

Scottish Bridge Union

Eastern District Newsletter – 2006/07 No. 5

Another season is drawing to a close, and as you will see from the attached league tables, most of the winners and runners-up in each Division have now been decided. There are however a few vital matches left to decide which teams will be relegated. Remember you can follow what is happening on the ED Website which is being updated virtually daily. The presentation of trophies will take place at the **ED AGM** which will be held on **Tuesday May 15th at 7.30 in the Carlton Bridge Club**, to which everyone is cordially invited.

One of the items to be discussed at the next committee meeting on April 19th is the format of the Leagues eg. should we move to having 6 Divisions again (in season 2008/09) with fewer teams in each which would alleviate some of the problems encountered in getting the programme completed on time (by March 31st). **If you have any views on the structure of the Leagues**, please put them in writing and send or email them to myself or Laura Middleton.

In readiness for the AGM, if you won a trophy last year and still have it in your possession, could you please arrange to hand it in to the Melville or Carlton as soon as possible so that this year's winners can be engraved on it. Thanks. Anne Perkins anne@sbueast.org.uk

Recent Events

Winter Fours – the victorious team were John Murdoch, Douglas Piper, Brian Short, Jack Paterson and Jim Patrick. The **Winter Swiss** event was won by Archie & Pam Leith, Pam Stewart and Ray Woodcock.

The **No Fear** competition was won by Julia Palmer & Heather Lickley (Carlton) with Anne-Marie Harrison & Nancy M^cDougall (Alloa) in second place, and third equal were Andrew M^cLerie & Eileen Towers and Jane & Andrew Carnegie (Dunfermline).

Next Step competition

North – South

1st – Sybil King & Sheila Pitcairn (Dunfermline)

2nd – Val Thomson & Bidy Pettigrew (Dalkeith)

3rd – Val Inglis & Aspe Salatian (Stirling)

4th – Alex Gardiner & Beth Wilson (Biggar)

East – West

1st – Bill Inglis & Ethylwyn Coales (Stirling)

2nd – Bob Williams & Anne Laird (Melville)

3rd = Barbara Sandison & Alan Lafferty (Dunfermline) and Kate Smart (Dalkeith) & Ron Henry (Longniddry).

Allan Flich – the District Married Couples Pairs was won for the second year in row by Lucia Barrett and Ian Crorie. Bron & John M^cWhinney were second.

Atholl Cup – In a closely fought final, girl-power won the day when Fiona M^cQuaker, Sheila Adamson, Veronica Guy and Carolyn Peplow beat Iain Sime's team by 1 imp.

Jesner Final (Masters and Star Masters)

Colin Hamilton & Andrew Ramage finished second, with Fiona Greenwood & Eilidh Rennie third.

Kennedy and Johnston Pairs (Club/Local and District Pairs respectively) A disappointing 8 pairs played in a joint heat of these 2 events. On the day, Alan Officer & Norma Bain won the Kennedy and Bob Morris & Linda Roy the Johnston. However, as these are scored across Scotland, the final result is not yet known.

6th Learners & Improvers Weekend at the Barony Castle Hotel near Peebles proved a great success in spite of the absence of Morag Malcolm, whose brainchild it is. The weekend was devoted to a single theme: 'Competitive Bidding'. Chief organizer Susan Aitchison goes to run a school in Ethiopia in September, so June Morrison will take over the organisation of next year's event, and Liz McGowan will continue to help with the teaching.

Individual events

Through to the Finals on Sunday May 27th at the Carlton BC at 1.00pm are the following people –

Harrison – Mike Smith, Fred Short, Alan Goodman (reserve John Cowan)

Shenkin – Ying Piper, Troy van de l'Isle, Valerie Dillon (reserve Elizabeth Johnson)

Fairlie - Ed Repecka, Bob Williams, Pat Ransley (reserve Alison Rezac).

Please inform Veronica Guy on veronica@sbueast.org.uk if you are unable to play as the correct number is vital for the smooth running of the Final.

Falkirk Congress

The pairs were won by Sam Punch and Diana Gerrard, the teams by Anne Martin, Andrew Symons, Jim Power and Alex Hamilton.

Western District Congress

The winners of the Swiss Pairs were Sam Punch and Alan Goodman.

On-going Events

Good luck to the East players who are still in the following competitions -

National Pairs Final – Les Steel & Dave Walker, Sheila Adamson & Fiona M^cQuaker, Iain Sime & Patrick Home, Dee Harley & Alan Goodman

Men's Pairs Final – David Kaye & Andrew Muir – remainder unknown.

Ladies Pairs Final – Liz M^cGowan & Fiona M^cQuaker, Jenny M^cCartney & Pam Leith, Sam Punch & Diana Gerrard

Scottish Cup – Brian Short's team are at the semi-final stage.

Scottish Plate – Harry Smith's team are also at the semi-final stage.

Handicap Knockout for the MacLaren Cup – Waverley are through to the final where they will play either Merchiston or Comiston.

Lady Milne trophy

On the weekend of April 13 to 15, Liz M^cGowan & Fiona M^cQuaker, Anne Martin & Sheila Adamson along with Sheila Macdonald & Maida Grant will be down in Wales hoping to regain the trophy won by Scotland in 2004. Our best wishes go with them. You can follow the action on BBO (Bridge Base Online).

Around the Eastern District

Borders

Pairs Championship –

1st Malcolm & Kathy Copley

2nd Diana Drysdale & Margaret Patterson

3rd Terry Harris & David Elder

4th Peter Jackson & John Hayton

5th Malcolm & Helen Ouldcott

KO Fours – a handicap KO competition played in houses over the winter. Entries come from throughout the Borders and it was won by Donald Swanson's Melrose team of Avril Ronald, Lee Leeson, David Usher and Alec Merry who beat another Melrose team, captained by Val Fairbairn, in the final.

Berwick Congress

The Pairs were won by R & J Sharp from E Barr and R Thompson. The Teams trophy was retained by B Thomas, G Martin, D Peden & M M^cCardle from A & S Small with R & J Sharp.

Forthcoming Events

Ladies Teams – Weds April 18th & 25th, May 2nd at **Melville BC** at 7.00pm. Teams may consist of up to 6 players, playing any 4 unchanged on each night. Entry fee is £20 per team. Entries to Liz M^cGowan: 0131 667 2432 or liz@sbueast.org.uk

Men's Teams – Weds April 25th & May 2nd at **Carlton BC** at 7.00pm with the same player restrictions as for the ladies. Entry fee is £16 per team. Entries to Donald Denoon on 0131 445 1799 or donald@sbueast.org.uk

Hunter Memorial Cup – District Swiss Teams if 16 or more entries, otherwise multiple teams with a Swiss-type master point allocation. Sunday 29th April, 1.00pm at Melville BC. Entry fee £12 per team. Entries please to Fiona Greenwood, 0131 332 9719 or fiona@sbueast.org.uk

Dunfermline Bridge Club inaugural congress – Sunday June 10th at Garvock House Hotel. Registration is between 9.30 and 10.30am with Pairs in the morning and a Team event in the afternoon. Further details on the ED or Dunfermline Bridge Club websites.

Kelso Bridge Club inaugural congress – at 1.30 for 2.00pm on Sunday June 17th in the Tweedie Room at Kelso Racecourse. Further details on the ED website.

Minibridge – report from Laura Middleton
On Sunday 11th March a minibridge session was held at the Melville BC with pupils from St George's and Stewart Melville. There were 4 tables and lots of helpers, and everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon. The practice was put to good use at the Scottish Schools Minibridge Tournament held in Stirling on March 13th. It was won by an experienced team from Aberdeen, but the St George's Hearts (Natalie Clow, Jennifer Middleton, Lucy Browne and Emily Tait) came 2nd with a mixed St George's/Stewart Melville team 4th.

Finally for those of you of a certain age (and let's face it, most bridge players are!) and in possession of a National Entitlement Card, a chance to gad about the country.

Last year I passed on the information about Scottish Tours trip to the Trossachs, and this year another to Loch Ness and the Highlands has been added. Both are free if you turn up on spec, but seats can be reserved for £2 and a commentary can be bought for £1.

The 101 to the Trossachs leaves Gate J at Edinburgh bus station at 10.30am returning at 19.35 after time at Stirling Castle, Aberfoyle and Balloch. It operates every unday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from April 1 to May 30 and October 2nd to 28th – daily from June 2nd to September 30th.

The 102 to Loch Ness leaves from the same gate at 8.15am returning at 20.35 after time at Glencoe Visitor Centre, Urquhart Castle (Loch Ness), Inverness and Pitlochry. It operates daily from March 31st to October 28th.

For further information call 0871 200 8008 or visit www.scottishtours.co.uk

There are also departures from Glasgow.

Melville Bridge Club

A reminder that the next 'turn up and draw for a partner' event is on Friday May 4th at 6.45pm. Come along – you will be guaranteed a game and visitors fees don't apply.

Carlton Bridge Club

The Russell Cup started at the beginning of April and will be held every Tuesday evening at 6.45pm until the beginning of September (not May 15th). This is a Pairs competition with your best 6 scores counting (no more than 2 with the same partner).

League Tables at 5 April 07 (Please note results are updated daily on www.sbueast.org.uk)

	DIVISION 1	P	W	WD	DH	LD	L	AMP	PTS
1	49ers	9	7	0	1	0	1	41	22.5
2	Dundas	9	6	1	0	0	2	27	20
3	Falkirk A	8	5	0	1	1	1	24	17.5
4	Linlithgow	9	3	2	0	0	4	-3	13
5	Craigeith	8	3	0	0	3	2	-1	12
6	Nomads	9	2	2	0	1	4	-5	11
7	Phoenix	8	2	1	0	1	4	-15	9
8	Grosvenor Aces	8	1	2	0	1	4	-18	8
9	Merchiston	6	1	1	0	2	2	-10	7
10	Dunfermline A	8	1	0	0	0	7	-40	3
DIVISION 2									
1	Berwick A	9	5	3	0	1	0	39	22
2	Pied Pipers	9	3	4	0	1	1	21	18
3	C Connection	9	4	1	0	1	3	17	15
4	Falkirk B	9	4	1	0	1	3	4	15
5	Marmion B	9	3	1	0	2	3	-5	13
6	Raiders	9	3	1	0	0	5	-7	11
7	Falcon	9	2	1	0	3	3	-12	11
8	Iconoclasts	9	2	1	0	3	3	-19	11
9	Waverley	9	1	2	0	3	3	-11	10
10	Scramblers	9	2	1	0	1	5	-27	9
DIVISION 3									
1	Buccleuch	10	8	1	0	1	0	39	26
2	Royal Scots A	10	5	1	0	0	4	17	17
3	Pentland	10	5	0	0	2	3	14	17
4	Livingston	10	4	2	0	0	4	-2	16
5	Skateraw	10	5	0	0	0	5	3	15
6	Colinton Castle	9	4	1	0	1	3	1	15
7	Athenians	10	4	0	0	1	5	-6	13
8	Longniddry A	10	3	1	0	1	5	-14	12
9	Dunfermline B	8	3	1	0	0	4	-5	11
10	Carlton Camden	9	3	1	0	0	5	-15	11
11	Borderers	10	1	0	0	2	7	-37	5
DIVISION 4									
1	Royal Scots B	10	6	1	0	1	2	16	21
2	Penicuik	10	4	2	0	3	1	31	19
3	Orion	10	6	0	0	1	3	14	19
4	Berwick Bears	10	5	1	0	0	4	10	17
5	Comiston	10	4	2	0	1	3	6	17
6	Peebles	10	4	1	0	1	4	-4	15
7	Gullane	10	4	1	0	0	5	-5	14
8	West Calder	10	3	1	0	1	5	-15	12
9	Randolph	10	3	1	0	1	5	-18	12
10	Brave Knaves	10	3	0	0	1	6	-14	10
11	Kelso	10	3	0	0	0	7	-21	9
DIVISION 5									
1	Ratten	8	7	0	0	0	1	44	21
2	Diamonds	8	6	0	0	0	2	29	18
3	Marmion A	8	5	1	0	0	2	27	17
4	Mallard	8	4	1	0	0	3	2	14
5	Acolytes	8	4	0	0	0	4	9	12
6	Longniddry B	8	3	1	0	1	3	-2	12
7	Jethart	8	2	1	0	0	5	-24	8
8	Hawks	8	1	0	0	3	4	-23	6
9	Acanthus	8	0	0	0	0	8	-62	0