

SOUTH EAST ESSEX LEAGUE 2006/2007

Division 3

Champions

The Four Kings

A. Morgan

B. Coe

V. Jayne

F. Alexander

M. Rastin

Runners-Up

Phoenix

A. Fenton

D. Patten

C. Fallon

F. Stirland

Division 4

Hamlet Court

J. Sargent

G. Webber

S. Curran

L. Moran

Jays

C. Aldridge

J. Moorman

J. Pay

J. Pay

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LATE NEWS

GEORGE CURTIS SWISS TEAMS

Place	VP	Team	Score	No.	Match	Place	Total
1	P. Scotting, P. Collier, M. Watson, J. Lapszys	108	9	144	108	252	
2	R. Hair, A. Cohen, J. Hair, Y. Dias	72	12	72	72	144	
3	V. Mollison, P. Mollison, E. Green, D. Valtisaris	66	5	72	36	108	
4	R. and J. Tattersfield, A. Cundy, J. Sutcliffe	64	1	108		108	

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

21/22 July: Essex/Herts Swiss Pairs and Teams - 1.00pm at Stevenage Leisure Centre

5 August: Essex Mixed Teams - 2.15pm at Little Baddow Memorial Hall

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ESSEX CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

REPORTS & ACCOUNTS

and

COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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Autumn 2007

Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting of the E.C.B.A. held on Saturday, 12th May 2007 at Brentwood County High School, Brentwood, Essex.

Present: Mr. R. Green (Hon-Chairman), Mrs M. Curtis (Hon. Secretary), Mr. A. Philpott (Hon. Treasurer), Dr. R. Tattersfield (Hon. League Secretary).

Members of the Committee and 36 Members of the Association.

Apologies for absence were received from: Mrs T. Schram (Hon. Vice-President) I. Moss, A. Cundy, P. O'Gara, Lady Telford, D.

Valtisaris, R. Clarke, B. Cowley, P. S. Lee.

1. Hon. Chairman's Opening Remarks

Mr. Green opened the meeting by welcoming those present. He said that the Association had not got where it is today without the services of many people. He drew attention to the splendid record of Mr 'Mac' Grant, who had done so much. He was one of the first members, entering and winning many competitions, eventually becoming county captain. From 1972 to 1984 he was the Hon. Chairman, and had become Hon. President from 1989 to early this year, when he had tendered his resignation, due to ill-health. Unfortunately, Mr Green also had to report the resignation of a Committee member, Mr Eric Field, who had enthusiastically helped the Association with his wide knowledge of club bridge. His wise counsel will be missed. Lastly, Mr Green recalled the sad passing of Mr Bob Allen, our county Tournament Secretary, a quiet, modest man who had expertly overseen and directed our competitions for the past four years.

2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.

These had been circulated and were taken as read. They were agreed to be a correct record, and their adoption was proposed by Mrs W. Coldham, seconded by Mrs I. Sheril, and passed unanimously by the meeting.

a. Constitution - The Chairman stated that it had been decided not to reprint.

the Constitution with the amendments at present, as the E.B.U. had highlighted the possible changes to the sections regarding behaviour, appeals, etc. because of the Human Rights Act. The Committee had been unable to prepare these in time for this AGM, as Sussex had not yet produced a proposed copy.

b. Play-by-dates for Knock-out Competitions - These had gone much better during the season.

This is attached in full.

Dr Tattersfield commented on the selection policy as outlined, and in the original letter to players, and said that he, personally, agreed with it.

Mr Green thanked Mrs Curtis for her usual thorough report, and for the work she undertakes, and said that her Anniversary celebrations had been a most enjoyable day.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Mrs V. Mollison, seconded by Mrs J. Tattersfield and agreed unanimously by the meeting..

5. Report of the Competitions

This is attached in full. Its adoption was proposed by Mr E. Field, seconded by Mrs J. Hair and passed unanimously by the meeting.

6. Report by Hon. Treasurer

Mr. Philpott presented the accounts (attached in full), and commented on the various sections, drawing attention to additional funds under competitions, due to extra income from the Stevenage One Day Venture, which had been held for a payment which did not materialise.

He was asked what came under the heading of capitation, and he said that this was money due to the EBU for National Pairs, Corwen, Pachabo and Garden Cites competitions.

Mr K. Thompson enquired about the fairly large sum of money in the bank, and why it was there. Mr Philpott replied that it was there for a "rainy day", and for any special expenditure. Mr Thompson said that with the falling membership bridge needed to be marketed. In reply he was told that indeed events are marketed through post, e-mail and the web-site, but to no-avail. However, the Committee was being joined by someone in marketing and hopefully new ideas would be forthcoming. It was stated by members present that people have less time now for activities, all sports clubs are short of players, and in particular helpers, and bridge players on the whole prefer social bridge, labelling bridge clubs as too fierce.

The Accounts were proposed for adoption by Mrs S. Burt, seconded by Mr E. Field and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Mr Green proposed from the chair that the auditor, Mr J. Cordingley, whom he thanked warmly, should be re-appointed and this was agreed unanimously.

Mr Green then thanked Mr Philpott for his hard work and said that the Association was lucky to have such an excellent custodian of the money.

This report is attached in full.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Dr M. Smith, seconded by Mrs V. Mollison and adopted by the meeting.

Mr. Green then thanked Dr Tattersfield and Mrs Tattersfield for all their hard work for the League and their related competitions. It is much appreciated.

8. Subscriptions 2008/2009

Mr A. Philpott, the Hon. Treasurer, said that in view of the excellent results this year, he proposed that the Essex portion of the subscription for 2008/9 should remain the same for both the individual and club. This was agreed by the meeting.

9. Election of Officers and Committee

Mr Green stated that Mrs Nicole Cook had been proposed for the vacant Committee place, and as no one else had come forward, she was duly elected. However, no one had been proposed for the vacancy left by Mr Bob Allen's death, the Hon. Tournament Secretary, and this has left the present committee members very stretched. He hoped that someone would offer to undertake this task. The remaining Officers and members were willing to continue and they were duly elected.

Mr Green said that he would like to thank everyone on the committee who had not given a report - Messrs E. Field, D. Valtisariis, S. Prince, A. Cundy, P.S. Lee and Mrs Hair.

10. Any Other Business

There was no further business.

Mr Green then closed the meeting. Mrs Margaret Green presented the prizes and trophies and she herself presented with flowers. The meeting closed with a Wine and Cheese Party and bridge.



HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT - 2006/2007

What has the last year brought to the County Association? Alas, not a growth in membership - those days seem to be long gone - although there are many bridge players in the clubs, and even more taking part in social bridge and charity drives. As with so many other sports, have people generally lost their competitive spirit? However, some clubs are losing members and they are not being replaced by newcomers and in particular younger members. The E.B.U. is very conscious of this trend, and is thinking of ideas to redress this quite alarming state.

Individual membership stands at about 950 + Bfa members, and affiliated clubs membership is still high - 57%. As far as individual results are concerned, Essex players continue to do well in National and regional competitions. High positions are obtained in One Day Swiss events and congresses, and teams progress through several rounds of knock-out competitions. Major successes

TOURNAMENT REPORT 2006/2007

Over the past years, entries to some competitions have dropped, mostly those involving travel and having to fix matches. However, entries to others have maintained a fairly good entry, especially the Swiss Pairs and the day-time Senior Competitions. An extra one is planned for the coming June at Thorpe Bay, and this will cover three different areas of the county. The Tony Kelvin Trophy for Swiss Teams was once again started early with a special lunch and afternoon cake to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the association. However, it does not seem to attract any more teams, so we are going back to the afternoon start next season.

Our One-Day Green Pointed weekend with Hertfordshire was fairly successful, but unfortunately clashed with the Final Weekend of the Football World Cup. The profits contribute considerably to our funds and enable entry fees for our competition to be kept low, and support our novice events. In the future the counties will be responsible for all aspects of the weekend, and will be paying a licence fee per table, per session. This coming July it has been decided not to increase the entry fee, and it is hoped that this will not affect the profitability of the event.

As many of you are aware, newcomers are increasingly put off entering county and national competitions by the more competitive behaviour of players, and in some cases by their apparent rudeness, unintentional no doubt, but thoughtless. This has been highlighted by the EBU in English Bridge and by the new chairman, and Essex is endeavouring to do the same. Competitors are being reminded of the Code of Conduct expected of them at all competitions, and newcomers are being made welcome and helped at all times.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have helped with the competitions after the untimely death of Bob Allen, especially Bill West, Roger and Jill Tattersfield, Pat O'Gara and Val Mollison. The county could not have managed without them.

SOUTH EAST AND WEST ESSEX LEAGUE REPORT 2006/2007

In many ways the Leagues have had a disappointing season with a further reduction in the number of competing teams. The West Essex League was reduced to two Divisions and the South-East to four. 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 250 members played in the League this year with 29 teams in the South East and 14 in the West. Relative to last year this is a reduction of 12 and has accelerated the 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 2 withdrawals during the year and 3 matches were not played. Unfortunately these matches had a direct impact on some of the main championship and promotion issues and 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 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 Seeds Llana (Paul Spencer) who beat Crowstone (Alan Cohen) 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 Waltham Foresters (Tony Verran) will play the winners of the match between Loughton Collier (Phil Collier) and Chelmsford Black (Brian Berkley). In last year's final Seeds Llana (Paul Spencer) beat Chelmsford Blue (Peter Jones). The Committee decided not to introduce seeding for this event and this decision enabled teams from the lower divisions to beat the current champions in the South-East and the previous year's winners in the West. Congratulations to the two teams concerned.

The winners and runners up were:

	Division	Winners	Runners-up
South East	1	May & Baker	Seeds Llana
	2	Chelmsford Green	Hutton Blue
	3	The Four Kings	Phoenix
	4	Hamlet Court	Jays
West	1	Waltham Foresters	Redbridge
	2	Loughton Powell	Goodmayes Billinge

Roger & Jill Tattersfield

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ESSEX CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/03/2007

	31/03/2007 £	31/03/2006 £
ASSETS		
Stock of ties, Spoons local point and pens	1269	1528
Cups, typewriters and tables : cost less depreciation	Nil	Nil
DEBTORS		
Entry fees due and payments in advance	417	1188
CASH		
On current account	-20	164
On Postal Deposit Account	16333 <u>17999</u>	14561 <u>17441</u>
LESS CREDITORS		
Hire of halls, fees in advance and prizes	4082 <u>13917</u>	4596 <u>12845</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
Youth Development Fund (see notes)	802	934
Capital account	11911	11655
Excess of income over expenditure	1204 <u>13917</u>	256 <u>12845</u>

Honorary Treasurer: A.J. PHILPOTT

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 31/03/2007.

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 2005/2006 Season

	2006/2007 £	2005/2006 £
SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Less Capitation fees	13,109 <u>7,819</u>	12,370 <u>7,674</u>
	5,290	4,696
COMPETITIONS		
Fees	8,468	8,068
Refreshment charges	Nil	876
Sponsorship (see note A)	Nil <u>8,468</u>	Nil <u>8,944</u>
LESS		
Accommodation, refreshments and T.D.'s	6,443	6,646
EBU and other charges	581	719
Prizes	1,204 <u>8,228</u>	1,170 <u>8,353</u>
	240	409
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - note B		
Funds Received	672	595
Donations Made	672 <u>Nil</u>	595 <u>Nil</u>
LEAGUES		
Receipts	672	648
Payments	<u>346</u>	<u>289</u>
	326	359
Interest Received Gross	471	296
Profit on joint EBU events	1080	946
Sale of Cards Wallets	103 <u>7,510</u>	Nil <u>6,706</u>
EXPENSES		
County matches	1272	1334
Local points	339	345
Honorary secretary's expenses (including travel, telephone etc.)	750	750
Printing and stationery	1,918	1,981
Duplicate Cards and Boards	Nil	419
Postage and telephone	716	769
Engraving and repairs	329	137
Web Site	74	88
Computer Scoring System Purchase	180	Nil
TID Course Sponsorship	260	100
Sundries	<u>468</u>	<u>527</u>
	6,306 <u>1,204</u>	6,450 <u>256</u>

Excess of income over expenditure

Note A: No direct financial sponsorship was received in the 2005/2006 or 2006/2007 season.

Lionel Wernick kindly provided posters for the clubs advertising County competitions.

Note B: £672 was received from the Eastern Counties Simultaneous Pairs and this was donated to the Essex Wildlife Fund.

METROPOLITAN CUP

Essex was represented by:

A' Team - M. Curtis and D. Sherman, R. Cornell and P. Oake, G. Chadha and N. Cook, A. Green and I. Green, R. and J. Tattersfield, M. Smith and A. Cundy

B' Team - W. Godber and J. Stimson, J. Sutcliffe and D. Valtstari, L. Williams and F. Morrison, A. Kitchen and C. Lovett, S. Moorman and R. Clarke, C. Chorley and R. Bright

'C' Team - (Red) - N. and A. Clark, C. and S. Taylor, G. and M. Vede, M. Homer and L. Fleet

(Blue) - J. Birch and R. Hudson, B. and A. West, M. Lamont and A. Savory, P. Nicklin and J. Atkins

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE - 2006-2007

A' Teams		VPS	B' Teams		VPS
1.	Northants	106	1.	Northants	105
2.	Cambs & Hunts	87	2.	Hertfordshire	88
3.	Norfolk	82	3.	Cambs & Hunts	82
4.	Hertfordshire	77	4. =	Bedfordshire	79
5.	Suffolk	66	=	Suffolk	
6.	Bedfordshire	52	6.	Norfolk	58
7.	Essex	49	7.	Essex	49
8.	Cambridge University	41	8.	Cambridge University	20

'C' Teams	VPS
1. Cambs & Hunts	93
2. Northants	86
3. Hertfordshire	85
4. Essex	70
5. Bedfordshire	69
6. Norfolk	67
7. Suffolk	51
8. Cambridge University	39

v Hertfordshire 2007-2008

'A' Team - Won 105 - 39 IMPs, 19 - 1 VPs
M. Curtis and D. Sherman, T. Beer and P. Oake,
R. and J. Tattersfield, A. Cundy and M. Smith

'B' Team - Won 127 - 98 IMPs, 14 - 6 VPs
A. Greenstein and Y. Dias, L. Burt and A. Coral,
J. Mansfield and P. Watson, P. and V. Mollison

'C' Team - Lost 73 - 135 IMPs, 2 - 18 VPs
W. Godber and J. Stimson, G. Allen and H. McVeigh,
R. Eason and P. Jones, M. Homer and R. Perryman

Congratulations to:

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY CONGRESS

- A. Mayo and P. Franklin - 3rd
C. Leighton and J. Lapszys - 4th

YORKSHIRE CONGRESS

Consolation Teams

Consolation Teams
- C. and S. Taylor - 1st
- M. Wren - 2nd

Chairman's Plate Pairs
- M. Wren - 3rd

RIVIERA CONGRESS

Swiss Teams

- C. and S. Taylor - 9th
- R. and J. Tattersfield, M. Curtis,
A. Kitchin - 10th

SENIOR & VETERANS CONGRESS

Pairs B. Final

- A. Cohen and R. Register - *1st*
R. Perryman and M. Wren

T. Beer and R. Cornell, Y. Dias and J. Hair
reached the A. Final

S. Prince and R. Hair, C. Leighton, M. Curtis and A. Kitchin reached the B. Final

Swiss Teams

- W. Godber and J. Stimson, M. Wren and R. Perryman were in teams - 6th

HARROGATE CONGRESS

Swiss Pairs

Mixed Pairs - C. and S. Taylor - 2nd

SUFFOLK MIXED PAIRS - A. and E. Green - winners

R. and J. Tattersfield - 4th

ONE DAY EVENTS

BEDFORDSHIRE SWISS TEAMS

- May

- L. Wernick, S. Prince,

C. Leighon, J. Lapszys - winners

- March

R. and J. Tattersfield,

C. Megahey, J. Sutcliffe - 3rd

C. and S. Taylor, S. Riach and R. Elliott - 8th
M. Wren and R. Perryman - 10th

SUSSEX SWISS PAIRS (May) - J. Williams and D. Cooper - 3rd

NORFOLK/SUFFOLK SWISS PAIRS

- M. Wren and R. Perryman - 7th
- J. Williams and D. Cooper - 13th

SWISS TEAMS

KENT - BUTLER SWISS PAIRS

NORTHANTS SWISS PAIRS - R. Perryman and M. Wren - 2nd

SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS

CHARITY CHALLENGE CUP - F. Harrop and D. Rundle - 27th

11th April

12th April

- R. Perryman and L. Perryman - 28th
- J. Bowles and D. Pitt - winners
- B. Berkley and D. Cooper - winners
- M. Rastin and A. Morgan - 18th
- A. Segai and F. Morrison - 20th
- J. Moorman and S. Millins - 26th

10th May

- T. and A. Clark - winners
- S. Riach and C. Trayman - 3rd
- C. Leighton and M. Krimgolitz - 5th
- M. Wood and C. Love - 19th
- R. Lockhart and F. Harrop - 20th
- R. Clarke and R. Cornell - 23rd

EVE GOBLETS - 2006-2007

Ladies	points	Men	points
1. J. Tattersfield	47	1. C. Megahey	54
2. M. Curtis	33	2. R. Tattersfield	45
3. V. Mollison	25	3. A. Cundy	42
4. Y. Dias	24	4. S. Prince	28
5. W. Coldham	17	5. A. Greenstein	26.5
6. T. Beer	15.5	6. N. Bardsley	26

ESSEX COUNTY TEAMS OF FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Winners: M. Smith, E. Cockle, R. & J. Tattersfield, A. Cundy, C. Megahey
2nd: M. Watson, M. Scouting, S. Riach, R. Elliott

Plate:

Winners: A. Green, E. Green, I. Green, R. Cornell, D. Clark

ESSEX SWITCH CUP

Winners: S. Prince, M. Curtis, N. Bardsley, A. Philpott
2nd: M. Chawner, P. Spencer, C. and B. Kerr

ESSEX COUNTY PAIRS

Winners: B. Harrison, D. Duffy

2nd: S. Riach, R. Elliott
3rd: A. Greenstein, Y. Dias
4th: R. and J. Tattersfield
5th: M. Watson, J. Lapszys
6th: C. Megahey, J. Sutcliffe

CONSOLATION FINAL:

Winners: P. and V. Mollison
2nd: E. Cockle and J. Williams
3rd: P. Oake, I. Green
4th: L. Thacker, D. Tennet
5th: J. Hair, R. Perryman
6th: A. Cohen, R. Hair

GWEN HERGA TROPHIES

Ladies :

Winners: J. Hair, Y. Dias
2nd: M. Curtis, J. Tattersfield
3rd: A. Morgan, A. Fenton
4th: M. Homer, L. Fleet

Men :

Winners: J. Sutcliffe, C. Megahey
2nd: J. Phillips, C. Warwick
3th: J. Birch, R. Hudson
4th: R. Hair, A. Greenstein
5th: P. Oake, R. Cornell
6th: G. Tibbo, C. Taylor

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SPRING SENIORS PAIRS

Winners: R. Cornell, T. Beer

2nd: M. Marks, D. Roth
3rd: C. Lovett, L. Williams
4th: A. Green, P. Oake
5th: B. and A. West
6th: M. Curtis, S. Prince

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SUMMER SENIORS PAIRS

Winners: M. Marks, D. Roth

2nd: R. and J. Tattersfield
3rd: B. Fearnley, S. Mednick
4th: A. Drew, L. Williams
5th: G. Wilcox, A. Cohen
6th: P. and A. Goodey

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NATIONAL PAIRS

Qualifiers for Final:

N. Stutard, J. Bernard * Essex Trophy winner
R. Clarke, S. Moorman
D. Piper, F. Morrison

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NATIONAL NEWCOMERS

Winners: N. and A. Padley

2nd: T. and C. Archer
3rd: C. Rastin, D. McCarthy
4th: C. and B. Ide

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

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

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WEST ESSEX LEAGUE 2006/2007

Champions

Division 1

Waltham Foresters
T. Verran
R. Tatur
A. Barker
P. Matacks
S. Dunstan

Runners-Up

Redbridge
M. Curtis
D. Sherman
N. Bardsley
S. Prince
R. Green

Division 2

Loughton Powell
D. Powell
M. Cook
J. Birch
R. Hudson
J. Day

Goodmayes Billinge

W. Colman
R. Andrews
M. Tanswell
A. Billinge

SOUTH EAST ESSEX LEAGUE 2006/2007

Champions Runners-Up

Division 1

May & Baker
J. Tattersfield
R. Tattersfield
A. Cundy
C. Megahey
M. Smith
T. Cockle

Seeds Llama

P. Spencer
M. Chawner
A. Graham
M. Graham
M. Rose
D. Baker

Division 2

Chelmsford Green
A. Harley
D. Cooper
S. Cade-Bowyer
D. Embleton
A. Spence
T. Beer

Hutton Blue

M. Vede
G. Vede
E. Field
D. Brace