

SOUTH EAST ESSEX LEAGUE 2005/2006

Champions

Division 2

Leigh Thorpe

S. Brown

J. Atkins

P. Nicklin

A. Goss

C. Ryan

T. Wise

Runners-Up

Chelmsford Blue

P. Jones

R. Eason

V. Mollinson

P. Mollison

S. Smith

Division 3

Long Gable

A. Fifield

P. Kite

T. Flaherty

M. Langstone

A. Bremnerman

Dummy Run

S. Millins

J. Nichol

B. Hunt

C. Comer

S. Margutti

Division 4

Heather Hills

J. Riddlestone

A. Riddlestone

R. Lenger

B. Osborn

Braintree Gold

B. Taplin

N. Smith

K. Heron

G. Bird

Division 5

Jays

C. Aldridge

J. Moorman

J. Pay

J. Pay

Bocking

S. Quattrucci

N. Saboun

P. Rayner

D. Brown

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PREMIER LEAGUE KNOCK-OUT

Winners: Seeds Llama (Paul Spencer)

Runners-up: Chelmsford Green (Audrey Hartley)

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LEAGUE CUP

Winners: Seeds Llama (Paul Spencer)

Runners-up: Chelmsford Blue (Peter Jones)

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Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting of the E.C.B.A. held on Saturday, 6th May 2006 at Brentwood County High School, Brentwood, Essex.

Present: Mr. R. Green (Hon-Chairman), Mrs M. Curtis (Hon. Secretary),

Mr. A. Philipott (Hon. Treasurer), Dr. R. Tattersfield (Hon. League Secretary), Mr. R. Allen (Hon. Tournament Secretary).

Members of the Committee and 59 Members of the Association.

Apologies for absence were received from: Mr A Grant (Hon. President) and

Mrs B. Grant, Mrs T. Schram (Hon. Vice-President) Mr P. Jones,

Mrs T. Beer, Mrs C. Lovett, Mrs L. Wells.

1. Hon. Chairman's Opening Remarks

Mr. Green welcomed those present, and said what a pleasure it was to see so many members. He said that this was a special year for the Association, as, although it was only the 59th Annual General Meeting, the Association had been formed nearly 60 years. The first informal meeting had been held in November 1946, and the first meeting to run duplicate bridge took place at The Eagle, Snarebrook in January 1947. The county would be celebrating this with a special Tony Kelvin competition, lunch and a glass of wine, cake etc. Mr Green also drew attention to the fact that Mrs Margaret Curtis, the Hon. Secretary, would also be celebrating an anniversary - 50 years of service to the county. A special party is being planned for August.

2. Minutes of the last 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 was proposed by Mr Valtisari, seconded by Mr Field, and agreed unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Hon. Secretary's Report.

This is attached in full. Mrs Tattersfield proposed it's adoption, and this was seconded by Mr Cundy. This was agreed unanimously. Mr Green thanked Mrs. Curtis for her report, and all the work that was entailed. He said that Mrs Curtis was still enthusiastic and hard working after 50 years, and hoped that this would continue for many years to come.

5. Report by the Hon. Tournament Secretary.

Mr Allen stated that this had been his fourth year of office - rather a long way to go to 50! Most competitions had done well, with as many entries as last year, but unfortunately two had been cancelled, the Tony Kelvin, where entries had been too slow to come in, and The George Curtis Cup, which had clashed seriously with two other events, one not foreseen. Mr Allen stressed how important it was that entries should be received in good time, as halls have to be cancelled some time in advance. The daytime senior events had gone well, and a third is proposed in 2007. The format for the Teams of 4 is to stay - it has to comply with EBU regulations first and foremost. Mr Allen thanked all those who had helped in various ways over the year - Mrs Jill Tattersfield, Mrs Curtis, Mr Sid Prince, Mr Ron Webb, Mr Paul and Mrs Val Mollison, Mr Bill West, Mr Bernie Hunt and all those members who brought tables when necessary and put up tables. Mrs Taylor asked why the Helliar and National Swiss Teams clashed. Mrs Curtis stated that they had always done so, but it had been no problem when the swiss teams had been in Leeds, but now it had been moved to Kettering (later than our arrangements), there is now quite a serious clash, and the Helliar will have to be moved. Mr Allen's report was proposed for adoption by Mr. Field, seconded by Mrs. Coldham and agreed by the meeting.

Mr. Green thanked Mr. Allen for his great contribution to the Association and the smooth running of the competitions.

6. Report by Hon. Treasurer

Mr. Philpott had circulated copies of the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account. He drew attention to the various matters on these, especially the additional purchase of cards. This had been due to a change in the duplicate machine owned by Mr Webb, which now took different bar-coded cards. The old ones were now on sale at 50p a pack. There was less income from membership, but the competitions showed a profit and the One-Day generates a good income. Overall there is a profit of £256.00. Mr Philpott stated that we do not now have any sponsorship money, but thanked Mr Wernick for his continued sponsorship of the club posters. There were no questions, and the adoption of the report was proposed by Mr O'Gara and seconded by Mrs Sheril, agreed by the meeting. Mr. Green thanked Mr. Philpott for his continued stewardship of the accounts and said that there was a considerable amount of work involved in this activity.

7. Report by the Hon. League Secretary

Dr. Tattersfield's report is attached in full.

It's adoption was proposed by Mr Valtisariis and seconded by Mr. Field and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Mr. Green the thanked Dr and Mrs Tattersfield for their hard work for the League and the additional knock-out competitions.

8. Subscriptions 2007/2008

Mr Philpott, the Hon. Treasurer, took this item. He stated an increase in the Essex portion had been made for the year 2006/07 and he did not think it necessary to raise it again next year. Therefore, the Committee proposed no change.

9. Amendment to the Constitution

The following amendments were proposed:

1. Clause 5(a) add: After "Hon. League Secretary" and before "and two elected members" Hon. Webmaster, Hon. Teachers' Liaison Officer and Hon. Schools' and Youth Officer".
2. Clause 8(D) amend: "a quorum for a general meeting shall be 25 fully paid up members, etc.
3. Clause 9(a) add: "Hon. Membership Secretary" after "Hon. General Secretary", and after "Hon. League Secretary" and before "or as members" "Hon. Webmaster, Hon. Teachers' Liaison Officer and Hon. Schools' and Youth Officer".

Mr Green explained the reason for the changes.

Mr Field proposed that these should be adopted, seconded by Mr Turner. They were agreed by the meeting.

Mr Green stated that there will be a limited reprint, available to any member. It was suggested that could be put on the web-site and this was agreed.

10. Election of Officers and Committee for 2006/2007

All Officers and members of the committee had been willing to stand again, and no further nominations had been received. Mr Green added those members, appointed by the committee, who would now stand for election at future Annual General Meetings. All were automatically re-elected. Mr. Green took the opportunity to thank all those who had not been named during the meeting, and who had contributed so much to the Association.

Hon. Auditor - Mr Philpott stated that Mr Cordingley was willing to continue and he proposed that he should be appointed. This was seconded by Mr Cundy, and passed by the meeting. Sincere thanks were extended to Mr Cordingley.

11. Any Other Business

- a. Play by Dates - Mrs Coldham stated that very generous times had been given for 'play by dates' in the knock-out competitions, but these had been extended even further when players had been out of the country for a considerable time. Mr Allen agreed that this had been so this year, and that the Committee would look at the problem and see what ruling could be made.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

The Committee has had details of this and can only hope that it will not upset the good relations within the county association and the work done by the Committee for the members. Kettering is once more in doubt as a national bridge centre. Competitions have been played there during 2006, and are scheduled for 2007, but there is no hotel on site and planning permission has still not been applied for. It is fairly certain - though not 100% certain, that the headquarters offices will not move there, and the shareholders at the last meeting were very much in favour of moving most competitions away, and back to hotels, especially those of a more social appeal.

Over the years the bridge calendar has changed considerably. Gradually more varied competitions were added. Players were quite prepared to play in evening heats all over the county, and thought nothing of driving from the west of the county to Colchester, Southend or even Clacton. But as the numbers grew, the EBU put in more competitions and congresses and traveling became more difficult. So the opposite happened: competitions were not so well supported and had to be dropped, and the bridge calendar generally is dominated by swiss events. Now the committee is considering a small questionnaire for all members of our bridge clubs to see if they would be interested in something different. Perhaps more day-time competitions, teams, knock-out teams for the seniors. The Committee members are out and about in Essex and will always be happy to listen and report back.

For nearly 60 years now, Essex Committees have worked hard to provide a programme of competitions and Leagues for players of all abilities to take part in and enjoy. We hope that this will still be available to a greater number of members in the years to come.

MARGARET CURTIS

SOUTH EAST AND WEST ESSEX LEAGUE REPORT 2005/2006

In many ways the Leagues have had a disappointing season with a further reduction in the number of competing teams. This problem is particularly difficult in the West where late withdrawals meant that only 17 teams completed the season. The Committee has considered the options available if the numbers continue to decline but any comments would be welcome. Despite this there has been a lot of activity and, in general, teams seem to enjoy the format offered by the league structure which usually gives a relaxed and friendly environment.

Nearly 300 members played in the League this year with 37 teams in the South East and 18 in the West. Relative to last year this is a reduction of 2 and continues the slow decline of recent seasons. There was no Novices Division this year as there were insufficient teams. Those who applied were integrated into the main leagues with varying success rates.

There were 4 withdrawals during the year and 6 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 very difficult for the League organisers to ascertain responsibility for unplayed games and the general rule will continue to 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. As always a number of teams were late in finishing their programme and this puts unnecessary pressure on their opponents and on the organisers.

All the League champions are now known except for the Division 5 in the South East where a number of new teams took a while to adjust to playing league matches. 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 Seeds Llama (Paul Spencer) who beat Chelmsford Green (Audrey Hartley) 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 21 teams taking part. It is a very tight schedule and unfortunately we cannot announce the winners yet. In the final Seeds Llama (Paul Spencer) will play Chelmsford Blue (Peter Jones). In last year's final Loughton Collier (Phil Collier) beat Bits of Ruff (Sue Taylor). The Committee is considering introducing seeding for this event. The advantage is that it will allow the less experienced teams the chance to progress without meeting more experienced opposition. The disadvantage is that the chances of giant-killing are reduced. Your comments would be welcome.

The winners and runners up were:

Division	Winners	Runners-up
South East		
1	May & Baker	Seeds Llama
2	Leigh Thorpe	Chelmsford Blue
3	Long Gable	Dummy Run
4	Heather Hills	Braintree Gold
5	Jays	Bocking
West		
1	Loughton Collier	Churchills
2	The Good Guys	K.S.L.
3	Three & One	May & Baker Rainbow

Roger & Jill Tattersfield

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v Camb and Hunts

'A' Team - Lost 9 - 11 VPs, 106 - 110 IMPs

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M. Curtis and S. Prince, A. and M. Graham,
E. Cockle and M. Smith, Y. Dias and A. Greenstein

'B' Team - Won 18 - 2 VPs, 142 - 83 IMPs
W. Coldham and P. O'Gara, S. Riach and R. Elliott,
M. Savory and A. Lamont, R. Eason and P. Jones

C' Team - Won 17 - 3 VPs, 131 - 81 IMPs
B. and A West, H. McVeigh and G. Allen,
V. Clifford and K. Charlton, R. Hudson and M. Cook

Congratulations to:

PORTLAND PAIRS - T. Beer and P. Oake - 29th

LONDON EASTER FEASTIVAL

A. Flight Swiss Teams - M. and S. Smith - 6th
B. Flight - L. Flett and D. Cooper - 11th
NATIONAL LADIES' PAIRS - M. Curtis - 10th

JERSEY CONGRESS -
Mixed Pairs
Swiss Teams

- L. Wernick - *1st*
- L. Wernick and S. Prince - *6th*

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY CONGRESS

- M. Marks in winning team

- L. Wernick - 1st

- L. Wernick and S. Prince - 6th

- C. Leighton, A. Wilkins, M. Krimholtz,

M. Woolf - 1st

IRS

- W. Godber and J. Slimson - 15th

- M. Rand and C. Chorley - 18th

- D. Clark, R. Clarke, R. Cornell, A. Green - *12th*

- C. and S. Taylor, R. Elliott, S. Riach - 8th

- Thorpe Bay - P. Spencer,

M. Chawner, R. Hair, S. Prince - *in last 16*

BEDFORDSHIRE ONE DAY - R. Hair, A. Drew, A. Greenstein, Y. Dias - 10th
SWISS TEAMS (MARCH)

(JUNE)

- R. and J. Tattersfield.
- C. Megahey, J. Sutcliffe - 12th
- C. and S. Taylor, R. Elliott, S. Riach - 14th
- S. Evans, M. Wren, R. Perryman - 4th
- W. Godber, D. Dunn,
- J. Stinson, C. Sanders - 11th
- J. Williams, E. Cockle,
- D. Cooper, S. Cade-Bowyer - 11th
- C. and S. Taylor - 11th
- C. and S. Taylor, S. Riach, R. Elliott - 13th

BERKS & BUCKS ONE DAY SWISS TEAMS

SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS -

BGB

4th April

6th April
7th April

- R. Clarke and B. Hunt - 16th
- M. Watson and J. Lapszys - 18th
- K. Thompson and L. Burton - 17th
- R. Clarke and D. Clark - 1st
- P. and V. Mollison - 6th
- C. Paget and I. McLauchlan - 18th
- R. Clegg and C. Rudkin - 19th
- V. Wood and G. Smith - 26th

EBU

10th May
11th May

- R. and J. Tattersfield - 22nd
- G. Chadha - 1st
- M. Langstone and T. Flaherty - 3rd
- G. Nosworthy and K. McCauley - 10th
- M. Vede and J. Nichol - 12th
- C. Megahey and A. Cundy - 20th

WBF

27th June

- J. Wooster and R. Sammons - 7th

EVE GOBLETS

Ladies:

1. P. Watson
2. W. Coldham
3. M. Curtis
4. J. Tattersfield
5. B. Kerr
6. J. Hair

Men:

1. J. Mansfield
2. M. Chawner,
3. P. Collier
4. P. Scotting
5. P. Spencer
6. D. Clark

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ESSEX COUNTY TEAMS OF FOUR

Winners: M. Chawner, P. Spencer, C. and B. Kerr
 2nd: I. Moss, M. Graham, A. Green, D. Clark

Teams of Four Plate:

Winners: P. Oake, R. Allen, B. Harrison, D. Duffy
 2nd: C. Lovett, A. Kitchin, P. and V. Mollison

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ESSEX PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Winners: M. Curtis and D. Sherman

- 2nd: S. Cade-Bowyer and D. Cooper *
- 3rd: R. Clarke and R. Cornell
- 4th: A. Greenstein and J. Hair
- 5th: P. Scotting and P. Collier
- 6th: L. Fleet and S. Moorman

* Played in the Corwen Trophy.

Also J. Sutcliffe and C. Megahey

S. Riach and R. Elliott

Spoon Winners:

R. Clarke and R. Cornell
 J. Mansfield and I. Sheril

CONSOLATION FINAL:

Winners: E. Cockle and J. Williams

- 2nd: T. and A. Clark
- 3rd: R. Hair and A. Drew
- 4th: C. Leighton and J. Lapszys
- 5th: M. Wren and C. Chorley
- 6th: H. Hart and M. Beecher

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ESSEX SWITCH CUP

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

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

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NON - EXPERT TEAMS

Winners: Loughton B. C. - D. and M. Gilbert, R. Green, K. Thompson

- 2nd: Mid-Essex B.C. - T. and C. Archer, B. Wrafter, J. Dragon
- 3rd: Bocking B.C. - S. Vir, J. Peacock, V. Dann, C. Broughtwood
- 4th: Braintree B.C. - T. Mathews, E. Dash, J. and J. Pay

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NATIONAL NEWCOMERS PAIRS

Essex Heat: Winners: J. Fitzgerald and R. Mangalore

- 2nd: C. and B. Ide
3rd: C. Aldridge and L. Platt
4th: S. Vir and J. Peacock
5th: J. Dragon and B. Wrafter
6th: B. Cooper and S. Reynier

National Results: 6th: J. Fitzgerald and R. Mangalore

- 16th: C. and B. Ide
28th: C. Aldridge and L. Platt

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SPRING NOVICE PAIRS

Hope Trophy:

- Winners: T. Collins and C. Kirby
2nd: C. Rastin and A. Graham

Keith Manley Salver: Winners: G. Smith and J. Huckfield
2nd: A. Ranson and T. Blasquez

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ESSEX SPRING SENIORS

Winners: M. Curtis and S. Prince

- 2nd: A. Cohen and R. Hair
3rd: R. and J. Tattersfield
4th: L. Acton and C. Leighton
5th: P. Williamson and D. Stewart
6th: P. Scotting and M. Watson

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GWEN HERGATROPHIES

Ladies: Winners: W. Coldham and P. Watson

- 2nd: Y. Dias and J. Hair
3rd: M. Curtis and J. Tattersfield
4th: L. Fleet and M. Homer

Men: Winners: S. Cade-Bowyer and D. Cooper

- 2nd: C. Megahey and A. Cundy
3th: I. Moss and M. Graham
4th: R. Cornell and A. Kitchin
5th: D. Valtisaris and P.S. Lee
6th: F. Morrison and S. Prince

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ESSEX MIXED TEAMS

Winners: S. Taylor, C. Taylor, V. Clifford, M. Harbours

- 2nd: D. Clark, A. Hartley, P & V. Mollison
3rd: B. Hunt, S. Millins, H. McVeigh, R. Clarke
4th: A. Greenstein, Y. Dias, A. Cohen, J. Hair

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WEST ESSEX LEAGUE 2005/2006

Division 1

Champions	Runners-Up
Loughton Collier	Churchills
P. Collier	A. Coral
W. Coldham	L. Burt
P. Watson	S. Burt
J. Mansfield	R. Trayman
M. Watson	C. Trayman
P. Scotting	

Division 2

The Good Guys	K.S.L.
M. Caswell	J. Rowden
G. Dykes	M. Goodey
J. Francis	M. Lamont
V. Madge	A. Savory
	H. McVeigh
	S. New

Division 3

Three & One	May & Baker Rainbow
C. Mayhew	P. Goodward
B. Hadley	B. Griffin
J. Randall	T. Coffee
R. Nobo	R. Masters
G. Porter	M. Walker
B. Block	D. Walker

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Champions	Runners-Up
May & Baker	Seeds Llama
J. Tattersfield	P. Spencer
R. Tattersfield	M. Chawner
A. Cundy	A. Graham
C. Megahey	M. Graham
M. Smith	M. Rose
T. Cockle	D. Baker