

Scottish Bridge Union

Eastern District Newsletter – 2007/08 No. 1

With the new season about to start in a few weeks, I'll use this newsletter as an opportunity to advertise forthcoming events as well as giving you the results of the various Congresses etc. that have taken place over the so-called summer months. Please try and support at least one event that you don't normally take part in – there really is something for everyone from the non-expert to the Grandmaster.

This years ED Committee remains almost the same as last year:- Chairman – Jack Paterson (SBU rep), Vice chairman – Donald Denoon, Treasurer – Jim Herbert, Secretary – Anne Perkins (SBU rep), League Secretary – Laura Middleton, KO – Ian M^cRoberts, Tournament Secretary – Valerie Dillon, Website – Alan Officer. In addition we have Veronica Guy, Fiona Greenwood, Lucia Barrett, Liz M^cGowan (SBU rep), David Kaye, Reg Drysdale, Moray Jeffrey, Sandy Kirkwood and Archie Bouverie (who was seconded on when he volunteered to be our other SBU rep) who all help in the running of ED Events. Remember, if you need to get in touch with any of the Committee by email, simply type their first name followed by @sbueast.org.uk.

First though, I must mention two people who will be sadly missed following their deaths in recent months. The first is Kathy Copley who, along with Malcolm, supported almost every District and National event. The second is John MacLaren who was a larger than life figure in the bridge world, and enjoyed enormous success with really a very simple system that had just the odd quirk.

Important dates

2007

Tues	11 th Sept	League Secretary's Meeting, Carlton BC	7.30 pm
Sun	23 rd Sept	Watson Trophy (teams of 4 event), Melville BC	1.00 pm
Sun	14 th Oct	Faie Individual, Carlton BC	1.00 pm
Sun	14 th Oct	Closing date for Atholl Cup (pivot teams of 4) entries	
Weds	31 st Oct	District Heat of Men's Pairs, Carlton BC	7.00 pm
Weds	31 st Oct	District Heat of Women's Pairs, Melville BC	7.00 pm
Mon	5 th Nov	ED Simultaneous Pairs, in clubs	
Fri	23 rd Nov	M ^c Gregor Cup (mixed pairs), Melville BC	7.00 pm
Weds	28 th Nov	Rayne Cup (1), District semi-final, Melville BC	7.00 pm
Sun	2 nd Dec	Swiss Pairs, Melville BC	1.00 pm
Weds	5 th Dec	Rayne Cup (2), District semi-final, Melville BC	7.00 pm

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Sat	5 th Jan	Cowan Cup Final, Carlton BC	1.00 pm
Sun	20 th Jan	Jesner Pairs Qualifier, Melville BC	1.00 pm
Weds	23 rd Jan	National Pairs Quarter-final, Melville BC	7.00 pm
Sat	23 rd Feb	No Fears / Next Step Pairs, Carlton BC	1.00 pm
Sat	1 st Mar	Allan Fitch (married couples), Melville BC	7.00 pm
Tues	18 th Mar	Harrison/Shenkin/Fairlie Individ. Qual, Carlton BC	6.45 pm
Sun	30 th Mar	Johnston/Kennedy Sim. Pairs, venue TBC	1.00 pm
Weds	16 th Apr	Women's Teams, Melville BC	7.00 pm
Sun	20 th Apr	Hunter Cup, Melville BC	1.00 pm
Weds	23 rd Apr	Women's Teams, Melville BC	7.00 pm
		Men's teams, Carlton BC	7.00 pm
Weds	30 th Apr	Women's and Men's Teams as above	
Thurs	8 th May	East District AGM, Carlton BC (venue to be confirmed)	7.30 pm

Recent events:

1. National

Scottish Cup Final

The Scottish Cup was won by the team of Brian Short, Jack Paterson, John Matheson and Liz M^cGowan who defeated Jim M^cMahon, Jim Forsyth, Paul and Justin Hackett by 62 IMPs.

John Matheson and Brian Short have won the double this season, the Gold Cup in December and now the Scottish Cup.

Scottish Cup Plate Final

The Plate was won by the team of Harry Smith, Paul Gipson, Roy Bennett and David Liggat.

National Pairs Final

1st Les Steel & Dave Walker

2nd Alan Goodman & Dee Harley

3rd Fiona M^cQuaker & Sheila Adamson

Grandmaster Pairs

for the Arthur Trophy

1st Derrick Peden & Malcolm M^cCardle

2nd Deirdre Sanders & John MacLaren

3rd Derek Sanders & Brian Spears

Scottish and National Masters Pairs

for the Alan Fairlie Trophy

2nd Jan Philip and J Kelly

Life and Senior Life Masters Pairs

for the Bowman Trophy

3rd Andy Philip & Muriel Leith

4th George Plant & Tim M^cKay

Ladies Pairs

1st Liz M^cGowan & Fiona M^cQuaker

3rd Sam Punch & Diana Gerrard

Magazine Subscriber Pairs

1st Dee Harley & Alan Goodman

2nd Sam Punch & (Cathy Gerrard)

3rd = Andy Philip & Archie Leith

3rd = Paul Gipson & (Jennie Cooper)

Benjamin Trophy (Individual)

1st Douglas Piper

2nd Gordon Wellington

3rd Derek Sanders

Shenkin Trophy (Individual)

1st Ying Piper

3rd Troy van de L'Isle

Fairlie Trophy (Individual)

1st Ed Repecka

Summer Congress – Peebles

The Congress Teams final was won by Sam Punch, Diana Gerrard, George Plant and Tim M^cKay.

The Consolation Teams final was won by Les Steel, Tim Rees, Dave Walker and James M^cGeorge.

In the Pairs final, Dee Harley and Alan Goodman were third while in the Consolation Pairs, Dave Walker and Tim Rees were second with Fiona Greenwood and Christine Walker fourth.

David Liggat and Roy Bennett were in the team who won the Men's Teams.

The Swiss Pairs was won by Tony Wilkinson and Chris Andrews.

2. Eastern District

The East teams were successful in both NEBA matches against a Northeast England select. The "A" Team won by 1 imp, and the "B" Team won by 64 imps. The A Team consisted of Brian Short and Dave Walker, Iain Sime and John Matheson, Simon Gillam and George Wood, Derek Sanders and Donald Denoon. The B Team consisted of Veronica Guy and Carolyn Peploe, Roy Bennett and Harry Smith, Sheila Adamson and Anne Martin. Diana Gerrard and Sam Punch.

A comfortable win for the B (Seniors and Ladies Team), but a last gasp recovery by the A Team. They were 30 imps down with 12 boards to go and won that session by 31 imps to retain the NEBA Cup.

Kelso Congress

The first Kelso Congress was held on Sunday 17th June at Kelso Racecourse. Congratulations to Lesley Dick, Linda Douglas, Ted Wrangham & Anne Wrangham who won the Swiss Teams event. Reg Drysdale & Jean Mole won the afternoon Pairs.

Dunfermline Charity Congress

This was the first (and highly successful) Dunfermline Charity congress at the Garvock House Hotel on Sunday 10th June. Congratulations to Dee Harley, Alan Goodman, Sam Punch & Diane Gerrard who were triumphant in the Swiss Teams event. Harley & Goodman also won a Pairs session, as did B Ferguson & W Young, Bronwen Wheatley & Briony Multon, and J. Dunlop & T Osinski.

Hunter Cup: This was won by the team of Liz M^cGowan, Fiona M^cQuaker, Iain Sime and John Matheson.

Ladies Teams: The team of Liz M^cGowan, Fiona M^cQuaker, Veronica Guy and Carolyn Peplow were once again victorious, with Judith Louch, Pam Mackie, Pam Stewart and Pam Leith second.

Men's Teams: Sadly this had to be cancelled as only 1 team had signed up to take part. **Come on guys! This just isn't good enough!**

Forthcoming Events:

League Secretaries Meeting – Tuesday Sept 11th at 7.30 in the Carlton BC for Divisions 1 – 3 and 8.15 for Divisions 4 & 5.

Annual East v Borders Match – a team made up of representatives from Divisions 1 – 5 will be competing against a Borders team on Sept 21st at the Ex-Serviceman's Club in Peebles.

The 1st event of the new season is the **Watson Trophy** on Sunday Sept 23rd at the Melville BC at 1.00pm. This is a teams of four competition – entries please to me at anne@sbueast.org.uk.

National Swiss Teams for the Edwin Berry Trophy – this will be held on Sunday Oct 7th at Larbert High School in Falkirk – entries to Archie Bouverie at archie@sbueast.org.uk.

Dunbar Congress – pairs in the afternoon, Swiss teams in the evening on Sunday October 7th at 1.00pm at Hallhill Healthy Living Centre in Dunbar – for further details, please see either the ED Website or contact Nigel Booth on 01875 340301.

Faie Individual – Sun Oct 14th at 1.00pm at Melville BC – entries to reg@sbueast.org.uk.

Junior Bridge

Laura and myself are planning to run some sessions at the Melville this year for school children (P5 upwards). We will accommodate complete beginners who want to learn **minibridge**, those who already know a bit and those who want to start **'real bridge'**.

The dates planned so far are **Thursday Sept 20th and Oct 25th and Friday Nov 16th and Dec 14th – all from 7 – 9pm.** Please bring along your children – or more likely your grandchildren! Cost is £1.50 per session.

For more details, contact either Laura or myself at laura@sbueast.org.uk or anne@sbueast.org.uk.