

Report of the Hon. Masterpoints Secretary 2023/24

Bridge is happily back firmly on a face to face to face basis in the majority of clubs, which is to be welcomed, though many competitions in the NIBU and the rest of the British Isles continue to be played on-line. There remains a problem in attracting players to play in NIBU events, though some have had a decent turnout.

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, attributed largely to clubs paying for two years membership two years ago, and many not submitting a membership return last year. Two clubs have disaffiliated, but we are happy to welcome Mourne Bridge Club to our affiliated ranks.

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

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 1283.

The Grade breakdown of members is:-

Expert 67	Senior	84	Intermediate A	265	Intermediate B 8	67
The number of playe	rs in eac	h Ranl	k is :-			
Premier Grand Maste	r	4	Grand Master	8	Premier Life Master	10
Life Master		20	Premier National Master	9	National Master	10
Senior Provincial Mas	ter	4	Junior Provincial Master	21	Tournament Master	18
Master		336	County Master	163	Local Master	214
Club Master		193	Novice	273		

Players of the year

Intermediate B	Intermediate A	Senior
1 st John Colgan	1 st Helen Tranmer	1 st lan Lindsay
2 nd Mandy Degan	2 nd Bill McCormick	2 nd Robin Burns

Billy Kelso Trophy - not awarded

Congratulations to all of the above



Promotions & Regradings

Congratulations to all the below, but especially to our new Life Master, Eric Lesage.

RE-GRADINGS EFFECTIVE FROM 1st SEPTEMBER 2024

INTERMEDIATE B to INTERMEDIATE A

1368 J Flynn 1787 R Curran 2190 P McDowell 3122 G Minnis 3142 J Colgan 4328 K Donnelly 4462 P Smyth 4949 G Ward 4964 M Doyle

INTERMEDIATE A and B to SENIOR

3452 D Patterson 4311 W McCormick 5534 G Harper (Tournament Committee decision)

SENIOR to EXPERT

none

All the above re-gradings are due for ratification by the Management Committee towards the end of August 2024 and any appeals must be made in writing to the Masterpoints Secretary and received before 18th August 2024. An e-mailed appeal is acceptable.

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2nd June 2024

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION PROMOTIONS LIST JUNE 2024

1	Life Master		4	4 * l	Master
1420	Е	Lesage	1229	М	Harding
1	Prei	mier National Master	3766	Α	Milligan
1674	N	Mooney	4349	В	Ewart
1	Sen	ior Provincial Master	4638	Е	Butterwick
5624	Z	Kokot	7	3 * /	Master
1	6* J	unior Provincial Master	1692	Р	O'Reilly
4277	JB	Clarke	2393	S	Fyfe
1	5* J	unior Provincial Master	3452	D	Patterson
3834	Р	Hamill	3480	G	Henry
2	3* J	unior Provincial Master	4627	J	Baker
1042	Т	McKeever	4844	J	Young
1044	Α	Hassan	5119	J	McDonnell
2	2* J	unior Provincial Master	13	2* /	Master
3644	М	McIlroy	1131	S	Irwin
4457	K	Cassidy	1926	S	Stevenson
1	3* T	ournament Master	2029	В	Moore
1709	G	Turkington	2200	R	Cunningham
2	2* T	ournament Master	3327	М	Flynn
1234	AE	Brown	3599	Н	Priestly
2618	Α	Toner	3820	E	McArdle
1	1* T	ournament Master	3905	U	Cole
3832	С	Byrne	3993	R	Mason
1	Tou	rnament Master	4122	Т	Whitten
1200	P	Mulholland	4540	G	McCormick
3	6* M	laster	4737	G -	McNamee
1862	C	Moorehead	4944	D	Clement
2382	MW	Hughes	12		Master
3271	F	McGreevy	1104	D	Cahill
2	5* M	laster	1180	J -	Bryars
1336	Α	Davey	2072	В	Hamill
2794	J	Hughes	2301	Н	Brown

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3617	М	Kirwan	4657	J	Hughes
3878	В	Strain	4872	Н	McClelland
4063	I	McCarthy	5153	М	Degan
4414	В	Mullan	5339	W	Alexander
4766	Α	Bradley	5340	D	Alexander
4978	N	Bryars	5400	Т	Mackey
5228	J	Forsythe	5463	R	Flanagan
5278	L	Horner	5534	G	Harper
11	Adv	anced Master	5609	S	Burrell
1368	J	Flynn	5680	S	Sheridan
1787	R	Curran	25	Cou	nty Master
2190	Р	McDowell	1046	В	Nicholl
2304	K	MacDonald	1108	Α	Shane
3122	G	Minnis	1967	J	Strong
3142	J	Colgan	2525	M	Wylie
3182	Е	Gillespie	2897	K	Ramsey
4328	K	Donnelly	3037	R	Davidson
4462	Р	Smyth	3038	D	Stevenson
4949	G	Ward	3076	Р	Flanagan
4964	M	Doyle	3098	J	Patmore
25	Mas	ter	3371	М	Dargan
1645	N	Lynch	3464	K	Curry
1958	J	Tinsley	4553	I	Noad
1976	Α	McKay	4660	M	Tyson
2396	В	Cassidy	4805	Н	White
2876	S	Lowry	4882	G	Langosz
2881	J	Stitt	5033	G	Booth
3180	IB	MacDonald	5138	J	Kerr
3232	J	Galbraith	5267	Н	McCambridge
3265	S	Strain	5308	S	McCullough
3424	Р	Fitzpatrick	5360	Р	Flowerday
3556	J	White	5401	J	Mackey
4114	N	Zahran	5497	R	Graham
4115	R	Vaughan	5498	J	McNally-West
4268	В	O'Kane	5623	М	Sloan
4522	G	Ramsey	5672	В	Burrell

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29	Local Master		4488	N	Murphy	5825	L	Moore
1030	K McCann		4497	J	Gray	5843	1	Greer
1321	Е	Montgomery	4597	Р	McGurran	5849	F	O'Callaghan
1382	S	Williams	4598	G	McGurran			3
2865	М	Hanna	4883	J	Jennings			
3072	М	Rooney	4896	D	Blair			
3075	J	Knox	5060	N	Doyle			
3082	S	Brownlee	5076	Н	Harrison			
3463	K	Dolan	5199	S	Ingram			
3864	S	McKelvey	5283	E	McGarry			
4307	S	McEvoy	5322	M	Convery			
4647	R	McQuaid	5392	В	Rice			
4795	R	McIntosh	5402	С	Considine			
4833	Р	McCoy	5466	S	Murray			
4980	Н	Strong	5474	М	O'Gallagher			
5273	М	Fee	5486	F	Jones			
5276	E	McCormick	5584	Α	Moore			
5352	V	Scott	5612	K	Bloomfield			
5408	E	Rose	5674	S	Roohipoor			
5514	E	Hall	5687	D	Hamilton			
5520	K	Spencer	5703	М	Sheeran			
5560	J	Gormley	5705	М	Grant			
5626	E	Smith	5709	Р	Robinson			
5649	E	Kula	5723	Р	Suckling			
5673	М	Finn	5724	J	Turley			
5717	S	McGrath	5732	J	Agnew			
5719	R	Mullan	5735	В	McQuitty			
5721	R	Park	5744	M	Crawford			
5722	Α	Rice	5745	В	Finnison			
5844	М	McMillan	5746	G	Gaw			
44	Club Master		5757	M	McCartan			
3453	Ε	Johnston	5786	D	Nelson			
3686	Р	McLaughlin	5789	W	Hutchinson			
3897	С	Teggart	5802	W	McClelland			
4164	M	Langhammer	5812	D	Murphy			
4288	M	Magowan	5824	L	Magee			

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