

**♥ NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION ♦**  
**Report of the Hon. Masterpoints Secretary 2022/23**

The bridge world has recovered somewhat from the tribulations of the Covid period, with some recovery in the number of players playing face to face in clubs and in NIBU events. However, there has still been a significant drop in NIBU club membership, accompanied by the demise of several clubs, notably in the North-West and North Down areas. However, we are pleased to have welcomed a new club, St Comcille's, Holywood, to the ranks of affiliation.

Unlike last year an attempt was made, with varying success, to run competitions face to face, though some were played online, notably the very successful revival of the Premier League. Sadly, many were cancelled through lack of entries. 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.

The following clubs or groups returned Masterpoints :-

Causeway Coast North Down Clubs Portadown Derryvolgie Lisburn City Windsor Bann Banbridge  
St Comcille's Kelvin/Malone Newcastle Spa Warrenpoint St Michaels Devenish Bangor  
City of Derry Limavady Breffni/Iveagh Portstewart St Joseph's Downshire

Unlike last year when a free pass was awarded to clubs we now have more accurate information as to how many are active, and it is gratifying that the membership has dropped significantly less than envisaged, we losing approximately 200 members, membership now totalling 1485.

The Grade breakdown of members is:-

Expert 82	Senior 94	Intermediate A 267	Intermediate B 1042
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The number of players in each Rank is:-

Premier Grand Master	4	Grand Master	12	Premier Life Master	10
Life Master	26	Premier National Master	11	National Master	11
Senior Provincial Master	7	Junior Provincial Master	26	Tournament Master	12
Master	333	County Master	183	Local Master	240
Club Master	258	Novice	344		

**Players of the year**

<b>Intermediate B</b>	<b>Intermediate A</b>	<b>Senior</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> James Carleton	1 <sup>st</sup> Valerie Young	1 <sup>st</sup> David Greenwood
2 <sup>nd</sup> Brenda Strain	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bill McCormick	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ian Hamilton

**Billy Kelso Trophy** - not awarded

**Congratulations to all of the above**

## Promotions & Regradings

Congratulations to all the below but especially to our new Premier Life Master, Michael McFaul.

### RE-GRADINGS EFFECTIVE FROM 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

#### INTERMEDIATE B to INTERMEDIATE A

1720	A Turkington	2858	A McCormick	3074	J Carleton	3462	E Coleman
2038	M Mitchell	3630	R Duffy	3878	B Strain	1180	J Bryars
4292	C Hearty	4440	P Bready	4764	B Coady-Weeks	4832	F Thompson
5211	N Lacey	5452	R Madill				

#### INTERMEDIATE A to SENIOR

4638 Eric Butterwick

#### SENIOR to EXPERT

none

All the above re-gradings are due for ratification by the Management Committee towards the end of August 2023 and any appeals must be made in writing to the Masterpoints Secretary and received before 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023. An e-mailed appeal is acceptable.

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9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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## PROMOTIONS LIST      JUNE 2023

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**1      Premier Life Master**

2097   M      McFaul

**1      3\* Tournament Master**

1708   P      Turkington

**2      1\* Tournament Master**

1051   A      Curran

1138   M      Edwards

**3      6\* Master**

1200   P      Mulholland

1832   M      McCourt

3831   S      Barr

**5      5\* Master**

1819   E      Cummings

2854   G      Robot

3635   H      Tranmer

3644   M      McIlroy

4278   G      Mulholland

**7      4\* Master**

1852   C      Adams

2186   M      Diamond

2491   H      Perceval-Price

2883   V      Young

3221   A      Hughes

4457   K      Cassidy

5265   C      Stewart

**4      3\* Master**

1062   M      Hegarty

3904   M      McClelland

4419   E      Thomas

4772   J      McAllister

**6      2\* Master**

3109   L      Agar

3212   A      Donnelly

3224   K      Brennan

3304   M      Jennings

4831   R      Nicholas

4844   J      Young

**13      1\* Master**

1136   S      Woodward

1340   F      Young

1972   R      Caves

3327   M      Flynn

3698   V      Russell

4074   T      McKearney

4111   P      O'Reilly

4391   M      Kelly

4439   P      Blacker

4539   B      Cox

4700   C      Clegg

5142   R      Seaton

5144   R      Perrott

**16      Advanced Master**

1180   J      Bryars

1720   A      Turkington

2114   V      Grant

2858   A      McCormick

3074   J      Carleton

3462   E      Coleman

3597   B      Quail

3630   R      Duffy

3878   B      Strain

4292   C      Hearty

4440   P      Bready

4764   B      Coady Weekes

4832 F Thompson  
5211 N Lacey  
5228 J Forsythe  
5452 R Madill

**23 Master**

1027 M Hunt  
1174 S Sherwood  
1337 N Shields  
1789 JP Van Hoorn  
2575 M McGeough  
2750 CM Kelly  
3042 E Scott  
3455 T Hughes  
3457 U O'Kane  
3638 A Bradley  
3821 P McArdle  
3833 M Chen  
4046 M Hendron  
4471 N Monaghan  
4585 B McAleavey  
4586 M McCoy  
4779 R O'Neill  
5277 M McGivern  
5293 M McGarvey  
5419 M Gilmore  
5420 J Gilmore  
5440 P Currie  
5454 P Braden

**29 County Master**

1796 J McVeigh  
2450 M Forbes  
2560 R O'Neill  
2920 M Cromie  
3194 A Stewart  
3265 S Strain  
4326 M Gallagher

4698 M McKee  
4794 D McGuckian  
4919 E Ewing  
5153 M Degan  
5154 N Noble  
5168 R McCullough  
5236 A Kinkead  
5274 M Kearney  
5301 M Hegarty  
5338 N McCoy  
5393 M Keenan  
5422 C McIlwaine  
5424 K Powrie  
5441 A Kerr  
5448 M Johnston  
5453 S Sherrard  
5559 M Crawford  
5573 J Johnston  
5581 D Hay  
5585 A Martin  
5614 P Hendrick  
5680 S Sheridan

**40 Local Master**

1189 H McDermott  
1678 A McBride  
2673 K Bready  
3288 SC Aiken  
3301 P McDaid  
3464 K Curry  
3957 C Keenan  
3971 N Galway  
4043 C Reid  
4756 R Martin  
4881 M McDonnell  
4882 G Langosz  
5029 M O'Hara

5068	F	Reilly	5227	S	Bones
5268	M	Proctor	5361	G	Mills
5332	A	Gallagher	5377	R	Coulter
5350	A	McCleary	5480	E	Borland
5351	B	Reavey	5516	M	McGrath
5394	K	Speedy	5543	U	Doyle
5412	H	Hanna	5547	H	Chahel
5421	V	McCreehy	5548	H	MacAuley
5431	J	Elder	5586	D	McCavitt
5447	Y	McGivern	5601	H	Brown
5449	H	Graham	5645	T	McCaw
5472	A	Flanagan	5667	S	Smith
5477	R	Proctor	5675	D	Quinn
5479	R	Black	5713	A	Lavery
5483	M	Briscoe	5717	S	McGrath
5489	P	Nicol	5720	I	Norris
5542	J	Matchett	5721	R	Park
5556	W	Weir	5722	A	Rice
5579	H	Giraudeau	5782	P	Briody
5587	D	Hamilton	5794	L	McCombe
5588	M	McMichael	5795	M	Steele
5589	K	McGurk	5798	S	Anastassi
5681	S	Doherty	5799	S	O'Callaghan
5683	E	McGuigan	5831	E	Heaney
5729	M	Patrick	9008	A	Armstrong
5771	M	Magorrian			
5772	T	McComiskey			

### **33 Club Master**

1382	S	Williams
1786	L	Forsythe
2204	J	Gunning
2707	I	McKitterick
4902	J	Thompson
4981	B	Wood
5077	B	Heasley
5209	P	Rice