

## NOTICES

**Hon. Tournament Secretary**  
Sid Prince, the Essex Hon. Tournament Secretary for the past 10 years, has announced his retirement from May 1999. Anyone interested in this position should contact Sid (017082 27422), for more information on what the job entails.

### Teaching

Essex is very short of Bridge Teachers. Anyone interested should contact Anne Owen (01277 654329), for more details of the New "Bridge for All" scheme. A short summary is given below.

### What is "Bridge for All" ?

*Bridge for All* has been created to provide a friendly environment for the 'social player' to enjoy playing the game of duplicate bridge. In time it will be seen as the natural choice for anyone wanting to take up the game.

The key elements of *Bridge for All* are :

- \* A nationwide network of teachers and classes
- \* A Standard English bidding system
- \* A structured programme for learning bridge
- \* Clubs for friendly games of duplicate
- \* Automatic membership of the English Bridge Union

### Bridge for All teachers

*Bridge for All* recognises that teachers are the key to recruiting people who want to learn bridge. It is the teachers' skill and the quality of what they provide that continues to ensure that students enjoy themselves, as they learn and play within the embrace of *Bridge for All*.

The relationship between the teachers and *Bridge for All* will basically be a franchising operation, but it will differ from the familiar 'High Street' franchise in that teachers will not be required to buy into the scheme.

As franchisees, teachers will become part of the *Bridge for All* professional team with access to the full range of its support services. In exchange for agreeing to use *Bridge for All* methods and materials, teachers will have the benefits of working as part of a team. They will receive advice on training, help with student recruitment, assistance in setting up clubs, discounts on *Bridge for All* products, and they will be provided with useful adjuncts to their work like personalised stationery. In addition, there will be opportunities to increase their income significantly through the sale of *Bridge for All* branded merchandise.

### The Standard English system

A Standard English system has been defined at two levels, Foundation and Full. By the end of the complete course, students will be using the full Standard English system. If any want to progress further there will be provision for the teaching of variations that they might encounter at clubs outside *Bridge for All*.

### The Bridge for All courses

Research shows that most people prefer a structured learning environment, supported by co-ordinated material. The courses will be devised to ensure that the students receive continual encouragement as they reach a series of goals on their way to each level of competence. Assessment on completion of the stages will reassure students about their performance.

Duplicate bridge will be taught from the start with regular competitions initially in class and later with other *Bridge for All* students.

## ESSEX CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORTS & ACCOUNTS and COUNTY NEWSLETTER

### Autumn 1998

Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 30th May 1998 at Brentwood Preparatory School, Brentwood.

Present: Mr. A. Grant (Hon. President) and Mrs. A. Grant, Mr. R. Green (Hon. Chairman), Mrs. M. Curtis (Hon. Secretary), Mr. A. Philpot (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. S. Prince (Hon. Tournament Secretary), Mr. D. Valtsiaris (Hon. League Secretary), Members of the Committee and 34 members of the Association.

Apologies for absence from: Mr. and Mrs. R. Hair, Mr. and Mrs. D. Powell, P. O'Gara P. Collier, Mrs. Y. Dagwell, G. Phipps, A. Shillitoe.

#### 1. Hon. Chairman's Opening Remarks

Mr. Richard Green opened the meeting by welcoming those present. He said it gave him great pleasure to propose, from the Committee, the appointment of Mrs. Teddy Schram as a Vice-President of the Association. Mrs. Schram, with her husband, Maurice, had been instrumental in getting Bridge in the Southend area under way, and had assisted in the formation of many clubs. This was greeted with acclaim by the meeting, and Mrs. Schram was presented with a bouquet.

Mrs. Schram thanked the members for the honour.  
Mr. Green said that he had further good news to announce - Thurrock Bridge Club had unfortunately folded but its Residual Committee had presented the Association with a gift of over £1400. It hoped that this money would go towards promoting youth and school Bridge, and the Committee had agreed to set this money aside for this purpose. Very grateful thanks were extended to Thurrock members.

#### 2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

These had been circulated and were taken as read. Mr. Green said that there was one unfortunate error - Mr. and Mrs. Grant had been designated as guests, whereas in fact Mr. Grant, as President, was there by right. With this amendment, the minutes were agreed to be a correct record, and their adoption was proposed by Mrs. Koch seconded by Mrs. Schram and approved by the meeting. Mr. Green signed the minutes.

#### 3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

**4. Report by the Hon. Secretary**

This is attached in full. Its adoption was proposed by Mr. Grant, seconded by Lady Telford and agreed by the meeting. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Curtis for her continued work for the Association.

**5. Hon. Tournament Secretary's Report**

This is attached in full.

Mr. Verran raised the question of the number of boards played in the Teams of Four Plate in particular, and felt that less boards in such competitions may attract more teams. Mr. Green said that the Committee would look at this aspect of the competitions. The adoption of the report was proposed by Mr. A. Graham, seconded by Mr. P. Spencer and passed by the meeting.

Mr. Green said how sorry he was to learn of Mr. Prince's retirement in 1999 as Tournament Secretary, and said that he had coped so well with rule changes, different attitudes to competitions, etc. He thanked Mr. Prince for his work.

**6. Report by the Hon. Treasurer**

Mr. Philpott presented the Accounts, and commented on the figures in the Balance Sheet. He also commented on the individual activities of the Association and the expenses. Mr. Grant asked about the value of the trophies, and the insurance premium payable each year. Mr. Philpott said that the insurance paid recently was just over £200, and that the trophies had been valued at about £2,000 some five or six years ago. Mrs. Day enquired about the move from the Chancellor Hall, stating that entries might have been affected by this. Mr. Philpott said that the hall had become far too expensive, but we had had to move anyway, as the Council had made a decision to use the hall for dance only.

Mr. L. Wernick proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mr. P. Oake, and passed by the meeting.

Mr. Green thanked Mr. Philpott for keeping the association's accounts in such good order. Mr. Philpott thanked Mr. Jerry Owen for auditing the accounts, and also the Association for his 25th anniversary gift last year.

Mr. Green proposed Mr. Owen's re-appointment as Auditor for 1998-99, and this was passed unanimously by the meeting.

**7. Report by the Hon. League Secretary**

Mr. Valtisariis had circulated his report to all members present, and this is attached. He added that a new rule was to be introduced next season, to try and encourage captains to arrange matches on a more regular basis. Any team having problems fixing a match for any reason must contact Mr. Valtisariis for an extension, or else they will be fined. Mr. Graham queried whether there was a schedule, and was told that all captains are sent a suggested schedule, though teams can fix matches in advance if more convenient. Mr. Verran asked about teams that did not have a home venue, as it was sometimes most inconvenient to hold matches instead of playing away. There was no rule about this - it is entirely up to the captains, but Mr. Grant said that many years ago he wrote to all captains of matches with conditions of entry. This did state that teams must have a home venue. Mr. Wernick said that matches could be arranged at some clubs on their club night, but this could be rather noisy. It was agreed that if the home team does not have facilities for a match, then it is up to that team to find one.

Mr. Valtisariis also announced that the Committee is introducing a Novices Division for the League - hopefully for both sections - and he asked members to encourage newcomers to enter this.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Mrs. A. Owen, seconded by Mrs. J. Tattersfield and passed by the meeting.

Mr. Green thanked Mr. Valtisariis for all the hard work involved in running the league, chasing entries and results, sorting out problems and producing tables.

**8. Subscriptions 1999/2000**

Mr. Philpott took this item. He said that there was no reason to increase individual subscriptions for 1999/2000. However, club subscriptions had not risen for many years, and as it was proposed that the Essex portion should rise to £5.00.

This was proposed by Mrs. Schram, seconded by Mrs. A. Hartley and approved by the meeting.

**9. Election of Officers and Committee**

All the Officers and Committee members were willing to continue, and no nominations had been received. All were declared re-elected. Mr. Green thanked all the Committee members whom he had not mentioned previously -

Mrs. W. Coldham, Mrs. A. Hartley, Mrs. A. Owen, Mr. P. Spencer,  
Mr. G. Faulkner, Mrs. J. Hair, Lady Telford.

**10. Any Other Business**

(a) Mr. A. Graham raised the question of publicity. Mrs. Hartley said that she does not send out advance publicity, but sends to 8 publications the results of competitions. Members present said that they had seen these results in their local papers.

There being no further formal matters the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman. Following this Mr. Green presented Mr. Bernard Hammond and Mrs. Doris Hammond with the Good Friend of Essex Award. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond had worked tirelessly in the Brentwood area at their own club, as teachers and had set up other clubs.

Mrs. Grant presented the prizes and trophies, and she and Mrs. Margaret Green and Mrs. Maureen White were presented with flowers.

The draws for the Teams of Four and Switch Cup were made by the members present. The meeting was followed by a Wine and Cheese party and a social reams of four.



**HON GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

One year on from our Golden Anniversary, and Essex Bridge has not moved on with any great surge of membership. Despite the E.B.U.'s New Membership Scheme, we only welcomed 84 new members, and our membership stands at 1146, a drop of 35 from last year, a very disappointing trend. There have been no new clubs affiliating last year, and indeed some failed to do so at all. This is not always an unwillingness to pay, but rather a problem at club level. All club details, including subscription renewal forms, can only be sent to one person - usually the Secretary, and secretaries are urged to pass these on to their Treasurer, if that is the person who prepares that particular cheque. For the county association, club secretaries are very important people - the link between the Committee and the member for many things. Without their help we cannot run quite a few of the competitions, and we need them to publicise the competitions, and be willing to organise teams.

As far as competitions are concerned, Sid Prince will give you once again the full details, but I should like to comment as well. The level of entries has dropped considerably, and the Committee has reluctantly had to drop some from the programme, and cancel others. A small Sub-Committee has looked at the complete programme, but found it difficult to pin-point any particular reason for this - except for there being too much Bridge on offer! The idea of better venues was put forward, but such halls are very costly, and entry fees would have to rise considerably. Thanks to Denis Valtisariis, we now have one new hall - Wick Community Centre, and we are looking at others. If other members know of such venues in central Essex, please let me know.

We were very pleased to announce that Tiffin Green, accountants in Brentwood, were to sponsor the Tony Kelvin, and Mr. Tiffin very kindly came to the competition and presented the prizes. Many thanks to Tiffin Green, who will be continuing their sponsorship in 1998/99, with some of the money going to the Fletcher Trophy in the form of club prizes. We are also most grateful to Helliar & Son, our printers, who continued to sponsor the Helliar Trophy, and indirectly the county entry into the Garden Cities Trophy. Our third sponsor, Lionel Wernick, gives us the opportunity to publicise our competitions at the clubs, in the form of posters, and we thank him for this help.

On the inter-county side, Essex again entered the Metropolitan Cup, the Tollemache Cup and Eastern Counties League, without any particular success. The best results were obtained by the B. Team in the Metropolitan Cup, coming 3rd, and the C team in the Eastern Counties League coming 2nd. Thanks are due once again to the three captains - Sid Prince, Roger Tattersfield and Audrey Hartley, who all work extremely hard to put out teams for each match. It is an honour to play for one's county, and players are urged to return availability forms, and notify captains as early as possible if they are eventually unable to play. Again, we have to thank Gifford and Jill Day for organising the refreshments. After many years they are retiring from doing this, but we are extremely fortunate that Jill Tattersfield has agreed to take over. Everyone taking part in home matches is asked to help Jill, and make it an easy task.

The only remaining Duplicate Section run by the County is now happily ensconced at the Old Parkonians Club, and members and visitors are enjoying the pleasant facilities. This section once again won the Helliar Trophy and played in the Regional Finals of the Garden Cities Trophy, but failed to qualify for the Final.

Individually, members continue to do well in competitions and congresses up and down the county, and their names are highlighted by Audrey Hartley in English Bridge. Special congratulations go to Beryl Keet, who played in the European Union Championships recently, and Tessa Beer and Joan Curley who won the Regional Masters Pairs.

For those who play in the League, it is always enjoyable - but marred by some captains who fail to use the telephone in time! Dennis Valtisariis will report on this year's results and problems, and the Committee fully endorse his efforts to make life easier for teams who do try and play their matches on a regular basis. We are introducing a Novices Division - hopefully in both areas - and members are urged to encourage newcomers to enter this.

Unfortunately, we had to move the Clacton Congress date yet again, and more unfortunately still the Congress venue. This resulted in a small congress - our 25th - which nonetheless was enjoyed by all those who took part. In 1999 we are returning to the Town Hall, and have booked a date at the end of February. Whilst this is not the best time of the year for an East Coast break, we hope that it will be well supported. The Congress Committee will be looking at ways to attract members, even if it means doing away with the traditional format. Claude Stokes announced his retirement, and was presented with a silver salver, as a small tribute for the many years of organising the

congress in such a superb way. Thanks are also due to the Committee members, in particular Philip and Anne Edwards and Rachel Neal, also Lesley Philpott who baked the 25th Anniversary cake.

Our Schools and Youth programme got under way again under the leadership of Paul Spencer. It is much, much more difficult these days to motivate young people to play bridge - they are not used to playing card games to keep themselves amused - and despite many hours of phoning and writing to schools, we were unable to hold a heat of the Schools Cup. However, Paul has been able to introduce bridge in a few schools and would ask anyone teaching, or involved with schools in any way whatsoever to contact him. It seems that it is only by personal introduction that bridge can be started up in schools. The wonderful donation by Thurrock Bridge Club, mentioned by our Chairman, should help us to really make an impact in the future. Paul has also been responsible for getting the Golf Print competition off the ground, but again the response was a little disappointing. Eventually only four teams took part. Our thanks go to Paul for all his hard work.

Anne Owen has continued her good work as Teachers' Liaison Officer. A workshop was held last October in Essex, and she reports how disappointed she was with the number of teachers from Essex who attended. "Bridge for All" - the new concept of teaching - was presented by Chris Duckworth from the E.B.U. Education Department, and members were impressed by the scheme. It is still in the pilot stage, and will not be available to teachers generally until 1999. Anne took the opportunity again of running a Novices Event, which was very successful, and thanks are due to her and her helpers who organise and run this competition. Until now we have not had a trophy for this event, but Keith Manley, to celebrate his 40 years as an EBU member, has decided to donate one. Our very grateful thanks to him.

Your delegates to the E.B.U. Council have attended meetings regularly and reported back on the most important matters - Bridge for All, E.B.U. Bye-Law changes, changes to competitions, financial matters, etc. Once again, Gerard Faulkner and I were re-elected to the Board, and both of us with Cecil Leighton and Paul Spencer are on the Tournament Committee.

At the end of our 50th year, a Quiz Night was held, combined with Wine and Cheese and this was very successful. Those who came enjoyed the friendly competition, good company and excellent quiz conducted by Lionel Wernick. Lionel and Faye made this an evening to be remembered. Your committee hopes to celebrate the millennium with another social evening, and we hope that more members will join us next time.

As you see from the report, and from those that follow, your Committee members give up a lot of time - voluntarily - to organise and manage bridge in the county. But to enable us to go forward the Committee needs the help of all those who are keen on competitive bridge - to encourage friends and club members to enter competitions - there is something for everyone. Without your support there may be no competitions, and everything that we have worked so hard for and enjoy may vanish.

## HON. TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT

All competitions with the exception of the County Teams of Four have been completed. Entries for the County Pairs were up by 9 pairs, and the Mixed Pairs, Seniors, National Pairs heats, and Summer Club Pairs continue to be quite well supported. The Swiss Teams events, the George Curtis and the Tony Kelvin, were both

down on last year, 17 and 20 teams respectively, which were the lowest ever. This coming season's entry for the Switch Cup is also disappointing - only 12 teams. This recurring problem of falling entries is difficult to resolve. Every member of the Countie receives a brochure. Clubs get reminder posters from Lionel Wernick. Every competing pair or team gets the result reasonably quickly, with a match-point chart for pairs. Some criticism has been made about venues, but it has to be remembered that a balance has to be struck between the quality of the venue and the cost of hire, and I think that your County Secretary does an extremely good job in this regard. Free tea or coffee is provided at evening events, and refreshments at two-session events are charged at cost - the County makes no profit on these. Our members probably get the best value bridge in the county, but, in common with other counties, the County events probably suffer from the competition of the sheer volume of available bridge from clubs, E.B.U. events and organized holiday bridge.

I should like to thank Bud Abbott for his work in running the One Day Congress last June, to Lionel Wernick for directing the Essex Pairs Final so ably, and to Margaret Curtis for her help throughout the year.

The results and numbers of the competitions are:

Essex One Day (11)	M. Curtis, D. Sherman, H. Greenberg, C. Leighton
Mens Teams of Four (7)	D. Cooper, S. C-Bowyer, D. Embleton, B. Berkley - 1
Ladies Teams of Four (8)	C. McChlery, J. Hair, K. Parr, H. Walicki - 1
Mixed Teams (16)	L. & F. Wernick, G. Phipps, T. Beer 0
Summer Club Pairs (108)	J. Stimson, Mrs. W. Godber
Helliar Trophy (26)	L. Garcia, S. Prince, D. Sherman, R. Tresadern - 2
Fletcher Trophy (12)	Redbridge - M. Curtis, D. Sherman, C. Leighton, S. Prince, L. Garcia, A. & C. Brown, R. Tresadern
Club Trophy (14)	Thorpe Bay - M. Koch, E. de Vries, D. Bryant, M. Gibbs
Tony Kelvin Trophy (20)	J. Stimson, W. Godber, M. Baker, C. Elliott - 3
Non-Expert Teams 4 (16)	Mr. & Mrs. Powell, Mrs. J. Harries, Mrs. S. Riddle
County Pairs (61)	A. Coral, L. Burr + 9
County Mixed Pairs (46)	R. Tresadern, B. Kerr - 1
Seniors Cup (30)	M. Curtis, D. Sherman - 5
Essex Flich	G. & J. Day
Non-Expert Pairs (17)	R. Waller, Mrs. A. Barrow
Essex Swiss Pairs (38)	A. Hartley, A. Shillitoe - 2
County Teams of 4 (17)	C. & M. Leighton, A. Coral, L. Burr - 3
County Teams of 4 Plate	Mr. & Mrs. Burrows, A. Graham, P. Spencer
Switch Cup (17)	Mr. & Mrs. Kerr, M. Chawner, P. Nesbitt - 1
George Curtis Swiss T. (17)	C. Hess, R. Buggs, I. Jevons, A. Simmons - 6
National Pairs (38)	M. Curtis, D. Sherman + 3
National Newcomers (17)	J. Birch, R. Hudson + 6
Novice Pairs	P. Hutton & B. Leigh, C. McCue & R. Waller

Finally, I take this opportunity to tell you that I propose to serve as your Tournament Secretary for one more year. I feel that it is time for someone younger to take over. I have enjoyed my period in this post, and I hope that I shall be able to give some support and assistance to my successor from next May on.

## SOUTH EAST & WEST ESSEX 1997/88 LEAGUE REPORT

As another league year closes I would like to congratulate all the winners and thank all team captains for their efforts in making the season a success.

Team entries for 1997/98 stood at 68, (down 5 on last year), of which 34 teams competed in the West and 34 in the South East. Unfortunately four teams withdrew during the season for a variety of reasons. Hopefully they will be able to join the leagues in 1998/99.

The numbers however, have been declining for the past four years and it would be nice if we could reverse the trend for the next season. I would like to ask all E.C.B.A. members to make an extra effort in encouraging new teams to join the leagues in 1998/99, particularly beginners and novices.

This years winners and runners-up were :-

South East	Divisions	Winners	Runners-up
1	Seeds Llama	Crowstone	South Woodham A
2	May & Baker	Mounnessing Blue	Southend & Leigh Magenta
3	Mounnessing Blue	Braintree Red.	South Woodham Ferrers Amber
4	Inksports		
5	DART		
West	1	Loughon BC Collier	Redbridge
	2	The Good Guys	Loughon Norlands
	3	Goodmayes Billinge	Wadham Wanderers
	4	Parkside Players	Parkwing
	5	Loughon BC Powell	Metropolitan Police

Dennis Valisaris,  
Hon., League Secretary



**ESSEX CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/3/98**

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Stock of ties, spoons, local points and pens .....	£ 31,398	£ 31,397
Cups, typewriters and tables .....	1,455	2,317
- cost less depreciation .....	-	-
<b>DEBTORS</b>		
Entry fees due and payments in advance .....	1,762	3,113
<b>CASH</b>		
On Current Account .....	194	41
On Higher Rate Deposit Accounts .....	7,941	3,490
	<u>11,352</u>	<u>8,961</u>
<b>LESS CREDITORS</b>		
Hire of halls, fees in advance and prizes .....	3,157	2,277
	<u>8,195</u>	<u>6,684</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		
Capital Account .....	6,684	7,487
Excess of Income over Expenditure .....	1,511	-803
	<u>8,195</u>	<u>6,684</u>

*Honourary Treasurer : A. J. PHILPOT, A.C.I.B.*

I have examined the books and records of the Essex Contract Bridge Association and in my opinion, these give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31.3.98

*Honourary Auditor : J. N. OWEN, F.C.A.*

**NOTE :** It is the policy of the Committee to write off expenditure on trophies, cards, boards and stationery in the year of purchase.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE 1997/98 SEASON**

	1997/1998	1996/97
<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	£	£
Less Capitation Fees .....	14,263	15,631
	<u>9,452</u>	<u>11,102</u>
	4,811	4,529
<b>DUPLICATE SECTION ACTIVITIES</b>		
Membership & Visitors .....	3,252	2,723
Accommodation & Prizes .....	<u>2,213</u>	<u>2,361</u>
	1,039	362
<b>COMPETITIONS</b>		
Fees .....	7,214	6,983
Refreshment Charges .....	1,519	1,856
Sponsorship (see note A) .....	<u>775</u>	<u>-</u>
	9,508	8,839
<b>LESS</b>		
Accommodation, Refreshments & T.D.'s .....	4,654	5,613
EBU and other charges .....	559	405
Prizes .....	<u>1,777</u>	<u>1,301</u>
	6,990	7,319
Profit on EBU/BBL Event .....	2,518	1,520
Profit on sale of pens .....	556	759
Profit on Quiz .....	26	85
Loss on Dinner/Dance .....	148	-
	<u>0</u>	<u>-1,019</u>
<b>LEAGUES</b>		
Receipts .....	816	852
Payments .....	<u>459</u>	<u>383</u>
	357	469
Interest received Gross (1996/97 net) .....	315	168
Less provision for taxation .....	<u>72</u>	<u>-</u>
	243	168
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
County matches .....	853	1,429
Local points .....	492	477
Honorary Secretary's Expenses .....	600	600
(inc. travel, telephone etc.)		
Printing & Stationery .....	4,502	3,466
Postage & Telephone .....	838	839
Engraving & Repairs .....	69	100
Sundries .....	<u>833</u>	<u>785</u>
	8,187	7,676
Excess of income over expenditure .....	<u>1,511</u>	<u>-803</u>

**NOTE A :** The figure of £775 represents the generous sponsorship of £500 by Tiffin Green for the Tony Kelvin Memorial Trophy & £275 by Helliar & Sons Ltd. for the Helliar Trophy.

## COUNTY NEWS

### EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE

1997/98

#### A Teams

1. Northants 59 VPs
2. Norfolk 46
3. = Bedfordshire 40

Suffolk

5. Essex 39
6. Cambs. & Hants. 38
7. = Cambs. University 37

Hertfordshire

#### B Teams

1. Hertfordshire 56 VPs
2. Norfolk 51
3. Northants 47
4. = Bedfordshire 45

Cambs. & Hants.

6. = Essex 39
- Suffolk
8. Cambs. University 14

#### C Teams

1. Bedfordshire 78%
2. Essex 64%
3. Hertfordshire 58%
4. Northants 52%
5. Norfolk 36%
6. Cambs. & Hants. 32%
7. Suffolk 30%

As some C teams did not play all the matches, the result was worked out on a percentage basis, not VPs. Cambridge University did not put out a C team.

1998/99

#### v Northamptonshire

A Team - Won 119 - 85 IMPs, 9 - 3 VPs

S. Prince and R. Tresadern, M. Curtis and D. Sherman, L. Garcia and M. Leighton, K. Manley and S. Ritter

B Team - Lost 60 - 120 IMPs, 1 - 11 VPs

A. Greenstein and Y. Dias, P. Scouting and S. French, A. Shillito and A. Hartley, L. Quinn and J. Hair

C Team - Won 134 - 80 IMPs, 10 - 2 VPs

G. Phipps and T. Beer, J. Atkins and M. Poole, G. and M. Vede, A. Kitchen and C Lovett

#### EVE GOBLETS

Ladies :	B. Kerr	44 Points	Men :	A. Coral	46 Points
	M. Curtis	25		L. Burt	41
	L. Fleet	19		R. Tresadern	34
	F. Wernick	13		M. Chawner	31
	T. Beer	9		C. Leighton	30
	A. Hartley	9		D. Sherman	27

## CONGRATULATIONS TO :

Tessa Beer and Joan Curley - winners of the National Regional Masters Pairs

Alan Shillito, Nigel Cundy, Tim Prior and Chris Howard - winners of the Junior Inter-County Teams Under 25, run by London

Beryl Kerr, with Sue Burn of London - 5th in the Pairs Championship at the London Easter Festival

Also : Stuart Nelson, 2nd in the Swiss Teams "A" Flight

Bernard and Doris Hammond - 12th in the Wednesday B.B.L. Simultaneous Pairs

### ESSEX COUNTY TEAMS OF FOUR

Winners : C. and M. Leighton, L. Burt, A. Coral

2nd : C. and B. Kerr, M. Chawner, R. Tresadern

3rd : = S. Prince, A. Philpott, B. Cowley, N. Bardsley, R. Green  
L. and F. Wernick, G. and J. Rance

### ESSEX PAIRS FINAL

Winners : L. Burt, A. Coral \*

2nd : D. Cooper, L. Fleet

3 : D. Duffy, B. Harrison \*

4 : R. Green, S. Prince

5 : G. Beckett, D. Valtariaris

6 : M. Curtis, D. Sherman \*

\* These pairs, plus G. Megahy and M. Smith took part in the Corwen Trophy.  
D. Duffy and B. Harrison were the leading Essex pair

### ESSEX SWITCH CUP

Winners : C. and B. Kerr, M. Chawner, P. Nesbitt

2nd : S. Prince, A. Philpott, N. Bardsley, M. Curtis, D. Sherman

### ESSEX TEAMS OF FOUR PLATE

Winners : P. Spencer, A. Graham, P. and M. Burrows

## SUMMER CLUB PAIRS

### 1st Semi-Final :

1. J. Phillips, C. Warrick
2. Mr. and Mrs. Mollison
3. J. Peacock, P. Williamson
4. F. Sirland, C. Fallon
5. A. Stanley, G. Tibbo
6. M. Goodswen, G. Smith
7. J. Austin, M. Gore
8. T. Beer, J. Curley
9. S. Ensor, M. Royle
10. A. Fifield, L. Lewis

### 2nd Semi-Final :

1. J. Mansfield, P. Watson
2. R. Allen, A. Owen
3. W. Godbet, J. Stimson
4. A. Eames, J. Sutcliffe
5. V. Oyson, L. Hovbreche
6. M. Huntingford, C. Matthews
7. P. Scouting, M. Cook
8. C. Mayhew, A. Parker
9. S. Riach, A. Whiteford
10. Mr. & Mrs. Hipkin
11. G. Nosworthy, D. Voller
12. C. Charlton, R. Elliott
13. W. Coldham, P. O'Gara



## SUMMER CLUB PAIRS FINAL

1. A. Eames, J. Sutcliffe
2. M. Huntingford, C. Matthews
3. A. Custeron, M. Owen
4. W. Godbet, J. Stimson
5. J. Phillips, C. Warwick
6. C. Charlton, R. Elliott



## NON-EXPERT TEAMS

### Winners :

Rayleigh - D. Hope, S. Moorman, M. Fitzgerald, W. Westwick

Runners-Up : Parkside - P. Anthony, D. Cooper, H. Hart, S. Mednick



## WANSTEAD ONE-DAY GREEN POINTED SWISS TEAMS

The leading Essex teams were :

4th : M. Curtis, A. Coral, D. Sherman, A. Zaman

6th : A. Philpott, C. Kerr, B. Kerr, L. Godfrey

## GEORGE CURTIS SWISS TEAMS

Winners : C. Hess, R. Bugg, I. Jevons, A. Simmons

2nd : R. & J. Hair, E. de Vries, L. Quinn

3rd : A. Green, R. Cornell, D. Clark, S. Nagpaul

4th : C. & M. Leighton, A. & C. Brown

5th : M. Smith, C. Megahay, Y. Dagwell, P. O' Gorman



## NATIONAL NEWCOMERS PAIRS

Qualifying Heat for Semi-Finals :

Winners : J. Birch, J. Hudson

2nd : Mr. & Mrs. Jones

Other qualifiers : J. Greenfield and O. Griffiths, A. Forrest and L. Merrit

M. Fletcher and J. Stansfield, G. Monk and S. Ziles

B. Banks and M. Kakoullis



## NOVICE COMPETITION for PAIRS

North-South : Winners : P. Hutton and B. Leigh

2nd : A. Barrow and J. Ramsey

3rd : V. Borton and C. Everard

4th : J. Harris and R. Robinson

5th : N. Crauwels and S. Knoche

6th : E. Sewell and T. Sewell

East-West : Winners : C. McCue and R. Waller

2nd : G. Bland and B. March

3rd : M. Bourne and A. Mather

4th : G. Monk and D. Sopher

5th : K. Stackpoole and C. Wallace

6th : H. Pavitt and M. Vickery



## NATIONAL PAIRS

Three Essex pairs qualified for the Final :

W. Coldham and P. O'Gara, M. Curtis and D. Sherman, A. Stanley and G. Tibbo

M. Curtis and D. Sherman were the highest placed pair in the Final



## SOUTH EAST ESSEX LEAGUE

**Division 1 - Seeds Llama :** M. Rose, M. Chawner, A. Graham, P. and A. Spencer  
**Crowstone :** A. Cohen, R. Hair, A. Greenstein, G. Wilcox, Y. Dias

**Division 2 - May & Baker :** R. & G. Tattersfield, L. Wells, S. Cardy, A. Cundy  
**South Woodham A :** H. Rogers, P. Bailey, G. and M. Vede

**Division 3 - Mountnessing Blue :** G. and J. McChayne, I. Mamelok, L. Seymour,  
 P. Kite, M. Palmer  
**Southend and Leigh Magenta :** E. Cheasman, J. Atkins,  
 D. and R. Eichert

**Division 4 - Inksops :** K. Seabold, S. Moorman, D. Hope, L. Barker  
**Brantree Red :** F. and A. Parker, J. Leech, C. Toxworth,

**Division 5 - DART :** D. Hunberstone, P. Seaton, W. Jeffs, T. Burns,  
 R. Shepherd  
**South Woodham Ferrers Amber :** S. and E. Maczka, T. French,  
 K. Marshall

## WEST ESSEX LEAGUE

**Division 1 - Loughton BC Collier :** P. Collier, J. Mansfield, M. and P. Watson  
 W. Coldham, B. Hunt

**Redbridge :** M. Curtis, D. Sherman, A. Philpott, S. Prince  
 N. Bardsley

**Division 2 - The Good Guys :** P. Nesbitt, M. Caswell, V. Madge, A. Judge, J. Francis  
**Loughton Norlands :** G. and J. Day, M. and M. Shillito, A. Goddard

**Division 3 - Goodmayes Billinge :** W. Coleman, A. Billinge, M. Tanswell,  
 R. Andrews

**Wadham Wanderers :** W. Godber, J. Stinson, T. and V. Card, D. Dunn  
**Division 4 - Parkside Players :** J. Austin, S. Mednick, A. Riach, A. Whiteford  
 M. Hart, S. Markovitch

**Parkwing :** P. and F. Drew, G. and P. Axe

**Division 5 - Loughton BC Powell :** D. and M. Powell, J. Birch and R. Hudson  
**Metropolitan Police :** S. New, K. McCauley, D. Volter, G. Nosworthy



## GWEN HERGA TROPHIES

**Ladies :** Winners : J. Parr, H. Walicki

**2nd :** W. Coldham, J. Scouting

- 3 : J. Day, L. Wells
- 4 : T. Beer, J. Curley
- 5 : L. Barker, A. Owen
- 6 : J. Atkins, M. Poole

**Men :** Winners : L. Garcia, R. Tresadern

**2nd :** B. Berkley, R. Jones

- 3 : C. and M. Leighton
- 4 : L. Burt, R. Green
- 5 : A. Shillito, A. Verran
- 6 : S. Cade-Bowyer, D. Embleton



## CLACTON CONGRESS

**Grant Cup (Main Final)**

1. M. Sherer, E. Newman
2. A. Coral, L. Burt
3. P. Spencer, S. McPhee

**Frinton Cup (Consolation Final)**

1. R. Cornell, A. Green
2. P. Markwell, C. Stokes
3. K. Charlton, K. Collings

**Swiss Teams**

1. M. Smith, E. Cockle, P. Sizer, P. Rowlands
2. C. Stokes, P. Markwell, J. Lang, P. Hanson
3. M. Fletcher, M. Labrook, M. Bull, G. Horcroft
4. P. and A. Spencer, S. McPhee, D. Wright
5. A. and C. Brown, R. Sefton, M. Denby

**Open Pairs**

1. A. Greenstine, A. Cohen
2. P. Markwell, C. Stokes
3. A. Coral, L. Burt

**Mixed Pairs**

1. F. Stirland, C. Fallon
2. R. Mascall, N. Denny
3. A. and C. Brown

**Hope Trophy**

1. W. Jeffs, T. Burns
2. G. and M. Vede
3. E. Sefton, M. Denby

This was the 25th Clacton Congress. Claude Stokes was presented with a salver, to mark his retirement as organiser of the congress. Members and Committee expressed their very grateful thanks to him for all his hard work over these years.