

Scottish Bridge Union

Eastern District Newsletter – 2006/07 No.2

In order to save postage and to be more environmentally friendly by using less paper, envelopes and photocopier time, it is my intention to email the Newsletter from now on to those clubs I have a contact email address for. It will then be up to that person to either forward the email to their members and/or make a paper copy available for them to read at the club. Where I don't have an email contact, I shall continue to post out a copy, but would ask if you could give me the email address of someone in your club who would be willing to receive and distribute it. Now that we are trying to do the League results electronically, it seems a logical step.

Recent Results:

Central District Congress (Montrose)

Congress Pairs won by Muriel Leith and Simon Muir.

Russell Cup (Carlton)

1st John MacLaren, 2nd Derek Peden
3rd Dave Walker, 4th Anne Martin
Handicap – Reg Drysdale

Accumulator (Melville)

1st Tim McKay, 2nd Robert Clow
3rd Troy Van-de-l'Isle, 4th Fiona Greenwood

East v Borders

This annual fixture was won by the East team by 2600 imps. Their team consisted of Iain Sime & Patrick Home, Paul Gipson & Liz M^cGowan (49'ers (not Liz)), Moray Jeffrey & Gus Ferguson (Falkirk), Peter & Heather Braid, Fiona Greenwood & Laura Middleton (Grosvenor Aces), Irene Sime & Robert Gatliff, Florence Shanks & Neil Macpherson (Waverley), Gloria Stuart & Eric Door (Scramblers), John Mendum & Ian Robertson, Jean Newport & Anne Perkins (Pentland), Bett & Norman Morrison (Skateraw), Norma Bain & Alan Officer (subbing for Phoenix).

The Borders team was Reg Drysdale & Brian Martin, David Elder & Terry Harris (both Berwick), Val Johnston & Mary Millar (Hawick), Marion & John Miller (Kelso), Jean Mole & Penny Davidson (Berwick), John Hayton & Peter Jackson (Kelso), Malcolm & Helen Ouldcott (Jedburgh), Rena Stewart & Jeanette Chalmers (Kelso), Ann Edwards & Dorothy Rook (Peebles), Sheila Urquhart & Sandy Frame (Melrose), Mamie Crawford & Marion Hearth (Hawick), Avril Ronald & Donald Swanson (Melrose).

For the Borders, particular mention must be made of Malcolm and Helen Ouldcott who achieved the only positive score for a N/S pair from either team and John Hayton and Peter Jackson who recorded their best E/W score.

For the East, good scores were posted by Iain Sime and Patrick Home and also John Mendum & Ian Robertson (both E/W) and Paul Gipson & Liz M^cGowan (N/S).

Thanks to Melrose BC for organising the evening.

Watson Trophy

The first event of the new season was slightly down in numbers due to competition from a golf match over in Ireland.

1st – Iain Sime, George Wood, Miro Dragic, Brian Spears (137 VPs)

2nd – Brian Short, Fiona M^cQuaker, John Matheson, Liz M^cGowan (106 VPs)

3rd – Deirdre Sanders, Linus Kardelis, Mike Smith, John Bilsland (97 VPs)

Other News:

Women's trials - After the first round, Liz M^cGowan and Fiona M^cQuaker are lying 1st and Veronica Guy and Carolyn Pelpoe are 3rd.

Gold Cup – Congratulations to Dave Walker's team of Malcolm Cuthbertson, Brian Short, John Matheson, Douglas Piper and John Murdoch who beat Alexander Allfrey's team of Andrew Robson, Andrew MacIntosh and David Bakhshi by 7 imps. This means they are now through to the semi-final at Peebles Hydro on Saturday Dec 9th – supporters welcome.

Iain Sime's team of Derek Sanders, Bif M^cGeorge and Martin Garvey are still in the last 16, with their next match not scheduled to be played until November.

Club Level TD Courses – John Wilson is running the first of these at the Links Hotel in Montrose on the weekend of October 28th and 29th. If you're interested, contact John Wilson direct on 01324 851853 or at jt.wilson@fiscali.co.uk.

The second is at the Melville BC on November 25th and 26th. Although designed primarily for Melville players, anyone else is welcome to fill up any spare places. Contact Donald Denoon on 0131 445 1799 or donald@sbueast.org.uk

Forthcoming events -

Faie Rosebowl – District Individual event – Sunday Oct 15th at 1.00pm – Melville BC. Entries to Fiona Greenwood on 0131 332 9719 or fiona@sbueast.org.uk

Atholl Cup – KO pivot teams of 4 – entries to Gloria Stuart by Oct 15th on 0131 622 7666 or gloria@sbueast.org.uk

ED Sim Pairs – Nov 6th in clubs – great fun! - if your club wants to participate contact Veronica Guy on 0131 467 3507 or veronica@sbueast.org.uk

Liz M^cGowan Lessons for Club Players

Liz is running a series of tutorial classes at the Carlton Bridge Club from 7.00 to 10.00pm on the dates listed below. Cost is £4 per session with an opportunity to play practice boards in the second half of the session. Just turn up if interested.

October 9th (Monday) – ‘Breaking Transfers’

October 24th (Tuesday) – ‘Competitive Bidding’

November 14th (Tuesday) – ‘Counting in Defence’

November 28th (Tuesday) – ‘Slam Tries’

December 12th (Tuesday) – ‘Checkback’

Depending on demand, the series may continue next year. Liz will consider any topics which you wish to ask about eg. squeezes, for inclusion in a 2nd series of tutorials.

Carlton Classes

Beginners – Dee Harley will be running classes every Wednesday from end of Sept. at 7.00pm – these are for people with little or no knowledge of the game.

Post Beginners – Gordon Wellington will be running a series of lessons for players with a basic knowledge of the game – these will be either on a Thurs or Fri at 10.00am depending on demand.

Improvers – Mike Young’s class is designed for those who have completed lessons 1 – 40 of the SBU bridge course. Lessons will start at 7.00pm from Friday Sept 22nd.

Beginner’s Tournaments – June Morrison will be running a series of tournaments for players who are new to the game and want a bit more practice and confidence before tackling the main club tournaments. If demand is sufficient, these will be held on the second Friday and fourth Wednesday of every month. Contact June on 0131 339 5189 for further details or if you need to arrange a partner.

News from Falkirk District

The Bruno Serafini trophy has been won by Pam Stewart, Muriel Leith, Diana Gerrard and Sam Punch, with the Consolation Trophy going to Moray Jeffrey, Gus Ferguson, Roy Bennett and Leslie Cembler.

The Second Division Salver was won by Rhoda Swan, Bob Woods, Andy Anderson and Sandy Young (who belies his name by having recently celebrated his 90th birthday!).

District President – Steve Andrew – presented the Richard Johnston Memorial KO Teams of 4 Quaich to Pam Stewart, Muriel Leith, Diana Gerrard and Sam Punch.

The Nicol/McLaren Mixed Pairs are being held on the last Friday in October in Cumbernauld Bowling Club.

Late News

Dunbar Congress (Sun Oct 1st)

Pairs – 1st Dee Harley and Alan Goodman, 2nd Kathy and Malcolm Copley, 3rd Pam Stewart and Archie Leith.

Teams – 1st Anne Perkins, Mike Baron, John Hamilton and Dougie Kemp; 2nd Dee Harley, Alan Goodman, Kathy and Malcolm Copley; 3rd = Thea Teale, Kevin McCullough, Moyra Forrest and Eva Heavens; 3rd = Jane Miller, Helen Anderson, Margaret and Bob Kinloch.