

*Played less than one third of all matches

	<i>Champions</i>	<i>Runners-up</i>
West Division 1	Hatfield Heath	Redbridge
	A Timm	M Curtis
	M Shine	D Sherman
	H Miles	N Bardsley
	R Young	R Green
	E Cirket	A Coral*

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LEAGUE CUP

Final

S Taylor's Team (C Taylor, G Foster, S Cade-Bowyer)
beat B Hunt's Team (R Clarke, S Moorman, R Bright)
by 1 IMPs

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ESSEX CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORTS & ACCOUNTS and COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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Autumn 2009

Minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting of the ECBa, held on Sunday 10th May 2009 at Little Baddow Memorial Hall.

Present: Mrs M Curtis (Hon Secretary), A Philpott (Hon Treasurer), Dr R Tattersfield (Hon League Secretary), Members of the Committee and 25 members of the Association

Apologies for absence: R Green (Hon Chairman), E Cockle (Hon Tournament Secretary), Lady Telford, Mrs J Hair, Mrs W Coldham, I Moss, A Kitchen, Mrs L Wells, M Wood, Mrs C Love, N Bardsley, Dr M and Mrs S Smith, P O'Gara.

Mrs Curtis opened the meeting by informing the meeting that Mr Richard Green (Hon Chairman), was not well enough to attend the meeting, and sent sincere apologies for his absence. She proposed that Mr Philpott should be acting Chairman, and this was agreed by the meeting.

1. Hon Chairman's Opening Remarks

Mr Philpott stated that the Association had lost two prominent members during the year - Mr 'Mac' Grant, our past President, and Mr Sid Prince, one time Tournament Secretary. He outlined their outstanding records for the county and the service both had given. He added that soon after Mr Grant's death, his son John an ex-Essex player, informed us that Mac's wife Barbara had also died.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

These had been circulated and were taken as read. They were agreed to be a correct record and their approval was proposed by Mrs J Tattersfield, seconded by Mrs C Lovett and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

4. Hon Secretary's Report

This is attached in full.

Mr B West enquired about the number of Essex clubs and the numbers lost through P2P. Mrs Curtis stated that about 3 years ago there were 60 clubs, but at the end of April 2009 there were 52, and a further 2 had already not re-affiliated. She reported that with conversations she had had with club officials there were likely to be further losses from 2010.

Mrs Taylor stated that at one competition not enough boards had been available as players had just turned up without notification. She suggested a fine for this, and possibly an additional charge for late entries. Mrs Cook said that usually extra boards were always ordered and this was unfortunate. Extra charges did not find favour with the meeting, as we want as many entrants as possible. One help in future will be a new email address, especially for competition entries.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Mr B West, seconded by Mrs V Mollison and passed by the meeting.

Mr Philpott thanked Mrs Curtis for her continued work for the Association.

5. Report by the Hon Tournament Secretary

In Mr Cockle's absence Mr Philpott read his report and thanked him for his first year's hard work. Adoption of the report was proposed by Mr F Morrison, seconded by Mrs C Lovett and passed by the meeting.

6. Hon Treasurer's Report

Mr Philpott presented the accounts for 2008/9 and went through the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account, highlighting certain items. There was a loss of £431. He explained that due to a misprint last year in the subscription, the additional £1 collected for each member had been placed in the 2009/10 account, to which it would rightly belong.

There were no questions and the adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr C Taylor, seconded by Mr A Cundy and passed by the meeting.

7. Hon League Secretary's Report

Dr Tattersfield's report is attached in full. He added these comments:

- a) I team playing all matches at the end of the season
- b) Teams in lower divisions using unauthorised or overly aggressive systems
- c) VP scale is very slightly different to the one now used by the EBU, and will be amended

Dr Tattersfield said that all these will be addressed. He thanked Mrs J Tattersfield for running the South-East Section of the League.

Mrs S Taylor asked if anything further could be done about Dr Tattersfield's comment a). A possible fine? Tighter deadlines? Dr Tattersfield stated that he would be more pro-active if told that there was a problem. Mrs Taylor said that the same problem had arisen this year with the League Cup, and after discussion it was agreed that there should be a firm deadline for each round, with a team having to ask for an extension.

Dr Tattersfield's report was adopted by the meeting, and Mr Philpott thanked

both him and Mrs Tattersfield for their excellent running of the Leagues.

8. Constitution

Mr Philpott stated that the Schedule of Disciplinary Procedures to be added to the Constitution had been proposed by the EBU, and our Hon Solicitor thought that it should be brought in this year. In 2010 a new Constitution will be presented for approval, which will include the new P2P membership. As Chairman, Mr Philpott proposed its adoption and this was agreed by the meeting.

9. Subscriptions 2010/11

Mr Philpott stated that the Committee had had to set the county's portion of P2P early in April, and had set it at 9p. This should cover the amount raised by subscriptions currently, and is based on the figures supplied by the clubs themselves. The EBU has stated that if the P2P scheme looks unlikely to succeed they will scrap it at the end of July. Consequently the county needs to safeguard to have a subscription in place. It is proposed, therefore, that the county portion would be £6. The club subscription will be collected separately, and it was proposed that this should be £6. also.

A question was raised about the P2P possibly not taking place, and Mrs Curtis gave details of the ante-scheme comments/papers, etc. that have been circulated. Mr Williams added that not only would clubs not re-affiliate, but some players were already moving away from affiliated clubs.

The adoption of the two subscriptions for 2010/11 were proposed by Mrs V Mollison and seconded by Mrs J Tattersfield and agreed by the meeting.

10. Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2009/10

Mr Philpott drew attention to Mr Valtisari's resignation, received after printing the Agenda. Ms N Cook has offered to be the Youth/School Officer, and the Committee proposed that her offer should be accepted. This leaves two vacancies for Officers of Committee. All other Committee members are willing to stand again, and there were no proposals for change.

Mr Philpott thanked all those who had served during 2008/9, and who had not presented a report - Ms N Cook, Mrs J Tattersfield, Mr A Cundy, Mr I Moss, Mr D Valtisari and Mrs J Hair.

Mr Philpott also thanked Mr Cordingley, the Hon Auditor and said that he was willing to stand again. This was agreed by the meeting.

11. Any Other Business

a) Mrs S Taylor queried a partnership in the future Eastern Counties League. Mrs Curtis stated that all players are asked to list their partners in order, and when they consider they would be happy to play a 32-board match of such standing. The Selectors trust their players, and do not check their statements.

b) Teams of 4 Plate - Mrs V Mollison said that this competition had now lost any meaning. There were only 3 teams this year. Mrs Curtis said that the BGB

have a suggested draft from the EBU to use as a base, but we will need to adjust it to our own way of management.

Our aim and hope will be for successful bridge clubs, happy members and enjoyable competitions for all.

Margaret Curtis

Tournament Secretary's Report 2008/9

When I took on the role of Tournament Secretary for Essex Bridge I thought it would be an interesting one and a bit of a challenge; well it certainly was a challenge! I expected to take last minute phone calls eg for entries, where is the village hall, but of course, I soon learnt that one of the most important roles is to provide team, coffee and election of good biscuits! I also discovered that the first thing I have to do when I arrive at a venue is to switch on the hot water for the tea and coffee.

I took on this role as Nicole Cook told me that she would help out with the bridge play side of tournaments and I would concentrate initially on the administration. Our aim was to provide a non-playing director for all the Essex competitions; we didn't quite manage this and we had to call on Margaret to direct two of the day-time seniors.

Essex ran 16 events in 2008/9. Overall attendances were up by 8%, with drops in 2 events countered by a very successful new addition to the calendar - Play with an Expert. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Seniors' Cup again due to the small number of entries. We are not planning to run this competition next year instead the Seniors' Cup will be awarded to the best pair from the three day time seniors. Some of the highlights of our first year include:

- On-day scoring at events
- Prompt website posting of results
- Bridgemates introduced
- Non-playing directors

We have a core of wonderful players in Essex. Thank you for your attendance, good spirit and feedback over the past year. In the coming year, please keep telling us what you like and don't like, and bring along more of your bridge playing friends to events!

Going forward we aim to bring you:

- Bridgemates at more events
- A dedicated email address for entries
- New bidding boxes where needed
- And of course - tea coffee and biscuits

I would like to thank all the people who brought bridge tables to the venues where they don't have any. I would also like to thank Margaret Curtis and Jill Tattersfield for helping me on the day of the tournaments. Val Mollison for bringing the duplicated boards and my partner in crime, Nicole Cook, for directing in a

most efficient way.

Finally I have enjoyed my first year as Tournament Secretary even though it has taken my year to fully understand the role, but I look forward to next year not being quite so challenging!

Ted Cockle

South East and West Essex League Report 2008/9

Almost two hundred players took part in the League programme this season and activity was only slightly reduced from the previous year. In general, teams seem to enjoy the format offered by the league structure which usually provides a relaxed and friendly environment for good competitive bridge. Like many of the participants Jill and I have enjoyed watching the results come in and noting how positions and hopes have changed throughout the season.

Two items were raised at the AGM and it is hoped that team captains will try and reduce the problems in future years. Firstly, there is concern that some teams play all, or most, of their matches right at the end of the season and this causes problems for some of the other teams. It may also give them an advantage because they know the target to aim for. Secondly, there have been some adverse comments about teams in the lower divisions using overly aggressive bidding systems against relatively inexperienced opponents. The league rules permit level 4 systems only in the top divisions. Finally, the EBU has amended the factors for converting IMPs to VPs and we will use the new rates in 2009/10.

There were three divisions in the South East each with the maximum number of eight teams. In the West there was a difficult problem with only nine entries, so in agreement with the team captains, a structured draw was introduced in order to give each team six matches and broadly equivalent competition. Unfortunately two teams withdrew during the year and one match was not played. All other matches were played on time.

The Premier League play-off was again held as a knock-out event and was won by Redbridge (Margaret Curtis) who beat SEEDS Llana (Paul Spencer) in the final. The League Cup again proved to be a very successful event with 16 teams taking part. In the final Taylor's Dummies (Sue Taylor) beat The Academics (Bernie Hunt) by 1 IMP. Both these events will continue in the same format next season.

The winners and runners up were:

South East	Division	Winners	Runners-up
	1	Seeds Llana	May & Baker
	2	Chelmsford Blue	Chelmsford Black
	3	Chelmsford Green	Leigh Thorpe
West	1	Hatfield Heath	Redbridge

Roger and Jill Tattersfield

ESSEX CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/03/2009

	31/3/09 £	31/3/08 £
ASSETS		
Stock of ties, spoons local points and stamps	418	1391
Cups, typewriters and tables cost less depreciation	Nil	Nil
DEBTORS		
Entry fees due and payments in advance	637	635
CASH		
On current account and in hand	430	3321
On Business Bonus Account	18852	15247
	<u>20337</u>	<u>20594</u>
LESS CREDITORS		
Hire of halls, fees in advance and prizes	<u>6649</u>	<u>6475</u>
	<u>13688</u>	<u>14119</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
Youth Development Fund (see notes)	802	802
Capital account	13317	13115
Excess of Expenditure over Income	<u>-431</u>	<u>202</u>
	<u>13688</u>	<u>14119</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 31/3/2009.

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 2008/2009 Season

	2008/2009 £	2007/2008 £
SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Less capitation fees	11418	12401
	<u>6619</u>	<u>7433</u>
	4799	4968
COMPETITIONS		
Fees	8024	7358
Sponsorship (see note A)	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>
	<u>8024</u>	<u>7358</u>
LESS Accommodation, refreshments and TTDs	4298	4514
Cost of duplicate hands	856	530
Tournament Directors	777	374
EBU and other charges	537	686
Prizes	<u>1276</u>	<u>1124</u>
	<u>7744</u>	<u>7228</u>
	280	130
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - note B		
Funds received	845	810
Donations made	<u>845</u>	<u>810</u>
	Nil	Nil
LEAGUES		
Receipts	496	560
Payments	<u>349</u>	<u>339</u>
	147	221
Interest Received Gross	556	614
Profit on joint EBU events	<u>1225</u>	<u>1295</u>
	7007	7228
EXPENSES		
County matches	1438	1411
Local points	241	305
Honorary secretary's expenses (including travel, telephone etc)	900	900
Printing and stationery	2529	2234
Meetings	876	420
Postage and telephone	745	840
Engraving and repairs	284	141
Web site	96	75
TD Course Sponsorship	<u>Nil</u>	<u>300</u>
Sundries	<u>329</u>	<u>400</u>
	7438	7026
Excess of Expenditure over Income	<u>-431</u>	<u>202</u>

Note A: No direct financial sponsorship was received in the 2007/2008 or 2008/2009 season. Lionel Wernick kindly provided posters for the clubs, advertising County competitions.

Note B: £844.70 was received from the Eastern Counties Simultaneous Pairs and this was donated to the St Francis Hospice in memory of Sid Prince

COUNTY NEWS

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2008/9

A Teams	VPs	B Teams	VPs
1 Norfolk	87	1 Northants	96
2 Hertfordshire	83	2 Hertfordshire	90
3 Essex	76	3 Essex	85
4 Northants	75	4 Cambs & Hunts	77
5 Suffolk	69	5 Bedfordshire	62
6 Bedfordshire	66	5 Norfolk	62
7 Cambridge University	53	7 Cambridge University	48
8 Cambs & Hunts	51	8 Suffolk	40

C Teams

1 Hertfordshire	100
2 Northants	97
3 Essex	83
4 Suffolk	69
5 Cambs & Hunts	52
6 Cambridge University	50
7 Norfolk	49
8 Bedfordshire	44

2009/2010 v Norfolk

A Team Lost 59 - 145 IMPs, 0 - 20 VPs

M Curtis, and D Sherman, A Greenstein and Y Dias, R and J Tattersfield, P Scouting and S Riach

B Team Won 128 - 71 IMPs, 18 - 2 VPs

R Clarke and B Hunt, J Mansfield and P Watson, P Mollison and S Moorman, B and A West

C Team Lost 85 - 92 IMPs, 9 - 11 VPs

G and M Vede, M Harbour and C Lovett, L Williams and A Drew, P Murray and B Robinson

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ESSEX PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Winners:	B Harrison and D Duffy
2nd:	J Birch and R Hudson
3rd:	A Fenton and D Paten
4th:	A Cohen and R Hair
5th:	M and S Smith
6th:	C Lovett and M Harbour

PAIRS - CONSOLATION

Winners:	B & A West
2nd:	R and J Tattersfield
3rd:	M Watson and J Lapszys
4th:	E Cockle and J Williams
5th:	C Chorley and M Rand
6th:	R Perryman and M Wren

Heat Spoon Winners:

B Robinson and P Murray, M and S Smith

EVE GOBLETS

Ladies	Points	Men	Points
1 V Mollison	28	1 S Riach	28
2 M Curtis	27	2 M Smith	27
3 J Tattersfield	24	3 J Lapszys	25
4 C Lovett	21	4= A Cohen	
5 Y Dias	20	R Hair	
6= W Coldham		P Mollison	23
S Smith	18	P Spencer	
P Watson		R Tattersfield	

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EBU MASTER POINT RANKING LISTS 2008

Leader Board Level 4

1 Mrs M Rastin	8508
2 P Williamson	7359
3 J Birch	5709
4 Mrs A Riddleston	5564

Leader Board Level 5

1 Mrs D Stones	4168
2 Mrs J Pamplin	3510
3 L Platt	3143
4 J Court	2586

Leader Board Level 6

1 T Todman	3289
2 Ms D Smiles	1985
3 Mrs J Brown	1763
4 M Rand	1256

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COUNTY TEAMS OF FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Winners:	M Chawner, P Spencer, I Moss, M Graham
2nd:	P Scouting, M Watson, J Lapszys, S Riach

PLATE

Winners: M Smith, E Cockle, R and J Tattersfield, A Cundy, C Megahey

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ESSEX SWITCH CUP

Winners: M Curtis, A Philpott, N Bardsley, R Green
2nd: M and S Smith, P and V Mollison

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GWEN HERGA

Ladies

Winners: V Mollison and J Moorman
2nd: C Lovett and M Vede
3rd: M Curtis and J Tattersfield
4th: L Fleet and M Homer
5th: S Smith and S French
6th: A Morgan and A Fenton

Men

Winners: J Birch and R Hudson
2nd: S Cade-Bowyer and C Taylor
3rd: R Register and G Foster
4th: C Leighton and M Krimingoltz
5th: R Cornell and D Clark
6th: R Bright and T Glover

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NATIONAL PAIRS

The trophy was won by S Riach and R Elliott who qualified for the Regional Finals, and was the best Essex pair

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ESSEX SENIORS SPRING PAIRS

Winners: A Cohen and R Hair
2nd: M Curtis and D Sherman
3rd: J Williams and D Cooper
4th: C Leighton and M Krimingoltz
5th: P Williamson and D Stewart
6th: G and M Vede

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ESSEX SENIOR SUMMER PAIRS

Winners: G Foster and R Register
2nd: M Curtis and D Sherman
3rd: C Tarry and C Taylor
4th: R Cornell and A Kitchen
5th: F Morrison and A Green
6th: S Taylor and M Wren

HELLAR TROPHY

Winners: *Mountnassing B - A Cundy, C Megahey, R and J Tattersfield
2nd: Chelmsford A - P and V Mollison, J Williams, E Cockle
3rd=: Thorpe Bay A - A Greenstein, R and J Hair, M Chawner
Collier Row - T and A Clark, A Savory, R Elliott
5th: Mayflower A - C Lovett, A Kitchen, J and G Spindler
6: *Mountnassing A - A and E Green, P Oake, I Moss

*Mountnassing qualified for the Regional Finals of the Garden Cities Trophy

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NOVICE PAIRS FOR THE KEITH MANLEY TROPHY

Winners: P Johnson and J Paul
2nd: M and J Glassman
3rd: P Mockett and R Brooks
4th: L Hall and B Roberts

FOR THE HOPE TROPHY

Winners: J Oates and M Tisi
2nd: P and R Barnard

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CONGRATULATIONS

Kent One Day Swiss Teams

M and S Smith, J Sutcliffe, S French - 5th

Portland Pairs

D Tennet, L Fleet, B Hunt, S Millions - 7th
C Leighton and partner - 12th

Bedford One Day Swiss Teams

C Megahay, A Cundy, S Riach, R Elliott - Winners
J Mansfield, P Watson, P O'Gara, W Coldham - 9th

London One Day Swiss Pairs

L Moran and R Perryman - 6th
D Cooper and J Williams - 16th

Norfolk/Suffolk One Day Swiss Pairs

D Cooper and J Williams - Winners
R Clarke and R Cornell, M Marks and partner - joint 8th

EBU Spring Congress
Swiss Teams

P Oake, N Cook, G Chadha - 4th
N Cook and team - joint winners

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Easter Festival - London

Swiss Teams

N Cook and team - 10th

Swiss Pairs

M Wren and R Perryman - 10th

SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS

CIN Pairs - 11.11

D Duff and H Reed - 7th (apologies for omitting in the Spring)

Charity Challenge - 12.03

K Thompson and B Lazarus - 14th

EBU Spring Pairs - 14.05

S and P Flowers - 11th
R Elliott and S Riach - 14th

G and S Waller - 17th
P Oake and R Cornell - 28th

BGB Spring Pairs

14.04

15.04

16.04

13.05

D Sherman and A Coral - 27th
C Megahay and A Cundy - 12th
J Ward and S Edwards - 18th
D Pennington and P Shade - 28th

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SOUTHEAST ESSEX LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP 2008/9

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Division 1
Champions Seeds Llana
Runners-up May and Baker

P Spencer
M Chawner
A Graham
D Baker
M Smith
T Cockle*

Division 2
Chelmsford Blue Chelmsford Black

P Jones
R Eason
V Mollison
P Mollison
S Smith*

Division 3
Chelmsford Green Leigh Thorpe

A Hartley
A Spencer
D Cooper
D Embleton
J Williams
N Bresler

S Brown
J Atkins
P Nicklin
A Goss
G Randall
J Randall*