

Scottish Bridge Union Eastern District Newsletter – 2006/07 No.1

Welcome to a new season of Bridge in the Eastern District. I hope it proves to be an enjoyable and successful one for you and/or your team.

As well as these Newsletters, please keep up to date with what is happening by consulting our new website at www.sbueast.org.uk Since this was launched in February we have received a lot of positive feedback from people – even from beyond the Eastern District – as to how easy it is to navigate your way around it. It is our intention to try to keep the league tables more up to date than was possible in the past.

Your new Chairman is Jack Paterson, and Vice-Chairman is Donald Denoon. Anne Perkins and Jim Herbert remain as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The post of League Secretary has been taken over by Laura Middleton with Ian M^cRoberts organising the KO for the MacLaren Cup. The remainder of the committee consists of Moray Jeffrey and Valerie Dillon (Falkirk), Reg Drysdale (Berwick), Lucia Barrett, David Kaye, Veronica Guy, Liz M^cGowan, Alan Officer (website), Gloria Stuart and Fiona Greenwood. Jack, Anne, Veronica and Ian are the ED reps to the SBU Council along with Liz in her capacity as immediate Past President.

In order to make it easier to remember how to contact any of us by email, Alan has set us all up at basically the same address ie. I'm now anne@sbueast.org.uk and to contact anyone else you just have to insert their name in front of the @sbueast.org.uk – even I can remember that!

Important Dates

2006	Tues	12 Sept	League Secretary's Meeting, Carlton BC	7.30pm
	Sun	24 Sept	Watson Trophy, Melville BC	1.00pm
	Sun	15 Oct	Faie Individual, Carlton BC	1.00pm
	Sun	15 Oct	Closing date for Atholl Cup entries	
	Wed	1 Nov	District Heat of Men's Pairs, Carlton BC	7.00pm
			District Heat of Women's Pairs, Melville BC	7.00pm
	Mon	6 Nov	ED Simultaneous Pairs, in clubs	
	Wed	29 Nov	Rayne Cup (1), District semi-final, Melville BC	7.00pm
	Fri	1 Dec	M ^c Gregor Cup, Melville BC	7.00pm
	Sun	3 Dec	New Event - Swiss Pairs, Melville BC	1.00pm
	Wed	6 Dec	Rayne Cup (2), District semi-final, Melville BC	7.00pm
2007	Sat	13 Jan	Cowan Cup Final, Carlton BC	1.00pm
	Sun	21 Jan	Jesner Pairs Qualifier, Melville BC	1.00pm
	Fri	16 Feb	National Pairs Quarter-final, Carlton BC	7.00pm
	Sat	24 Feb	No Fear / Next Step Pairs, Carlton BC	1.00pm
	Sun	25 Feb	National Pairs Quarter-final, Melville BC	1.00pm
	Sat	3 Mar	Allan Flicht married pairs, Melville BC	7.00pm
	Sun	18 Mar	Harrison/Shenkin/Fairlie Ind. Qual., Carlton BC	1.00pm
	Sun	25 Mar	Johnston/Kennedy Sim. Pairs, Carlton BC	1.00pm
	Wed	18 Apr	Women's Teams, Melville BC	7.00pm
	Wed	25 Apr	Women's Teams, Melville BC	7.00pm
			Men's Teams, Carlton BC	7.00pm
	Sun	29 Apr	Hunter Cup (Swiss Teams), Melville BC	1.00pm
	Wed	2 May	Women's Teams, Melville BC	7.00pm
			Men's Teams, Carlton BC	7.00pm
	Tues	15 May	East District AGM, Carlton BC	7.30pm

Please note the new **Swiss Pairs** event on **Sunday Dec 3rd** at the **Melville**. This has been deliberately organised on the weekend of a Camrose trial in order to make it a "shark-free" event – and it is red-pointed. Put it in your diary now and come along to support an event which is in a very enjoyable format.

Recent Results

Scottish Cup Final – Les Steel's team of Bif M^cGeorge, Malcolm Cuthbertson and Dave Walker beat Brian Short's team of Liz M^cGowan, John Matheson and Patrick.

Spence Cup (inter-district pairs) – Dave Walker and Brian Short finished second.

National Events:

Arthur Pairs – 1st Dave Walker and Brian Short.

Bowman Pairs – 1st Bob M^cKinnon and Ian Patrick,

2nd Andrea Re and Paul Gipson

Fairlie Pairs – 1st Dorothy Coulter and Jean Stewart

Benjamin Individual – 1st John MacLaren, 2nd Dave Walker, 3rd Dee Harley

Fairlie Individual – 2nd Troy Van de L'Isle

Harrison Individual – 3rd John Cowan

Scottish Swiss Pairs – 1st David Liggat and Roy Bennett, 2nd Iain Sime and John MacLaren,

3rd Pam Mackie and Fiona M^cQuaker

4th Deirdre Sanders and Linus Kardelis

Other Events:

Hunter Cup (re-scheduled from April to June)

1st – Iain Sime, Derek Sanders, David Liggat and Jack Paterson

2nd – Donald Denoon, Gordon Wellington, David Weir and Gordon Stuart

3rd – Fiona Greenwood, Ying Piper, Eilidh Rennie and Keith Youngs

Glenrothes Congress

Pairs – 1st Jim Power and Alec Hamilton

Teams – 1st Laura Middleton, Tim M^cKay, Fiona Greenwood and George Plant

NEBA Match

This is the annual match between the ED and the English North-East Bridge Association. The Newcastle Journal Cup for open teams was won by 51imps by the ED team of Brian Short/Dave Walker, Jack Paterson/Derek Sanders, Simon Gillam/George Wood and Fiona M^cQuaker/Liz M^cGowan.

The Edinburgh Salver for Seniors, Women and Juniors was won by 28imps by the ED team of Anne Martin/Sheila Adamson, Veronica Guy/Laura Middleton, David Liggat/John MacLaren and Finlay Marshall/John Murdoch.

Peebles SBU Summer Congress

Womens Teams – 1st – Fiona Lawson, Eileen Carmichael, Marjory Brydon Judith Louch
3rd – Pam Stewart (E Caldwell, J Fulton, S Aitchison)

Mens Teams – 1st – Bif McGeorge, Dave Walker, Les Steel, (G Hazel)

3rd – David Liggat, Archie Bouverie, Jim Power, Alec Hamilton

Pairs Final – 2nd – Deirdre Sanders and Linus Kardelis, 3rd – Les Steel and (Graham Hazel)

Teams Final – 1st – Les Steel, (G Hazel), Dave Walker, Bif McGeorge

2nd – Harry Smith, (Ian Hunter), Finlay Marshall, (Bill Innes)

3rd – Jim Power, Alec Hamilton, Anne Martin, Sheila Adamson

2nd Consolation Teams Final

1st – Deirdre Sanders, Linus Kardelis (J & L Phelan)

2nd – Frazer Morgan, Philip Morrison, Alex Wilkinson, Andrew Sinclair

3rd – Dee Harley, Alan Goodman, Derek Peden, (Russell Frame)

Open Swiss Teams

1st – Liz M^cGowan, David Liggat, (E Lucioni & L Sedar)

1st – Laura Middleton, (W Hawkins), Tim M^cKay, Keith Youngs

3rd – Fiona Greenwood, Christine Walker, Anne Perkins, Irene Sime

Around the Clubs

Carlton BC – the **Russell Cup** continues every Tuesday evening at 6.45 until Sept 5th with your best 6 scores counting towards your final score – only 3 with any one partner. If you enjoy a bit of competitive edge, this is the tournament for you.

Melville BC – the **Accumulator** takes place every Wednesday at 7pm until Sept 6th – this is a handicapped event with your best 6 scores with different partners giving your final score. Visitor fees do not apply to either of these events.

Also over the summer months, the Melville is waiving its rules about the number of times a non-member can play on a Saturday evening – only the normal visitor fee applies.

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Other news

By the time the next Newsletter comes out, our ED representatives at the **European Championships** in Warsaw will already have been and come back again – we all hope having had success in their particular event. Just to remind you, we have Liz M^cGowan, Fiona M^cQuaker, Anne Martin and Sheila Adamson in the Ladies event, Les Steel, Bif M^cGeorge, Iain Sime, Derek Sanders, and Brian Short in the Open event and David Liggat, Roy Bennett, Harry Smith and John Murdoch in the Seniors. Good luck to them all and play well.

2006 European Women's Bridge Festival

This is being held in Riccione on the Italian Adriatic coast from Sept 26th to Oct 1st and is open to all female players of any standard. There is a package available including hotel accommodation, bridge events, welcoming/closing dinners and sightseeing. It is also an opportunity to play against other women from all over Europe. Partners can also be arranged. Fiona Lawson, Marjory Brydon, Jean Newport and myself went 2 years ago to Vienna for a similar event and had a wonderful time, so I would recommend this to anyone who might be interested. I think you will get information at www.eurobridge.org (category Women), but if you're having difficulty, contact me and I can send you a copy of the form.

Forthcoming events

- **Annual East v Borders match** – a team made up from representatives of Divisions 1 – 4 will be competing against a Borders team on Sept 22nd at the Cafraemill Hotel near Lauder.
- **League Secretaries Meeting** – Tuesday Sept 12th at 7.30 for Divisions 1 – 3 and 8.15 for Divisions 4 and 5.

- **Watson Trophy** – Sun Sept 24th at 1.00pm at Melville BC. This is the first event of our new calendar – teams of 4 with a welcoming drink on arrival. It would be great if every league team could put together at least one team of 4 for a bit of pre-season training and come along and play.
- **Dunbar Congress** – a 1 day event with a Pairs and Teams tournament held at Hallhill Healthy Living Centre, Dunbar on Sun Oct 1st at 1.00pm – for further details contact Nigel Booth on 01875 340301
- **Faie Individual** – Sun Oct 15th at 1.00pm at Carlton BC. We all know an Individual event is a complete lottery, so you have as much chance of doing well as anyone else, so why not come along and try?

And Finally!

For those of you of a certain age and in possession of a Concessionary Travel Card, you might be interested in the following. Scottish Tours operate a coach service (Service 101) from Edinburgh Bus Station (Platform J) each day to Stirling, The Trossachs and Loch Lomond via South Queensferry, Callander and Aberfoyle. It is **free** if you have a Travel Card, which you have to present to the driver. The service leaves Edinburgh at 10.30 every day and returns at 19.55 having had time to visit Stirling Castle, shop in Aberfoyle and walk along the “bonnie, bonnie banks”. No booking is required, but travel is subject to seat availability. Scottish Tours (0871 200 8008)

Any articles, comments, details of bridge classes etc. to Anne Perkins at anne@sbueast.org.uk for inclusion in future issues.