

## **SOUTH EAST ESSEX LEAGUE 2003/2004**

### **Division 1**

Winners: SEEDS Llama

Paul Spencer, Marc Chawner, Dave Baker, Andy Graham,  
Mike Graham, Mark Rose

Runners-up: Crowstone

Alan Cohen, Alan Greenstein, Bob Hair, Yvonne Dias

### **Division 2**

Winners: Tuesdays

Dave Piper, Les Curtis, Dave Duffy, Bernie Harrison,  
Frank Morrison, Peter Withey

Runners-up: STC 'A'

Charles Read, Pat Read, S R Monk, D W Roast

### **Division 3**

Winners: Castle Hamlet

Sue Taylor, Chris Taylor, Michael Wren, Chris Chorley

Runners-up: Hadleigh Castle

Paul Jesper, Cecilia Jesper, Barry Newman, John Shade

### **Division 4**

Winners: Eagles

Mike Watson, Eric Dorrington, Ian Miller, Michael Braithwaite

Runners-up: Machiaveilians

Max Orrell-Wighton, John Hutchinson, Colin Gilbert,  
Helen Barnes, Ann Brandon

### **Division 5**

Winners: Dummy Run

Sheena Millins, Chris Comer, Jeanette Nichol, Simon Margutti,  
Mike Langstone

Runners-up: Winterbridge

Carol McCue, Christine Everard, Poppy Dartnell, Ron Waller,  
Denis Caldwell

### **Novices**

Winners: Old Court

Derek Swallow, Eileen Palmer, Eddie Brown, Setty Smith,  
Mike Willey, Ray Duffield

Runners-up: Bocking

Stuart Vir, Peter Rayner, David Brown, Gemma Houchen,  
Sid Quattrucci, Nicky Sabourin

## **ESSEX CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORTS & ACCOUNTS and**

## **COUNTY NEWSLETTER**



## **Autumn 2004**

**Minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting of the E.C.B.A. held on Saturday, 8th May 2004 at Brentwood County High School, Brentwood, Essex.**

*Present:* Mr. R. Green (Hon-Chairman), Mrs T. Schram (Vice-President),  
Mrs M. Curtis (Hon. Secretary), Dr. R. Tattersfield (Hon. League  
Secretary), Mr. R. Allen (Hon. Tournament Secretary).  
Members of the Committee and 34 Members of the Association.

*Apologies for absence were received from:* Mr. A Philipott (Hon. Treasurer),

Mr. D. Valtisariis (Committee member), Mrs. C. Lovett,  
Mr. & Mrs. L. Wernick.

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

Mr. Richard Green welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Mrs. Teddy Schram, our Vice-President. He made mention of the sterling work she had done for the Association in the Southend area. Mr. Green also drew attention to those people outside the committee who had helped the Association throughout the year - Mr. George Vede, Mr. and Mrs. Ray and Barbara Cornell, Mr. Lionel Wernick, Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Val Mollison, Mr. Ron Webb. He also said that so much was done by club chairmen, secretaries and committees for the game of bridge. Mr. Green highlighted the Good Friend of Essex Award.

### **2. Minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting.**

These had been circulated to all members and were taken as read. They were agreed to be a correct record, and their approval and adoption was proposed by Mrs. Jill Tattersfield, and agreed by the meeting.



### 3. Matters Arising

There were three matters arising:

- a. Summer Club Pairs - The committee had reviewed this competition and changed the format. Details are available in the competition brochure.
- b. Duplimated Boards - These had been used for one competition and the county will be buying its own boards for future use. Mr. Ron Webb has agreed to do the duplimating on his machine, and Mr. and Mrs. Mollinson have agreed to store the boards, when purchased. The Committee will be looking at the possible purchase of the duplimating machine.
- c. Junior Fees - The ½-price entry had been put in place immediately.

### 4. Hon. Secretary's Report.

This is attached in full. Its adoption was proposed by Mr. Sid Prince, and seconded by Lady Telford and approved unanimously. Mr Green thanked Mrs. Curtis for the considerable amount of work done over the year.

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

Mr Bob Allen started by thanking all those who had helped during the year - Mr Pat O'Gara, Mr. Sid Prince, Mrs. Margaret Curtis, Mrs. Jill Tattersfield (scoring and printing results), Mr. Eric Field, and clubs which had lent out their tables, in particular Mr. Bernie Hunt.

He said that entries were about the same, and drew attention to significant changes:

Tony Kelvin - starting at 11.00 am and including lunch  
Mid-week seniors - including lunch  
Essex heat of National Newcomers

Mrs. Jill Day said how much she appreciated the introduction of duplimated boards.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Mr. Ray Cornell, seconded by Mrs. Jill Tattersfield, and approved unanimously.

Mr. Green thanked Mr. Allen for the efficient manner in which he organised and ran competitions.

### 6. Hon. Treasurers Report

Mr. Philpott was unavoidably absent, but had sent a short report, and copies of the Accounts which had been circulated to the meeting. He drew attention to the large amount in the Postal Account, due to the early receipt of membership fees, the small profit this year from the One-Day Joint Venture, the lower cost of the summer printing (due to a change of printers) and the slight difference in competition profits (due to small alterations in the programme).

The adoption of the accounts and report was proposed by Mrs. Tessa Beer, and seconded by Mrs. Wendy Coldham and agreed by the meeting.

In Mr. Philpott's absence Mr. Green proposed the re-election of Mr. Cordingley as the Hon. Auditor, and this was agreed by the meeting.

Mr. Green thanked Mr. Philpott for his excellent house-keeping.

### 7. Hon. League Secretary's Report

This is attached in full.

There were no questions or comments, and Mrs. Pat O'Gara proposed the adoption of the report, seconded by Mr. Richard Perryman, and agreed by the meeting.

Mr. Green then thanked both Dr. Tattersfield and Mrs. Jill Tattersfield for all the hard work done to make the league so successful.

### 8. Subscriptions 2005/2006

Mr. Tony Philpott had proposed that they should stay the same for a further year, £4.50 for the Essex individual portion, and £5.00 for clubs. This had been endorsed by the committee, and was agreed by those present.

### 9. Election of Officers and Committee for 2004/2005

There had been no resignations and no proposals for the offices, so all members were declared elected for the coming year.

Mr. Green thanked all those on the committee who had not given reports, but gave of their time to the Association. He welcomed Mr. Po Shing Lee to the Committee as the new Youth/Schools Officer.

### 10. Any Other Business

a. Other Activities/Social Bridge - Mr. Po Shing Lee asked if the Committee had considered events such as those at Ham House - a visit to a stately home in the morning + bridge + tea in the afternoon. Mrs. Curtis said that the Committee had discussed it, but were not in favour of such activities being combined. At present there is no sign that this increases membership.

b. County Membership - A question was asked as to whether one can pay county membership only. The answer is "no".

c. Club events, i.e. Swiss Teams - This was raised as to the participation in such events. Mrs. Curtis explained that open events run by clubs have to have a licence, and all members taking part have to be E.B.U. members. However, a club can run an event for its own members, without E.B.U. membership.

d. Events for non-members - Each county can run a limited number of events for non-members. Mrs. Curtis said that Essex already run the limit of such competitions, plus a starter division in the League. Again, there is little proof that vast new members join via this route. Mrs. Curtis







eventually be able to set up again the Schools Leagues and competitions, which used to flourish in Essex. Po hopes to have the help of anyone who has entry into a school his address, telephone number and email address will soon be on the Essex web-site.

Once again, Essex has been represented on the EBU Council by 3 delegates Sid Prince, Paul Spencer and myself. There have been some very lively debates on the future of Master Points and possible changes, the bringing together of the EBU and EBU Ltd., an update on the bridge for All Scheme, the new Development Plan, and the free diary for every member. Both Paul Spencer and I are on the EBU Tournament Committee and I have the doubtful privilege of being Chairman. As in the county, all competitions are reviewed regularly, and every effort is made to create events for players of all levels.

When I look back to the beginnings of the Association, I remember the eagerness of my parents to join the pleasure of going out, meeting like-minded people to play bridge at club and county level. The first duplicate bridge was played in a hall with a broken roof, wood instead of glass in the windows and no heating! A main requirement was a rug! Now we all expect luxuries but at no cost. We are so lucky that we can play every day of the week, probably afternoons and evenings, and there is always someone to make this possible. We need members to enter our competitions do encourage your friends, and above all *make every game enjoyable for everyone.*

MARGARET CURTIS

#### SOUTH EAST AND WEST ESSEX LEAGUE REPORT 2003/2004

Once again the Leagues have had a very successful season and Jill and I would like to thank you all for making it so enjoyable.

All the League champions are now known and, as always, it is good to see some new names amongst the winners. Full details will be given at the prize presentation. The Premier League play-off was won by Redbridge (Margaret Curtis) who beat last year's winners SEEDS Llana in the final. We will continue this knock-out format for the forthcoming season.

The League Cup has again proved to be a very successful event with 32 teams taking part. It is a very tight schedule and unfortunately we cannot announce the winners yet. In the final Waltham Foresters (Tony Verran) will play either SEEDS Llana (Paul Spencer) or The Good Guys (Martyn Caswell). In last year's final The Good Guys beat Dire Straights (Alan Green). It has now been agreed that teams who withdraw from the League will also be eliminated from the League Cup.

Over 300 members played in the League this year with 39 teams in the South East and 21 in the West. Relative to last year this is a reduction of 2 and continues the slow decline of recent seasons. There were 2 withdrawals during the year and 3 matches were not played. These figures are disappointing since each unplayed match is likely to have an impact on promotion or relegation and to affect teams

other than those directly involved. It is often very difficult for the League organisers to ascertain responsibility for unplayed games and the general rule will be that neither team shall get any points unless there is a very good case and the organisers have been kept informed as problems develop.

The Novices Division continues to be very successful with 2 new teams joining the League. This division has been particularly successful with the programme of 8 matches being finished well before the end of the season and the final result having to be settled on a tie-break.

The winners and runners up were:

South East: Division		Winners	Runners-up
1	2	Seeds Llana	Crowstone
2	3	Tuesdays	S.T.C. 'A'
3	4	Castle Hamlet	Hadleigh Castle
4	5	Eagles	Machiavellians
5		Dummy Run	Winterbridge
Novices		Old Court	Bocking
West:			
1	2	The Good Guys	Churchills
2	3	Loughton Froggy	Optimists
3		May & Baker Rainbow	Four No Chumps

Roger & Jill Tattersfield

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# ESSEX CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/03/2004

	31/03/2004	31/03/2003
	£	£
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Stock of ties, spoons local points and pens	1162	1592
Cups, typewriters and tables : cost less depreciation	Nil	Nil
<b>DEBTORS</b>		
Entry fees due and payments in advance	1238	2622
<b>CASH</b>		
On current account	-69	2655
On Postal Deposit Account	19103	13334
	<u>21434</u>	<u>20203</u>
<b>LESS CREDITORS</b>		
Hire of halls, fees in advance and prizes	8639	7270
	<u>12795</u>	<u>12933</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		
Youth Development Fund (see notes)	1078	1158
Capital account	11774	9979
Excess of expenditure over income	-57	1796
	<u>12795</u>	<u>12933</u>

Honorary Treasurer: A.J. PHILPOTT

Honorary Auditor: J. CORDINGLEY

### NOTES:

It is the policy of the committee to write off expenditure on trophies, cards, boards and stationery in the year of purchase. The Youth Development Fund represents funds donated from the Thurrock Bridge Club on their closure with the express wish that they be used to develop youth bridge.

# ESSEX CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Income and Expenditure Account for the 2003/2004 Season

	2003/2004	2002/2003
	£	£
<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>		
Less Capitation fees	15,462	14,981
	<u>10,437</u>	<u>9,822</u>
	5,025	5,159
<b>COMPETITIONS</b>		
Fees	8,098	8,202
Refreshment charges	1,229	1,719
Sponsorship (see note A)	Nil	Nil
	<u>9,327</u>	<u>9,921</u>
<b>LESS</b>		
Accommodation, refreshments and T.D.'s	5,909	5,434
EBU and other charges	789	426
Prizes	1,500	1,850
	<u>8,198</u>	<u>7,710</u>
	1,129	2,211
<b>LEAGUES</b>		
Receipts	720	744
Payments	<u>349</u>	<u>308</u>
	371	436
Interest Received Gross	269	268
Profit on joint EBU events	<u>233</u>	<u>1,629</u>
	7,027	9,703
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
County matches	1226	1,009
Local points	411	469
Honorary secretary's expenses (including travel, telephone etc.)	750	600
Printing and stationery	3,166	4,275
Postage and telephone	832	860
Engraving and repairs	174	168
Web Site	104	210
Sundries	<u>421</u>	<u>316</u>
	7,084	7,907
Excess of expenditure over income	<u>-57</u>	<u>1796</u>

Note A: No direct financial sponsorship was received in the 2002/2003 or 2003/2004 season.

Note B: Whilst not strictly part of our activities the Association did receive the sum of £815.58 from the Eastern Counties Simultaneous Pairs which we donated to Chelmsford Crossroads. This is not included in the above figures.



## COUNTY NEWS

A' Teams		B' Teams	
	VP's		VP's
1. Norfolk	107	1. Hertfordshire	96
2. Hertfordshire	97	2. Suffolk	86½
3. Northants	81	3. Cambs & Hunts	80
4. Cambs & Hunts	74	4. Bedfordshire	77
5. Essex	63	5. Essex	73
6. Suffolk	61	6. Northants	56½
7. Bedfordshire	43	7. Norfolk	54
8. Cambridge University	34	8. Cambridge University	37

## Season 2003/2004

## V Suffolk

*14' Team* - Won 11 - 9 VP's, 83 - 78 IMPs  
P. Spencer and S. Prince, L. Butt and A. Coral, A. Philpott and  
B. Cowley, I. Moss and C. Leighton

*B' Team* - Lost 7 - 13 VP's, 89 - 104 IMPs  
A. Cohen and G. Wilcox, A. Eames and J. Sutcliffe, P. Watson and J. Mansfield, P. Murray and B. Robinson

*IC Team* - Won 11 - 9 VP's, 116 - 112 IMPs  
D. Valitisariis and G. Beckett, A. Spencer and L. Fleet, N. Hunt and  
R. Jones, J. Birch and M. Cook

## v Northants

'A' Team - Won 11 - 9 VPs, 92 - 84 IMPs  
P. Franklin and A. Mayo, P. Collier and M. Watson, M. Graham and  
A. Graham, I. Moss and C. Leighton

'B' Team - Drew 10 - 10 VP's, 95 - 94 IMPs

A. Cohen and R. Hair, P. and V. Mollison, A. Greenstein and J. Hair, A. Kitchin and C. Lovett

*IC<sup>+</sup> Team* - Lost 5 - 15 VP's, 92 - 124 IMPs  
R. Eason and R. Jones, M. Lammont and A. Savory, M. Cook and  
R. Hudson, H. McVeigh and G. Allen

## Season 2004/2005 v Cambs & Hunts

*'A' Team* - Won 20 - 0 VPs, 161 - 79 IMPS  
C. and B. Kerr, A. Greenstein and Y. Dias, M. Smith and  
R. Tattersfield, A. Green and R. Cornell

*'B' Team* - Won 17 - 3 VP's, 135 - 87 IMPs  
J. Sutcliffe and A. Eames, R. Clarke and B. Hunt,  
P. and V. Mollison, T. Beer and J. Curley

<sup>1</sup>*C' Team* - Lost 8 - 12 VP's, 121 - 135 IMPs  
G. and M. Vede, J. Atkins and P. Nicklin,  
B. and A. West, J. Birch and M. Cook

*Congratulations for success in.....*

*London One-Day Swiss Teams* - D. Dunn - 2nd  
*National Master Pairs* - L. Fleet and D. Cooper - 3rd

*NICKO*  
*NICKO Plate*

- A. Hartley, A. Spencer, R. Easton, P. Jones  
- reaching the Quarter-finals  
- R. Bright, A. Drew, B. Harrison, D. Duffy  
- also reaching the quarter-finals

*Spring Bank Holiday Congress* - C. and R. Trayman - 4th in the Pairs Final  
- A. Hartley - 3rd in A. Flight Swiss Teams  
- A. Green and D. Clarke - 3rd  
- A. Green and D. Clarke - 3rd

*Jersey Festival of Bridge*  
- P. Oake and G. Chadha - Equal 1st in Swiss

*Eastern Festival of Bridge*

- G. and J. Day - 3rd in Midweek Pairs
- B. Kerr, M. Graham, P. Scouting and S. Rogers - 6th in Swiss Teams
- M. Smith and C. Megahey - 8th in Swiss Pairs (A)
- S. Evans and D. Ellerby - 7th in Swiss Pairs (B)



# Estoril Congress

- A. Kitchen and M. Curtis - 1st in Mixed Pairs
- P. and V. Mollison - 7th in Swiss Pairs
- C. and S. Taylor - 5th in Open Pairs

## Simultaneous Pairs -

BGB - 14th April

- J. Williams and S. Ensor - 8th
- S. Danby and A. Riddlestone - 20th

15th April

EBU - 12th May

- J. Aaron and B. Freedman - 15th
- A. Phillips and M. Madden - 2nd
- J. Sutcliffe and C. Megahey - 8th
- J. L'Estrange and L. Robinson - 17th
- L. Curtis and D. Piper - 20th
- C. Matthews and M. Huntingford - 17th

13th May

## EVE GOBLETS

### Ladies:

1. J. Tattersfield 41 Points
2. B. Kerr 32
3. M. Curtis 22
4. = T. Beer 20
- = J. Curley
6. = Y. Dias 18
- = C. Lovett
8. A. Clark 17
9. V. Mollison 14
10. = V. Clifford 10
- I. Sheril

### Men:

1. I. Moss 57 Points
2. M. Graham 44
3. R. Tattersfield 39
4. P. Spencer 38
5. A. Green 34.5
6. D. Clark 33.5
7. R. Clarke 33
8. C. Megahey 32
9. A. Cundy 28
10. P.S. Lee 26

## ESSEX TEAMS OF FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Winners: I. Moss, M. Graham, D. Clark, A. Green (10th in the Pachabo)

2nd: M. Smith, E. Cockle, R. and J. Tattersfield, A. Cundy, C. Megahey

### Losing Semi-finalists:

M. Chawner, P. Spencer, C. and B. Kerr

C. Lovett, A. Kitchen, P. and V. Mollison

### Teams of Four Plate:

Winners: L. Wernick, S. Nagpaul, J. Sutcliffe, A. Eames

## ESSEX PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Winners: I. Moss and M. Graham

2nd: P. Oake and R. Cornell

3rd: A. Stanley and L. Raven

4th: P. S. Lee and R. Clarke

5th: J. Curley and T. Beer

6th: M. Curtis and D. Sherman

7th: R. and J. Tattersfield

## Consolation Final:

Winners: R. Elliott and S. Riach

2nd: A. Hartley and D. Embleton

3rd: A. Green and D. Clark

4th: J. Mansfield and P. Watson

5th: C. Lovett and A. Kitchen

6th: D. Carter and J. Tait

## Qualifying Leading Pairs:

Winners: F. Morrison and L. Barker

2nd: T. and A. Clark

\* Played in the Corwen Trophy

## ESSEX SWITCH CUP

Winners: D. Valtisaris G. Beckett, P. S. Lee, R. Clarke

2nd: M. Chawner, P. Spencer, C. and B. Kerr

## GEORGE CURTIS SWISS TEAMS

Winners: R. and J. Tattersfield, C. Megahey, A. Cundy

2nd: P. S. Lee, R. Clarke, D. Valtisaris, G. Beckett

3rd: = V. Clifford, J. Nichol, D. L'Estrange, B. Hunt

= C. Charlton, K. Collings, A. Savory, G. Allen

5th: P. Oake, R. Cornwell, D. Duffy, B. Harrison

6th: P. Mollison, V. Mollison, D. Embleton, R. Jones

## GWEN HERGA TROPHIES

### Ladies Pairs:

Winners: M. Curtis and J. Tattersfield

2nd: M. Lamont and A. Savory

3rd: A. Clark and H. McVeigh

4th: T. Beer and J. Curley

5th: E. DeVries and Y. Dias

6th: V. Mollison and C. Lovett

### Men Pairs:

Winners: J. Sutcliffe and C. Megahey

2nd: R. Tattersfield and M. Smith

3th: A. Green and D. Clark

4th: D. Duffy and B. Harrison

5th: D. Cooper and S. Cade-Bowyer

6th: J. Williams and D. Embleton



## SENIORS SPRING PAIRS

- Winners: P. Williamson and D. Stewart  
2nd: M. Curtis and S. Prince  
3rd: G. and J. Day  
4th: G. and J. Rance  
5th: S. Evans and M. Wren  
6th: W. Coldham and P. O'Gara

## HELLIAR TROPHY

- Winners: Thorpe Bay B - A. Greenstein, Y. Dias, A. Cohen, G. Wilcox  
2nd: Waltham Forest A - C. Elliott, M. Baker, W. Godber, J. Stimson  
3rd: Mountnessing C - D. Valtisaris, G. Beckett, R. Clarke, P.S. Lee  
4th: Ilford B - P. Mattacks, K. Mattacks, A. Dodds, J. Rolph  
6th: Thorpe Bay A - P. Spencer, E. De-Vries, R. Hair, S. Prince

## GARDEN CITIES TROPHY

Thorpe Bay qualified to represent Essex in this event, as a result of the split tie with Waltham Forest. Thorpe Bay WON the regional Semi-Final, and played in the Final.

## TEAMS:

- Semi-Final: A. Greenstein and Y. Dias, J. Hair and A. Cohen,  
R. Hair and A. Drew, P. Murray and E. DeVries  
Final: A. Greenstein and Y. Dias, J. Hair and P. Murray,  
R. Hair and A. Drew, S. Prince and R. Perryman

## NATIONAL NEWCOMERS PAIRS

- Nationally: C. Provis and R. Haindl - 17th  
L. Perryman and S. Curran - 30th

## Essex Heat: Winners: L. Perryman and S. Curran

- 2nd: C. Provis and R. Haindl  
3rd: S. Millins and C. Comer  
4th: J. and J. Pay  
5th: R. England and C. Peden  
6th: V. O'Brian and R. Westover

## NON-EXPERT PAIRS

- Winners: L. Perryman and S. Curran  
2nd: C. Aldridge and L. Platt  
3rd: L. Moran and I. MaceEwan  
4th: C. and B. Ide  
5th: C. Peden and R. England  
6th: R. Stebbing and T. Matthews

## SPRING NOVICE PAIRS

### Section A - Hope Trophy

- Winners: T. Matthews and E. Dash  
2nd: A. Herridge and R. Pringle  
3rd: D. Cockersole and S. Shuker  
4th: B. Cooper and S. Raynier

### Section B - Keith Manley Trophy

- Winners: L. Platt and C. Aldridge  
2nd: J. Gipson and H. Miller  
3rd: T. and B. Goddard  
4th: T. and L. Falder

## NON-EXPERT TEAMS

- Winners: Channels - C. Mann, E. Turp, R. Abel, S. Woodhams  
2nd: Loughton - O. Lofthouse, F. Lofthouse, J. Greenfield, D. Greenfield  
3rd: Loughton - M. Beecher, H. Sodhi, B. Reeve, D. Donovan  
4th: Mid-Essex - S. Millins, S. Margutti, C. Comer, M. Langstone

## WEST ESSEX LEAGUE 2003/2004

### Division 1

- Winners: The Good Guys  
Martyn Caswell, Gareth Dykes, John Francis, Vernon Madge  
Runners-up: Churchills  
Alan Coral, Laurie Burt, Rob Trayman, Charlie Trayman

### Division 2

- Winners: Loughton Froggy  
Patrick O'Gara, Stanley Ritter, Len Garcia, Cecil Leighton  
Runners-up: Optimists  
Val Clifford, Ray Clarke, Sandy Riach, George Tibbo,  
Elaine Green\*, Keith Seabolt\*

### Division 3

- Winners: May & Baker Rainbow  
Peter Godward, Ted Coffee, Ron Masters, Shirley Bartley,  
Alan Phillips  
Runners-up: Four No Chumps  
Paul Deadman, Paul Graham, Linda Graham, Geoff Phillips