

Report of the Hon. Masterpoints Secretary 2024/25

Bridge is just about back to normal on a face to face to face basis in the majority of clubs, though many report diminished numbers. Some clubs continue to have mainly or totally on-line competitions. Most competitions in the NIBU were cancelled this season due to poor entries, though the Cups and Leagues were reasonably successful, and the two Major events took place.

Many thanks to Alan Hill, Sandie Millership, Jim McGilly and others for kindly getting results posted and delivered to me so that the Masterpoints could be updated in timely fashion.

The same sentiments apply in equal measure to all the club secretaries and scorers who helped in getting club Masterpoints uploaded onto the system during the year.

There has sadly been a further decline in NIBU club membership, not helped by the disaffiliation by a couple of clubs.

The following clubs or groups returned Masterpoints :-

Causeway Coast Portadown Derryvolgie Lisburn City Windsor Bann Banbridge St Colmcille's Kelvin/Malone Newcastle Spa Warrenpoint St Michaels Devenish Bangor City of Derry Limavady Breffni/Iveagh Portstewart St Joseph's Downshire Armagh Maghera Devenish Diane Greenwood Dromore St Michaels Mourne Teconnaught Carrickfergus

The Union has shrunk in number less than envisaged, we losing approximately 30 members during the year, membership now totalling 1249. This compares to 1283, last season, and is a gratifying number considering the age profile of the NIBU membership, and the loss of two clubs. Matters are complicated by some EBU/CBAI members being registered here as well as in their "home" Union, and by the presence of a number of non-paying juniors, some of whom may no longer be playing.

The Grade breakdown of members is:-

Expert 66	Senior	90	Intermediate A	240	Intermediate B 85	3
The number of playe	rs in eacl	n Rank	is :-			
Premier Grand Mast	er	4	Grand Master	7	Premier Life Master	10

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Life Master	18	Premier National Master	9	National Master	11
Senior Provincial Master	4	Junior Provincial Master	19	Tournament Master	17
Master	320	County Master	150	Local Master	205
Club Master	194	Novice	279		

Players of the year

Intermediate B	Intermediate A	Senior
1 st Eileen McGuigan	1 st John Baker	1 st Rex Anderson
2 nd Jed Langosz	2 nd Valerie Young	2 nd Wayne Somerville

Billy Kelso Trophy - not awarded

Congratulations to all of the above

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION



Promotions & Regradings

Congratulations to all the below, but especially to our two new Experts, Tom Young and Fergal O'Shea

RE-GRADINGS EFFECTIVE FROM 1st SEPTEMBER 2025 INTERMEDIATE B to INTERMEDIATE A

3256 E Ervin 3638 A Bradley 3833 MM Chen 4735 E McElroy 4759 S Jeffries 4993 G Daly 5293 M McGarvey 5440 P Currie 5454 P Braden

INTERMEDIATE A to SENIOR 4627 J Baker

SENIOR to EXPERT 2667 T Young 5185 F O'Shea

All the above re-gradings are due for ratification by the Management Committee towards the end of August 2025 and any appeals must be made in writing to the Masterpoints Secretary and received before 18th August 2025. An e-mailed appeal is acceptable.

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10th June 2025

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION PROMOTIONS LIST JUNE 2025

1	Prei	mier National Master	1278	V	Linter
2667	Т	Young	1790	S	Gillespie
1	2* S	Senior Provincial Master	3475	С	Jones
1044	Α	Hassan	4461	Е	Woods
1	3* J	unior Provincial Master	4738	М	McNamee
3831	S	Barr	5228	J	Forsythe
1	2* Tournament Master		6	1* N	laster
2850	D	Curran	2038	М	Mitchell
1	Tou	rnament Master	2190	Р	McDowell
3618	Υ	Banks	2795	M	McCann
5	6* N	laster et al.	3462	Е	Coleman
2557	J	Montgomery	3982	V	Von Hof
2794	J	Hughes	4631	С	Jeffries
2854	G	Robot	10	Adv	anced Master
3423	М	Sherrard	2153	M	Noad
3635	Н	Tranmer	3256	Е	Ervin
5	5* N	laster et al.	3638	Α	Bradley
1061	G	Hegarty	3833	М	Chen
2318	E	Devlin	4735	Е	McElroy
2487	Н	Booth	4759	S	Jeffries
2883	V	Young	4993	G	Daly
5265	С	Stewart	5293	М	McGarvey
5	4* N	laster en la companya de la companya	5440	Р	Currie
2911	М	Stevenson	5454	Р	Braden
3904	М	McClelland	11	Mas	ter
4175	Р	Montgomery	1369	J	Flynn
4311	W	McCormick	2340	D	Davey
4627	J	Baker	2756	D	Hutchieson
2	3* N	flaster et al.	3113	Α	Ellis
1629	DG	Roberts	3645	M	McLaughlin
3233	UM	Gordon	4963	D	Moore
6	2* N	<i>l</i> aster	5267	Н	McCambridge
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5274	М	Kearney	31	Loca	l Master
5424	K	Powrie	1786	L	Forsythe
5448	М	Johnston	2219	s	Heneghan
5462	R	MacNamara	2948	Е	Scott
31	Cou	nty Master	3010	Р	Burrows
1197	N	Martin	3487	М	Blair
1363	С	Harte	4606	K	Reihill
1366	Α	Harte	4682	М	Breen
1555	V	Brann	4896	D	Blair
2130	Α	Carolan	4970	Е	Crabbe
2394	R	Sleator	5196	М	Henry
2919	R	Cromie	5353	G	Glover
3092	В	McGowan	5395	L	Thomason
3147	D	Gilroy	5426	N	Lowry
3183	D	Gilroy	5427	С	Harper
3704	Α	McNiff	5438	Α	Russell
4008	R	McKinley	5510	Н	Taggart
4568	S	Cunningham	5511	G	Taggart
4696	С	Ingoldby	5516	М	McGrath
4881	М	McDonnell	5540	R	Whittley
5005	K	Cullen	5548	Н	MacAuley
5006	M	Morris	5552	E	Flaherty
5113	С	Beagon	5675	D	Quinn
5194	Р	Brown	5687	D	Hamilton
5214	Р	Higgins	5705	М	Grant
5252	С	Mulholland	5713	Α	Lavery
5279	В	Miller	5720	1	Norris
5390	Α	Reihill	5723	Р	Suckling
5412	Н	Hanna	5732	J	Agnew
5425	K	Bialowas	5765	Р	Redman
5430	R	Magee	5789	W	Hutchinson
5455	J	Bartley	5881	D	Harper
5468	J	O'Neill	40	Club	Master
5513	N	Cunningham	1873	Р	Lavery
5587	D	Hamilton	2418	Α	Graham
5683	Е	McGuigan	2528	В	Connolly

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