

# Cambs & Hunts Bridge

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## News

An excellent season in the Eastern Counties League resulted in the C, A and B teams finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in their divisions. The C team's victory is the second year in a row, so well done to all who played. The team has been invited to take part in the new National County Area League Winners Final, which will pit the winners of the A, B and C divisions of the North, Midlands, Eastern, South-Western and Metropolitan county leagues against one another.

We are pleased to welcome Peterborough Bridge Club to Cambs & Hunts CBA and look forward to seeing many new (but familiar) faces at county events. See Around the Clubs for a feature on Peterborough's activities, events and venue.

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## In this issue...

Wendy Pollard reports from sunny Cyprus at the EBU overseas congress, while John Liebeschuetz recalls hands from closer to home at the Newmarket Swiss Teams. Plus an unusual squeeze from Chris Jagger and the usual roundup of results from clubs and competitions.

A brimful postbag of letters to the editors makes poor Aunt Agony quite jealous, only receiving one letter herself. Thank you to everyone who wrote in for this issue, and please keep them coming!

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Please send in news, letters and hands no later than 15<sup>th</sup> September. All contributions welcome!

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## Meze and Masterpoints: My First Experience of an EBU Overseas Congress

by Wendy Pollard

In the grey days at the end of last year, I received an email from Linda Lazarus, a London friend with whom I occasionally play in green-pointed events. She had seen details of the national bridge congress in Cyprus on the EBU website, and dangled the possibility of a week's bridge combined with winter sunshine before me. I didn't need much persuading. The congress was to be held at the 5-star Amathus Beach hotel in Limassol, and as the EBU had taken a massive block booking at out-of-season prices, the single supplement was comparatively reasonable. As average club players, we were slightly apprehensive about whether the standard of the bridge might be rather higher than we were used to, but were reassured by the fact that there were two Swiss events in which we would find our own level.

So early one February morning, we were checking in at Heathrow for a flight to Larnaca. No other Cambs and Hunts participants, as far as I could see, but some familiar faces from Brighton and one-day events. To the bewilderment of the few passengers not travelling to the congress, a strange language was being spoken by the majority fine-tuning their systems during the four hours of the flight: Cypriots returning home, having as they thought mastered the English language, might have wondered who were the often-mentioned Crowhurst, Lebensohl, Jacoby, Blackwood, and Gerber? And what could possibly be meant by Puppet Stayman, Apstro, and Ogust, let alone DOPI and ROPI?

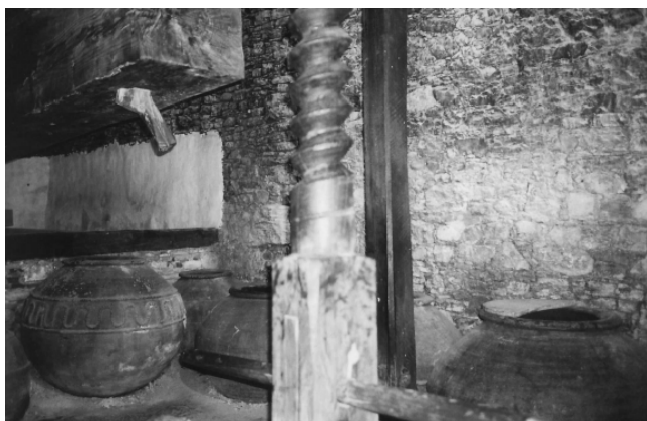
The travel arrangements went smoothly, and the EBU had even laid on a magnificent sunset as we arrived. The hotel lived up to its star rating; the accommodation was spacious, the public areas were luxurious, and there was a huge breakfast buffet. During the bridge there was buffet-style dinner, which was ideal with only limited time between sessions. On other evenings, we had time to eat in some of the many restaurants within walking distance of the hotel; these ranged from haute cuisine establishments to typical tavernas.



The bridge started the evening of our arrival, with a pre-Congress Pairs event. There were almost 200 participants, and the majority played in all the events. The standard was good but not daunting. The matches took place in a single, large conference room overlooking the sea. If you lost concentration for a moment, you might have imagined yourself to be on an ocean liner, wondering which port of call would be next. It was definitely an improvement over the hangar-type spaces in sports centres, which are often venues for UK green-point events.

You don't have to come with teammates for the teams events, as arrangements are made if necessary. As it happens, Linda did meet friends from London with whom we played in these events. We had middling results in most events, but we did have our moment of glory by winning the Open Pairs. It had just seemed as if we were having a good night's play at the club, but it resulted in our winning £30 in EBU vouchers and a commemorative silver salver apiece, thanks to the generosity of the congress's sponsors, Baker Tilly (plus a large amount of master points, but only black ones; greens were reserved for the Swiss events). In some other events, we were in sore need of Aunt Agony's assistance (*see* p4), never more so than when we managed to get a near-bottom by bidding and making 6NT.

On the only day with no daytime bridge, an optional excursion was organized to the Troodos Mountains. We felt it was incumbent on us to see more of Cyprus than the road between the hotel and the shops in central Limassol, and we did thoroughly enjoy the day. It was a pleasant drive through pine-clad hills and terraced vineyards, up to the snow-topped peak of Mount Olympus. We made several stops in picturesque villages, where we were the only tourist invaders (doubtless because of the time of year). We visited beautiful churches and saw archaic wine-presses (*below*).



The modestly-priced lunch included in the cost of the trip comprised dish after dish of mezes, washed down, of course, with the local wine.

The final Swiss Teams event was notable for the runaway victory for Pat and Bob Dowdeswell, Ruth Edmondson & Brigid McElroy, who eventually won by the almost unbelievable margin of 40 VPs.

The Gala Farewell Dinner lived up to its name; it was gourmet fare, elegantly presented, and faultlessly served. Some couples danced sedately between courses, but at the end of the meal, when the band upped the tempo, mayhem broke out, as the suppressed party animal within the façade of decorous bridge player took over. Almost everyone took to the floor; dances were invented that might have been a travesty of the form of art perfected by the editors of this newsletter, but were nevertheless hugely enjoyable. Not so much pivot teams, as pivot dancing: we all swirled round in circles, exchanging partners in Scottish reel fashion, and as each new face appeared, I realized how many friends we had acquired during the week.

This article is not meant to be a commercial for EBU overseas congresses, but the week was really enjoyable, and Linda and I are definitely looking forward to the next one. Rhodes in October, or Lanzarote next February? Maybe see you there?

## Aunt Agony

Dear Auntie,

I'd like some of your wise advice on a problematic hand that Linda Lazarus and I held at the EBU overseas congress in Cyprus. Linda was sitting North and I was sitting South:

Dealer W	♠ —									
	♥ AKQ92									
	♦ QJ75									
	♣ AKJ2									
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	♠ AK1094									
	♥ J10875									
	♦ A									
	♣ 86									

N (Linda)	E	S (me)	W
			3♦
X	P	4♠	P
4NT	P	5♥	P
6NT	All Pass		

Linda doubled the 3♦ pre-empt, and with my 5-5 in the majors I considered 4♦, 4♥ and 4♠. Without partnership agreement, I was worried that 4♦ would convey to partner that I have support for all suits; so I opted for my stronger suit and bid 4♠.

Spades was the last thing Linda wanted to hear. She was worried that 5♥ might be a cue-bid, so ended up using Blackwood and getting to 6NT.

Sadly our 5-5 heart fit went undiscovered, and we thereby missed 7♥. Admittedly, few bid the grand; but 6♥ was making an overtrick, so we still had a poor result.

We could put the blame on the power of pre-empts, allied to favourable

vulnerability, and aggressive play in competitions (on a club night, many Easts might not have opened 3♦, with such scruffy trumps). But should we in fact be blaming ourselves? Over to you, dear Auntie.

Love

Wendy.

Dear niece,

Mmmm – Cyprus – sounds a lovely place for a bridge congress – a bit more exotic than Kettering.

Anyway, let's consider the hand. I would certainly not recommend you to blame yourself. A far better starting point would be to blame partner – indeed partners can nearly always take the blame during the auction – if nothing else, the reason you misbid was surely only for fear as to how partner would take the bid!

Preempts are there to make life hard, and this is exacerbated by playing with people with whom you have little discussion. Thus you are correct in your comments that these were the main problems in your auction.

That aside, ultimately the root of the problem here lies in the 4♠ bid. 4♦ really ought to be suggesting two suits that you are able to play in, which is far more useful than the alternative of it trying to suggest three possible suits.

Over 4♦ I would expect partner to bid a 4 card major, or, failing that, 4♥ with 3-3 in the majors. Only with a long club suit and very little in the majors would I expect partner to bid 5♣.

Thus I would confidently bid 4♦, and that would be the end of your troubles. As you suggest, you are unlikely to

reach a grand slam, but will now manage to play in hearts. Curiously, the auction could perhaps proceed 3♦-X-P-4♦, P-5♦-P-6♦, P-6♥.

As you say though, if there is a chance that this might be misinterpreted, there must be something to be said for a simple jump to 4♠. Over this, 5♥ ought to be showing a hand too strong for an overcall, but without good enough hearts to insist on playing in hearts. Something like this hand, and probably forcing. (As a slight aside, I would play 5♣ as a much weaker hand with long clubs, which was doubling to keep 3NT in the picture, and allow you to take a penalty.)

To agree spades, I would simply use 4NT (Blackwood), 5♦ (cue, first or second round control), or 5♠ (asking for a second round diamond control). Thus your partner may well have tried 5♥. You can scarcely criticise her for not doing, as there must be even more murk about this bid than there would

have been about 4♦. However, here perhaps she ought to try 5♥ anyway. If you pass or raise she is probably going to be happy, and if you take it as a cue for spades she can always convert to 6NT and be little worse off than she was in the first place.

Unlucky that the ‘pairs’ contract of 6NT was not a high-scoring spot, but 5-5 fits are usually best played in the suit, even in Cyprus.

Better luck in Rhodes! Don’t forget to send me a postcard.

Love from Auntie

<b>ECL Dates</b>
15th July v Suffolk (A)
9th September v Herts (H)
21st October v Essex (H)
3rd February v Beds (H)
24th February v Northants (A)
TBA v University (A)

## Give and Ye Shall Receive

by John Liebeschuetz

Dealer E	<table border="1"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q3 ♥ J1064 ♦ KJ63 ♣ AQ2
	N										
W		E									
	S										
		♠ K109 ♥ 98753 ♦ Q8 ♣ K93									

N	E	S	W
	1♣*	P	1♠
P	1NT	P	2NT
P	3NT	All Pass	

\*playing strong NT

Against 3NT partner leads A and another heart, declarer playing the Q

and K. ♣J is played to you and when you duck, a low club is played to the Q and your K. Partner drops the ♣8 and the ♣5. What do you play now?

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I thought I’d look at some of those situations in defence to NT contracts, where the gift of a trick rapidly brings the reward of two or more back to you. Call it the righteous reward for good deeds.

“Never happens” I hear you say. Well it can’t be that rare. Two different situations where generosity could have



Suppose partner has ♦A instead though. Then the ♠K lead gives away a trick doesn't it? Let's think a second longer. That ♠A is declarer's only entry to the club suit.

The ♠K lead knocks it out before dummy's ♣A can be unblocked, rendering the clubs useless. This play is known as a Merrimac Coup.

Isn't that sweet? Two different hands for declarer yet the same card is the correct one to play in both cases. It would be nice to record that declarer had ♠A and the Merrimac Coup was the way to break the contract. Real life is not so romantic though but at least partner did have the ♠J to go with the A and so the ♠K lead defeats the contract.

## Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

4333 patterns are dull of course, and relatively uncommon. Of course if you want to pick up a 37 count, you'd better have that shape.

Strangely though, if you have a 4333 shape, you are (minutely) more likely to hold a 9 count than a 10 count. With all other patterns you are most likely to have a 10 count.

So now you know. No wonder they seem so boring.

Yours

Jonathan Mestel.

*Former ed responds to himself:*

A boring observation Jonathan, though in fact if you are 4333 then your chance of 15+ (or 0-6pts) is greater than it is if you're anything else. Most people find strong hands pretty exciting, and there is nothing that causes more fascination than a yarborough. Perhaps these 4333 hands are not so boring.

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Dear Editors,

A couple of curios, the first from our County Knock Out first round, the second from the Cambridge Club.

Dealer N	♠ A432 ♥ A64 ♦ K103 ♣ J62			
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N				
W   E				
S				
	♠ K65 ♥ KQJ109 ♦ A7 ♣ 987			

N	E	S	W
1♣ (a)	P	1♥	P
1NT	P	2♦ (b)	P
2♥	P	4♥	All Pass

a) Playing 5-card majors, and 1♣ mandatory with 3/3 in the minors.

b) Checkback.

3NT is lay-down of course, unless clubs are 5-2, but the deal left me wondering about our auction. It is standard for opener to show the three hearts in response to checkback. If the checkback is played as showing at least a game-try, it occurs to me that opener could jump to 3♥ in relative safety with such a value, leaving 2♥ to show a completely flat hand. This would still leave room to find spades if responder's motive in using checkback

had been to search out a 4-4 fit in a 4333 shape, and it would certainly have solved the dilemma on this particular hand. (*Ed*: The downside is that over 3♥ responder has to guess whether to bid game with the invitational hand. Alternatively, over 2♥ you could use the so-called 'impossible 2NT' as a game force looking for the right game.)

My opponents cashed three clubs against 4♥ but then a mirage helped me out. On the run of the hearts I threw two spades from dummy, persuading both opponents to ditch spades, so my third spade became good. It seems to me that if the first defender to throw a spade had given a count signal in the suit the other could have deduced my exact shape. In that case it should have been clear for one of them to guard spades.

The second hand was:

Dealer W	♠ 104		
	♥ A7653		
	♦ A10743		
	♣ A		
♠ QJ9		N	♠ AK62
♥ KQ94		W	♥ 82
♦ K		E	♦ 85
♣ KQ963		S	♣ 108542
	♠ 8753		
	♥ J10		
	♦ QJ962		
	♣ J7		

My first reaction was that EW might not fare too badly in the Moysian. Closer analysis quickly hit that idea on the head. However, if you assume that competition will drive NS to 4♦ (as happened at our table), then EW have a paying sacrifice in 5♣ against a part-score! This can't be as rare as all that, but on reflection I can't recall coming across it before, and certainly not in the last few years.

Peter Burrows.

Dear Editors,

This is (yet another) of the hands that got away. I don't think I can reasonably blame partner for not making the contract as it needs a mis-defence and a pinning finesse and squeeze.

Dealer S	♠ 1083		
	♥ 9		
	♦ A532		
	♣ KJ1086		
♠ Q9		N	♠ J764
♥ AKQJ108		W	♥ 2
54		E	
♦ 8		S	♦ QJ964
♣ 42			♣ Q93
	♠ AK52		
	♥ 763		
	♦ K107		
	♣ A75		

After South opens a systemic 1♣ West overcalled 4♥ and I bid 5♣. For some reason the opponents forgot to double, possible in gratitude for us forgetting to double them in 4♥.

♥A lead, ♠Q shift. Oddly enough the contract is now a make: cold might be an exaggeration. Win ♠K, draw trumps (finesse of course), ruff a heart, and now the end position is quite fun.

The ♠10 goes to the J, A and 9, and the last heart is ruffed on dummy squeezing East.

There are five cards left in dummy – the master spade and four diamonds. East needs to hang on to two spades to Avoid setting up the fourth spade, so he comes down to three diamonds.

Now declarer simply plays three rounds of diamonds and uses the ♠8 as an entry to the (by now) winning diamond.

Nice hand.

Yours

Roger Courtney.



## 'Pinning double trump squeeze, without the count'

This unusual hand rather played itself, but required Paul Barden to come up with a name!

Dealer E	♠ A ♥ J1064 ♦ QJ972 ♣ K98						
♠ K754 ♥ A53 ♦ 863 ♣ 1054	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ QJ832 ♥ K9 ♦ 10 ♣ AQ763	
N	E						
W	S						
	♠ 1096 ♥ Q872 ♦ AK54 ♣ J2						

N	E	S	W
	1♠	P	2♠
X	3♠	4♥	All Pass

Defence made what appeared to be a good start, playing three rounds of trumps. Assuming the ♣A is wrong, it now looks like there are at most five diamond tricks, three trump tricks, and the ♠A. Can another trick materialize from anywhere?

In fact it can – the unconscious declarer forgets to lead a club up, and merely runs five rounds of diamonds:

Dealer E	♠ A ♥ J ♦ — ♣ K98						
♠ K75 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ 105	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ QJ ♥ — ♦ — ♣ AQ7	
N	E						
W	S						
	♠ 1096 ♥ 8 ♦ — ♣ J						

East cannot afford to come down to only two clubs, as otherwise declarer

can ruff down the ace of clubs for the tenth trick. Thus he comes down to only two spades.

If West also comes down to two spades, declarer now unblocks ♠A, and plays a low club to the queen. East cannot lead away from his ♣A without giving another trick, but equally, if he leads a spade he sets up declarer's third spade.

Thus West parts with his club. Now declarer keeps his ♠A and exits in a low club to the queen. East exits in a safe spade to the ace, and declarer now plays ♣K, covered by the ace, ruffed, but pinning ♣10, and thus setting up the nine as the last trick.

Interesting – a double squeeze in the same two suits, with a pinning element, and ruffing out either suit.

## Play problem

Dealer E	♠ 10863 ♥ J1086 ♦ 85 ♣ KJ3	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ — ♥ AK93 ♦ AKJ5 ♣ AQ754
N	E						
W	S						

N	E	S	W
	1♣	P	1♥
P	3♠	P	4♥
P	4♠	P	5♣
P	5♦	P	5♥
P	6♥	All Pass	

You responded on the West hand as you were worried you might miss a slam. Plan the play carefully, bearing in mind you will lose 7 IMPs if you go off in this one (oppo had the auction 1♣-P-P-P)! North after a little thought and questions about the spade bids, leads a diamond.

Note that the auction was of some interest – having signed off over 3♠ with 4♥, your hand is now pretty good when partner goes on. He has at least five clubs, and your KJx in that suit is going to be useful. In addition you have some good heart pips, albeit missing a few top honours. It is therefore a clear 5♣ slam try.

The play is common in textbooks. The key is to cater for 4-1 trumps – there are several possible lines, but you should start off with a low heart from dummy, later aiming to take two ruffs and still have control to draw trumps. If instead you try the top hearts, you will be OK when trumps are splitting, but if not you could be in trouble.

## Results round-up

### National competitions

Wendy Pollard won the Open Pairs and came fourth in one of the pivot teams events at the EBU Overseas Congress in Cyprus.

Chris Jagger & Ian Pagan won the Men's Pairs, with Victor Milman & Rod Oakford eighth and Roger Courtney and Robin Cambery tenth. Catherine Jagger finished fourth in the National Women's Pairs.

The county finished seventh out of eight in the final of the Tollemache.

In the Ranked Pairs, Catherine Jagger finished third in the Grand Masters' section and Nadia Stelmashenko and Victor Milman were sixth in the Premier Life Masters' section.

Rod Oakford & Jonathan Mestel finished second in the Kettering heat of the National Pairs, with Joanne Caldwell & Ian Macdonald and Mike Seaver & Peter Morgan also qualifying for the National Final in ninth and tenth places. Oakford & Mestel finished 16th in the Final and Seaver & Morgan were 26th.

David Hodge played on the England team that won the 2007 Junior Camrose home internationals. University alumni Alex Foley and David Collier were also on the team.

Cambridge B reached the semi-finals of the inter-university Portland Bowl, where they lost to Durham A.

Cambridge A had lost to Oxford B in the quarter-finals.

More fortune was to be had in the 2007 Varsity Match, which Cambridge won by 29 IMPs; the team was David Hodge, Andre Kueh, Daniel Elstein, Elizabeth Roberts, John Haslegrave and Jonathan Monroe. Oxford won the Undergraduate Varsity Match.

Two Under-19 Cambridgeshire players, Damian Bell & Sam Hunt, played on the South West Region team that won the South of England round of the G W Arnott Davidson Trophy; the Eastern Counties finished second, and included Kieran Tilley & Arthur Wolstenholme and MingMing Mei & Weiye Yang. In the National Final South West lost to the North East.

Four local pairs qualified from the regional heat of the Under-19 Pairs for the National Final.

In knockout competitions: Cambridge A and Ely A have reached round 5 of the NICKO, and Saffron Walden A has reached round 4 of the NICKO Plate. Chris Jagger's team lost in the penultimate round of Crockfords, while Clive Stops' team has reached round 4 of the Gold Cup.

**Eastern Counties League**

The county scored 19-1, 19-1 and 17-3 against Essex in the final match of the season, at which point all three teams were heading their divisions, though with a few other teams having matches outstanding.

Once the dust had settled, the C team had retained its pole position, with victory for the second year in a row, and excellent placings of second and third for the A and B teams:

**A Division**

1. Northants with 106 VPs
2. Cambs & Hunts with 87 VPs
3. Norfolk with 82 VPs
4. Hertfordshire with 77 VPs
5. Suffolk with 66 VPs
6. Bedfordshire with 52 VPs
7. Essex with 49 VPs
8. University with 41 VPs

**B Division**

1. Northants with 105 VPs
2. Hertfordshire with 88 VPs
3. Cambs & Hunts with 82 VPs
4. Bedfordshire with 79 VPs
5. Suffolk with 79 VPs
6. Norfolk with 58 VPs
7. Essex with 49 VPs
8. University with 20 VPs

**C Division**

1. Cambs & Hunts with 93 VPs
2. Northants with 86 VPs
3. Hertfordshire with 85 VPs
4. Essex with 70 VPs
5. Bedfordshire with 69 VPs
6. Norfolk with 67 VPs
7. Suffolk with 51 VPs
8. University with 39 VPs

**Garden Cities County Qualifier**

In Round 1

CAMBRIDGE 2 beat UNIVERSITY

In the Semi-Finals

CAMBRIDGE 2 beat THURSDAY

CAMBRIDGE 1 beat

SAFFRON WALDEN

In the Final

CAMBRIDGE 1 beat CAMBRIDGE 2

**County Pairs Final**

1. Chris Jagger & Catherine Jagger
2. Sheila Parker & Julian Wightwick
3. Paul Fegarty & Catherine Curtis
4. Mike Seaver & Iain Watson
5. Eryl Howard & Eric Campbell
6. Ross Midgeley & Chris Waites
7. Alex Green & Simon King
8. Gladys Gittins & Bryan Last
9. Peter Oxley & Bill Briscombe
10. Malcolm Anderson & Roger Farrington

**County Individual Final**

1. Peter Bhagat
2. Nick Bull
3. Paul Hunter
4. Philip Jones
5. Peter Dixon
6. Lorraine Waters
7. Tanawan Watts
8. Jane Woodhouse
9. James Lawrence
10. Dave Harrison

**New Players Tournament**

1. Laurie & Meryl Ward
2. David Hubbard & Richard Colledge
3. Anne Vidler & Sherry O'Donovan
4. Muriel Dahan & Kathrin Peters
5. Barbara Talboys & Elaine Miller
6. Gordon & Margaret Crabbe
7. Sheila Miers & Sue Paine
8. Sue Roberts & Pauline Hunt
9. Maggie Paget-Wilkes & Alison Vosahlo
10. Andrew Roberts & Sam Miller

**County Knockout**

In Round 2

JAGGER beat RILEY  
 SEAVER beat OLIVER  
 PARKER beat JONES

In the Quarter-Finals

JAGGER beat SEAVER  
 LARLHAM beat MAN  
 MAY beat PARKER  
 HASLEGRAVE beat WATTS

In the Semi-Finals

JAGGER beat LARLHAM  
 MAY beat HASLEGRAVE

**County Knockout Plate**

In Round 1

DE VRIES beat RICHER

In the Quarter-Finals

OWEN beat DE VRIES  
 CLARK beat LAWRENCE  
 OAKFORD beat COPPING  
 JACOBSBERG beat JONES

In the Semi-Finals

OWEN beat CLARK  
 OAKFORD beat JACOBSBERG

**Cambs & Hunts Bridge League**

Current standings:

#	Division 1	P	W	L	D	VPs	Ave
1	Ely 1	6	6	0	0	103	17.2
2	University 1	5	3	2	0	62	12.4
3	Cambridge 1	5	3	2	0	55	11.0
4	Cambridge 2	5	1	4	0	43	8.6
4	Saffron Walden 1	6	3	3	0	43	7.2
6	Cambridge 4	2	1	1	0	20	10.0
7	North Cambridge 1	5	0	5	0	14	2.8

#	Division 2	P	W	L	D	VPs	Ave
1	Thursday 2	4	4	0	0	63	15.8
2	University 2	6	3	3	0	61	10.2
3	Cambridge 3	6	2	4	0	53	8.8
4	Huntingdon 1	3	2	0	1	42	14.0
5	Huntingdon 2	5	1	3	1	35	7.0
6	Thursday 1	3	2	1	0	33	11.0
7	Balsham 1	3	0	3	0	13	4.3

#	Division 3	P	W	L	D	VPs	Ave
1	Royston 1	6	6	0	0	99	16.5
2	Crafts Hill	6	4	2	0	75	12.5
3	University 3	5	4	1	0	63	12.6
4	North Cambridge 2	6	2	4	0	53	8.8
5	Balsham 2	6	1	4	1	30	6.5
6	Huntingdon 3	5	1	3	1	36	7.2
7	North Cambridge 3	6	1	5	0	35	5.8

**Around the Clubs****Balsham**

Pearl's Plate was won by David Waldman & David Richer.

Gwen's Plate was won by Anne Read.

David's Challenge Cup was won by Anne Read, Roger Timmins, Ken Winterbottom & Tim Burns.

The President's Cup was won by Brenda & Philip Jones.

The Margaret Jude Rose Bowl was won by Jane Woodhouse & John Noble.

The Alan Grist Prize for most improvement over the year (in memory of the club's former president who

sadly died last year) was awarded to Graham Jones & Tony Court.

**Blinco**

The Frank Weatherhead Cup was won by Neil Matthews & Andrew Roberts.

**Cambridge**

The Marie Johnson Salver was won by David Carmichael, William Tunstall-Pedoe, Roger Courtney & Dominic Clark.

The Wraight Cup Swiss Pairs was won again by Mike Seaver & Peter Bhagat.

The Thomas Kirkby Mixed Pairs was won by Iain Watson & Alex Green.

The Club Pairs was won by Wendy Pollard & Tony Oram.

The Spring Equinox handicap pairs was won by Ann How and Richard Collis.

The Collis Plate Teams League was won for the second year by Sheila Parker, Rod Oakford, Don McFarlane, John Liebeschuetz and Jonathan Mestel.

The Cradock Trophy was won by Rod Oakford.

The Jacobs Shield Butler Pairs was won by Rod Oakford & Victor Milman.

The Speedball Pairs was won by Clive Stops and Bryan Last.

### **Cottenham**

David Allen won the Club Individual Championship.

The Championship Pairs was retained by Peter Morgan & Mike Seaver.

The March Handicap Pairs for the Evans Handicap Cup was won by Ken Everett & Joan Grayer.

The David Haddock Cup was won by Ann Aplin.

### **North Cambridge**

The Club Handicap Pairs was won by Bernard Buckley & Wendy Pollard.

The Winter Pairs was won by Peter Morgan & Frank Padgett.

### **Nuffield**

Richard Colledge and David Hubbard were 6th nationwide in a BGB Winter Simultaneous Pairs.

### **Thursday**

The President's Shield was won by David Carmichael.

The St John Championship was won by Brian Copping & Mike Tedham.

The Mackenzie Trophy was won by Anne Beytell & Susan Hilken.

The Swan Shields were won by Gladys Gittins & David Carmichael.

The Charity Challenge was won by Joanne Caldwell & Ian McDonald.

### **University**

The club's new executive includes John Haslegrave as president, Jonathan Cairns as treasurer and Elizabeth Roberts as secretary and captain.

## **Peterborough Bridge Club**

**New England Complex, Lincoln Road, Peterborough PE1 2PE**

We'd like to introduce you all to Peterborough Bridge Club. Founded in 1956, the club will be joining the Cambs & Hunts association after 45 years in Northants. Many of you have visited our premises, either to play knockout matches or EBU events such as the Garden Cities. The club is about a mile from Peterborough city centre and occupies part of a former school. We have two large playing rooms,

recently refurbished; a computer room; kitchen and licensed bar. Parking is not a problem with the large on-site car park.

We have a Duplimate dealing machine, and the Bridgemate scoring system. A monitor in the playing room displays the running scores. Printed copies of the hands are available at the end of the evening so you can go home and analyse all your partner's mistakes!

The results, with travellers and hand records are all published on our web site, usually the same night.



At Peterborough we play duplicate at 7pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings and on Thursday afternoons. The main competitions are held on Wednesdays, while on Monday we offer a 'gentle bridge' room as well as the more competitive game. Table money is just £2 for members, £2.50 for visitors. We also run a popular teaching programme on Thursday mornings and evenings; the latter will resume in September.

Twice a month we hold 'Saturday Social' evenings, when players from all other clubs are invited to join us (£2 for all, no extra for visitors). We ask people to bring 'nibbles' and give you a free drink. The winners get their table money back. We play teams if numbers permit, and will always find a partner for those who need one.

There are several Club competitions which run from June until March, including our main pairs and teams championships, a Butler scored pairs event, and a Pivot Teams. A new tournament is being introduced this September for our less experienced players. We would like to invite you to join us to play in some of these events, so until the end of September we are

offering free club membership to anyone who is not currently a Peterborough member and would like to enter one or more of our competitions.

We would also like to invite all Cambs & Hunts players to two special events that we have coming up. Our Charity Evening is being held at 7pm on Wed 23rd May, when we are supporting the Peterborough Branch of the Huntington's Disease Association. This is a sociable evening with refreshments and a raffle with some excellent prizes. On Sat 9th June (7pm) we are holding an Invitational Pairs event with generous cash prizes. You would be very welcome at either or both events or indeed on any club night.

Give our club secretary, Sheila Evans-Evans, a call on 01733 701320 or email [pb@peterboroughbridge.info](mailto:pb@peterboroughbridge.info).



Peterborough Bridge Club is pleased to be joining you in Cambridgeshire. We are planning to enter several teams in the Cambs & Hunts League and we look forward to meeting many new people and doing battle with you all at the bridge table. For more information and a location map please visit our web site at [www.peterboroughbridge.info](http://www.peterboroughbridge.info).