

# Colchester Duplicate Bridge Club

## Club Captain's Report 2018-2019

We've had an unremarkable 2018-2019 season in inter-club competitions.

In the **Summer League**, our first team were third of seven teams competing in Division 1 behind Clare A and Ipswich & Kesgrave Diamonds. Sadly our Hearts team, having been promoted to Division 1 this season, were relegated.

### Summer League 2019

Division One	ClaA	I&KD	CoLA	StoA	BurA	StaA	ColH	VPs
Clare A		49	44	62	48	69	48	<b>320</b>
Ips & Kes Diamonds	31		48	51	34	60	67	<b>291</b>
<b>Colchester A</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>249</b>
Stowmarket A	18	29	43		54	48	51	<b>243</b>
Bury A	32	46	41	26		28	51	<b>224</b>
Stansfield A	11	20	27	32	52		37.5	<b>179.5</b>
<b>Colchester Hearts</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>42.5</b>		<b>173.5</b>

Colchester A team players: Mike, Eric, Jill, Roger T, David M, Rick, Peter, John, Diane, Keith, Jeff.

Colchester Hearts team players: Christine, Bob, David C, Chris, Andy, Norbert, Roger B, Malcolm, Bernard.

In the **Abbeygate Shield** (Club Teams-of-8) we were second of the 13 teams competing.

### Abbeygate Shield 2019

	VPs
Ipswich & Kesgrave	188
<b>Colchester</b>	<b>168</b>
Ipswich Hospitals	144
Stansfield	140
Bury	137
Clare	124
Woodbridge	120
Felixstowe	117
Stowmarket	116
Little Clacton	80
Dovercourt	79
Stratford St Mary	74
Framlingham	73

Colchester team: Mike & Rick, Eric & Diane, Jill & Roger, John & Jeff.

Several Colchester members distinguished themselves in county events this year, including:-

- Mark, Lynda, Tony & Mary – winners of the Relaxed Teams at the East Anglian Bridge Weekend, and at the same event in the Club Teams of Four. Tony and Mark also won the Relaxed Pairs at the Suffolk Congress in Felixstowe.
- Eric & Michael – third in the Championship Pairs
- Rick, Andre, John & Jeff – winners of the Club Teams of Four. Peter, Norbert, Chris and Andy were third.
- Christine & Roger B – third in the Suffolk Autumn Pairs (Norbert & Mike were fourth)
- At the Suffolk Congress, Roger and Jill were third in the Swiss Teams. Rick (with a partner from Essex) won the Consolation Pairs; John and Jeff were third. Diane and Eric won the Open Pairs.
- In the Suffolk Autumn Pairs, Christine and Roger were third. Norbert and Michael were fourth.
- David P and Jenny won the Seniors Pairs; Christine and Roger were fourth.
- Chris and Andy won the Bridge with Lunch
- Rick and Andre won the Mid Anglia Pairs
- In the Winter League, Rick was part of the team that won the First Division; Michael and Eric in the team that came second. Christine's team came second in Division Two South, and in the play-off gained promotion to the First Division.

This list isn't meant to be exhaustive – apologies if anyone's achievements have been overlooked.

Colchester DBC continues to supply on average over a third of the players for the county A & B teams in the Eastern Counties League, and players in 4 of the 7 teams in the Suffolk Winter League Division 1.

Our 'NGS Event Ranking' (a measure of the players' average playing strength in a given session) is consistently above 53%, which is the highest of any of the 20 affiliated clubs in the Suffolk region.

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