

# Scottish Bridge Union

## Eastern District Newsletter – 2007/08 No. 2

### Best wishes for a Happy and Successful 2008 to everyone.

I apologise that this is only the second newsletter so far this season, but there seems to be much less need for it now with the website being such a rich source of information on everything bridge-related in the Eastern District. I will however attempt to review what has happened at the end of 2007 and give you information about forthcoming events. Remember that we still want everyone to enter a competition that they have never entered before, and there are plenty of opportunities to do that coming up.

### Recent events:

#### National

**Edwin Berry Swiss Teams** – won on a split tie by the team of Iain Sime, John Matheson, Jack Paterson and Brian Short from Liz M<sup>c</sup>Gowan, Fiona M<sup>c</sup>Quaker, Sheila Adamson and Anne Martin.

**Diamond Senior Pairs** – Simon Muir & Pam Stewart were 2<sup>nd</sup>, Liz M<sup>c</sup>Gowan & David Liggat 5<sup>th</sup> and Fiona Lawson & Marjory Brydon 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Autumn Congress – Peebles

**Ladies Teams** – Sam Punch, Diana Gerrard, Jenny Cooper & Laura Middleton were 2<sup>nd</sup> with Ying Piper & Fiona Greenwood in the team that was 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Teams** – David Liggat, Roy Bennett, Liz M<sup>c</sup>Gowan & Michael Alexander were 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jimmy Power, Alex Hamilton, Anne Martin & Andrew Symons 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Consolation Teams** – 1<sup>st</sup> - Anne Perkins, Irene Sime, Mike Baron & Anthony Bates, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Les Steel, Iain Sime, (Alan Mould & Garry Hyett), 3<sup>rd</sup> – George Plant, Tim M<sup>c</sup>Kay, Derek Sanders & Mike Ash

**Pairs** – 3<sup>rd</sup> David Liggat & Liz M<sup>c</sup>Gowan, 4<sup>th</sup> David Briggs & Andrew Muir

#### Winter Congress – Peebles

**Open Teams** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura Middleton, William Hawkins, Roger Bielawski & Katja Markert

**Swiss Pairs** – 1<sup>st</sup> David Liggat & Liz M<sup>c</sup>Gowan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iain Sime & John Matheson

**Swiss Teams** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Punch, Paul Gipson, Jenny Cooper & Tim Rees, 3<sup>rd</sup> David Liggat, Roy Bennett, Liz M<sup>c</sup>Gowan & Jack Patterson

#### District

**Watson Trophy** – this year it was won by a team from the West – Ian Howie, Mike M<sup>c</sup>Ginley, Ian MacIntyre and Paul Maiolani.

**Faie Rosebowl** – Robert Taylor from Linlithgow won with Rosemary M<sup>c</sup>Kinnell and Mike Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> equal.

**ED Simultaneous Pairs** – won by Roy Bennett & David Liggat

**Shark-free Swiss Pairs** – 50 pairs took part in this event. First and winners of the Gold category were Stephen Male & Paul Maiolani – Joan Crockett & Janet Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Silver category winners Diana Drysdale & Ros French with Iain Taylor & Jack Young 2<sup>nd</sup>

Bronze category winners Robert Clow & Troy van de L'Isle with John Hayton & Peter Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Rayne Cup Qualifier and Edinburgh Congress Trophy** - 1<sup>st</sup> were the team of Sam Punch, Veronica Guy, Alan Goodman & Malcolm Copley. 2<sup>nd</sup> were Brian Short, Jack Paterson, Liz M<sup>c</sup>Gowan & John Matheson. These 2 teams now represent the East in the final in Dundee on Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### McGregor Mixed Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> – Carolyn Peploe & Duncan Macdonald

2<sup>nd</sup> – Jane Stephenson & Dougie Monroe

3<sup>rd</sup> – Rhona & Peter Moss

## **Dunbar Congress**

Pairs – won by Thea Teale & Anthony Bates  
Teams – won by Bett & Norman Morrison with Alison & Jim Pilley

## **Camrose**

After 3 weekends of Trials, the team for the 1<sup>st</sup> Camrose weekend in Belfast on January 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> is Jack Paterson & Brian Short, Douglas Piper & John Murdoch and Liz McGowan & Mike Ash.

The team for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in March and for the Europeans will be decided after a further team-event trial in mid February.

## **Dates for your Diary**

Anyone pair who are **Masters or Star Masters** are eligible to play in our District Heat of the **Jesner** on **Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup>** at 1.00pm at the Melville BC. This is a red-pointed event with the top 4 or 5 (depending on numbers) qualifying for the final in Dundee on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1.00pm at the Carlton BC.** This is our annual popular **No Fear / Next Step Pairs**. Both are match-pointed pairs and use 'simple' systems with pre-dealt boards appropriate to the level of the players taking part. The No Fear is designed for people who have done 6 months or more of classes and have never entered a competition before. The Next Step is for club-level players who have a bit more experience. Both are great fun, and at the end you get a commentary on the hands from Liz McGowan.

**No Fear entries** to Reg Drysdale on [reg@sbueast.org.uk](mailto:reg@sbueast.org.uk) or 01368 830680.

**Next Step entries** to Anne Perkins on [anne@sbueast.org.uk](mailto:anne@sbueast.org.uk) or 0131 5396634.

The entry fee for either is £5 per player which includes table money.

## **Attention all married couples!**

The Allan Fitch is for you – this is a match-pointed pairs with only married couples eligible to enter. It is held on **Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.00pm** at the **Melville BC** – entry fee is £2.50 each plus table money. Entries please to Lucia Barrett - 0131 6681077 or [lucia@sbueast.org.uk](mailto:lucia@sbueast.org.uk).

In **April** we also have both **Ladies and Mens District Teams of Four Championships** on selected Wednesday evenings and the **District Swiss Teams** event for the **Hunter Cup on Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>**. Keep a look-out for the promotional material that will be sent out nearer the time.

## **Minibridge**

We have been getting between 6 and 11 youngsters coming along to try their hand at Minibridge, with 1 or 2 veterans progressing on to real bridge. The next dates planned are:-

**Thurs January 17<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm at Melville BC**

**Thurs February 7<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm as above.**

**Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm as above.**

The Schools Minibridge competition then takes place on Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>, and we would hope to put together 2 or 3 teams of 4 for that event.

If you have children or grandchildren who are keen to learn, please encourage them to come along to some of the dates given above. For further information contact Laura Middleton at [laura@sbueast.org.uk](mailto:laura@sbueast.org.uk).

## **League**

Regular updates are to be found on the Website. A copy is attached on the next page.

## **KO for Maclaren Cup**

Waiting to take their places in the ¼ final are Scramblers or Iconoclasts, Mallard, Merchiston or Carlton Connection, Grosvenor Aces, Borderers, Longniddry Bees, Dunfermline A or Ratten and Waverley (who have got this far without playing a match!).