerhardt to play so brilliantly?" asked Mark, who was wondering how Ost could have known about the financial significance of the match, when it had been kept secret from even his closest colleagues.

At that moment the matron, Molly Coddler, came bustling in. She looked very distraught. "Have you heard the news?" she asked. "Did you know Professor Ost?"

"Of course," replied Owen. "In fact we've just been talking about him."

"I've just received a telegram from his University," said Molly. "He was killed in a car accident five days ago. I was confused because they called him Heinrich. Perhaps it was his middle name."

"That would make him G.H. Ost," realised Owen.

There was a chilling silence as they looked at each other.

"So it does," replied Mark.

Not a laugh!

Pressure of space has meant that the Cartoon Competition is left out of this edition - together with the result of the last competition. The competition will return in the next edition.

West	North	East	South
Mark			Gustav
-	-	No	4♥
No	4NT	No	5♥
No	6♥		



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PRIZE PLAY

Board 1

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

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	4♥
4♠	Dbl		

North leads the ♦A and switches to the ♥2.

Board 2

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

West	North	East	South
-	1NT	No	2♥
No	No	Dbl	No
4♠	No	4NT	No
5♥	No	6♠	No
No	Dbl		

North leads the ♥K.

Board 3

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

West	North	East	South
-	1NT	No	2♦
Dbl	No	2♥	No
3♠	No	4♠	

North cashes the ♠A K and continues with the ♠9, South following suit.

Board 4

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

West	North	East	South
1♠	No	3♠	No
4♠			

North leads the ♥Q.

BT links with EBU to sponsor on-line bridge event

BT and the English Bridge Union have renewed their successful relationship for a further four years. The EBU is committed to taking an active part in the fast developing world of interactive games and feels that this is best achieved by working closely with BT Wireplay, a leading provider of on-line games.

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"We plan to hold our first Interactive Pairs tournament and present the winners with a trophy at next year's Summer Meeting in Brighton. As well as providing the trophy, BT Wireplay will cover the winning pair's entry fee and accommodation costs to take part in this presti-



It's a deal ... Keith Silver shakes hands with Sue Maxwell

gious congress." For details of the tournament, see Tournament Diary on Page 35.

"This is a good example of synergy in action," said Keith Silver, BT Wireplay's Head of Intellectual Games. "BT Wireplay and the EBU are working together to develop and deliver enhanced services to the growing numbers of bridge players."

In addition to the new tournament, and in conjunction with *Bridge for All*, there will be an on-line Wireplay evening for new students who wish to play Standard English. Plans are in hand to nominate an evening during the week when a *Bridge for All* trained teacher will run a special interactive class.

New law interpretations

SOME new interpretations of the laws of duplicate bridge have been made by the World Bridge Federation Laws Committee meeting in Lille, France, and sent to the EBU. A summary of the items that TDs may normally come across have been reported on by David Stevenson in recent newsletters sent to all clubs and counties. The laws themselves have not been changed.

A fuller report on the new interpretations – which amongst other things cover insufficient bids, changes of bid, adjusted scores and appeals – is available from the Secretary of the EBU Laws & Ethics Committee, at Aylesbury, and can be found in the laws section of David Stevenson's web site:

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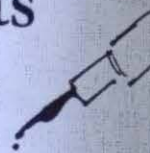
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What improvements would you like at our tournaments?



DID you read Brian Senior's article on the Brighton Congress in the last edition of *English Bridge*? I hope so, because he devoted a substantial part to offering constructive suggestions on ways our tournaments might become more attractive.

His comments certainly struck a chord with a number of us who are involved with administration at Aylesbury, because we have been aware that the demands and expectations of our members are probably greater now than ever before.

In recent years new competitions have been introduced, others modified, and congresses have sprung up in various parts of the country. However, this does not address the issue that bridge congresses in Europe, America and Australia offer the competitors a more varied

programme than we do in England. Should the EBU go down this road and, if so, how? I would certainly welcome your comments on any aspect of our tournaments where you think improvements might be made, so feel free to write to me at Aylesbury.

In addition, the EBU aims to establish a small focus group, representing a cross section of the membership, which would meet on two or three occasions to come up with ideas or proposals to be submitted to the Tournament Committee. If you would like to be considered for membership of the group and could make a worthwhile contribution, then please write to me outlining your views, along with your current involvement with the game – **Philip Mason, chairman, EBU Tournament Committee.**

Silver Plate: The semi-final stage has been reached with David Keen of the Wirral playing Stephen Brown's Oxfordshire quartet and Giles Woodruff from Cambridge playing Catherine Draper's Kent team.

Crockfords Cup: Seeded teams enter the competition at the round of 128. Two seeded teams have already been eliminated, the Welsh team led by Dean Hardie losing to a strong team led by Marc Smith, but the biggest upset was Norman Inniss beating Bernard Teltcher by 2imps after four extra boards.

Hubert Phillips Bowl: This competition is now down to the last 16 and good wins have been achieved by Agnes Blewitt, of Harrogate, against Sarah Teshome, of Wakefield, and Tom Gisborne from Sheffield against Rhona Goldenfield's Manchester quartet by a mere 220 points. An even closer win was Penny Macleod by just 150 over Diane Philipps.

Liverpool Victoria Inter-Club Knock-Out: This competition has already had a number of upsets. Last year's losing finalists, Giles Woodruff's Cambridge team, losing to the

Round-up Competition

By Brian Claridge & Ian Mitchell

Peterborough Team led by Bill Evans-Evans. Previous winners Jeremy Baker from Southampton lost to Graham Hedley, of Andover, and Paul Hackett, of South Shropshire, lost to Arthur Williams, of Worcester. Previous finalists who succumbed were Keith Stanley's Cheltenham side losing to Adrian Knight, of Moseley, and Richard Winter's team of Grandmasters, from Bradford, losing to Terry Jacobs, of Sheffield. Close encounters were wins by Tricia Pearce's Malton team, Catrina Lovett's Mountnessing team and Glenn Bourne's Nuclear Electric team, all by just 1 imp. Four clubs who started with four or more teams are still undefeated – namely Exeter and West Midlands four each, Horsham and Welwyn Garden City with five teams. The Liverpool Victoria Plate Competition is now underway with teams eliminated from the first round of the Inter-Club Knock-Out, so beware of the dangerous floaters!

A deal with too many spade aces

Spotting an extra ace in hand 4 of David Bird's 'Beat the Expert' (*English Bridge*, October), reminded me of an incident at our local club. First board of the evening, South led ♠A. Sitting in fourth position I had to announce that I also had a ♠A. South was a busy lady and had returned to the table to put the required hand into the wrong pot.

As to the bidding test, sitting West, I might have preferred a take-out double. If my partner, suspecting a distribution situation, bids his longest suit, a 5NT response to a RKCB inquiry from me, would discover the ♠A, ♠K, and a working void in one step. The grand looks no problem.

This doesn't work for a higher preempt, and I suppose it is best to proceed naturally until I, at West, reach 5♣. East with six clubs can surely go to 6♣ and must know I have a diamond or so waiting to be ruffed and go up a level. This would need courage.

Anyhow, thank David for making me think about all this. - **John Weissen, Cheddar, Somerset.**

The Editor writes: *Apologies for the rogue ace, for which David Bird was not responsible.*

All play in the same contract!

I would like to suggest a variation of duplicate for occasional use in clubs, say once a month, or as an annual competition.

Initially, deal & bid as normal at all tables. Make a note of the bidding & opening lead. This information should travel with the boards & be seen by opposing pairs at succeeding tables.

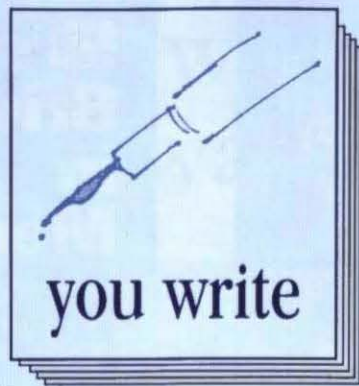
From then on, the cards should be played in the same contracts with the same leads.

I think this would help restore the balance between card & (complicated) convention players. It could be called Double Duplicate - **W Green, Lytham, Lancs.**

Skill must be rewarded

REF Mr Ian Kay's letter (*English Bridge*, October), in which he suggests that we apply a debased version of Boolean algebra to bridge scoring. Suppose his suggestion that 'overtricks should not count' were applied to a very commonplace hand - an opening 1NT passed out at most tables. The field might contain some players of great distinction and some complete duffers. Most of the great triumphs of playing consist in getting one more trick than other declarers.

Let us assume that dummy has eight or nine points opposite a weak NT and the cards lie reasonably well. The total duf-



fers will probably contrive to go one or two down and do badly; the standard and slightly sub-standard players will make the contract, possibly with an overtrick contributed by inept defence, and get average to good results; really good players will contrive an overtrick or even two, usually by means of a glamour play, an end-play, or sheer gritty counting of the opponents' discards and drawing inferences therefrom. What result could be more just and proper?

Now consider Mr Kay's preferred result. The duffers who encountered defence inept enough to cancel their bad play will get the same result as the standard players who brought the contract unimaginatively home. The good players who had to work for it against good defence will fare no better. What could be more against the spirit of the game?

- **CN Gilmore, Bedford.**

Gamblers can take up poker instead

HOW MUCH I agree with the sentiments expressed by Ian Kay (*English Bridge*, October) concerning the inordinate value of overtricks (especially doubled), but I do not share his solution. Thus 2♠ + 1 should score more than 2♠, but less than 3♠ - so overtricks could count half their normal value, and the score would be 125.

Also why should 2♠ doubled making 8 attract a game bonus - declarer's side have not taken the risk of a game bet - the score should simply be 170.

A more intractable problem is the situation where a competent declarer makes a good safety play to ensure 10 tricks in 4♥, only to open the traveller and discover it is a bottom, with everyone else making 11. There is no distinction between the

So you think you've seen them all! (3)

Recently I was called to a table by East who showed me his hand with four diamonds to the ace. He then drew my attention to dummy's hand which had just been tabled. This also had four diamonds to the ace!

I soon found that dummy had taken her cards from the lower of the two boards in the centre of the table, instead of the upper. - **Louis Baker, Pinner, Middlesex**

weaker player, who doesn't recognise the danger, and the expert pairs exponent, who goes for the overtrick. Both benefit from a fortunate lie of the cards. Who is the better player? I feel strongly that bridge should be a game of skill and judgment; gamblers can play Blackjack or Poker, - **Mike Brotherton, Liverpool.**

Southerners don't know what they're missing!

I HAVE just read Ian Kay's letter (*English Bridge*, October) regarding the overvaluing of overtricks in duplicate bridge. I partly agree with him but surely he means Match Point Duplicate?

He actually makes a good case for aggregate bridge which most clubs in Scotland play on alternate weeks with Match Point Duplicate. It is also played in the North of England but I believe they have never heard of it in Middlesex!

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Players readily understand aggregate scoring. I suspect that many Match Point players find the conversion of their score to a percentage to be one of life's mysteries.

You Southerners just don't know what you are missing! - **Ian L Dalziel, Troon, Ayrshire.**

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AT A recent Green Point event the conversation turned to the expense of all the congresses and the opinion seemed to be that if fellow clubs and members could come up with some sort of exchange system of B&B or other accommodation this might enable us to widen our scope and interest other new players.

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THE main event at the Autumn Congress, held in Bournemouth each October, is the Two Star Pairs. It consists of a qualifying round, a semi-final, and then an all-play-all 28-pair final with barometer scoring. This makes the final very exciting, as in the last session each board is played simultaneously, with instant scoring.

The early leaders were Mike Pownall and Peter Goodman, always a pair likely to be in the running for the top spots. They were helped on their way by a fine natural sequence to a slam. It cannot be every day that you find your fit at the six level in an uncontested auction.

The winners show the way to reach 7NT

NS Vul	♠ Q52
Dealer East	♥ 85
	♦ 64
	♣ KJ10986
♠ 108	♥ AK74
♥ KQ	♦ AJ92
♦ AK75	♣ QJ93
♣ A7432	♣ Q
	♠ J963
	♥ 107643
	♦ 1082
	♣ 5

W	N	E	S
-	-	1♥	No
2♣	No	2NT	No
3♣	No	3NT	No
4NT	No	6♦	

The 2NT rebid showed 15-19 points, and 3♣ asked for clarification. 3NT was showing 15-17 without five hearts. West now invited slam, and East wisely jumped to 6♦ offering a choice of contracts. West had no reason to move, and that scored exceptionally well with many people in 6NT, having only eleven tricks.

Next, what could have been a play problem, but as often happens the lie of the cards made the play virtually irrelevant.

NS Vul	♠ AK83
Dealer East	♥ K5
	♦ 5
	♣ AKJ964
♠ 1076	♥ Q54
♥ J64	♦ A9873
♦ 9872	♣ QJ10
♣ Q82	♣ 75
	♠ J92
	♥ Q102
	♦ AK643
	♣ 103

W	N	E	S
-	-	No	No
No	1♣	1♥	2♦
No	2♣	No	2NT
No	3NT		

The auction progressed smoothly, the only question being whether South



David Martin (centre) and Brian Senior (right) receive the Two Star Pairs trophy from David Harris, EBU vice chairman

should content himself with bidding 1NT, or introduce diamonds at the two level. Either way the final contract was never in doubt. West led a low heart to the ace, and East switched to the ♦Q, won in hand.

There seem to be plenty of tricks available, but declarer will not be able to return to hand for his two red tricks. There is a neat solution to this problem. Declarer crossed to the ♥K, and led the ♠J from dummy. West won and returned a spade, but declarer could now return to hand with the ♣10, and throw the two losing spades from dummy.

In fact this type of play is quite common. Defenders could have ducked the club (and declarer can be left looking a bit embarrassed if West ducks with four to the queen, when the finesse was working all along!). It didn't make any difference here. Those taking the finesse later led towards the ♠J, and when the queen was right, still came to eleven tricks.

Earlier we saw a hand where the fit was found at the six level. Next we see one in which some cue-bidding at the seven level determined the correct strain. The new pairing of David Martin and Brian Senior went into the lead at the end of the second session, being helped by this sequence:

NS Vul	♠ 972
Dealer West	♥ 532
	♦ 10832
	♣ 965
♠ QJ8	♥ AK1043
♥ KJ94	♦ AQ
♦ AQJ54	♣ K7
♣ 10	♣ AQJ7
	♠ 65
	♥ 10876
	♦ 96
	♣ K8432

W	N	E	S
1♦	No	1♠	No
2♠	No	4NT	No
5♦	No	5♥	No
6♥	No	7♣	No
7♦	No	7NT	

The auction started normally enough. It is often right to raise partner with three card support, and West would have regarded this as 'automatic'. East used Roman Key Card Blackwood, the 5♦ response showing one of the 'five' aces (the four aces and the king of trumps). Next, 5♥ asked about the queen of spades. 6♥ showed a lot of things – the queen of spades, the king of hearts, no lower king, and a good hand. East was definitely going to bid a grand now, but which one? It would depend on whether the diamonds needed to be ruffed out. He cued 7♣, and when his partner was able to show good diamonds, it was a simple matter to choose No Trumps. Inevitably with a combined 37 count, some pairs just blasted 7NT, but it was still a good score. From this point onwards there was no stopping them, and Martin & Senior were in the lead for the rest of the event.

For me the Autumn Congress (and even more its sister, the Spring Bank Holiday Congress) is one of the most enjoyable events of the calendar. In particular, its format, with three different layers of competition, makes it ideal for all levels of player.

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Plan the Play

By Dave Huggett & Stephen Cashmore
(Gollancz £6.99)

AT THIS time of the year, when I see a new bridge book, my first reaction is to wonder whether it would make a good Christmas present. I am sure most bridge players would enjoy receiving this paperback, which is particularly suitable for whiling away part of the festive holiday period. It could also be used like a bedside book, to be dipped into at leisure.

The book is subtitled 'Problems in Declarer Play for Intermediate Players' and consists of sixty single dummy problems. On each problem the two hands, declarer's and dummy's, are set out firstly on the right hand page with the bidding and initial play; then the complete deal, with the solution, is shown overleaf.

The problems are well chosen, including the following one (hands revolved for convenience):

North-South Game. Dealer West.

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



As West, you become declarer in 4♠, reached against silent opposition, and North leads the K and then Q of diamonds. Ruffing the second one, how do you plan the play at rubber bridge or teams scoring?

All the problems assume a scoring method in which overtricks are not important, while the bidding sequences given are based on normal Acol. As a nice touch, the authors put a 'Difficulty Rating' on each problem, from 1 to 4, although you are not told the rating until you see the solution! Seven of the problems are at

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level one, 19 at two, 19 at three and 15 at four, but they are set out randomly, so as to simulate play at the table.

The problem shown earlier is at level four. The key to the hand is not to rely on a 2-2 trump break. It is much better to pin your hopes on split heart honours:

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



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

After ruffing the second diamond, West plays off just one top trump and then leads a low one, guaranteeing enough entries to dummy for the double finesse in hearts.

If West initially plays off two top spades, then enters dummy via the ace of clubs to take a heart finesse, North will win, cash his master spade and continue with a third diamond. Forced to ruff for the second time, declarer is left with no entry into dummy.

As the authors point out, you should give yourself plenty of time to think about each problem. I would go further by saying that the reader gains the maximum from the book by solving each problem before looking at the solution. If I am

stating the obvious, well so be it, but I know how many times I have read this type of book and cheated by looking at the solution, having tried desperately, but too quickly, to find it myself! – Peter Littlewood

The Bidding Battle

by Paul Mendelson
(Colt Books, £8.95)

IF ANYONE were to ask in what way the game of bridge has developed significantly over the past decade or two, I suppose the answer would have to be in the area of offensive bidding. No longer do the opponents have to sit there meekly with their combined fifteen count waiting for the next hand, but are in the auction early, pushing you to make decisions at an uncomfortable level.

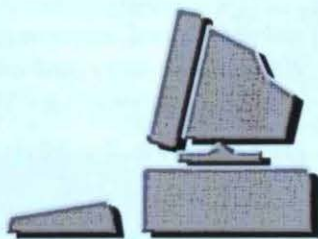
How these tactics can be adopted in a relatively safe manner are described in some detail in Paul Mendelson's new book, called appropriately enough *The Bidding Battle*.

Most people these days are familiar with the Law of Total Tricks, and while I am not such a rabid advocate as many, I do believe in the offshoot Total Trumps Principle. This can be stated as follows: *When the points between the two sides are balanced or your side holds the minority of the points, you are safe to compete to the same number of tricks as your side holds cards in your longest suit.*

Relative vulnerability has to be taken into account of course, but basically if you have nine spades between you it is right to compete to the three level. You may or not may not make it, but if you can't, *tant pis*, because the opposition can certainly make something themselves.

Mendelson deals at length, and well, with a lot of the more familiar gadgets around at the moment. Weak twos, two-suited overcalls and all sorts of fancy doubles are examined, but the chapter I found most instructive was the one on re-opening after having opened one no-trump and the opposition intervene. If you hold ♠ Q J 9 8 ♥ 8 2 ♦ A Q 10 9 ♣ K J 8 and hear left hand opponent overcall your One No Trump opening with two hearts, you should re-open with a double if it comes back to you. It makes abundant sense but there is an inner voice which somehow tells us that when we have opened with a No Trump we have said all we have to say. If partner is 4-4 in the minors on the above hand he would 'scramble' by bidding 2NT, which can hardly be natural and merely asks opener to pick his best minor.

I liked this book a lot because maybe it will give me the courage to do things I know I should but sometimes shy away from. After reading it I guarantee you won't be using your 'pass' card so often. – Dave Huggett



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FOR most of us, bridge is our number one game. And it was the same for the hundred plus children, with family members in tow, joining teachers and friends at this year's Junior Teach In at Marlborough College. Loads of bridge was played, but there were plenty of other games as well.

On reaching Marlborough town, in the well-laden English Bridge Union van, we dropped off Adam Dunn to buy essential items such as hundreds of table tennis balls. The first arrivals needed something to occupy themselves during Friday afternoon and table tennis was the most popular choice. There was also snooker, pool, football, jenga and backgammon, plus ad-hoc games of bridge, of course.

Every good bridge event starts with a meal and here was no exception. After supper we got round to the main reason for being there – bridge for most but mini-bridge basics for the Raw Rookies, who were completely new to the game. There were just four of these, all little ones who were looked after by John Cattanaach. He's pretty tall and one of their favourite games was hanging off his legs when he explained something on the whiteboard. They also enjoyed a spot of knockout whist to practice

their card handling skills, when concentrating on the bridge became a bit too much.

More tuition on Saturday morning was followed by a welcome break in the afternoon when groups tried the swimming pool or tennis courts, and others just went for a bit of window shopping in the pretty town centre right next to the college. For the really sporty ones, Sandra Penfold enthusiastically led twenty boys and one girl to the rounders field. Donald Slack captained the first team and was helped (or more probably hindered) by teachers Roy Newton and Sandra. Roy managed to pull a hamstring and so had to employ a runner, which Sandra thought was such a good idea that she roped in one too.

Ian Fletcher compensated for his team's lack of runs by entertaining everybody throughout. 'Girl Power' was well in evidence as Rounders Spice had the twenty lads well under control.

The grand bridge tournament in the evening was split into three sections. The loudest were the Rookies who played a little mini bridge in between running around and shouting. Not much quieter, were the Fearless Fledglings, who had just learnt responses at the one level. Once away from the shackles of the lessons it didn't take them

long to discover the joys of overcalling, doubling and even redoubling. The main competition was something approaching serious, where the players' competitive streaks excelled. Everyone was trying to do better than the friends they had made over the weekend, but the results showed that Girl Power exists in bridge as well as in rounders.



There was even time for bridge!

In amongst all this Gungel Akyol took on the Father Christmas role, awarding spot prizes for anything that took his fancy including, the most revolting ears and the best pair of matching tracksuits (won by the Patterson twins).

There were prizes for those who did best in each bridge category, as well as for those best overall, presented by Jon Cooke and Abbey Walker, both highly successful as junior internationals and role models for the aspiring bridge players.

Games on Sunday included 'Hunt the chocolate bar' (we had only taken about ten thousand, which was nowhere near enough to keep everyone going between breakfast, elevenses, lunch, tea and supper); 'Find a Mastermind', forming teams prior to the Sunday afternoon general knowledge quiz; and, the most popular with the Rookies, 'Adam's Piggyback'.

My final game was 'Vehicle relay'. The first leg was a hired minibus from the college, which I drove to Swindon train station and back. Then, once we had finished clearing everything up, we took the EBU van back to Aylesbury. After unloading and sorting things out at the office, I was finally able to drive my own car home arriv-

ing in a limp heap at about 9.30pm. It was then that I finally met my houseguests for the weekend, Henry & Dorthy Francis. Henry has just retired from managing the ACBL, the larger US equivalent of the EBU. However, when I told him about the numbers we had at Marlborough, his comment was: "Wow, we can't get that sort of number of youngsters together in the States". That reaction really 'spiced' me up again, I can tell you.

The winners

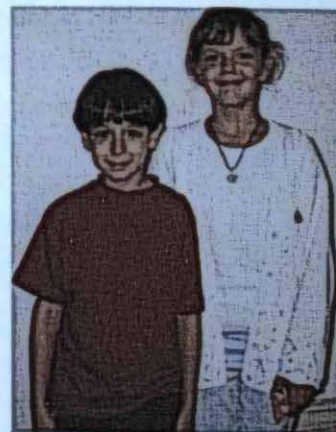
Main Tournament – 1 Sarah Pinchbeck & Catherine Evans; 2 David Jones, Hamish Ross & Jonathan Sharp; 3 Tom Pocock & James Goldsmith.

Fledglings – 1 Jade Besley & Mark Cullen; 2 Karen Holley & Amy Mann; 3 Kate McCarthy & Claudia Raperport.

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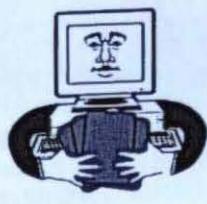
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Scribblings from the sticks

By Eddie Scott

Though not proud of the fact, I can honestly say I do not greatly enjoy walking. But recently I was lured – or should I say dragged ‘kicking and screaming’ – to a local beauty spot. I turned to my wife and in the loudest of stage whispers, with great emphasis on timing, observed: “I am going out now.....and I may be some time.” A bright spark in the group responded spontaneously: “I thought you were going to say you weren't coming back!”

This brings to mind examples of confusion endured by bridge beginners and improvers invited to ‘make up’.

When two or three are gathered together, they need a fourth. Protestations of inexperience are brushed aside. “We'll help - it's all very friendly - you must play to improve - a change from four walls - makes for a better afternoon.”

Politely, reluctantly, the hapless one climbs onto the tumbrel.

“Why did you lead that?” - “Didn't you see my discard?” - “You really must learn to lead the top of my suit” - “Always lead your ace against a slam” - “But they're trumps; never lead trumps” - “You must have 16 points to overcall 1NT”.

By the time tea is served, the stricken tyro feels like she's sharing it with Hyacinth ‘Boocay’!

One promising lady beginner experienced a similar execution: I had just introduced Acol Strong Twos.

“It was the best I've ever seen,” she lamented. “Twenty four points and I had to pass.” It transpired, the husband of her hostess was in opposition and firmly opened: “Stop, three hearts.”

So she stopped.

In similar circumstances, I might well have done the same. Am I alone? It would surely be illogical for tutors to introduce beginners to alert bids and jump (or skip) bids before explaining the ranking of the suits and how to count high card points.

Quite experienced improvers still have difficulty in knowing when to alert, when to say stop, when to ask, who to ask, especially playing against the exalted.

Many readers would suggest Bidding Boxes solve these problems. Point taken, but I believe they belong in bridge clubs and would discourage my groups. I would rather cherish the long term member, with no illusions, who once responded to her partner's opening bid of 1NT:

“Two clubs, and it's not Stayman!”

The genuine desire, now seen at the highest levels, to simplify and reduce alerting, is a very welcome conversion for us ‘limited’ enthusiasts. As one member of my group said: “Sometimes I forgot it was bridge – I thought it was a seance!”

Peter Littlewood's

Gallimaufry

a dip into bridge's rich past

CROSS-RUFF was originally the name of a card-game, according to this festive season verse from *Poor Robin's Almanac 1693*: *Christmas to hungry stomachs brings relief, With mutton, pork, pies, pasties and beef, And men at cards spend many idle hours, At loadum, cross-ruff, put and all-fours.*

The game of cross-ruff first appeared in print in 1592, when the writer said “I stood I looking at them playing cross-ruffe, one was taken revoking”. But the game faded away before the end of the 18th century, as did its name. When it comes to the play of the cards, cross-ruff is a relatively modern term. What we now know as a cross-ruff was called a see-saw, as confirmed by Edmond Hoyle in his *Short Treatise on Whist 1746*: “See-Saw is when each Partner trumps a Suit, and they play those suits to one another to trump.”

This was how it was humorously described a century later in the terminology chapter of *Whist, Its History and Practice*: “See-saw: Each partner trumping a suit which is regularly played by the other for the purpose; so called from the alternating motion of children over a curiously adjusted string, accompanied with a plaintive and popular melody.” Quite a logical term for the to and fro motion of a cross-ruff!

The term ‘double dummy’ also started its life as the name of a game. Whist for three players was called Dummy, while for two players it was Double Dummy. In this game, each of the two players had a dummy, so effectively both players knew all four hands even though only two were in open view. However, some players exposed all four hands, which gave rise to the modern usage of ‘double dummy’.

In the game of piquet a hand with no picture cards was ‘carte blanche’ which was used in whist to describe a worthless hand, until the Earl of Yarborough, decided to bet 1000 to 1 against holding a hand not containing a card above a nine.

The actual odds are 1827 to 1, yet his wagers caught the imagination of whist players and soon a hand without honours became known as a ‘Yarborough’. Surprisingly, since it is such a well known expression, the reference books do not agree about which Lord Yarborough made the wagers. Some show the year of death as 1862, while others go for 1897, and I am not alone in querying this because at least one other researcher, Alec Heard, of Kent, has raised the issue with a leading publisher. Watch this space!

Conversely, holding a ‘Jeroboam’ in the early years of whist became to mean

being blessed with a hand of overwhelming strength. When a reader of *Notes and Queries* asked why that term had evolved to mean this, a member of the Roman Catholic clergy replied that it was similar to a “jeroboam of claret, and the sense of magnitude was derived from the division of tribes when Jeroboam obtained ten of the tribes of Israel and his rival was left with only two.”

Some card-game terms appeared and disappeared without a clue as to how they had evolved. An example was ‘fuzzing’ as applied to the dealing of cards. Writing in the *World December 1754*, Lord Chesterfield explained that he “was a witness to the rise and progress of that most important verb fuzz, which, if not of legitimate birth, is at least of fair extraction it means no less than dealing twice with the same pack of cards for luck's sake at whist”.

By contrast, the word ‘lurch’ has developed over the years. In 1598 John Florio explained that it was a “maiden set at any game”, meaning a set won to love. In *Coriolanus 1607/8* Shakespeare used ‘lurched’ to mean stole the show, while, in Elizabethan slang it meant “got more than one's fair share” usually by cheating.

By 1785, *Grose's Dictionary of Vulgar Tongue* was pointing out that “those who lose a game of whist without scoring five are said to be lurched.” A similar term applied in cribbage and backgammon.

As late as 1884, an author suggested that whist players could agree that a game won to nil “is a lurch for which you count three”. Nowadays lurch has generally become to mean a difficult or hopeless position, although some rules of cribbage still include the specific one that if a player reaches the gamehole before his opponent has gone half-way, he scores lurch, which is two games instead of one.

In bridge, of course, partner can leave you in the lurch!

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♥ A K 10 9 6 5	♥ 7
♦ K 5	♦ A 10 7 2
♣ K Q 10 6 4	♣ A 9 5 2



with
Brian Senior



I CAME across this hand in a congress report in the *Irish Bridge Journal*, where it was stated that it proved too difficult to bid the lay-down grand slam in clubs and that game contracts in hearts and clubs were popular resting places. Well, there are difficulties to be overcome, and thirteen tricks are by no means guaranteed even if you do manage to reach 7♣, but it did seem to me that there should be a way of getting there, so here goes:

West	East
1♥	1♠
2♣	3♣
3♦	3NT
4♣	4♦
5NT	7♣

It would make life easier if East did not bid his spades as it would then be possible for West to jump in spades as a splinter bid when the club fit comes to light. Alas, though the spades are very weak, it is normal to respond 1♠ and failure to do so will frequently lead to missing a four-four spade fit.

West has a potentially very powerful hand, but the 1♠ response has not made it any better and a simple 2♣ rebid is ample. Particularly if playing Acol Strong Two bids, opener's second round jump-shift should normally be made only on a hand which has been improved a little by partner's response.

East has a fairly easy raise to 3♣. He may have only 8 HCP, but his hand has improved quite a bit when West bids clubs and those 8 HCP are two aces. Meanwhile, the 2♣ rebid covers a wide range of hands from a five-four 11-count up to a hand just short of a game-force, so East should certainly keep the bidding open.

Knowledge of a nine-card club fit improves the West hand enormously. From being unsure of game, West is now thinking of slam. Had East not started with a spade bid, West might now jump to 4♣, splinter, but this would sound natural in the actual sequence. He cannot launch into Blackwood because he has no way of knowing whether partner has the ♠A. Would a raise to 4♣ be forcing? Many would play it so and that would solve the problem nicely, inviting partner to cuebid. I certainly know players who would not be convinced that 4♣ was forcing, however, and the safe way forward is to use fourth suit forcing.

Over 3♦, East shows a diamond stopper by bidding 3NT and now West can make a clear slam try by removing to 4♣. Looking at two aces, East is sufficiently suitable to co-operate so bids 4♦, cuebid. That is clearly the ♦A, as East has shown a diamond stopper for No Trump and West is looking at the king. Only one more card is required – the ♠A. West jumps to 5NT, the Grand Slam Force, to ask for it, and East duly obliges with a jump to 7♣, ending the auction.

Perhaps you thought that GSF asked responder to bid seven with two of the top three honours? Many play it that way, but there are many sequences in which a more flexible approach is better. Where the 5NT bidder is making all the running and partner is limited, it is best for 5NT to ask responder to bid seven with a good holding for their previous bidding. In this sequence, either the ace or king should be deemed sufficient. This flexibility is particularly useful when clubs are the agreed trump suit as there is no room for responder to distinguish between zero and one top honour without committing his side to seven.

Perhaps you think the West hand is worth an Acol 2♥ opening? I agree. If you are playing Acol twos then surely this hand qualifies. How might the bidding now go?

West	East
2♥	2NT
3♣	4♦
5NT	7♣

Despite the two aces, East has to start with a negative response as he has no heart fit and no suit worth bidding. Not to worry, unless partner has a very rigid mind, you can always catch up later. West bids his second suit, which is normally treated as a one-round force.

That means that East would have to bid again even without the two aces. In reality, he is delighted to bid, especially as he now knows that there is a club fit. If a raise to 4♣ would be forcing, that would be a possibility, presumably showing a better hand than a raise directly to 5♣ as it leaves more room to explore. But are you sure that 4♣ is forcing in your partnership? Remember

that East might have to find another bid with:

♠ 8742
♥ 7
♦ 10762
♣ 9532

A non-forcing 4♣ would seem to be useful now.

If you do not wish to risk 4♣, then a jump to 4♦, agreeing clubs and showing a diamond control, would seem to be the only option available. There is no room in this auction for the jump to be specifically a splinter bid as East has to have some way of supporting clubs in a forcing manner. Here, the cuebid works perfectly. Facing the ♦A, West can underwrite six and only needs to find the ♠A for seven. Once again he uses GSF to ask for it. And once again, just one of the ace and king of clubs should be sufficient for East to accept the invitation.

Jeremy Dhondy's

Orange Tip

A mini guide to the rules and regulations
When should you explain your partner's bid?

Rule 1: Wait until you are asked. You are not allowed to volunteer information.

Rule 2: When asked give a complete explanation of the bid. Example: You play the ASPTRO defence to INT and partner bids 2♣. The opponents are entitled to know not only that it shows hearts and another but also that if you have both majors which is likely to be longer.

Rule 3: If your partner explains your bid wrongly then you can correct ONLY if you are not giving your partner information. So you are expected to correct a wrong explanation if you are dummy or declarer but not if you are defending. It is far better to call the Tournament Director to help sort out any problems.

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IT WAS supposed to be Grand Slam Force this month but some letters of enquiry, agreement and disagreement, have persuaded The Editor that 4th Suit Forcing Part 2 is required.

Nearly everyone plays some sort of 4th suit forcing but to play it effectively you need to sort out not only how far forcing it is, as covered last time, but also how your basic bidding method will affect the decisions you make later in the auction.

Suppose you hold:

♠Q5 ♥J10643 ♦A7 ♣AJ86

You open 1♥ and partner responds 1♠. If you now rebid 2♣ and partner bids the fourth suit, diamonds, then a bid of 2♠ would now be forcing. You don't have to play it this way; some pairs play it as non forcing, but the vital thing is to know, because if it is forcing then you have to make a decision as to what to do earlier in the auction. If a 1NT rebid is 12-16 then you might bid 1NT instead of bidding 2♣. This will be non-forcing and will avoid having to rebid a jack high major.

Dr John Manning, author of the manual which has become the authoritative work on duplicate bridge movements, has died at the age of 73.

Ron Buddery, of Sussex, writes:

IT IS with the deepest regret that we heard of the sudden death of Dr Manning who, over the past 37 years, has contributed much to English bridge and the county associations of Northamptonshire and Sussex. This was recognised in 1994 when he was presented with the EBU's Dimmie Fleming Award.

John started playing bridge in 1961 when he was employed as Head Statistician by the Shoe and Allied Trades Association in Kettering, Northamptonshire. In that year, a bridge club for men was started at Wellingborough which he joined with Len Lucock, a colleague from SATRA. In the following year, bowing one suspects to a certain amount of domestic pressure, John and Len opened a mixed club in Kettering and it was John's experience of directing there that led him to develop the theory of arrow switching in pairs events. The theory was accepted by the EBU and in 1979 John's paper on the subject was published in the Bulletin of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications.

A county association was formed in Northamptonshire in 1962 and John served as a member of its management committee for 21 years, 17 of which were spent as a delegate to the EBU. A popular director of many county events, he also became the County Tournament Secretary; for the last ten years of this office his wife Eileen joined him as County Secretary.

John's mathematical work and his bridge interests came together again

when SATRA acquired their first computer and this was used out of hours to score county events. John then wrote a program for computer dealt hands and these were produced for the EBU by the SATRA Computer Service until the work was taken in-house.

John retired in 1986 and he and Eileen moved to Seaford, Sussex, joining the Eastbourne and Avenue bridge clubs and subsequently Lewes. In 1990 he was elected to the Sussex county management committee, became an EBU delegate again and was commissioned by the EBU to write a new Movements Manual to replace the out of print Farrington book. The new version, published in 1993, is found in most British clubs and has become an authoritative work, worldwide.

John and Eileen, both Premier Life Masters, have represented Northamptonshire and Sussex in county competitions. John's other main interest was natural history. In Northamptonshire he set up a nature trail in Wicksteed Park and in Sussex he worked as a volunteer at the Seven Sisters Centre and for the Sussex Wildlife Trusts, spending time recently updating records for the Sussex Botanical Society.

John kept up to date, if not ahead of times. His website had been in operation for some time, linked to Aylesbury and he had become the internet information centre for the Sussex county association.

He will be sadly missed, not only by his family, but by the members of the EBU and friends from far afield.

CONVENTIONS

you need to know

Fourth Suit Forcing - Part 2

By Jeremy Dhondy



If your NT rebid is 15-16 then you might even consider opening 1NT to avoid problems later in the auction.

If you have a 3-5-4-1 hand and regularly bid your four-card suit on the second round of the auction instead of supporting partner with three cards it is certainly going to affect later calls in the auction. Rule One is to know your method and then to prepare the auction accordingly.

4th Suit can be the first move in going for a slam. It has the advantage of keeping the auction at a low level

and allowing partner to describe his hand. If you then like what you hear you must know what your agreements are when, say, you bid 4NT. Suppose you hold as North:

♠AJ954 ♥Q ♦KQ3 ♣AK86

N	E	S	W
1♠	No	2♥	No
3♣	No	3♦	No
?			

After the start above, partner bids 3♦, the 4th suit. You have a stop so you are delighted to bid NT, but partner has made a game forcing bid and you hold 19 points. You will feel very uncomfortable if you bid 3NT and he passes slowly! The answer is to bid 4NT to show a hand that wishes to play NT but is too good to bid 3NT. This will not necessarily be a success if partner tells you how many aces he has. Rule Two is to agree on the meaning of 4NT after the fourth suit and it may be best to play it as quantitative. The reason for this is that when 4NT is Blackwood (normal or key card) it is usually employed when the suit either has been agreed or the act of bidding 4NT agrees trumps. In the auction above no suit has been agreed.

A further use of the 4th suit is to jump in it. Consider this North hand:

♠A986 ♥KQ104 ♦87 ♣A8

N	E	S	W
-	-	1♦	No
1♥	No	1♠	No
?			

You could now bid the 4th suit as a prelude to supporting spades as you are too good to bid any number of spades directly. By way of an aside at this point: Do you know whether partner must have four spades and at least five diamonds or whether he could be 4-4? Your judgement of hands can often be affected by matters such as this and it is truly amazing how many pairs have not discussed this sort of basic point. Back to the 4th suit. Instead of bidding 2♣ you can bid 3♣. A jump in the 4th suit shows:

- 4-card trump support
- A control in the 4th suit
- Some slam interest

Note it is much more specific in nature than a simple bid of 4th suit.

The final article in this series in the next edition: Grand Slam Force.

BEGINNERS from last year, now proudly second-year learners, returned for my *Bridge for All* classes in September, with a new crop of would-be-players taking their place in the beginners' class. Strangely, as I write, both groups are about the same place in the bidding. For the returners it is a quick revision before going on to the 2NT opening, and for the newcomers it is their first lesson in bidding following on from the mini-bridge introduction. The topic is the opening 1NT and the subsequent auction.

There really is only one bid to learn, the rest is just common sense. Here are some examples to illustrate that point. One No Trump shows 12, 13 or 14 points, a balanced hand with no 5-card major. By balanced, I mean a hand with no void, no singleton and at most a doubleton. Whilst most of my readers will be aware of the rules, it is surprising how often students want to open 1♦ with a hand like:

♠ A Q
♥ J 8 6
♦ A 10 9 6 4
♣ K 7 6

What is wrong with 1♦ they ask, I will rebid 2♦ whatever partner bids. True, but what is wrong with 1NT? It fits the rule for a 1NT opener and, more importantly, limits a weak opening hand at the first opportunity. The question inevitably comes back – "Well if that is a 1NT why isn't this?"



♠ A Q
♥ A 10 9 6 4
♦ J 8 6
♣ K 7 6

The answer is if we open 1NT, we have no way of showing a 5-card major and may miss a major suit game. Equally we have no way of showing a 5-card minor but we don't want to, as most game-going hands with minors are played in No Trumps. Let's look at how that statement affects the subsequent bidding.

♠ K J 10 9 7 4
♥ 7 5
♦ K Q 5
♣ A 2

With 13 points, you hear partner open 1NT. The combined total for our side must be at least 25, maybe as much 27. For 1NT partner must have at least two spades, so the right bid is a simple jump to 4♠ – no need to mess about.

Standard English by Sandra Landy



♠ K Q 5
♥ 7 5 4
♦ K J 10 9 7
♣ A 2

You hear 1NT from partner. Again the combined total must be at least 25 points, enough to bid game. We really do not want to play in five of a minor where we have to make eleven tricks. Much better to try for No Trumps where only nine tricks are needed, so we just bid 3NT – no need to mention the diamonds, partner will see them when dummy goes down. Make the ♥4 the ♦4, so we have a 6-card diamond suit, and we still bid 3NT.

♠ 5 4 3
♥ 7
♦ J 10 9 7 3 2
♣ 4 3 2

What a horrible hand, certainly no game will make. Just imagine poor partner struggling in 1NT. Even with 14 points it will be an impossible task. Your hand might take a few tricks with the diamonds as trumps, so bid 2♦. This is a weakness take-out and partner MUST pass however good or bad the hand. You may not make 2♦ but you will take more tricks than partner would in 1NT.

These first hands are very clear-cut. Bid the contract you want to be in, don't give information away. It can only help the defence. Sometimes, however, you will need to consult partner about the final contract. Remember that, once 1NT has been opened, it is responder who is in charge of the auction. Opener can reply to questions asked but it is not permitted to take the initiative. Opener is limited: only responder knows if this is a game hand or a part score.

♠ K J 10 9 7
♥ 7 5 4
♦ K Q 5
♣ A 2

With 13 points we still want to be in game but now maybe 4♠ will be a better contract than 3NT. We aren't sure what to do, so we ask partner a question by bidding 3♣. It is a FORCING bid that says "With three or more cards in spades please raise spades, otherwise bid 3NT. Whatever you do, don't pass!"

♠ J 10 2
♥ Q 7 5
♦ K J 5 4 3
♣ A 2

Only 11 points now, maybe we have the magic 25, maybe we don't. Again we have to consult partner. This time it is a different question, which we ask by bidding 2NT: "Are you a maximum or a minimum, partner?" Now partner can pass with only 12 points, bid 3NT with 14 and decide what to do with 13, depending on whether the mood is optimistic or pessimistic.

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IT IS now nearly two years since I started work at the EBU on an exciting new project called *Bridge for All*. It was an act of faith by the board and council that the programme would be a sound investment in the future. That still has to be demonstrated fully, but the *Bridge for All* team can now write with confidence about what is happening. *Bridge for All* makes sure that people new to the game not only learn but actually play bridge. Hence our strap-line (as the marketing people will call it) 'The complete Learn and Play programme'.

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WITH the opening matches of the 1998/99 Inter Club Knock Out already under way, Cambridge BC came to Coventry BC in late September for the final of the 1997/98 competition. The year-long trail, and the number of miles covered, seemed long in the past. Travel weary or not, you needed to be sharp to deal with the problems which the match produced.

Problem 1

Dealer South, Game All, and as North you hold:

♠ KJ7652 ♥ 862 ♦ AK5 ♣ 9

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1NT
3♣	4♣	5♣	No
No	Dbl		

One No Trump is 12-14, 3♣ natural, promising 6-7 tricks. Your lead?

At the end of a weary journey... thorny problems

By David Jones

Problem 2

Dealer North, Love All and as South you hold:

♠ Q83 ♥ Q985 ♦ A5 ♣ QJ85

North, playing a Strong Club, opens 1♣ showing a limited hand that may contain only four spades. East bids 4♦. Your bid?

Problem 3

Dealer North, North-South Game, and as West you hold:

♠ A9 ♥ 6 ♦ AKQ109753 ♣ A3

North and East pass. South opens 1♠. Your bid?

With Hand 1 if you led a top diamond you were soon writing down 750 in the minus column:

Dealer South. ♠ K J 7 6 5 2
Game All. ♥ 8 6 2
♦ A K 5
♣ 9

♠ A 10 9 8
♥ J 4
♦ None
♣ A J 10 8 7 4 3

♠ 3
♥ K 9 7 5 3
♦ J 10 8 6
♣ K 6 2

♠ Q 4
♥ A Q 10
♦ Q 9 7 4 3 2
♣ Q 5

The opening lead was ruffed and the ♥ J run to the queen. A low spade saw the ace win and a second heart to the nine. South won and continued a spade. Dummy ruffed, a heart ruff established the hearts and the ♠ A and a club to the king drew trumps for eleven tricks. Martin Jones made four spades at the other table, a contract that can go down but not on the club lead at the table to give Coventry BC 16imps on the hand. This accounted for the lead of 11imps Coventry had after eight boards.

The lead to beat the 5♣ contract? A low spade or a club. On the spade lead when South wins the first heart dummy is forced to ruff the second round of spades before the second heart play. There are now no longer the entries to dummy to set up and enjoy the heart suit. A club, and a club continuation by South, also sees dummy's entries disappear, leaving the heart suit isolated.

Hand 2 saw John Collings of Coventry faced with the difficult decision. Double and pass are certainly options but John chose to bid four spades. This contract

needed a fair wind and a little help from the defence but it eventually staggered home. Four diamonds, the contract at the other table, could not be beaten so double or pass would not have worked.

The brave bid of John Collings was required not to lose on the board. The hand was from the third set during which Coventry gained 24imps to take their lead to 37imps after 24 boards.

Hand 3. These were the full hands:

Dealer North. ♠ J 7 4
North-South Game. ♥ A 9 5 3
♦ 8 6 2
♣ K 9 5

♠ A 9
♥ 6
♦ AKQ10 9 7 5 3
♣ A 3

♠ Q 6 2
♥ J 10 8 7 4 2
♦ J 4
♣ J 7

♠ K 10 8 5 3
♥ K Q
♦ None
♣ Q 10 8 6 4 2

When Giles Woodruff of Cambridge had the decision he bid 3NT. This became the final contract and made the obvious 10 tricks. 4♣ and 5♣ are both making contracts for North-South and perhaps South should press on with 4♣. The jump bid to 3NT, however, silenced opponents and achieved 430 in the plus column. At the other table I decided to double and bid diamonds later. After all little is needed from partner for a slam. The final contract of five diamonds had to go one down, doubled, and Cambridge gained 11imps.

With eight boards to go Coventry held a 31imp lead. This hand offered Cambridge an opportunity (Dealer West, Love All):

♠ A Q 10 4
♥ 10 7 5 4
♦ K Q 10 6 3
♣ Void

♠ J 5
♥ A K 8 6 3
♦ A 9 2
♣ A 6 5

The hearts were 2-2 and the diamonds 3-2 so thirteen tricks were easily taken. The contract at both tables was 6♥ so the opportunity for Cambridge had gone. It was to be the last and Coventry emerged winners by 37imps.

Coventry BC: David Jones, Garry Watson, John Collings, Martin Jones, Stephen Green, Graham Link.

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Puzzling with Bernard Magee

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T	C	H	H	R	E	E	E	S
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G	S	S	U	B	Y	F	E	S
I	O	L	U	T	H	R	E	E
E	C	G	N	I	K	T	N	H

You are required to find the pack of cards in the word-search above, ie from ace to two, and also the suits, spades, hearts diamonds & clubs. One suit and one card are omitted - they are the 'lead'. The unused letters in grid order will spell out the contract. Finally, plan the play.

♠ A 3 2
♥ A K Q J 2
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 9 4

♠ 9 8 7
♥ 10 5 4 3
♦ A 9
♣ A Q 3 2

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Bright future for youth bridge

By Christine Duckworth

THERE are positive signs that efforts to promote youth bridge are beginning to pay dividends. That was the good news for the representatives from 15 counties who gathered at the West Midlands Bridge Club in Solihull to look at a wide range of youth issues. The grounds for optimism come from:

□ Mini-bridge: there's been lots of interest and an increase in the number trying bridge at school, especially in primary schools;

□ Competitions: the number taking part in schools' simultaneous pairs and local schools' leagues is increasing steadily. Because of our concentration on the younger age group, there is still some time to go before this is reflected in the major junior championships, but it will come;

□ Universities: the number of students playing is rising again, thanks in no small part to the EBU's Abbey Walker;

□ The Junior Teach-In has been the most striking success, with over 100 children from all over the country enjoying a weekend of bridge, and clamouring for more (see Page 17).

The schools initiative was given a recent fillip by David Blunkett, Secretary of State for Education & Employment, when he said:

"The development of after-school clubs and the promotion of worthwhile and stimulating activity has to be in the interests of all our young people. Promoting bridge as part of that after-school extension of the school-based curriculum is clearly to be supported and welcomed."

Everyone at the meeting could see how their task of persuading schools to take up bridge would be made easier by quoting this statement.

Something else to be cheerful about were the indications that funding might be available for specific youth

projects. For example, lottery funding may be available either for a Millennium project or from their 'new opportunities fund which is pushing money towards school clubs - a nice tie-in with the Blunkett quote.

The Educational Trust for British Bridge also has some money for junior activities and the meeting was full of ideas on what we might do, whilst recognising the limitations of available manpower to pursue them. Bids for some of this funding need to be made early in 1999 and the Youth Working Party took away the task of firming up proposals.

If anyone out there has a really good idea for an attractive youth project, the YWP would love to hear from you.

Whilst everyone present at the weekend found it really worthwhile, more than half the EBU counties were not represented. This means that many parts of the country are missing out on the promotion of junior bridge and the opportunity of rejuvenating club and county membership. Support for youth bridge is heavily dependent on local volunteers, both for organising activities and actually teaching bridge, but these need only be ordinary club players with enthusiasm for the game.

If you are interested in helping, or you have ideas about youth projects which you think we should look at, I would be delighted if you would contact me (01296 317225).

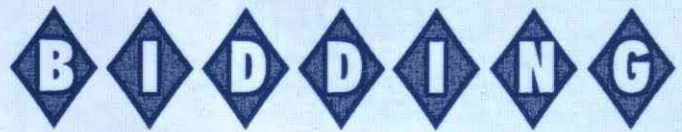
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HAND 1: GAME ALL

West	East	(a)	♠ Q1043	(b)	♠ 74	(c)	♠ K9
1♥	1NT		♥ 82		♥ Q72		♥ 8
			♦ K865		♦ AQ53		♦ A10754
			♣ Q42		♣ 9432		♣ 97652

With (a) East would respond 1♠. A 1NT response to 1♥ denies 4 spades.

With (b) East would raise 1♥ to 2♥. A single raise of a major suit shouldn't necessarily guarantee 4-card support. West may well have 5 hearts and if he continues over 2♥ with a strong balanced hand he should bid no trumps, thus avoiding playing in a 4-3 fit at a high level.

(c) is correct. Unlike other no-trump bids early in the auction a 1NT response to 1♦, 1♥ or 1♠ doesn't necessarily promise a balanced hand. Here East is not strong enough for a 2-level change of suit, but if he passes 1♥ he may find that 5♣ or 5♦ is laydown. 1NT is a practical bid!

HAND 2: LOVE ALL

West	East	(a)	♠ Q1032	(b)	♠ 95	(c)	♠ 9
1♥	2♥		♥ Q104		♥ Q84		♥ J1093
			♦ 93		♦ K843		♦ AJ1032
			♣ A732		♣ J1092		♣ 986

With (a) East should respond with 1♠. West might be 4-4 in the major suits.

(b) is correct, the explanation being similar to 1 (b).

With (c) East is too strong for 2♥. The losing trick count gives East 8 losers (♦A J 10 counting as just one loser), making 3♥ the value bid.

HAND 3: LOVE ALL

West	East	(a)	♠ K532	(b)	♠ 943	(c)	♠ AQ32
1♥	2♣		♥ 8		♥ 8		♥ K8
			♦ J63		♦ J63		♦ AQ
			♣ AJ743		♣ KQ10643		♣ Q8632

With (a) East isn't strong enough to respond 2♣ and reverse into 2♠ over a 2♥ rebid. If responder is not strong enough for two bids he must give priority to showing his major, so 1♠ is the correct response.

With (b) East should respond 1NT. He is then well placed to bid 3♣ if West rebids 2♦, 2♥, 2♠ or 2NT, showing long clubs and weakness.

(c) is correct. East has the points for 3♣ but a jump shift by responder shows a far better suit than this.

West	East	(a)	♠ AQ2	(b)	♠ AQ2	(c)	♠ AJ64
1♥	3NT		♥ 64		♥ Q82		♥ 8
			♦ AJ65		♦ A109		♦ AQ54
			♣ K1086		♣ J543		♣ K975

An immediate jump to 3NT should show exactly 4-3-3-3 shape (no 4-card major) so West can judge what to do. Therefore:

(a) East should respond 2♣ and bid 3NT later.

(b) is correct.

(c) East should respond 1♠. Again 3NT, the most likely resting place, can come later when partner will not feel the temptation to remove it to 4♥.

OUR first deal comes from the 1976 Bermuda Bowl, with (how did you guess?) USA facing Italy.

1. Love All. Dealer West.



Hamilton	Eisenberg
1♦	1♠
3♣	3♥
3NT	5♥
6♣	

The hands fitted poorly and Eisenberg might well have bid 3NT at his second turn. He kept avenues open with a fourth-suit 3♥ call, then formed the impression that there was a heart fit when partner bid No Trumps. The 5♥ bid was an intelligent move but it left Hamilton with a considerable problem. He needed a bid that meant 'Can you pick the best slam?'. He eventually bid 6♣, hoping to convey this message. From Eisenberg's position this could equally well mean "I have a chunky 5-card club suit. Is that any good as trumps?" He passed and the slam went two down. 6♥ was a sound spot and would have been made.

Nowadays a bid of 5NT often carries the meaning 'Pick a slam'. It is free for that usage because on most auctions (not here, though) a Roman Key-Card 4NT can be used to locate the top trump honours. The previous meaning of 5NT, to enquire about the three top trump honours, is therefore not needed.

Awards: 6♥ - 10, 6NT/games - 5, 6♦ - 3, grands - 1.

On now to the 1990 Rosenblum Cup, played in Geneva. Teams from USA and Germany are contesting the 64-board final.

2. Game All. Dealer East.



Nippgen	Rohowsky
-	1♠
1♠	2♥
4♥	4NT
5♦	5♥

Rohowsky opens with a strong club and Nippgen's positive is natural but promises no more than four spades. The raise of 2♥ to 4♥ indicates a minimum positive. Rohowsky bids old-fashioned Blackwood, finding one ace opposite, then signs off in 5♥.

What do you make of that? First of all, I don't think much of the idea that you should jump to 4♥ to show a minimum.

Beat the experts

By David Bird

Why not bid 3♥, bid your diamond control at the four-level, then show no further initiative? But most of the blame must go to East. It was surely very unlikely that West held a positive response that did not include the king of trumps and one of the red aces.

Using their methods, a better auction would have been:

1♣ - 1♠, 2♥ - 3♥, 3♠ - 4♦, 5♥ - 6♥. There is not much to choose between hearts and spades as a trump suit. On an unlucky day you might suffer a ruff in either denomination.

Awards: 6♣/6♥ - 10, 5♠/5♥ - 5, 6♠/5♣ - 3, grands - 0.

The Time Machine has been whirring for ages and may be stuck in a loop. Ah no, it has stopped. 1937! It's the world championship match between USA and Austria. There is a vacant chair by one of the tables and, good gracious, I think that must be the Culbertsons sitting East-West.

3. Love All. Dealer West



Jo Culbertson	Ely Culbertson
1♣	1♠
2♣	2NT
3NT	

Nothing particularly wrong with the auction but the final contract is definitely not the best. If clubs break 2-1, 6♣ is cold. If they break 3-0, a diamond lead might put 3NT down and 5♣ will still be cold.

How can East-West bid to a final spot in clubs, rather than No Trumps? With seven clubs West might stretch to 3♣ for her first rebid. And if East evaluates his hand as only worth a game try, he could perhaps make it 3♣ rather than 2NT (although a club raise does not suggest quite so many points as 2NT).

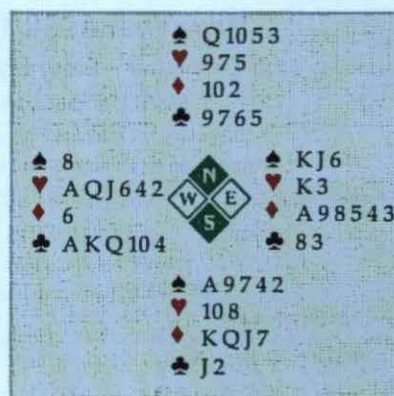
All in all, it is a difficult hand to bid.

What contract do you think the Austrians reached at the other table? They bid to SEVEN clubs! North's opening lead was from ♥ J 8 7 6 5 3, South holding a single queen, and declarer made the contract by taking a heart finesse (having first tried to ruff out the spade queen). A huge swing to the Austrians, who went on to win handsomely.

Awards: 6♣ - 10, 6NT - 8, 5♣ - 6, 5NT - 5, 7♣ - 4, 7NT - 3.

Persisting in our quest for a decent auction, we will call in on the 1992 European Junior Championships, in Paris. Geir Helgemo, who now has some claim to be the world's top player, sat West for Norway against Finland.

4. Love All. Dealer South



West Helgemo	North Saastamoinen	East Karlberg	South Valta
-	-	-	1♠
Dbl	No	3NT	No
4♣	No	4♦	No
4NT	No	5♦	No
6♣			

Helgemo had no reason to expect his partner to regard 4♥ as forcing over 3NT. Since 4♣ was clearly a constructive advance, he introduced his club suit instead. Karlberg intended his 4♦ as natural but it was read as a cue-bid (he should perhaps have signed off in 4NT instead). Helgemo bid Roman Key-Card for clubs and then bid 6♣. When the trump jack fell on the second round the slam was made. 6♥ is better since you have the option of ruffing a club (with the king if North follows on the third round). Awards: 6♥ - 10, 6NT (E) - 7, 6♣ - 6, games - 4.

The bidding so far has been unimpressive, to put it politely. I only hope you're not blaming me for it. There's a button on the Time Machine marked 'World Champions only'. I'll push that, to make sure we get really top pairs from now on. Ah, it's taken us to the 1980 Lederer Memorial Trophy in London. Someone famous must be playing on that far table, judging from the number of spectators. I wonder if we can squeeze through.

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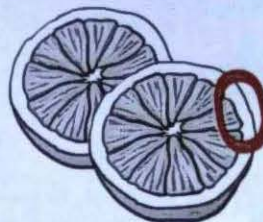
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Beat the experts

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5. Game All. Dealer East

♠ A 10	♠ K 43
♥ Q 10 9 8 6 3	♥ A J 7 5 4 2
♦ A 3	♦ K 10 2
♣ 9 8 3	♣ A

Schapiro	Reese
-	1♥
2♦	3♥
3♠	4♦
4♥	

Schapiro was too strong for a direct 4♥ response. Since he had no Swiss-type mechanism available, he had to invent some bid on the first round. When Reese made a jump-rebid in hearts, Schapiro still had no good bid available. He bid 3♠, which was natural on the face of it. Reese now showed his diamond support and Schapiro went back to hearts, passed out.

The two most famous players in Britain's history had played a cold grand slam in game! Who would you blame for this? As I see it, Schapiro was at fault. The way he bid, he might have held diamonds, spades, and only queen doubleton in hearts. Over 4♦ Schapiro should have jumped to 5♥. This would have made it clear that 3♠ was an advance cue-bid and that he held excellent heart support.

Awards: 7♥ - 10, 6♥ - 6, 5♥ - 2, 5NT - 1.

I understand that the Editor is upset by the poor bidding so far. That must be him banging on the door now. We'll go hastily to the 1973 Bermuda Bowl, to a match between USA and Brazil.

6. Game All. Dealer East

♠ A Q J 5 3	♠ K
♥ A Q 5	♥ 10 9 6
♦ J 10 6 4 3	♦ Q 9 8 2
♣ None	♣ A K 10 9 5

Hamman	Wolff
-	No
1♦	3♦
3♠	4♠
4♥	5♠
5♦	6♦ (Dbl)

Did you open on those East cards? A sound rule when considering a borderline opening is to look at your holding in the suit where you will open. If it's a good suit, open the bidding. Here the clubs are good, so it is reasonable to open 1♣, despite the singleton spade king. Such an opening was not available to Wolff, who was playing a strong-club system. He passed and Hamman opened 1♦, a canapé opening in the second-best suit.

Playing standard methods, Wolff could respond 3♣ now - a jump shift on a passed hand to show good diamond support and a club side suit. The partnership

could then have played in 3NT. No, Wolff preferred 3♦. Hamman's 3♠ rebid showed the canapé second suit and a couple of cue-bids later the Americans limped into a diamond slam. Gabriel Chagas was not embarrassed to double, holding the trump ace-king, and the Americans' only consolation was that the board was flat. Marcelo and Pedro Branco had also bid the diamond slam!

How did you bid it? A fair auction would be: 1♣ - 1♠, 2♣ - 2♦, 3♦ - 3NT. Awards: 5♦/4♠/3NT - 10, 5♠/4NT - 7, slams/partials - 1.

Final Rankings

51 - 60	Bermuda Bowl
41 - 50	Gold Cup finals
31 - 40	County Swiss Teams
21 - 30	Local duplicate
0 - 20	Aunt Elsie's bridge afternoon

Not the best of bidding exhibitions but our experts did score 31 - not so bad. OK, OK, it was only 17. Is it my fault if they have an off day? Aunt Elsie won't be pleased, I can tell you. Last time the experts went round there she had a lot of complaints from her regulars.

PAIRS QUIZ by Bob Rowlands

Dealer North. Love all.

W	N	E	S
-	1♠	2♠ ⁽¹⁾	?

(1) Michaels Cue Bid showing hearts and a minor

What do you bid with:

- a) ♠K6 ♥AJ84 ♦AQ965 ♣104
 b) ♠QJ62 ♥73 ♦AJ76 ♣752
 c) ♠QJ82 ♥K84 ♦A962 ♣104

Answers:

a) Double - This simply implies values, say 10 plus points with a desire to penalise the opponents. If partner is able to double 3♦ you should get at least 500 points.
 b) 3♠ - Similar to 1♦-Dbl-3♠, this implies only modest values. Better to bid 3♥ now rather than wait and let West find out which minor suit his partner has.
 c) 3♥ - Similar to 1♦-Dbl-2NT, this implies a full raise to 3♥.

A Red Hot Hand!

Anne McGregor, a member of the EBU Teachers' Association, sent this story for the association newsletter: "One of my students broke her arm and had difficulty holding the cards, so I suggested she brought a toast rack with her the following week. Next lesson she duly turned up with a sparkling new electric toaster - purchased especially as she couldn't possibly have produced their old one in public!"

Puzzling solution

A	D	I	A	M	O	N	D	S
T	C	H	H	R	E	E	E	S
N	O	E	T	W	O	N	T	I
R	N	A	E	U	E	R	I	X
T	E	R	M	Y	S	U	Q	N
H	T	T	E	B	I	O	U	P
G	S	S	U	B	Y	F	E	S
I	O	L	U	T	H	R	E	E
E	C	G	N	I	K	T	N	H

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

The remaining letters read: Three No Trumps by South. The missed out words were Jack & Spades. Hence you need to make 3NT with ♠J lead.

Do not duck. A diamond switch could be fatal whereas the spades might be 4-3 or even if 5-2 they may be blocked. You need two tricks from clubs so you should play a club to the queen - if this loses you can always finesse for the jack later. (Losing to the jack on the first round of clubs could put you down - 4 spades and a club - even when the club king is right).

So, win ♠A and play a club to the queen. This loses, but East can only cash one spade trick - he switches to a diamond which your ♦A wins, and you cross to dummy to take a second club finesse, picking up the ♠J and generating your ninth trick. If you duck the lead, whether East plays a spade back or switches to a diamond will simply define how many tricks you fail by!



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A full congress ticket is £59 per player for the four days. Prices are available for those who can only attend one or two of the main events. The hotel is offering week-end short break packages as well as dinner, bed and breakfast rates.

For Hotel Brochure and Congress Entry Leaflet, please write to: Sales Dept, St David's Hotel & Spa, Havannah Street, Cardiff CF1 6SD (mark envelope Bridge Congress) or telephone 01222 454045 or fax 01222487056
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Tournament Diary

Log-on for a new competition

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Throughout this year on-line competitions have been running about every six weeks on BT Wireplay. This format is likely to continue. The winners will be the pair with the highest combined IMP score by August 1 next year.

Club nights are daily at 8:30pm and Sundays at 2.30pm, so all you need to do is log on and before you know it you will have made lots of new friends and given yourself a chance to win one of the most exciting competitions of the year.

To be in with a chance of winning this fantastic competition all you need to do is leave an on-line mail message for Adam Dunn (nickname - EBU) to let him know the partnership details, or you can contact him at the EBU (details on page 3). If you don't currently have the Wireplay software, Adam has a limited supply or you can order it free of charge by calling 0800 800918. Once you have the software, if you have any questions you can call the Wireplay help desk on 0345 577577.

A heaven for all kibitzers

The New Year beckons and with it comes *The Macallan* International Pairs Championships, staged by the EBU in London. Thirty-two of the world's top players congregate for the championships that present the best opportunity to see world class players.

The field in 1999 will include the record-breaking holders, Geir Helgemo & Tor Helness, World Pairs Champions Michal Kwiecien & Jacek Pszczola, Zia Mahmood & Andy Robson, World number one Bob Hamman, Omar Sharif, and for the first time ever, three ladies pairs, including last year's runners-up Nicola Smith & Pat Davies, as well as players from every current European and World Championships pairs and teams.

The Macallan International Pairs offers a unique chance in this country to kibitz at the tables right next to the players, or to follow card-by-card commentaries in the vu-graph theatre, featuring live coverage of a 'closed' room, together with scoring from the entire event. An expert panel headed by David Burn and Barry Rigal

unravel the mysteries and illuminate the action.

The setting will, once again, be the superb White House Hotel, Regents Park, which offers attractive rates for spectators staying overnight.

The programme from Jan 20 - 22:

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Thurs evening	5.30 - 10.30pm	£12.50
Thurs full day	Both sessions	£20
Friday	1.30 - 6.30pm	£17.50

Advance tickets are available only by post from *The Macallan* Box Office. Any remaining tickets will be sold on the door

By Max Bavin

before each session. Payment can only be made by cheque through the post or by cash on the door. Cheques should be made payable to 'Matthew Gloag & Son Ltd' and sent to: *The Macallan* Pairs Box Office, 31 Queens Road, Mortlake, London, SW14 8PH. Each entry automatically enters you into a prize draw, the winner receiving a case of six bottles of *The Macallan* 10-year-old single malt whisky.

For information on the run-up to the tournament and session-by-session results with commentary, visit the EBU website: <http://www.ebu.co.uk>

Christmas is upon us again, which means it's time for the Year End Congresses. After the huge success in the North last year we are back again at the Stakis Hotel, Blackpool (formerly the Pembroke), from Dec 28-30. The bridge programme will be much the same as last year, but be sure to book early, as space will be limited.

In the South we are, as ever, at the Royal National Hotel, London, from Dec 27-30. The programme has reverted to that of two years ago: Mixed Pairs on the opening afternoon (Sunday), a three-session Swiss Pairs on Sunday evening and Monday, Ladies' and Men's Pairs on Tuesday and Flighted Swiss Teams on Wednesday. The starting time on Sunday will be 2pm.

The Swiss Teams Congress is back at the Queens Hotel in Leeds. This is now a two-day event starting at 1.30pm on Saturday, Jan 16. The entry fee has been reduced to £128 per team and the event comprises of 12 x 7 board matches, finishing around 5pm Sunday.

The National Ladies' and National Men's Pairs will both be held at the Coventry Hilton on Jan 23-24.

A simultaneous pairs event for universities only is to be introduced. The first will be held in the second half of this month. EBU contact: Abbey Walker 01296 317206.

Calendar

- D E C E M B E R •
- 4-6 National Women's & Men's Teams, **Coventry**
- 11-13 Gold Cup Finals & Congress, **Peebles**
- 18-20 Junior Channel Trophy, **France**
- 27-30 Year End Congress, **London**
- 28-30 Year End Congress, **Blackpool**
- J A N U A R Y •
- 9-10 Camrose v Wales, **Cheltenham**
- 10 Gold Cup round 1, played privately
- 12-13 BBL Winter Sim Pairs, clubs
- 16-17 EBU Swiss Teams Congress, **Leeds**
- 20-22 Macallan Invitation Pairs, **London**:
- 23-24 National Women's & National Men's Pairs, **Coventry**
- 30-31 Junior Camrose Weekend, **Republic of Ireland**
- F E B R U A R Y •
- 6-7 Lady Milne Trial (1), **London**
- 6-7 Camrose v Republic of Ireland & Corn Cairdis Trophy, **Republic of Ireland**
- 13-14 Tollemache Final, **Coventry**
- 26-28 BBL Spring Congress, **Buxton**
- 27-28 Camrose v Scotland, **Norwich**

Team needed to play 'down under'

Following the successful visit of an Australian Open team to the Brighton Summer Meeting, the EBU has received an invitation from the Queensland Bridge Association to send a team of representative standard to the Gold Coast Congress in February.

The organisers will provide free entry to the congress, accommodation and a contribution to subsistence, but the team will be responsible for all other expenses, including air fares, as no financial assistance is available from the EBU.

Applications from interested teams should be sent to Nick Doe at Aylesbury as soon as possible.

HONOUR MEMBER

Per Jannersten, the Swedish bridge journalist and creator of bridge products, has been made the 1998 'Honour Member' of the International Bridge Press Association. Per, who improved on the bidding boxes his father invented and produced an automatic dealing machine, has been present at more than 50 international championships, attending his first when he was eight.



Coping with a difficult year at

The Chairman's Report by Peter Stocken

IT has been a mixed year: I will not dwell on the adverse financial results which are fully covered in the Hon Treasurer's report, though it is thanks to the diligence of himself and Phil Lloyd that the reduction in costs within a stringent management policy have minimised the effect on the EBU.

At Aylesbury headquarters many familiar faces have left this year: in particular I would like to thank John Williams and Sandra Claridge for all the work they have done for the Union and for bridge over the last two decades. We were sad, too, to lose Alan Williams who had done so much during his time as General Manager to instigate changes in the EBU, the full effect of which will take time to materialise. His most important contribution was the creation of *Bridge for All*: the Board, supported by Council, authorised the second phase of the project last year and it continues to exceed all the targets that have been set for it. Its full impact will not be felt for some years yet but the omens so far are good.

With nine out of 23 of our staff having left over a period of 12 months, it will be a tough year ahead as the new members of staff learn the ropes, but I have great confidence in their ability to cope with the transition. In addition, there will be the updating of our information systems: over the last few years - because of our antiquated computer - we have been unable to give our members the service we would have liked to have. This will change but the next few months will be difficult.

Last year I said in my report that there was a demand for new events in the North: I am glad to say that both the Blackpool Year End Congress and the Scarborough Summer Congress exceeded expectations. In a year when entries to many of our established congresses were down, it was heartening to see the Golfprint Knock-out entries double and the NICKO continue to prosper.

The application by the Home Unions to devolve the British Bridge League into three separate National Bridge Organisations was rejected by the European Bridge League despite the political devolution of Wales and Scotland since our last approach. The EBU's belief that our policy is good for it, good for our sister Unions and good for bridge in general remains steadfast and we will continue to pursue our objective by all means possible.

On the international front, we won the Lady Milne and were pleased to see the Republic of Ireland, who finished second,

back in the event. We also won the Peggy Bayer Trophy and tied with Scotland in the Junior Camrose. Our congratulations to Scotland for winning the Camrose trophy, which will also welcome the Republic of Ireland this year after a 47-year absence. We won all our friendly international matches.

An outstanding achievement was Boris Schapiro's victory - in partnership with Irving Gordon - in the ELF World Senior Pairs: Boris is 89 and this World Championship comes 50 years after his last world title.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my colleagues on the Board and all the staff at Aylesbury for the hard work and dedication they have shown during the year.

EBU honours Boris Schapiro



Boris Schapiro, who earlier this year won the Senior Pairs at the World Championships in France, has been made a Life Member of the EBU, an honour given to only five people previously.

Boris, who is 89, won his first title 60 years ago, and he has been writing a weekly bridge column in the *Sunday Times* for the last 30 years.



New face on the Board

Elections at the annual EBU Council, with representatives from all the counties, resulted in a new face on the Board of Directors - David Martin, of London. He takes the

place of Sandra Penfold, who has stood down after many years service.

David is a management consultant in charge of a company's training and consultancy division and has a wide experience of business systems, including information technology. He is already a member of the EBU Laws & Ethics Committee and Computer Advisory Panel.

The other nine members of the board were re-elected: Philip Mason, Tom Bradley, Margaret Curtis, Denis Robson, John Neville, David Harris, Peter Stocken, John Carter, Gerard Faulkner. The other two candidates were: Keith Stanley and Paul Spencer.

Peter Stocken was re-elected chairman and David Harris as vice chairman,

Membership fee up by just 50p a year

THE EBU Council fixed the following membership fees for the year commencing April 1 next year (previous fee in brackets)

Members joined before April 1, 1998	£13 (£12.50)
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Club affiliation (via county)	£17 (£16)
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EBUTA Membership

EBUTA, existing or joining before Oct 1 1999	£10 (£9.50)
EBUTA, joining between 1/10/99 and 31/12/99	£6.60 (£6.30)
EBUTA, joining between 1/1/2000 and 31/3/2000	£3.30 (3.20)
EBUTA Student membership	£4.50 (£4)

defeating Denis Robson. Tom Bradley remains treasurer. General Manager Phil Lloyd was elected company secretary and secretary of the union.

New Vice President

John Williams, who has just retired from the EBU after 20 years, was elected as a vice president. The other vice presidents were all re-elected: Roy Absalom, Freddie Della-Porta, Grattan Endicott, Harold Franklin, Roy Higson, Bill Pencharz, Tony Priday, Keith Stanley, Stuart Staveley, Louis Tarlo, and Mrs Hylda Townsend.

The following were elected unopposed:

Laws & Ethics Committee: Steve Barnfield, David Burn, David Martin, Paul Spencer, Malcolm Pryor, Neil Rosen, and David Stevenson.

Tournament Committee: Mrs Margaret Curtis, Gerard Faulkner, Cecil Leighton, Philip Mason, Stuart Sather, Paul Spencer, and Eddie Williams.



by Tom Bradley
EBU Treasurer



THE plan from 1990 to 1997 was to establish an asset position sufficient to:

- Own and maintain a well-equipped modern office
- Finance our domestic and international activity
- Maintain and increase the worth of the Union
- Provide reserves to cope with unforeseen contingencies
- Provide funding for major projects with-out recourse to borrowing.

This year, the policy enabled us to fund such a project and cope with a poor year's trading, while retaining an asset base more than adequate to finance the medium term future.

Overall turnover at £1,355,668, excluding *Bridge for All* income of £2,528, was static compared with 1996/97 while costs of our traditional business increased by 5.1% to £1,432,524, giving rise to a loss of £58,385 after inclusion of investment income net of tax.

In addition, net funds of £52,461, written off completely to Profit & Loss Account, were applied to support the requirements of the *Bridge for All* development programme.

The combined deficit of £110,846 reduced the worth of the company to £672,734.

Year	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Worth of the EBU
1990/91	£384	£332,584
1991/92	£77,106	£406,690
1992/93	£143,539	£553,529
1993/94	£73,900	£627,129
1994/95	£73,844	£700,973
1995/96	£75,159	£776,132
1996/97	£7,448	£783,580
1997/98	£(110,846)	£672,734

During the year, subscription rates were unchanged from 1996/97. Tournament entry fees and charges for other services were increased by some 3%. Master Point charges were raised by 50 pence per book.

Bridge for All project milestones were attained on time, at a cost lower than budget. Although a loss on our traditional business in 1997/98 was projected in the Five Year Plan developed early in 1997, the actual size of the loss was greater than planned. Unforeseen factors contributing to this undesirable situation included:

Estimated costs of new membership scheme	£6,000
Industrial tribunal settlements	£10,500
Employment of Acting General Manager during sickness	£5,000
Fall in Master Point income	£19,000
Fall in Overseas Licence income	£5,500
Fall in <i>English Bridge</i> advertising	£9,000

Membership

Individual subscriptions received fell by 59 to 27,768. Club and group membership rose by five to 1017. Subscription renewals and remittances were received at Aylesbury promptly, continuing the improvement of recent years.

In December 1996, a scheme was introduced whereby new members might join the EBU and county for a uniform fee of £12, removing the disadvantages of joining at later stages of the year. While new members received in the first three months of the year showed an increase, the overall membership figures remained static.

Master Points

Income fell by £19,008 to £239,756 although sponsorship from The Macallan continued, enhancing the status of our ranking scheme.

Trading

Bridge Shop sales rose by 12% to £173,625 but with gross profit static at £43,861. Volume has been achieved by competitive pricing and the decline in gross profit of recent years was halted.

Competitions and Tournaments

Income rose by £18,863 (4.2%), while costs, including the competitions brochure, increased by £37,443 (12.7%), a reversal of the superb results of 1996/97.

English Bridge

The net cost of our house magazine was £88,034, an increase of £10,741, advertising revenue having fallen by £9,237. At an annual cost of just over £3 per member, the publication continued to represent excellent value.

Administration and Management Expenses

The increase of £61,009 (15%) in staff costs was particularly large although £10,500 of this was due to Industrial Tribunal settlements. Outstanding vacancies were filled, among which was the senior appointment of the Finance and Administration manager. The annual pay review gave an increase of 3.3%.

Cash Resources

Cash was kept in a Barclays Current Account and a Barclays Business Premium Account. Short-term surplus funds were invested through Barclays on the Money Market. We retained our high yield Eurobonds, the market value of which increased by £7,325 during the year.

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EBU Income and expenditure

Year ending 31st March 1998

1996/97		1997/98
1,356,322	Income	1,355,668
(723,229)	Expenses	(751,236)
(639,016)	Overheads	(681,288)
16,279	Interest, net of tax	18,471

10,356	Result before BFA	(58,385)
(2,908)	<i>Bridge for All project</i>	(52,461)

7,448	Total surplus (deficit)	(110,846)
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Departmental Income

450,033	Competitions	468,896
318,749	Subscriptions	311,784
239,756	Master Points	220,748
154,752	Bridge Shop sales	173,625
96,432	English Bridge advertising	87,195
57,294	Event licensing	52,437
11,471	TD training	16,242
17,016	EBUTA & youth affairs	12,836
10,819	Other income	11,905

1,356,322	Total	1,355,668
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Departmental expenses

(293,770)	Competitions	(331,213)
(7,591)	Subscriptions	(2,664)
(3,912)	Master Points	(3,049)
(110,868)	Bridge Shop cost of sales	(129,764)
(173,725)	English Bridge	(175,229)
(10,867)	TD training	(12,768)
(36,055)	EBUTA & youth affairs	(25,815)
(3,695)	Other publications	(3,012)
(23,306)	Home Internationals	(23,597)
(16,700)	Friendly internationals	(12,731)
(6,798)	Junior European c/ships	0
(9,589)	Publicity & promotions	(3,459)
(25,633)	British Bridge League	(26,847)
(720)	Laws & Ethics	(1,088)

(723,229)	Total	(751,236)
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Admin, management & overheads

(406,360)	Staff salaries	(467,369)
(4,621)	Officers' fees & expenses	(5,687)
(27,551)	Meetings	(30,059)
(28,255)	Stationery/photocopy	(24,373)
(26,067)	Postage & carriage	(24,140)
(6,467)	Telephone & fax	(8,149)
(11,487)	Rent & rates	(12,181)
(9,708)	Light, heat, cleaning	(9,933)
(11,869)	Insurance	(10,649)
(11,042)	Repairs & renewals	(3,472)
(14,132)	Depreciation	(10,474)
(13,985)	Motor expenses	(12,986)
(36,059)	Computer expenses	(32,901)
(3,850)	Audit fee	(4,100)
(9,398)	Professional charges	(5,823)
(9,856)	General expenses	(9,422)
(8,309)	Bank charges	(9,570)

(639,016)	Total	(681,288)
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Bridge for All project

0	Income	2,528
0	Staff salaries	(34,703)
0	Authors fees	(8,100)
0	Professional charges	(8,265)
(2,908)	Other expenses	(3,921)

(2,908)	Total	(52,461)
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Best of Bridge



Hilton Year End Spectaculars

Five separate events at three venues, hundreds of valuable prizes including **TWELVE FREE BRIDGE WEEKENDS**. Coach transfers from North-West London and Surrey (On specific weekends only).

Bristol	Dec 24th-27th	£289
Newbury	Dec 24th-27th	£294
Newbury	Dec 27th-29th	£104
Cobham	Dec 27th-29th	£104
Cobham	Dec 29th-Jan 1st	£280

Prices include full Christmas & New Year festivities & Bridge programme – extra nights available.

Best of Bridge 1998

Bracknell	Nov 27th-29th	£132
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Houseparty Weekends 1998

Croydon	Dec 4th-6th	£126
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The Hilton Bridge Team headed by David Jones, an International Bridge Grand Master and Tournament Director, and Lawrence Gaunt, highly experienced Bridge organiser and computer expert, will continue to ensure that our Hilton National weekends offer the best value for money and the most socially enjoyable events in the UK's Bridge calendar.

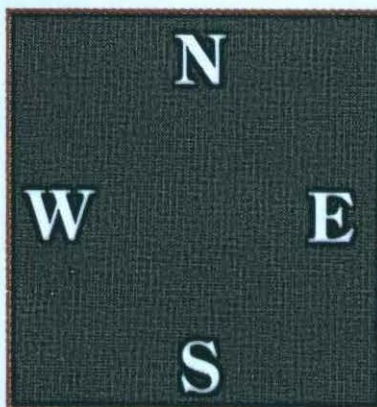
John Collings, one of the foremost Bridge players in the world, continues to be Hilton's resident expert, giving instructive seminars at most of the weekends.

In contrast to our main weekends, the Houseparties cater for an even more relaxed style; they are limited to just 40 participants and will be hosted by members of the team and Grand Master Roy Edwards.

No Single Room Supplement

Best of Bridge 1999

♣ Newbury	Jan 22nd - 25th	£159
Basingstoke	Feb 19th - 21st	£119
♠ Newbury	Apr 2nd - 5th	£199
Swindon	May 7th - 9th	£143
♣ Cobham	May 28th - 31st	£219
Bristol	June 11th - 13th	£139
Watford	July 9th - 11th	£126
♠ Cobham	Aug 27th - 30th	£237
Swindon	Sep 17th - 19th	£143
Portsmouth	Oct 15th - 17th	£129
Southampton	Nov 5th - 7th	£139
♣ Bracknell	Nov 26th - 29th	£169



Houseparty Weekends 1999

Cobham	Feb 26th - 28th	£119
Bracknell	Mar 19th - 21st	£124
Basingstoke	Apr 16th - 18th	£129
Huddersfield	May 28th - 30th	£126
Southampton	June 18th - 20th	£134
Leeds City	July 2nd - 4th	£126
Warwick	July 23rd - 25th	£148
Coventry	Aug 13th - 15th	£134
East Midlands	Sep 24th - 26th	£126
Milton Keynes	Oct 1st - 3rd	£141
Croydon	Dec 3rd - 5th	£129

Teaching Weekends 1999

Basingstoke	Mar 5th - 7th	£124
Milton Keynes	Apr 9th - 11th	£124
Bracknell	Jun 25th - 27th	£124
Warwick	July 16th - 18th	£132
Basingstoke	Nov 12th - 14th	£124

♣ 3 Night Event ♦ Bank Holiday

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01203-461 511



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 Mrs MTM Bonney
 Mr E Bradley
 Mrs EA Dobkowitz
 Mrs FJ Gowers
 Mrs D Hayes
 Mr AG Laker
 Mr JE Leslie
3rd Star Master
 Mr CF Foster
 Mrs D Laker
 Mrs JM Morris
 Mrs MM Nicholls
 Mr BH Smith
 Mrs V Taskes
 Mrs MB Turnbull
4th Star Master
 Mrs J Barrow
 Mrs S Bedwell
 Mrs DD Hyams
 Mr GW Ulyet
 Mr TP Wallace
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 Mrs EA Christy
 Mrs WG Friggins
 Mr LG Maynard
 Mrs FC Wrightman
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6th Star Regional Master
 Dr KWG Shillam
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 Mrs C Brown
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Sign up now for TD courses

ADDITIONAL EBU courses for Club Directors will be held in Aylesbury and Bath and a change to the schedule is that the Aylesbury D course has moved from Jan 24 to Feb 6, writes Christine Duckworth.

Courses for the first half of 1999:

Jan 16	Leicester	B
Jan 23	Devizes	B
Jan 30	Aylesbury	Prelim
Jan 31	Bath	A
Feb 6	Bolton	B
Feb 6	Aylesbury	D
Feb 14	Needham Market	B
Feb 20	Aylesbury	C
Feb 21	Bournemouth	B
Feb 21	Bath	B
March 14	Tunbridge Wells	C
March 14	Leicester	C
March 20	Leicester	C
March 27	Devizes	C
April 11	Needham Market	C
May 8	Bolton	C
May 15	Leicester	D

All courses are one day, usually starting at 10.30 am and finishing no later than 5 pm. Course fees: Preliminary, £20; A, B, D, £24; C, £30.

County Courses: The 1999 County Directors' Course and County Refresher Course will both be on Sept 4-5 at the

Hilton National Hotel, Coventry. The fee for each course is £82.50 per person (£77.50 each for two people sharing a room) incl accommodation and meals.

Bookings for all courses should be made in writing, accompanied by a cheque payable to the English Bridge Union, and sent to Abbey Walker at EBU Headquarters (ring 01296 317206 for a booking form for Club Director courses).

New Club Director

Apologies to new Club Director Alison Craig, whose name was mis-spelled in the list of those who had attained the qualification which appeared in *English Bridge*. I trust we've got it right this time!

Switching Names

In future the term Black Points will no longer be used in the EBU Master Points scheme because of confusion over its meaning. The only official terms will be Local Points and Green Points. One Green Point is the equivalent of 100 local points.

COUNTY NEWS



Avon

Two of our youngest members have achieved good results recently. Sarah Pinchbeck (aged 14) and Catherine Evans (aged 13) won the **Marlborough Junior Teaching** competition. Sarah was also a winner in the 12-session Handicap Pairs at the West of England Bridge Club.

Many competitions and events are now getting under way but no final results are yet available.

Bedfordshire

Further congratulations to Alan Shillitoe (known irreverently to the older generation – the rest of the county as 'The Boy'), on being selected as a member of the BBL under 25 squad.

Bridge for All: The county held an excellent meeting with Sandra Landy and Sue Maxwell of the EBU and the concept was well received by all those present. Clearly Bedfordshire will take up the *Bridge for All* banner in the near future.

Alas there were few 'movers and shakers' present who wished to sign up for the *Bridge for All* shilling and few potential teachers were recruited. It is not too late to get involved. Interested members and potential teachers should contact the acting Bedfordshire BFA cluster leader, Mrs Rita Keable (01525 377906), or Sandra Landy at the EBU (01296 317217).

Cadet Pairs: Our new style Cadet Pairs event is beginning to take off! We now have seven heats across the county, giving our less experienced players many chances of qualifying for the final on April 29 at the Bedford club.

County Competitions: Opening Pairs: 1 David Harris & Jon Williams; 2 Colin Porch & Amy Cherry; 3 George Goddard & Chris Parkin. **Emberton Cadet Pairs Heat:** 1 Shirley Haynes & Howard Watson; 2 Peter & Mary Hutton. **Simple System Teams:** 1 Maureen & Brian Stairs, Barbara & Brian Taylor; 2 Reg Wakeling, Brad Illingworth, John Hurst, David Willett; 3 Maggie Willis, Monica Lucy, Freda Cranfield, Brian Wharton.

Diary Dates: Jan 3, Men's and Ladies' Pairs, Woburn; Jan 21, Inter club Teams of Four, Amptill; Feb 7, Swiss Teams, Woburn; Feb 18, County Pairs Qualifier, Amptill; March 4, Pivot Teams, Cranfield; March 14, Joint BBA/EBU Green Point Teams, Queensway Hall, Dunstable; April 11, County Pairs Final, Woburn; April 15, Mixed Pairs, Cranfield; April 29, Cadet Pairs Final, Bedford BC; May 6, AGM/EBU Sim Pairs, Flitton Village Hall; June 24, Restricted Pairs, Amptill; Cadet Pairs Heats: Jan 10, Cranfield BC, Feb 8, Brickhill BC (Bedford); Feb 15, Wardown BC (Luton); March 4, Wardown BC (Luton). Details: Brian Keable 01525 377906; email BrianKeable@compuserve.com

Berks & Bucks

Rex Avery heat for County Pairs Championship (top 20 qualify for final Jan 10): 1 Nigel Guthrie & Stuart Maurice; 2 Brian Best & Peter Norman; 3 Graham Lucy & Joyce Baldock

Did you receive a copy of the new style **News Letter**, which we intend to produce three or four times a year? The new Editor will be David Beever, who hopes that members will hurry to tell him items of news about B & B members, clubs, interesting (printable) gossip and controversial topics/pet grouses/unusual hands, etc. The success of this development, which aims to please ALL members, depends upon good supplies of useful material - so please help by writing to David at 19 Dovehouse Crescent, Burnham, Slough, SL2 2PZ (01753 774886)

Cambs & Hunts

Good performances were recorded at the **Autumn Congress** by Giles Woodruff and Karl Shaw, who came 3rd in the Two Stars Pairs, and by Chris Jagger and Catherine Ashment who won the Satellite Pairs.

Gareth Roberts nearly managed to retain his **Great Northern Swiss Pairs** title, finishing 3rd, this time with John Young.

Catherine Ashment was runner-up in the **Harry Scully** trophy.

Victory Milman, Nadia Stelmashenko, Arie Schecter, and Giles Woodruff had a good run in the **Hubert Phillips** reaching the last 32, before being knocked out.

Cambridge BC lost by 38 IMPs to Coventry BC in the final of the **LIICKO**.

The County and the University fought a tough match in the Eastern Counties League, with the former eventually winning 14-10 in aggregate across the A and B teams.

Diary Dates: Please note that the county heat of the Garden Cities trophy will be held Feb 7 at Trumpington Village Hall, not Feb 28 as stated previously.

Channel Islands

A very successful **Guernsey Bridge Congress** incorporated for the first time a senior event. This was well attended and, following a questionnaire, it was announced that it will remain a fixture for 1999 Congress.

Jersey's Meredith Case & Marion Miles won the Shell trophy for the highest placed CI pair in the Swiss Teams, and that pair, with John Wells & Margaret Peterson, won the trophy for the highest placed all CI team. The Guernsey team of Pat Merriman, Frank Money, Brenda Lihou and Brenda Walker were 2nd in the Pivot Teams, and the Guernsey pair of Dick Langham & Rudi Falla won the Men's Pairs, Pat Merriman and Frank Money, were 2nd in the Senior Pairs, and Brenda Lihou and Brenda Walker 3rd in the Ladies Pairs.

The **County Individual** trophy, Victoria Club, Guernsey: Vera Babbe.

At the Victoria Club prize giving following the AGM Sue Rankin & Kay Johns won the Ladies Pairs; 2 Pat Bence & Maureen Nelson. Open Pairs: 1 Joan Everett & Lester Ingram; 2 Margaret Peterson & John Wells. Teams: Pat Bence, Fred Stone, John Wells, Margaret Peterson; 2 Percy Hembest, Catherine

Hepburn, Meredith Case, Kay Thornton.

District Mixed Pairs: 1 Carl Harrison & Sue Rankin; 2 Peter & Gill Pitcher.

Cornwall

Congratulations to John Pain for his promotion to National Tournament director, the first time it has been achieved in Cornwall. Many thanks, John, for all your help.

The county would like to wish all our friends in and out of Cornwall a very Merry Christmas.

Charity Swiss Teams: 1 Mr & Mrs T Wilson, Sally Green & Barry Giles; 2 Mary Wood, Ruth Betteridge & Mr & Mrs McEwen; 3 Malcolm Carmichael, Robert Mabley, Dave Mattos & Mimi Falconar.

Bodmin Swiss Pairs: 1 Mr & Mrs K Keast; 2 Ruth Harvey & Colin Pote; 3 Mary Barr Hall & Ray Bird. **Green point, Wadebridge:** 1 Bob Blackmore, Peter Bowles, Ruth Edmondson, Bridgid McElroy; 2 Robert Glass, Michael Booker, Jeremy Rickard, Irene Robinson; 3 Robert Mabley, Malcolm Carmichael, Wendy Brown, Mimi Falconar (the best Cornish team).

County Swiss Teams: 1 Mr & Mrs K Keast & Mr & Mrs D Boxall; 2 Ray Bliss, Sue John, Audrey & Robina Hancock; 3 Pauline Muir, Tony Theelke, Mr & Mrs M Swift.

Diary Dates: Nov 6-8, Bude Congress; Nov 22, Bee Clarke Mixed teams of four; Dec 5, Falmouth swiss pairs; Dec 13, County teams of Twelve to be selected.

Cumbria

Autumn Simultaneous Pairs: 1 Mrs D Kovary & L Lytollis (Cockermouth); 2 M Mitchell & H Roantree (Eden); 3 Mrs M Cooney & Mrs A Parkinson (Grange); 4 Ms G Lloyd & P Boardman (Barrow); 5 Mrs P Downes & Mrs J Gartside (Grange). We fielded 111 pairs for this event, a really great entry for our small county!

Club Player Pairs (Simple systems): 1 Carol & Alan James (Workington); 2 Ann Carter & Reg Atkinson (Eden). Congratulations everyone!

Diary Date: The Inter-Club League match on Dec 13 is at Barrow this year.

Derbyshire

Vic Morris Pivot Handicap Team of Four: Brian Elliot, John Sowter, Roger Mallinson & Ian Hall, narrowly beating Philip Meats, Sheila & Peter Kelly & Alex Hogg.

The Elliot team, with the occasional help of Jim Tomlinson & Sheena & Mick Haytack also won the **British Rail Summer Swiss Trophy**, played as 33x8 board matches over 11 weeks; 2 David & Mary Marshall, Andy Wells, Pym Berry, Alex Hogg & Peter Kelly; 3 Arnold Chandler, Sandra Smith, Don Smedley & John Griffin.

Don Smedley is to be congratulated on achieving the rank of **Grand Master** and Roger Mallinson, Ian Hall, Alex Hogg & Peter Kelly on reaching the last 16 round of the **Gold Cup**.

The joint **Green Point Weekend** with Leics CBA was very successful, 46 tables each day. **Swiss Pairs:** Mel Starkings & John Squibb; 2= Ian Kidger & Jon Downing; 2= Eddie Lucioni & Nick Eaton. **Swiss Teams:** David & Joan Burgess, Terry Lynex & Fred Powell; 2 David

Fletcher, Jean Wrightman, Irene Kranz & Margaret Ferguson; 3 John Dalin, Michael Collins, Eddie Lucioni & Nick Eaton.

Devon

Well the 'Happy Season' is upon us again and it's worth looking back on some of the Devon news.

Congratulations to Alison Pollok and Barbara Randall of North Devon, the National winners of the **Summer Sim Pairs**. Also to Warner & Louise Solomon who with their partners from Southampton came 6th in the Swiss Teams final at the **EBU Congress** at Brighton.

Winners of the **Exeter Bridge Club Swiss Teams**: Alec Glaskin, Joy Swift, Jenny Flood and John Prioleau.

Diary Dates: Jan 9-10, John Woolcott weekend, Isca Centre Exeter; Feb 7 County Mixed Pivot Teams of Four, Isca. Note the following change in dates: February 19-21 North Devon Weekend, Barnstaple; March 27-28 Southwest Pairs/Ali Khan/Graphic Cup at Torquay Bridge Club.

Cancelled event: The committee regrets the Plymouth Congress was cancelled this year due to circumstances beyond their control. There will be a Plymouth Congress in 1999.

The committee wishes all members a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

Any items for the next magazine please send to Mrs P Penfold, Southern Section, by Dec 14.

Dorset

Dorset Mixed Swiss Teams (Flemmich Cup) Bashley: 1= G Barthorpe, JL Portman, Mrs MW Potter, WR Oddy (WBC); 1= EK Bathgate, Mrs V Passmore, F Rutter, P Haberston (WBC/SHR); 3 RC Vessey, Mrs C Hillyard, Mrs M Lawrenson, Mrs L Lewis (ALL/BAS).

Dorset Swiss Teams (Hardwick Cup), Sherborne: 1 J Barlow, RC Vessey, JA & Mrs ME Howlitt (ALL/SWA); 2 ML Cowling, Mrs DV Philipps, Mrs A Sharples, F Pratt (WBC); 3 J Drake, R Wren, Mrs Y Hodges, Mrs PL Hunt (ALL/WBC).

EBU Autumn Congress: Mike Pownall & Martyn Hill-Jones, with Filip Kurbalija and Jeremy Dhondy won the Eastbourne Bowl for teams of four; Mike and his partner, Peter Goodman, were 4th in the Two Stars Final. Congratulations to all!

Diary Dates: Dec 6 & 13, Open Swiss Teams, Wessex BC*; Dec 20, Dorset Mixed Pairs (Chope Salver) WBC; Jan 3, 10, 24 & 31, Open Swiss Teams, Wessex BC*; Jan 17, Dorset Swiss Teams, (Frost Rose Bowl) Bashley; Jan 24, Open Swiss Teams, Sherborne.* Dorset events: Jim Barlow 01202 429268; WBC -Terry Udall 01202 760934; Sherborne, Brenda Morgan 01935 850704. * EBU Licensed Congress events.

Essex

EBU Autumn Simultaneous Pairs: C Megahey & M Smith playing at Lingwood were third of the 3896 pairs competing.

Cardiff Café Charity Drive: S Pye was second in this fun charity pairs event.

EBU Wireplay Summer Meeting at Brighton: Congratulations to A Mayo & P Franklin who won the Four Stars A Final of the Swiss Teams, to P Franklin who was third in the Swiss Pairs, and L Burt & Mrs S Burt who

won the First Sunday Open Pairs.

Junior Camrose Trials: A Shillitoe and partner were second after two weekends of competitive bridge. As a result of the trials, two Essex juniors, A Shillitoe and N Cundy, have gained places in the under 25 National Squad.

Milton Keynes Congress: Mrs A Hartley & A Shillitoe teamed up with R Harper & P Hackett to win the Swiss Teams.

One-Day Green Point Events: 6 Essex teams went to Watford to join 73 other teams competing in the Herts Swiss Teams. Essex did well when two teams finished in the first three: 2 Mrs A Hartley, D Cooper, D Embleton & S Cade-Bowyer; 3 R Cornell, D Clark, A Green & S Nagpaul. On the following day Mrs M Curtis & G Faulkner were part of a celebrity team with D Harris & Mrs S Landy, invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Norfolk's One-Day Swiss Teams, where they were second.

County News: Alpha Bridge Club's Bob Cuthbert Swiss Teams: 1 Lady E Telford, Mrs Y Dagwell, R Jones & N Hunt; 2 J Burrows, F Eddleston, S Abley & R Erwin; 3 M Jones, V Howlett, P Barnett & S Foster.

Diary Dates: Helliard Trophy, Dec 13, Mountnessing Village Hall; Essex Swiss Pairs, Jan 3, Wick Community Centre; Essex Pairs, Heat 3, Jan 17, Thorpe Bay BC; Essex Mixed Pairs, Jan 31, Newlands Spring Community Centre; National Newcomers, Essex Heat, Feb 4, Old Parkonians Club; South Woodham Ferrers 2-Day Congress, Feb 6-7, South Woodham Ferrers; Essex Pairs Final, Feb 21, Thorpe Bay BC; Clacton Congress, Feb 26-28, Clacton Town Hall.

Gloucestershire

Percentage Pairs: 1 P Denning & R Chamberlain, 2 G Sadie & K Stanley. **Summer Pairs**: 1 K Rahim, 2 Mrs W Angeseesing. **Summer Teams**: 1 = P Denning, P Shields & Mrs L Harrison. **Men's Pairs**: 1 A Selsby & C Wadsworth; 2 P Denning & R Chamberlain. **Ladies' Pairs**: 1 Miss V Allinson & Mrs L Harrison; 2 Mrs C Moore & Mrs M Jones. **Visitors Night**: This proved to be a very successful with a record turn out. Prizes were awarded to the following: NS 1 Mrs M Bradier & Miss N Lunnon; 2 Peggy Phillips & Pat Grieves; 3 Joan Peel & Ann Sprawson; EW 1 A & B Pritchard; 2 John & Gloria Smart; 3 M & B Queensborough.

One Day Green Points Swiss Teams, again at the Cheltenham Race Course, but only a disappointing 63 teams even though it was held in the Prestbury Suite, arguably one of the best venues in the country for one day events. The day went very smoothly and efficiently: 1 C Southcott, Pauline Hiscock, Sue Walton, J Dixon; 2 Gwynn Davis, Pat Davis, Mr & Mrs Austwick; 3= D Beavon, B Belch, R Keane, E Hartland; 3= C Keep, M Simpsin, N Wilkes, Gillian Lonsdale.

Leslie Everett Cup: Winners: Glos (P Denning, G Sadie, J Angeseesing & M Kane); 2 Oxon (S Noble, K Bennet, P & A Fernhead.)

Brighton Pairs: C Kinloch & partner came 6th. **National Swiss Teams** Finals: 6 Mrs N Allen, R Foulds, A Selsby, C Wadsworth. Congratulations to P Denning & M Kane for reaching the semi-finals stage of the **International World Pairs Championship** at Lille in France.

Hants & IOW

EBU National Swiss Teams: A noteworthy win for Ms H Maidment, D Hinkin, M Fithyan, S Preston. **Petersfield Swiss Teams**: 1 Mr & Mrs P Glanville, M Gwillam, P Jones; 2 Mrs M Lawson & Mrs S Turpin, D Miller & M Nurmohamed; 3 Mrs M Stothart, J Martin, I Soutar & J Fry.

County Ladies' Pairs (Gloria Cahalan Cup): 1 Mrs E Rice & Mrs R Pinches; 2 Mrs P Pottage & Mrs P Serby, 3 Mrs B Jones & Mrs J Whitehouse. **Men's Pairs** (Southsea Cup): 1 B Johnson & D Evans; 2 D Hale & D Miller; 3 D Morison & B Stapleton.

Mixed Swiss Teams (Harrop cup): 1 D Byron & M Craven, Mrs C Carter & B Stapleton; 2 D Huggett & S Preston, Ms H Maidment & M Fithyan; 3 D Miller & J Wall, Mrs M Phillips & A Cooke.

Married Pairs (Simmons Trophy): 1 Mr & Mrs E Bridgeman; 2 Mr & Mrs M Mollart-Rogerson; 3 Mr & Mrs J Linsell. **Mixed Pairs** (Simmons Plate): 1 Mrs C Hilliard & R Vessey; 2 Mrs M Lawrenson & D Thornton; 3 Mrs K Pausey, G Butcher.

Congratulations to the above and also to Marc and Charlotte Smith, who reached the finals of the **World Mixed Swiss Pairs** in Lille.

Diary Dates: Bloxham Trophy Open Swiss Teams, Nov 1, Romsey; Wessex Swiss Teams, Nov 22, Romsey; Simple Systems Pairs, (+ IOW heat), Nov 29, Chilworth; Roll of Honour Pairs, Dec 13, Andover; Xmas Mini-Swiss Teams, Dec 20, Romsey; Pivot Teams, Jan 3, Romsey; Mini-Swiss Teams, Jan 17, Romsey; Lincoln Swiss Pairs, Jan 24, Romsey; Candlestick Open Swiss Pairs, Jan 31, 1pm, Romsey. All entries to Kathy Vaile 01590 679673.

Herefordshire

The **Ace of Spades** was won by M Collins & Mrs M Panniers 67.6%; 2 Mrs J Baker & Mrs E Grubb 59.5%; 3 M Dorsett & D Magee 56.4%. **Ray Paul Memorial Salver**: J Griffiths & Mrs D Whittaker 60.1%; 2 R Carter & Mrs P Jenkins 59.8%; 3 A & Mrs J Shave 56.1%.

On Oct 6 an excellent tea was ruined by the absence of pastry forks. We are the frontiersmen of English bridge but the embers of empire must not be allowed to die. We need your support. The **Avocett Pools Cup** was won by Dr D & Dr Mrs S Munday, with Mrs M Archer & Mrs D Dallimore 85imp; 2 Mrs B Forryan & J Griffiths, R Carter & Mrs G Ogden, 70imp; 3 D & Mrs MA Reay, M Dorsett & Mrs E Legg 64imp. **Next Step Pairs**: 1 V Bosson & M Hooper 62.5%; 2 Mrs J Lewis & Mrs K Watkins 58%; 3 Mrs E Thoburn & Mrs K Neale 57.3%.

Diary Dates: Jan 20, Newcomers Pairs, Hampton Bishop; Jan 26, National Pairs heat, Hereford; Feb 20, Multiple Teams (Sun Valley Bowl) Ledbury. Please confirm dates and venues on all entry forms.

Hertfordshire

CONGRATULATIONS to Derrick Kime who recently achieved the rank of **Grand Master**. Apologies to Freda Warner and team whose success in winning the B flight Swiss Teams at the **Bedford Congress** was omitted from the last news entry. The **Presidents Pot**, an invitational event sponsored by and held at the Bristol Bridge Club, was won by Robert Teasdale & Arnie Anidjar-Romain.

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Watford Green Point Swiss Teams: 1 Shireen Mohandes, Andy Bowles, Michael & Margaret Courtney; 2 Audrey Hartley, David Cooper, Dave Embleton, Steve Cade-Bowyer; 3 Ray Cornell, David Clarke, Alan Green, Satish Nagpul; 4 Anne Flockhart, John Wood, Malcolm Harris, David Ellison

The **Champions Cup** for the winners of all County Club Championships: 1 Judi Berzins & Benji Hackenbroch, Owl and Pussy Cat; 2 Bertie Shiebert & Jon Williams, Hemel Hempstead; 3 Barbara Hollick & Keith Larney, New Hertford

At the **Great Northern Swiss Pairs**, the Ladies Title was won by Jean Anderson & Julie Snell. At the **Autumn Congress**, Bournemouth, Celia & Derek Oram were fourth in the Satellite Pairs Final. In the teams, Maria Budd & Malcolm Harris, with Jon Williams & David Harris of Beds, were runners up in the Eastbourne Bowl, Nick Hodsdon & Mike Read with Andy & Julian Peers qualified for the Eastbourne Bowl, Barbara & Derrick Kime and partners qualified for the Burlington Cup, and Julie Snell with Marilyn Bernstein, Harvey Fox and Peter Robinson, also qualified for the Burlington Cup.

Hertfordshire Mixed Pairs Championship: 1 Jan Sanders & John Wood 70%; 2 Julie Snell & John Horsley 68.1%; 3 Hazel Miles & Roy Young 61%; 4 Shirley Posner & Vic Reader 58.9%. Flich: Margaret & Bernard Eddleston.

OBITUARY: The news of Bill Moore's death, at the age of 44, came as a terrible shock to bridge players in Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire, especially to members of Welwyn Garden City BC. Bill, a Life Master, was well known as a brilliant team player, always in contention at major congresses and often a winner. He was an electrifying partner and a formidable opponent, but his close friends and his colleagues at British Telecom knew him as a warm, generous and loyal person. Bill's was a turbulent spirit but his star quality was undeniable and he will be sorely missed.

Diary Dates: Jan 10, Humble Cup, 1st Qualifinal Greenwood Park, 1pm, pre-entry to Mike Minting or Barbara Kime; Jan 30/31, Letchworth Congress, enquiries to Paddy Atkin (01462 893495); Feb 7, Championship Pairs Semi Final, Bridge Centre, Welwyn Garden City Bridge Club, 1pm, pre-entry to Mike Minting or Barbara Kime; Feb 12, Masters Pairs for HBA members below the rank of Regional Master, 7.30 pm Bridge Centre, Welwyn Garden City, pre-entry to Mike Minting or Barbara Kime.

Isle of Man

At the 32nd **Isle of Man/BBL Congress** an enjoyable weekend was had by all and the cocktail party after the Sunday afternoon ses-

sion was much appreciated. Thanks to our sponsors. The Teams Tynwald Trophy was won by a mixed Manx/Coventry team and The Keys Cups Pairs Championship was won by two of our faithful attenders from Yorkshire.

Swiss Teams (Tynwald Trophy): 1 John Whillis, Brian Lowe, John Pyner, Keith Jordan; 2 Mr MacKay, Mr Crosswell, Mr Brown & Mr Williams. **Championship Pairs, Keys Cups:** 1 Janet & Philip Mason, Yorkshire; 2 Keith Jordan & John Pyner, Coventry; 3 Jean & Noel Bailey, N/East. **Consolation final:** 1 Elaine Moore & Pat Laski, Isle of Man; 2 Janet & Ted Latham, Yorkshire; 3 David Stevenson & Ron Higgins, Merseyside & Cheshire. **Mixed Pairs (Leonard Bond Salver):** 1 Janet & Ted Latham, Yorkshire; 2 David Stevenson & Elaine Moore, Merseyside/I o M; 3 Joan Sherry & John Large, I o M.

Our thanks as ever to Russell McClyment & Anne for their efficient & sympathetic running of the event.



Erika Slatcher presents the trophy to the teams winners.

It is with sadness we report the death of the MBU Vice President **Patricia Crookes**. Pat has been ill for some years but was still an active member until just before death, despite her severe breathing difficulties.

Kent

The growing popularity of daytime bridge is underlined with the commencement of Thursday afternoon meetings at Shorne Village Hall. A mixed programme of duplicate, Chicago and teams is planned (enquiries Les Bain 01634 290488).

Beckenham BC Swiss Teams: 1 Norman Inniss, Roy Linn, Derrick Ryan, Dorothy Holland; 2 Pat & Malcolm McBain, Terry Cannon, Tim Lloyd-Williams. **Farnborough BC Swiss Teams:** 1 Doreen Charteris, Derek Randall, John Woolfe, Bob Sharples; 2 Chris & Sue Morgan, Colin Wilson, Diana Avis. **Bromley BC Swiss Teams:** 1 Doreen Charteris, Derek Randall, Albert Ruff, Bob Sharples; 2 Jack Lavis, Janet Gedge, Jim Scase, Derek Eneas.

Diary Dates: The Fleming Femina & Hunter Homines (County Ladies' & Gents' Pairs Championship), Tunbridge Wells club, Jan 17. Entry forms in the County Competitions brochure.

Lancashire

Past Results: Risley Swiss Teams: 1 M Brunner, J Holland, B & R Goldenfield; 2= E Evans, S Hyman, B Ripley & B Newall; 2= M Castagliola, D Gray, J & P Hismurgh.

Risley Swiss Pairs: 1 D Baskin & M Alexander; 2 D Stevenson & R Higgins; 3 M Dash & A Ballam.

Preston Open Pairs: 1 S Hyman & D Ackerman; 2 H Baker & A Woodcock; 3 N & S Woodcock.

Brighton Summer Meeting: 3 N & S Woodcock, A Woodcock & C Kinloch. **EBU & BBL Junior Trials:** A Woodcock & M Teltscher. This result puts Andrew in the under-20 selection squad. Congratulations.

Lancashire Mixed Pairs: 1 E Evans & S Hyman; 2 H Weale & J Pye; 3 P & L Smith.

Bolton Congress, Ladies' Pairs: 1 J Whone & G Wealthy; 2 S Hyman & S Whittam; 3 J Carse & L Stuart. **Men's Pairs:** 1 M Halliwell & J Smith; 2 P Ackerman & J Smith; 3 P Williams & M Ardon. **Championship Pairs:** 1 B & C Henderson; 2 D Fazacklerly & J Brearley; 3 M Halliwell & M Ardon. **Consolation Pairs:** 1 G Horton & M Burley; 2 A Lee & R Alison. **Teams:** 1 B & R Goldenfield, T & S Capel; 2= E Wardle, R Riding, J Cross & J Entwistle; 2= J Morrell, D Tuck, B Ripley & C Henderson.

Pendle Witch Pairs: Experts: 1 R Morrish & J Hassett; 2 M Nicholson & S Haley; 3 E Evans & S Hyman. **Middle Experts:** 1 S Higson & M Vinten; 2 E Humphry & J Davis. **Non-Experts:** 1 C Pollard & I Park; 2 P Sweeny & D O'Connor.

Lancashire Simple Systems: 1 B McNamara & M Knowles; 2 E Evans & S Hyman; 3 P Ashton & O Burgess. **Non-Expert Trophy:** S Smith & G Wilkinson.

Diary Dates: Lytham Rose Bowl Final, Dec 6, Lytham BC; Year End Congress, Dec 28-30, Stakis Hotel Blackpool; LCBA Championship Pairs Final, Jan 10, Lytham BC; Lancashire Evening Post Pairs, Jan 24, Preston BC; LCBA Butler Pairs, Feb 7 Brierfield BC; Doyle Trophy, Feb 14, Southport BC; LCBA Club Teams-of-8 Championship, Feb 21, Athenaeum Bury.

Leicestershire

Leicestershire/Derbyshire Green Point, Swiss Pairs: 1 M Starkings & J Squib; 2= I Kidger & J Downing; 2= E Lucioni & N Eaton. **Swiss teams:** 1 D & J Burgess, T Lynex, F Powell; 2 D Fletcher, Mrs J Wightman, Mrs M Ferguson, Mrs I Krantz; 3 E Lucioni, N Eaton, J Dakin, M Collins.

Melton Trophy (Swiss Teams): 1 D Pollard, Mrs J Wightman, D Fletcher, Mrs M Pote; 2 (Stanley Trophy) Mrs S Osborne, Mrs B Gromett, Mrs E Cooper, Mrs R Berrington; 3 K Riley, P Riley, R Gittins, G Grittins; Anne of Cleves Trophy (highest placed Melton pair), C Davies, Mrs E Davies, R Taylor, D Jones. The event raised £400 for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

Summer Knockout: 1 Melton A (B Gibson, M Osborne, A Warner, Mrs W Wiles); 2 Claredon (AN Odams, Mrs I Krantz, P Bowyer, Mrs S Bowyer). **Plate competition:** 1 Blaby B; 2 Leicester Bridge Centre D2.

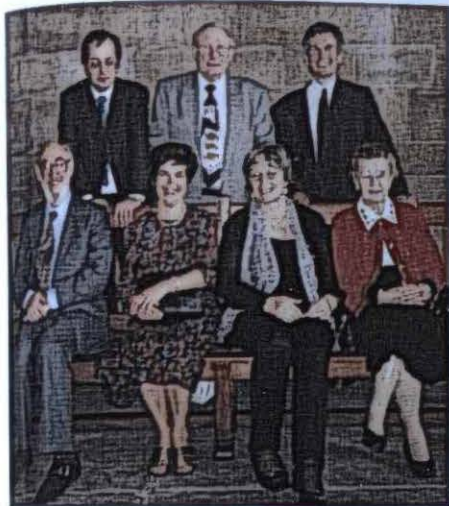
Congratulations to Richard Corliss of Loughborough Grammar School on winning the **Harry Scully Trophy**, the first (and last!) Leicestershire player to do so. He was partnered by Brian Callaghan.

Sadly we have to record the deaths of several Leicestershire members. Dr Eric Primrose was a life member of the LCBA and former chairman. He also served as tournament secretary and EBU delegate. He played a major role in organising Leicestershire's first and only Camrose match, England v Northern Ireland in 1984. A fine player, he represented his county on many occasions and for many years played

for Leicester University in the league.

Leicestershire bridge has also lost Jay Buskin, Les Colley, Doug Mishell and Fred Tutty (Westcotes BC), Joyce Constable and Brenda Wesson (Melton BC) and C Larkin (Barkby BC). They were all much loved and respected members of their clubs. We send our sincere condolences to their families.

Diary Dates: Dec 9, Wilde Cup; Jan 27, Butterworth Trophy, Josephs Bowl Rd 1; Jan 31 Otto & Edith (Fritch heat); Feb 1 National Pairs heat; Feb 8 Gimson Trophy LCBA Open heat; Feb 15, 17, 18 Gimson quarter finals.



These are some of the team of eight from the County Bridge Club, Leicester, who travelled to the Palace of Westminster for an invitation charity match against a combined team from the Lords and Commons – which contained many of the players selected against the EBU earlier in the year.

The match, jointly arranged by the club chairman, Mrs. Brenda Harris, and Dr. Evan Harris, MP for Oxford West & Abingdon, raised £200 and as the visitors won, by a narrow margin, they chose the charity – the Stroke Association, of which Lord Skelmersdale, one of the host team, is chairman.

Afterwards the teams had dinner together in the Strangers' Dining Room. The trip was sponsored by the Gifts and Jewellery Centre of Wigston.

Parliamentary team: Lord Skelmersdale & Baroness Oppenheim-Barnes, Lord Stamp & Earl of Macclesfield, Lord Robert Winston & Dr Harris, Richard Allan & Ms. Fiona McTaggart.

Visitors: Brenda Harris & Steve Wright, Richard Smith & Irene Krantz, Norman Williams & Sheila Ball, Harold Markham & David Pollard.

Lincolnshire

The following officers were elected at the AGM: Chairman, A Brown; vice chairman, L Taffinder; secretary, R Hughes; treasurer, J Vickers; competition secretary, W Herbert. The committee has agreed that the Lincs Gold and League Div 1 would be level 4 for bridge conventions; Heward Trophy and Restricted Pairs would be level 2; and all other competitions would be level 3. (Please note that the Davey Cup was designated level 2 in error on the draw sheet).

AGM Open Pairs: 1 Mr & Mrs A Brown; 2 Mr & Mrs W Herbert; 3 R Hughes & A Green; 4 K Stewart & J Vickers. **Mixed Married Pairs:** 1

D Mellor & Mrs C Rushforth; 2 M Lynn & Mrs E Proctor; 3 Mr & Mrs Ronan (Fritch Cup); 4 Mrs W Sleightholme & J Hill.

National Pairs Heat: 1 R Hughes & D Mellor; 2 M Perry & N Dyer; 3 A Green & A King; 4 I Gaywood & M Duffree; 5 Mr & Mrs A Brown. **Restricted Pairs:** 1 A Andrews & H Coates; 2 Mrs B Bassford & Mrs H Painter; 3 Mrs K Taylor & Mrs M Blakeney; 4 Mr & Mrs W Holmes.

Diary Dates: Dec 6, Swiss Teams (prior entry); Jan 10, Random Seeded Teams (prior entry); Jan 24, Bainton Semi-Final (qual only). All events 1.30pm, Dunholme Village Hall.

London

London is very proud of Boris Schapiro and Irving Gordon who recently won the **Seniors World Championship** in Lille (news came in just too late to meet the deadline for County News last time). Boris has been made a Life member of the LCCBA in recognition of his achievement. Congratulations to David Price, another London high achiever, who won the **Camrose** trials by a huge margin playing with Tom Townsend, while Joe Fawcett and Glyn Liggins came third and so are also very likely to be representing England this season.

David Martin, recently elected to the Board of Directors of the EBU, had a great time at the **Autumn Congress**, winning the Two-Stars Pairs and also the Sussex Cup consolation teams. The latter was with Gordon Rainsford and Glen Holman, who in turn came second in the Swiss Pairs. Glen is having a very good season, having also managed second in the **Great Northern Swiss Pairs**. Another recent London win came from Shireen Mohandes, Andy Bowles and Michael & Margaret Courtney who won the **Herts One-day Swiss Teams**. Well done to all.

County Mixed Pairs Championship: 1 Paul Martin & Chris Andrews; 2 Jean-Christophe & Caroline Gautier; 3 Liz Wright & Nick Wilson; 4 Neil & Christine Tomkin. **Champions Cup:** 1 Hammersmith League (Mike Barnett, M Fitzgerald, Gary Jones, Alan Lipton); 2 Herts (T D Didson, M G Hancock, Alan Kay, Roger Gibbons); 3 Sussex (David & Jill Armstrong, Dave Franklin, Mick Carrington)

Diary Dates: Jan 17, Palmer Bayer 'No Fear' Pairs (David Martin 0181 6709122); Jan 24, Daily Telegraph Cup Final (Nigel Freake 0181 8012884); Feb 14, Junior Inter-County Teams (John Probst 0181 9804947); Feb 21, London Pairs Championship (Nigel Freake 0181 8012884). All events 1pm, Young Chelsea BC.

Manchester

Rhodes Racing Cup: surprise win for young team – Adrian Kenworthy, Dave Palmer, Frank Brown, Rick Clarke, Dave Berrisford.

Great Northern Swiss Pairs: Congratulations to Mike Alexander & Justin Hackett, 4th with 65% out of a field of 114.

Pendle Witch Pairs (45 pairs): John Hassett & Ron Morrish.

County match in Derbyshire: Congratulations to the Manchester team, Raymond Semp, Gary Hyett, Howard Melbourne & Roy Higson, 2nd in the **Macfarlane Trophy**.

Deaths: We are sad to relate the deaths of Frank Millinchip, Frank Wilson, Maurice

Green, and Syd Bardsley. Syd died suddenly in hospital three days after being admitted. It was a shock and a sad loss to club bridge. His relatives knew him as a bon viveur, who enjoyed life to the full and bridge in particular. Syd was the last person to talk about his illness but for nine months he was a sick man. He bore it at all times with great fortitude; an example to us all.

Swedish match: Manchester CBA have been asked to stage a friendly match against Sweden May 7-9 next year. The format will be similar to the other friendly matches against Holland and France – an Open Team, Ladies Team and Junior Team will compete all-play-all against corresponding teams and a County Team, a Club Team and a Team of Officials will compete similarly. A reception is planned for the teams on May 7, followed by a session of duplicate bridge which will be open to county members. The venue for all the bridge is at Manchester Terminal Two. It is hoped that a sight-seeing tour of Manchester will be arranged for the Swedish team.

Andrew Guilfoyle Appeal: About a year ago, Andrew Guilfoyle almost lost his life in a road accident. Andrew's father, Kevin, is a bridge enthusiast who plays at local clubs in the south of Manchester. Manchester CBA agreed to support an appeal to raise £30,000 for an adapted vehicle with wheelchair lift for Andrew. Thirteen clubs have raised £1,097 by collecting a voluntary £2 per head at duplicate sessions. £313 has been raised by private donations, making a total of £1,410.

Manchester Swiss Teams: J Holland, M Brunner, B Hirst, J Hassett; Intermediate: J Beddington, A McKillop, J & T Richards.

Santa Claus Pairs, Manchester BC: Entries now being accepted – an event so popular that it was full last year – Dec 20, 2 pm. Cost is unchanged, £21 per player, and everyone gets a prize! Ring 0161 4453712.

Diary Dates: Feb 7, The Ben Franks Trophy, 1pm, Manchester BC; Feb 21, Manchester Championship Pairs 1pm, Manchester BC (Kath Nelson 0161 9411606).

Merseyside & Cheshire

Congratulations to Dave Keen on his recent elevation to **Grand Master** and to Dawn & John Herbert on receiving the **Dimmie Fleming** award for their services to bridge in the county.

Congratulations also to the winners of the county leading **Master Point** tables for the last season, V Eakin, P Coulter and L Murthwaite.

The **Huggill Trophy** is the annual team of sixteen event played between Lancashire, Manchester and Merseyside & Cheshire. Due to an administrative misunderstanding, the latter team turned up for this year's event with only six pairs. However both captains made a few phone calls, and some local players were drafted in to assist, with a delay of only about an hour. This was sportsmanship at its finest and certainly the real winner was bridge and the spirit in which the event was held. The 'ringers' played magnificently and Merseyside & Cheshire emerged winners by 6 VPs ahead of Manchester. The winning team was Ted Reveley, Steve Whittleton, John Armstrong, John Drake, Dave & Jean Keen, Ralph Churney, Bernard Krasner, Stuart Matthews, Peter Garner-Gray, Ann Dunn, Paul Roberts

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and honorary members Marianne Farr, David Adelman, John Morrell & Alan Whittam. Congratulations everyone!

The opening event of the **Merseyside Bridge League** season was the 2-session Swiss Teams: 1 PSA (R Graham, A Prothero, G Austin, P Sims, P Garner-Gray) 103 VPs; 2 Sutton 80 VPs; 3 Harlequins 71 VPs.

Deva Bridge Club's annual charity event, the **Chester Bowl**: Main final: 1 S Webster & J Ireland; 2 W Weightman & P Hatton; 3 D Owen & M Jordan; Consolation final: 1 C Ryall & J Marray; 2 P&J Hand; 3 D Flacks & J Leather. Open Pairs winners: N/S J Arrowsmith & R Clark; E/W J Hayden & E Ratzenburg.

Liverpool BC Mixed Pairs, Sept: 1 Geraldine Springer & Dan Le Masurier; 2 Sheila Mattison & Ted Reveley.

Diary Dates: Dec 5, Waterworth Cup Merseyside BC; Jan 13 BBL simultaneous pairs, local clubs; Jan 23/24 Chester Congress, Deva BC; Jan 31, Smedley Hydro inter-club teams of 8 Merseyside BC; Feb 7, County Trials, Liverpool BC.

Middlesex

The Middlesex Team for the **Tollemache Qualifier**, which has been selected only from players who participated in major county events last season, is Heather Dhondy & David Parry, Jeremy Dhondy & Ian Pagan, Jerry Harouni & Ray Robinson and Victor Silverstone & Tony Waterlow.

The new **Middlesex League** has started with 32 teams and a six-team Newcomers Section.

In the **EBU Autumn Congress**, there were various successes for Middlesex players. In the main event, The Two Stars, Andrew Thompson & Tony Clark were 2nd, while Emil Lawy & Harold Schogger were 3rd in the Satellite Pairs and Nick Economou & Frank Wharton won the Swiss Pairs. In the teams, Jeremy Dhondy partnered by Welsh international Filip Kurbalija, teamed up with a Dorset pair to win the main final by a large margin.

Jacqui & Peter Tobias were 2nd in Swiss pairs at the **EBU Guernsey Congress**.

Belated congratulations to Phil King and Dick Shek on their promotions to **Grand Master**.

The first Middlesex event of the season, the **Newcomers Pairs**, was won by Simon Mostyn & Neill Harkcuss, with Sue Bird & Mike Davis 2nd and Evelyn & Jeff Lewin 3rd.

Middlesex events in December include the Skiddaw individual championships, the final heats and semi final for the Cadet Cup for players ranked up to 5-Star Masters, and for the first time a heat of the GolfPrint Challenge.

Norfolk

YMCA Trophy (Pairs): 1 Iris Green & Gillian Hall; 2 Adrian la Chappelle & Roger Cortis; 3 Roger Amey, Elfed Evans-Jones.

Robertson Cup (Handicap Pairs): 1 Terry & Margaret Struthers; 2 Eric Lloyd & Mandy North-Graves; 3 Tony Legg & Harry Fox.

Kings Lynn (Swiss Teams): 1 Roger Amey, Elfed Evans-Jones, Derek Griffiths & Tony Odams.

Tommy Houston (Swiss Teams): 1 Roger Amey, Elfed Evans-Jones, Derek Griffiths & David Newstead; 2 Mike Virgo, Elizabeth Brown, Derek Smith & Bubbles Rundle; 3 Mark Ward, Terry Glover, Mark Hill & Mike Bolster.

Orb Paquot Trophy (Swiss Pairs): 1 Brian & Myra Overy; 2 Eric Lloyd & Arther Dick-Cleland; 3 Peter Lofting & Mary Kingdon.



Roger Amey (Norfolk president), Elfed Evans-Jones & Gerard Faulkner, EBU Tournament Committee vice chairman, at the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Norfolk CBA.

Welcoming the many distinguished guests to a buffet reception in the magnificent setting of the Blackfriars Hall, Mr Amey gave a brief history of the association. In reply, the chairman of the EBU, Mr Peter Stocken, thanked the NCBA for their hospitality, and wished them every success for the next 50 years. He observed that a distinguished painting of the patron saint of bridge partners, Sir Thomas Anguish, was one of many adorning the walls.

Over 100 players enjoyed the ensuing pairs competition, ably directed by Mr Nigel Block and scored by Miss Gillian Hall. Despite the presence of a plethora of visiting Grand Masters, the result was a very popular win for the county secretary, Mrs Christine Buchanan and her partner Ian Emerson.

North East

Niman-Israel Cup (Pivot teams): 1 J F Marley, J Wooton, Mrs E Spalding, Mrs D Ritson; 2 Mr & Mrs N Aiston, A Deane, S Purvis. **Senior Pairs**: 1 J E Bagshaw & A Deane; 2 A Sanderson & J Naylor.

NEBA Congress: Championship Pairs: 1 CF Owen & R Watts; 2 A Deane & J Ledger. **Championship Teams**: 1 J Ledger, A Deane, S Purvis & S Leigh; 2 Mr & Mrs J Edmunds, A Kemp & J Kingcome. **Men's Pairs**: A Deane & S Purvis; **Ladies' Pairs**: Mrs D Ritson & Mrs R Foster; **Consolation Pairs**: N-S Mr & Mrs A Greenhill, E-W Mrs S Green & Mrs B Charlton.

Cleveland Open Pairs: 1 N Dykes & D Dawson; 2 G Cox & A Erskine. **Fitch**: Mr & Mrs B Somerville; **Consolation pairs**: N-S C Thompson & P Thompson; E-W A Deane & S Purvis.

NEBA-EBU Swiss Teams: 1 Mr & Mrs R

Stevenson & Mr & Mrs P Allan; 2 M Oliver, F Dalton, C Owen & J Gibson.

The county's A and B teams were successful in the annual friendly match against Yorkshire. Congratulations to members who did well in out-of-county competitions. To Jean Dobson and Geoffrey Parker, 10th in the **EBU Autumn Simultaneous Pairs**, in which 3,896 pairs competed; to Jean & John Bailey, who were 3rd in the Pairs Championship of the **Isle of Man Congress**; to Grant Cohen and Geoff Edean who were runners-up in the Pairs Championship, **Peebles Congress**; and to Clive Owen and Stan Payne, who were part of the runners up team at the same event.

Nottinghamshire

The **Swiss Pairs Championship** was won convincingly by Janine Ford and Bill Whalley; runners up were John Glass and Kyra Wills. **County Matches**: Warwickshire, Dawes 16-4, Porter 0-20; Worcestershire, Dawes 3-17, Porter 7-13, 3rd team 3-17. **Summer Competitions**: **Black Cup (mixed pairs)**: 1 Janine Ford & Bill Whalley; 2 Eva Smith & Eric Nunn. **Farr Cup (similar pairs)**: 1 Gordon Fullerton & David Burgess; 2 Richard Kowalski & Stan Kujawinski.

Diary Dates: Dec 16, 7pm, Christmas party (play with the experts); Dec 30, Individual Championship, 7pm. Entry forms from Ian Dovey (0115 9813472) or your club for the qualifying heat of the Teams of Four Knock-out Championship, Jan 31, 2pm. Nottingham BC is the venue for all these events.

Oxfordshire

County Ladies Pairs Championship: 1 Debbie Roberts & Elizabeth Yearling, 56.67%; 2 Helen Lawton-Smith & Natalie Davenport, 56.36%; 3= Morrie Marsh & Winnie Ling, Mary Ann Sheeby & Sheila Zinkin, 54.2%.

County Tuesday Duplicate Pairs Playoff: 1 Stephen Brown & Martin Kane; 2 Paul Fearnhead & Steve Noble; 3 Rene Bloch & Winnie Ling.

Diary Dates: Jan 11, OBA Management Meeting, Oxford BC, 7.30pm; Jan 31, qual heat for teams to represent county in the Beck Cup; Feb 14, OUCBA Swiss Teams Congress; Feb 28, Highworth BC Open Swiss Teams; Mar 21, Wallingford BC Open Swiss Teams; Mar 28, Beck Cup Final.

Staffordshire & Shropshire

Malcolm and Judy Mitchell had a 70% game to finish 5th in the **Leicestershire Swiss Pairs** and then went on to finish in the same position in the **Great Northern Swiss Pairs**. Arthur Bloxham and Geoff Davies finished 6th nationally in the **EBU Autumn Simultaneous Pairs**. Brigitte Mavromichalis won the Mixed Pairs at **Guernsey** with Paul Hackett and together with Jason and Justin went on to win the Swiss teams. Brigitte and Paul were also runners up in the Seniors team.

The best result ever by a British Team in the **Rosenblum World teams Championship** saw Paul, Jason and Justin losing on the last board in the quarter finals and Jason and Justin finished 15th in the World Pairs Final. We wish them all the luck in the final weekend of the Premier League in which they have a good

chance of winning the competition for the third time.

It is hoped that all our members have received the county diaries. If you have not, please contact your club county representative.

Somerset

West of England Congress: The success of this year's event was somewhat qualified by the disappointing response from Somerset players. The organisers put a lot of hard work into the Congress and it is to be hoped that there will be a better local entry next year:

Championship Pairs: T E Girdlestone & G J Heal (Somerset); **Clifton Trophy:** L Hewson & M Whittaker (Somerset). **Swiss Teams:** Mrs B Parker, Miss M Blackhall, L Hewson, M Whittaker (Somerset). **Bristol Cup:** M O'Brien, Mrs M Harris, R Kendall (Avon), M Lock (Glouc). **Teams of Four, President's Cup:** R Wilmott, V Holden, G Holden, M Dupont (Wiltshire). **Mixed Pairs:** Mr & Mrs D Beever (Berks & Bucks); **Flicht:** Mr & Mrs D Brown (Somerset); **Ladies' Pairs:** Mrs B Biggin & Mrs D Bishop (Somerset); **Men's Pairs:** D M Howard (Somerset) & R B Slake (Devon).

Congratulations to Cliff Southcott, Pauline Hiscock, Sue Walton and Jim Dixon on winning the **Gloucestershire One-Day Swiss Teams.**

Suffolk

We had a very good turnout for the **Lang Cup** for married pairs. It was finally won by Andrew and Jane Moore.

Elizabeth Godden and Margaret Scurlock deserve particular congratulations. Playing at Colchester in the **BBL Sim Pairs**, they ended up coming 13th in the country.

County Ladies Pairs, at Ipswich: Maria Allnutt & Debby Marriott. **Men's Pairs:** Vince Alexander & Ivan Lockett.

Ipswich and Kesgrave **Swiss Pairs:** John Willmott & Bill Tweddell.

Surrey

The **Surrey/EBU One-Day Green Point** Swiss teams at Guilford was enjoyed by a near record 169 teams. We congratulate Peggy Griffin on her faultless organisation and thank Roland Bolton and his expert team of directors for ensuring that everything ran smoothly. **A flight:** 1 Gaby Mollart, Dominic Greenhow, Angela McCready, Stephen Fleming, (Surrey) 109VPs; 2 Gordon O'Hair, Barry Stoker, Jim Laker and Bob Hampson, 103; 3 Michael Scoltock, Paul Lamford, Graham Horsley and Brian Powell, 96. **B flight:** 1 Zaf Ahmad, S Jog, Tony Turnage and Jim Ellis, 109 VPs; 2 Brian Smith, Lesley Scrivener, Sandra Doyle and Mary Williams, 97; 3 Michael Goddard, John Neal, Lyn Palmer and David Cole, 96. A date to remember - next year's Green Point Swiss Teams will be on August 8.

Wimbledon BC's second Congress proved a big success. **Championship Pairs:** Rob Cliffe & Nora Smith; **Championship Pairs B flight:** John Durden & Marie Horlock; **Championship Pairs consolation flight:** Pam Stewart & Frank Wilson; **Swiss Teams:** Rob Cliffe, Nora Smith, Mike Fletcher and Andrew Thompson; **Mixed Pairs:** Alan Cordery & Gaby Mollart; **Open Pairs:** Pamela Pigott & Jean Fogg.

In the **EBU National Swiss Teams** final at

Leeds, Rolf Alexander, Peter Lee, Tony Cherrett and Margaret Lee finished an excellent equal second.

Diary Dates: Dec 6, Individual (Wimbledon); Jan 15, National Newcomers Pairs (Wimbledon); Jan 24, Senior Pairs (Wimbledon); Feb 14, Ranked Pairs (Leatherhead); Mar 7, Swiss Teams (Leatherhead). Dates to hand for local heats of the Jubilee Pairs: Dec 3 (Guildford, S Bourton 01306 884125); Dec 7 (Bourne, H Mitchell 01252 724620); Dec 8 (Lingfield, J Allard 01883 714813); Jan 14 (Guilford); Jan 17 (Roehampton, 0181 876 1621); Jan 20 (Wimbledon, S Sather 0181 788 9830); Jan 21 (Cobham, H Price 0181 941 6403); Jan 22 (Ewhurst, J Dodd 01483 275164); Jan 26 (Ashford K Biggs 01932 856746); Jan 28 (Leisureland, J Booty 0181 228 9928 2pm); Feb 10 (Leisureland); Feb 11 (Lingfield). You can play in as many heats as you want until you qualify for the semi-finals on March 21.

Croydon Congress (with a slight change of format) Fairfields Halls, Croydon, Feb 6 & 7. (entry forms from local clubs or Mrs Eileen Flower, 14 Foxley Hall, Higher Drive, Purley, Surrey CR8 2HP tel/fax 0181 668 6682)

The team selected to represent Surrey in the Tollemache qualifying competitions is Robin Clark & Bill Hodgkiss, Ken Ford & Ian Swanson, Peter Lee & Bob Rowlands, Tony Lunn & Sean O'Neil and Tim Pike & Malcolm Pryor, Peter Bentley npc, Margaret Lee, scorer.

A **Dimmie Fleming** Award has been awarded to Kit Platt for his long and distinguished service to Surrey bridge. Among his many contributions was his year as Surrey President in 1991.

Sussex

With sadness we report the deaths of Benita Carr and Pat North, two well respected players on the county and national scene.

SCCBA Autumn Congress: Friday afternoon No Fear Pairs: 1 RJ Pyart & Mrs T Hennings; 2 Jean Smallwood & Janet McDaniel; 3 Andrea Bondi & David Galpin. **Ladies Teams:** 1 Mo Perham, Carol Watson, May Langmaid, Margaret Collins; 2 Joan Pink, Wendy Tarrant, Marie Gritt, Jill Newton; 3 Margaret Buddery, Diana Stevens, Carole Sear, Jill Armstrong. **Friday evening No Fear Pairs:** 1 S Bugden & J Bugden; 2 J Nancollas & D Teale; 3 M Folkes & M Willford. **Men's Pairs:** 1 D Kalkarni & P Sugden; 2 J Stanford & D Galpin; 3 T Bradley & R Poulter; 4 R Buddery & B Loasby. **Ladies' Pairs:** 1 G Smith & A Wright; 2 J Hootman & L Stanford; 3 J Pink & W Tarrant; 4 M Buddery & D Stevens. **Under 5000 No Fear Pairs:** 1 BP James & H M James; 2 Gloria Harouni & Geraldine Stevens; 3 Colin M Allows, David Williams. **Congress Pairs Final:** 1 G Stanford & A Southwell; 2 J Tostdevine & C Bell; 3 P Sugden & Dedlickas; 4 R Buddery & B Loasby. **Secondary Pairs Final:** 1 P Phipps & M Briant; 2 D Armstrong & J Armstrong; 3 J & D Newton; 4 P Gadsby & Y Platt-Higgins. **Under 15000 Teams:** 1 R Pyart, Mrs E Hennings & Mrs P Murdoch, Miss J Sappford; 2 Mr & Mrs C Hillyer, Mr & Mrs A Chorley. **Swiss Teams:** 1 N Urban, N Watts, A Southwell, G Stanford; 2 D Galpin, Mrs L Stanford, Mr & Mrs B Hootman.

Thakeham Swiss Teams: 1 Sarah & Julian Mitchell, Toby Dorfman, Duncan Curtis; 2

Rene & Denis Crouch, Jean Baker, 'Tig' Pennant-Jones; 3 Ron & Margaret Buddery, Dianna Stevens, Lord Newton. **Non expert winners:** Mrs D Morgan, Mrs J Clinton, A Taylor, E Ayling. **Wivelsfield Swiss Teams:** 1 F North, A Jeffery, H Birch, J Albuquerque; 2 D Franklin, Miss C Sear, Mr & Mrs D Armstrong; 3 D Cairns, Mrs J Law, Mrs S Peters, K Norman. **St Leonards Swiss Teams:** 1 D Body, P Shaw, R Banister, S Rolles; 2 S Blunt, B & J Garrini, J Walker; 3 M & P Sibre, A Recaldin, A Tompson.

Diary Dates: Jan 10, SCCBA New Year Swiss Teams; Jan 20 No Fear Pairs.



Sussex held a Gala Celebration of its Diamond Jubilee in September. Guests and bridge dignitaries were invited along with 22 heat winners of a jubilee simultaneous pairs club competition held earlier this year. There was a sherry reception and guests were randomly teamed, with heat winners, to play a 5x8 board Swiss Teams. After 3 matches an excellent meal was served. Following the refreshment there were speeches from Tom Bradley (chairman), Freddie North (president) - seen at play above, David Harris (vice chairman EBU), Stuart Sather & Jim Cook (Surrey), Denis Crouch (vice president), Sandra Landy (honorary life member).

Two further matches were then played to complete the competitions: 1 S Sather, Jim Cook, Mr & Mrs G Hart; 2 S & J Mitchell, A Blackman, D White; 3 C Wilson, D Avis, A Wallace, W Adams. Many thanks to all who made this such a successful occasion, in particular Doug Penniford of the West Sussex Club and Eddie Williams, County Secretary.

Warwickshire

Hearty congratulations to David Jones & Garry Watson, John Collings & Martin Jones, and Steve Green & Graham Link of Coventry BC on their fine win in the **National Inter-Club Knock-Out Final** against Cambridge BC by 38 imps over 48 boards, after a sound all-round performance.

More recently, Steve, Graham, Martin & John participated in the **Camrose Final Trial**, when Martin & John finished fifth and might well qualify for further national appearances. Sincere congratulations to **Marion Murtagh**, life president and founder of West Midlands BC, who has been honoured with an **EBU Dimmie Fleming** award for services to bridge.

Warwickshire results in the **Dawes & Porter Leagues** are disappointing, with losses against Gloucs (4-16), Notts (6-14) and Derbys (4-16) and only a win against Leics (19-1). The second strings are in better shape, losing to Gloucs (2-18) but winning against Notts (20-0), Derbys (17-3) and Leics (13-7). A third team event with some counties has produced two losses and one win. The county fared well in the **Midland Circle** (at WMBC): 1 Warwickshire (M Allen,

Mrs M Armstrong, R Bowles & P Whitehouse); 2 Debyshire (A Chandler, P Dodson, D George & Mrs S Smith); 3 Berks & Bucks (R Avery, S Gore, Mrs M Lawrence & C Northover).

Coventry Congress is now a popular annual event at the Coventry Club: Godiva Swiss Pairs: 1 D & Mrs M Jones; 2 D Berks & N Wain. Jaguar Swiss Teams: 1 Mrs S Cope & R Edwards, Mrs S Robson & J Yuill; 2 Mrs N McWhirter & A Poole, P Cotterill & C Hall.

Isle of Man Congress saw Keith Jordan & John Pyner (Coventry) in second place in the main pairs event. Linking with B Lowe & J Whillis (1 of M) they were winners of the teams.

At club level, **West Midlands BC's** AGM 909 Cup winners: D & Mrs J Brett; ladies' pairs winners: Mrs M Armstrong & Mrs H Townsend; mens' pairs winners: G Beamond & J Robbins. At **Moseley**, the Bob Parnham Charity Teams event was won by Mrs H Townsend, Mrs N McWhirter, G Beamond & J Robbins, and raised over £300 for arthritis and cancer research. John Edwards, the energetic organiser, plans this Friday morning & afternoon occasion to become a pairs event next year in order to provide a wider attraction.

We regret the passing of **John Kennedy**, a founder member of the present Coventry club; and also of **Colin Packwood**, a well known member at the Moseley and Heathercroft clubs.

Diary Dates: Warks, Worcs and Staffs invite enthusiasts to the Midland Counties Congress, Heath Hotel, Bewdley, Jan 1-3, a popular event which attracts many from Gloucs, Wales and further afield. National Pairs heats, Coventry, 6.55, Jan 14, and Moseley, 6.55, Jan 19; Newcomers heat, Moseley, 6.55, Jan 19 and WMBC, 1.45, Feb 6; National Ladies' and Men's Pairs, Coventry, Jan 23-4; Warks Pairs Final, Moseley 1.45, Feb 21; and Warks Mixed Pairs, Moseley, 6.55 Mar 9. Also approaching are the popular annual Club Teams of Eight competition, the Garden Cities heat, hosted by Stratford BC again, 2pm, Feb 7, and the Ranked Masters, Coventry 6-7 Mar.

Please send entries for Warks events to P Edwards, 8 Marsham Court Road, Solihull B91 2ET.



Seen at the 50th anniversary dinner of the Silhill Bridge Club, Warwickshire: Malcolm Taylor, chairman, Warwickshire CBA; Gordon Coton, organiser; Dick Chamberlain, founder member; and Clem Aprile, Silhill president.

Worcestershire

Ada Hampton received a gift to mark her 90th birthday from members of Droitwich Spa Bridge Club, Worcs. The presentation was made by Maureen Folly, club chairman, and then Ada herself made a presentation to Felix Kurrien, who was 80 - *above right*. Ada has been an active club member since 1967 and they both play regularly.



Wiltshire

Congratulations to Roger Wilmott, Vic Holden, Guy Holden & Michael Duport for lifting the President's Cup at the recent **West of England Congress**. Back at home, Vic & Roger were also triumphant in the **Corsham Pairs**, the county's traditional curtain raiser to the season, with chairman Betty Bartley and Clive Ashton only one match point behind; 3 Kit Stedman & Hilary Wright.

Diary Dates: Book now for one of the most popular events, the Wiltshire one-day green point event, March 14. Make a note in your diary or better still phone Betty Bartley 01980 622646 for an entry form; Jan 17, Butler Pairs (Devizes); Jan 21, Premier League Rd 5; Jan 23 Dorset v Wilts in the Western League.

Yorkshire

Congratulations to Peter Stocken on his re-election as EBU Chairman and to Philip Mason, who continues on the EBU Board of Directors. Also to Graham Jepson & Peter Littlewood on winning the **Great Northern Swiss Pairs** after finishing runners-up last year.

Yorkshire players did well again at the BBL Isle of Man Congress, with Philip & Janet Mason winning the Championship Pairs and Ted & Janet Latham the Mixed Pairs. Those two pairs combined to win the inaugural Seniors Teams at the EBU Guernsey Congress.

YCBA Kath Grimoldy Simultaneous Pairs: A record number of 24 clubs produced an overall entry of 407 pairs: 1 Rita Oldroyd & Tony McNiff 68.93%; 2 Geoff & Wendy Harrison 67.97%; 3 David Dunsby & Derek Rudkin 67.54%; 4 Mary Whyms & Richard Pike 66.53%; 5 Tom Foster & Alan Jackson 66.16%

Nelson Rose Bowl Ladies Teams: 1 Annette Bratley, Elaine Tosdevin, Sheila Galloway & Susan Pell; 2 Pearl Murphy, Heather Hobson, Suzie Ellam & Janet Mason. It was good to see a team of students, from Leeds University, taking part for the first time. **Sheffield Congress:** Championship Pairs: 1 David Colley & Eric Pudsey; 2 Lance Burn & Richard Wraight; 3 Bernard Parkes & Bob Barrott. Swiss Teams: 1 John Hasan, Jean Stevenson, Mary Whyms & Rob Turner, after a split tie for first place with David Waxman, Richard Pike, David Colley & Eric Pudsey.

Huddersfield Examiner Rose Bowl Teams: 1 Alex & Shelagh Flett, Ted & Janet Latham; 2 Brian Yarker, Sheila Galloway, Alan Jarvis & Derek Markham. Garforth Swiss Teams: 1 Rita Oldroyd, Tony McNiff, Sheila Galloway & Brian Yarker; 2 George Whitfield, Jim Walton, John Forsyth & Brian Snodgrass.

Diary Dates: Dec 4, YCBA Council Meeting, Doncaster; Dec 6, Yorkshire League matches; Dec 20, Yorkshire Mixed Teams, New Earswick; Jan 3, Brighouse & Spen New Year

No Fear Pairs, Brighouse; Jan 10, Yorkshire League matches; Jan 24, Yorkshire

Schools Cup teams event, Brighouse; Jan 29/31 Doncaster Congress, Doncaster; Feb 7, Yorkshire League matches; Feb 14 Yorkshire Cup final, Bradford; Feb 18, Margery Cartwright Simultaneous Pairs, clubs.

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On Sunday there will be a two-session Swiss teams event, with a first team prize of £1000, and other prizes down to sixth place. There will also be prizes of £400, £200 and £100 for teams below the rank of Regional Master. The total value of the congress prizes will be £4260 and it is hoped that prominent European players will attend.

Accommodation will be arranged in 4-star hotels or bed and breakfast hotels. Enquiries should be made to the organiser, Mr B Smelt, 27 Ings road, Hull (01482 782272) or the Hull secretary, Mrs H M Barr, 15 Hull Road, Cottingham, Hull (01482 845595).

The team of directors is headed by the EBU National Director, Jim Proctor.

A difficult year

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Conclusion

The Annual Accounts demonstrate the year to have been the most difficult of the decade. On nearly every front trading conditions moved adversely, while good news was scarce. Strong reserves enabled us to cope with this setback and to plan for the future from a position of strength. I confidently expect a return to profitability for the core business in 1998/99.

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Camrose Final Trial: 1 David Price & Tom Townsend (Berks&Bucks) 1042; 2 David Kendrick (Cambs&Hunts) & Brian Senior (Notts) 530; 3 Glyn Liggins & Joe Fawcett (London) 477; 4 John Holland & Michelle Brunner (Man) 230; 5 John Collings & Martin Jones (Warks) 209; 6 Gus Calderwood (London) & Dick Shek 130.

National Swiss Teams: 1 Heather Maidment, David Hinkin, Mike Fifthyan & Steve Preston 167; 2= Ian Sime, John McLaren, Derek Saunders & David Frew 161; 2= Rolf Alexander, Peter Lee, Tony Cherrett & Margaret Lee 161.

Autumn Congress: Two Stars Final 1 David Martin (London) & Brian Senior(Notts) 820.2; 2 Andrew Thompson & Tony Clark (Mx) 783.7; 3 Karl Shaw & Giles Woodruff (Cambs&Hunts) 777.2. Satellite Pairs Final: 1 Catherine Ashment & Chris Jagger (Cambs&Hunts) 808.6; 2 Sverrir Armannsson & Bjorn Theodorsson (Iceland) 786.4; 3 Harold Schogger & Emile Lawy (Mx) 776.8. Swiss Pairs: 1 Frank Wharton & Nick Economou (London) 114; 2= Gordon Rainsford & Glen Holman (London) 103; 2= Rolf Alexander & Tony Cherrett (Surrey) 103. Teams of four, Eastbourne Bowl: 1 Mike Pownall, Martin Hill-Jones (Dorset), Filip Kurbalija (Wales), Jeremy Dhondy (Middlesex) 96; 2 David Harris, Jon Williams (Beds), Maria Budd, Malcolm Harris (Herts) 54; 3 Joe Dinnen (Surrey), Mike Hampton, Peter Goodman (Wales), Marc Smith (Hants&IOW) 26. Burlington Cup: 1 Brian Goalby, Tim Brierley, Alan White (Wilts), Miles Cowling (Dorset) 56; 2 Keith Bennett, Steve Noble, Suzanne Cohen (Oxon), Paula Leslie (Cambs&Hants) 51; 3 Daniel Miller, Julian Wall, John Jones, Mac Nurmohamed (Hants&IOW) 45. Sussex Cup: David Martin, Glen Holman, Gordon Rainsford(London), Brian Senior (Notts).

Great Northern Swiss Pairs (114

pairs): 1 Graham Jepson & Peter Littlewood (Yorks) 69.55%; 2 Glen Holman (London) & Brian Senior (Notts) 68.64; 3 Gareth Roberts & John Young (Cambs&Hunts) 68.18. Ladies: Jean Anderson & Julie Snell(Herts); seniors: Heather Hobson & Roy Garthwaite (Yorks); non-expert winners: Mark & Sue Bass (Leics).

COUNTY

One day Swiss Teams, Cornwall: 1 Bob Blackmore, Ruth Edmondson, Peter Bowles, Bridgid McElroy 105; 2 Robert Glass, Jeremy Rickard, Irene Robinson, Michael Booker 102; 3 Robert Mabely, Wendy Brown, Mimi Falconar, Malcolm Carmichael 99.

Derbyshire: 1 David & Joan Burgess, Terry Lynex, Fred Powell 108; 2 David Fletcher, Jean Wightman, Irene Krantz, Margaret Ferguson 102; 3 Dr J Dakin, M Collins, Eddie Lucioni, Nick Eaton 98. Hertfordshire: 1 S Mohandes, A Bowles, M Courtney, Mrs M Courtney 109; 2 Mrs A Hartley, D Cooper, S Bowyer, D Embleton 103; 3 R Cornell, A Green, D Clark, S Nagpaul 101. Norfolk: 1 R Amey, E Evans-Jones, A Odams, DF Griffiths 109; 2 G Faulkner, D Harris, M Curtis, S Landy 102; 3 J Cauldwell, J Turner, A Curtin, J Jacobster 100.

North East: 1 Roger Stevenson, Wendy Stevenson, Peter Allan, Val Allan 109; 2 Malcolm Oliver, Fred Dalton, Clive Owen, Julian Gibson 105; 3 Arnold Deane, John Bagshaw, Harold & Alan Bergson 101.

Surrey A: 1 Gaby Mollart, Dominic Green, Angela McCready, Stephen Fleming 109; 2 Gordon O'Hair, Barry Stoker, Jim Laker, Bob Hampson 103; 3 Michael Scoltock, Paul Lamford, Graham Horsley, Brian Powell 96. Surrey; (B): 1 Z Ahmed, S Jog, A Turnage, J Ellis 109; 2 Brian Smith, Lesley Schrivner, Sandra Doyle, Mary Williams 97; 3 Michael Goddard, Jon Neal, Lyn Palmer, David Cole 96.

One Day Swiss Pairs, Leicestershire: 1 John Squibb & Mel Starkings 75.83%; 2= Ian Kidger & Jon Downing. 73.75%; 2= Eddie Lucioni & Nick Eaton 73.75%.

Malvern Hills Bowl: 1 John Illingworth & Terry Jones (Warks) 62.31%; 2 John Meiklejohn & Michael Cox (Worcs) 59.81%; 3 Dan Crofts & Neville Orford (Warks) 59.42. Consolation: 1 John Cattanach & Suzanne Griffin (Worcs) 61.22; 2 Laurie King (Hants&IOW) & Lee Won Duck 59.94; 3 Albert Tipton & Elinor Coldron (Warks) 55.61. Malvern Juniors: 1 Robert Goodfellow & Chris Dowden 57.64%; 2 Guy Jeffery & Ed Painter 56.94; 3 Aaron White & James Lombert 55.56.

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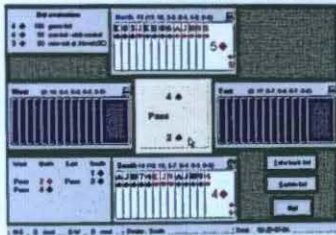
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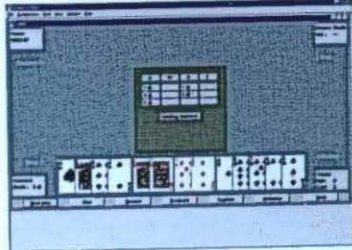
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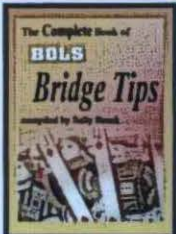
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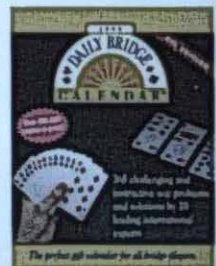
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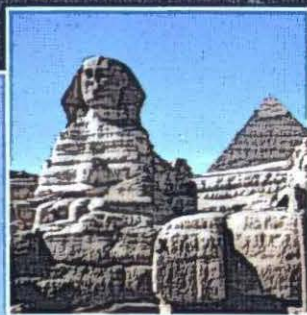
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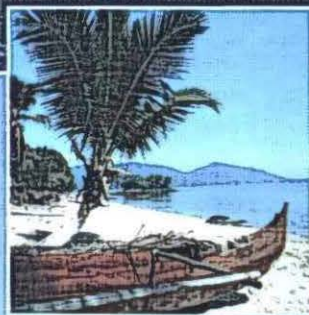
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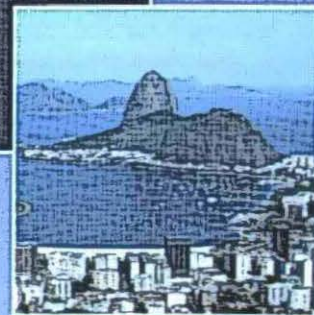
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