

# Cambs & Hunts Bridge

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## Cambs & Hunts news

Several victories for Cambs & Hunts this season: the 'A' team won the 2009/10 Eastern Counties League, Cambridge University got a clean sweep of the Portland Bowl and Varsity Matches, Chris Jagger won the National Pairs, and Fred Allen and Roger Salmon won the Charity Challenge Cup.

In county competitions, Norman Hutchinson won the Individual, Marion & Trevor King won the Pairs, Peter Bhagat and Mike Seaver won the Swiss Pairs, and Catherine Poulson & Juliet Gadney won the Novice Pairs.

Our clubs have not had too many teething problems with the EBU's transition to Pay-to-Play – we'd welcome any members to feed in comments and suggestions as the system develops.

## In this issue...

We have a report on this season's 'A' team performance in the Eastern Counties League, with contributions from Peter Burrows, and Graeme Robertson gives us some hands from the Portland Bowl final. Chris Jagger writes about the National Pairs Final and gives us some tips on Lebensohl and its alternatives.

Aunt Agony tears her hair out again after a letter from her uncontrollable nephew, and there's a full round-up of results from national, county and club competitions.

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The next newsletter will be published in September.

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

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# County A team wins Eastern Counties League

by Chris Jagger

For the first time this millennium Cambs has won the ECL, although its C team did win the league in 2006–07.

Peter and Myra Burrows have done sterling service for the county A team over the years, and Peter sent in a couple of interesting hands from one of the earlier matches of this season:

NS Vul	♠ 732											
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	♥ 9842											
	♦ —											
	♣ KJ94											

W	N	E	S
1NT	P	2♦	2♠
3♦	P	P	X
P	3NT	Passed out	

Sitting North, Peter judged well to suppress his three-card spade support, and 3NT duly rolled in with an overtrick. 4♠ was found at most other tables, going one down as it has the same four top losers as 3NT.

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	♥ 98											
	♦ 1096											
	♣ 985											

On this second hand, West opened 1♥ and reached 3NT. North started with ♥K, partner playing ♥9 to show an even number. So now the problem was to find partner's entry. East had shown diamonds, so he reasoned that West was more likely to lack the ♦A than a black ace – and declarer then quickly wrapped up nine tricks.

In fact, while it may be true that partner is more likely to have ♦A, if he does have it then 3NT will be beaten anyway, as declarer cannot have more than eight tricks. Thus a black suit switch is called for. So which one? In fact a spade is the most likely bet, as for declarer to have nine tricks without the ♣A, requires him to have four spades as well as running diamonds.

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Last match of the season, Cambs needed 15–5 to seal their victory in the League, and I found myself having a rare outing with my wife – as the team captain said, our playing in the A team should bolster the B team!

One curious board found us the only A team pair to go negative on the NS cards – the key to stopping out of game at other tables appeared to be to open a game forcing 2♣!

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Dealer S	♥ 98642											
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	♥ A											
	♦ KQ7											
	♣ AJ10432											

The common auction seemed to be to open the South hand with a game forcing 2♣ opener, and for the auction to proceed 2♣-P-2♦-2♠, 3♣ all pass! Yarborough or no, it seems to me the North hand is taking a large view passing when 4H or 3NT are likely to be on. But perhaps I am just used to picking up this strength of hand!

We had a more interesting auction. What do you bid on the north hand after:

W	N	E	S
			1♣
P	P	1♠	X
P	2♥	P	2NT
P	?		

It was clear that South had a big hand based on a club suit (she could have rebid 1NT otherwise, or bid another suit perhaps). Typically she will be wanting me to raise with a card in a black suit. I had cards in every suit, but not very big ones, and it seemed likely that the hand would play better in clubs, so I pulled to 3♣. South thought perhaps I might have some support to remove to 3♣, and even three small clubs would give 3NT good play, so she ploughed on to 3NT. One off.

Despite a loss on this board, the rest of the team were pulling their weight, and we'd soon chalked up 20-0 to secure the A team's pole position.

## Cambridge University wins Portland Bowl

by Graeme Robertson

For the first time since 2004, Cambridge University has won the universities' knockout competition, beating Oxford in the Final. It is the university's tenth win since the competition began in 1985.

Cambridge's team was Dave Williams, Sarah O'Connor, David Faria, Graeme Robertson, Tom Rainforth and John Haslegrave, pictured below with Giles Hargreaves, Vice Chairman of the Portland Club, which hosts the Final.

The first hand demonstrates how aggressive doubling produced a decisive swing to Cambridge. The second features aggressive bidding and bold declarer play.

Dealer S	♠ A9xx		
	♥ AK8x		
	♦ xx		
	♣ Q9x		
♠ QJ8xx		N	♠ K10
♥ Qxxx		W	♥ Jx
♦ 10x		E	♦ Axxx
♣ Kx		S	♣ 10xxxx
	♠ xx		
	♥ 109x		
	♦ KQJ9x		
	♣ AJx		

W	N	E	S
Tom Rainforth	Joe Clacey	Graeme Robertson	James Paul
			1♦
1♠	X	P	2♦
P	2♠	P	3♥
P	3NT	X	P
P	P		

I kicked off with ♠K then ♠10, both of which were ducked, and switched to a club. Tom won his ♣K, and continued with a spade, which Joe won.

Now Joe led a diamond to the King, a club to the Queen, and another diamond up. Thinking that I had doubled with good diamonds, he played the ♦9 from dummy which lost to the doubleton 10.

Tom could now cash his spades and we came to a heart trick at the end for +500. Teammates made 3NT, so we gained 14imps on the board (and the final winning margin was in fact 13imps).

Dealer S	♠ Jx ♥ Axx ♦ J10xxxx ♣ xx									
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	♠ AQ10x ♥ Q108xx ♦ KQ ♣ Qx									

W	N	E	S
Tom	Joe	Graeme	James
			1♥
2♥	3♥	4NT	X
5♣	P	P	X
P	P	P	

Tom’s 2♥ overcall showed spades and a minor, and I bid 4NT pick a minor.

The defence failed to lead trumps at any stage – East led ♥A and switched to a diamond. Tom won this and played ♠K. South won this and tried a second diamond.

Tom ruffed, ruffed two spades and two diamonds, ruffed a third spade with the Ace and played his final trump off the dummy, taking the winning club finesse on the way for 5♣X=.

This gained us 12imps on the board, and if Tom had gone more than one off we would have lost the match.

**Cambridge University also won the 2010 Varsity Match and Undergraduate Varsity Match**

## Aunt Agony's post bag

Dear Auntie,

As you predicted, our editrix required a break from the trials of sitting opposite me, and her loyal spouse recently stepped into her dancing shoes. This hand is from the Beds Swiss Teams:

Dealer N																
Game all		♠ A8752														
		♥ —														
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		♠ K4														
		♥ J72														
		♦ AQ83														
		♣ A1032														

At both tables, the bidding went

W	N	E	S
	1♠	P	2♣
4♥	5♣	All Pass	

Partner led ♥K and I had ample time to consider whether or not to unblock the ♥Q as declarer could easily hold ♥J10x(x),

I followed small when dummy ruffed with ♣6. This was not a success. Declarer played ♣K and ran ♣J. He then crossed to hand, cashed ♣A and played diamonds.

I ruffed and led ♥Q, but alas, with hearts blocked we could only take one heart trick. Should I have unblocked ♥Q?

Even had I played ♥Q at trick one, this would not have availed against teammate's line. At the other table, she crossed to hand at trick two and finessed ♣J.

East won but was helpless – whether he returned a trump or led a second heart, there was only one more trick for the defence.

You always used to say I didn't understand trump control, but at least I can appreciate it.

Your uncontrollable nephew

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Dear Nephew,

As usual, your jejune discussion omits the interesting features of the hand. First of all, N/S are cold for 6♦; even 7♦ can make, but you clearly don't want to be in it when as we shall see the other table may go down in game. North is somewhat short on values, and the 5♣ bid is very committal.

Don't forget that South could have a 3433 shape. Either a double or 4NT suggesting either minor is more flexible.

Perhaps soundest would be a pass, allowing South to reopen with a double. North then can bid 4NT over which South might well essay 6♦. At least they'd have reached the easy 5♦ game. But let's return to 5♣.

The idea of trump control is to retain a controlling trump, either a high card or a long card. Is that so hard? As to your defence, it is not hard to construct hands where dropping ♥Q at trick 1 is disastrous, so I will not criticise you too harshly. However, you might consider that it only makes a difference when South holds the Jack, and the odds are that partner would then hold the 10. An important consideration though, is that playing the Queen would simplify declarer's task greatly by telegraphing the 8-2 heart split.

So let us put ourselves in declarer's shoes and assume hearts are known to be 8-2 and try to make with clubs 2-4.

You neglect to mention the suit in which your team-mate crossed to hand at the other table. As the cards lie, crossing in spades allows a fatal spade ruff. But even had she crossed to hand with a diamond before taking a club finesse, a competent defender such as myself would HAVE ALLOWED ♣J TO HOLD. This would keep trump control and set the contract. Say she now returns to hand and ruffs a heart, crosses a 3rd time to cash ♣A and run the diamonds. You ruff the 3rd round and do not fall into the trap of drawing trumps with ♣Q.

Instead, you knock out ♠A, ruff the 4th round of diamonds and the long diamond is cut off.

So can declarer make? Double dummy, it's not hard. Declarer could discard a spade at trick 1 – a hold-up play, more common in no trumps to cut communications. Alternatively, he could ruff with ♣J, finesse ♣10, ruff another heart with ♣K, cross to hand with ♦A, cash ♣A and concede two trump tricks. But both these lines assume hearts are 8-2.

If declarer ruffs low at trick 1, and South follows with ♥Q, giving away the 8-2 break, declarer must decide whether to play North for a 1-8-2-2 or 2-8-1-2 shape.

If North has a stiff spade as in the actual lie, having ruffed at trick 1, South can make by crossing twice in diamonds, once to ruff a 2nd heart and once to cash ♣A.

If North has a stiff diamond though, crossing once in spades and once in diamonds is successful. After a heart ruff, ♣K, ♦A, heart ruff, ♠K, ♣A, the diamonds are run. South has to follow three times to diamonds and can only ruff the 4th and 5th which does no good.

It is a curious fact that honours with their seductive finessing lures can distract one from the proper play. If West had held ♠J instead of dummy, it would have been obvious to ruff two hearts in dummy to exhaust East of the suit. Then you cash ♣AK and play off winners, hoping to lose two trump tricks only.

Yours with impeccable self-control,

Auntie.

## Variations on a theme of Lebensohl

by Chris Jagger

Suppose the auction starts 1NT from partner, 2♠ overcall, and you bid 3♣. Does this show a hand that wants to play 3♣, or a hand that wants to show clubs in order to explore the right game? This is quite a problem situation, and the most popular way round this is to play Lebensohl.

This means 3♣, 3♦ and 3♥ are natural and forcing, and a hand that just wants to compete at the three level starts with 2NT, which instructs opener to bid 3♣, after which responder can pass with clubs, or convert to his suit.

You also assign meanings to bidding 2NT and following up with 3NT, such as wanting to play in game but without

a stop, or showing four cards in the other major. For example:

1NT-(2♠)-2NT = asks opener to bid 3♣

1NT-(2♠)-3♣/♦/♥ = natural (5+), GF

1NT-(2♠)-3♠ = have you got a stop?

1NT-(2♠)-3N = I have a stop

The continuations after 1NT-(2♠)-2NT-3♣ are then:

Pass = I wanted to compete with clubs

3♦/3♥ = natural and to play

3♠ = I have 4 hearts but no stop, GF

3NT = I have 4 hearts and a stop, GF

When opponents overcall in hearts there is only one difference, as you can now also compete in spades at the two-level:

1NT-(2♥)-2♠ = competing, 5+ spades

1NT-(2♥)-2NT-3♣-3♠ = inv, 5+ spades

1NT-(2♥)-3♠ = GF, 5+ spades

**Tip:** Some people worry about having lost their natural 2NT, and use double to show this type of hand. Don't – that idea was invented in order to blame partner who must decide what to do over it, with little idea what length in their suit you have (which is key to deciding whether to defend or not). Instead, either play the double as for penalties, or for takeout, which will make life very much easier for partner.

Some people play a variant on the Lebensohl theme – using transfers instead, so 2NT shows clubs, 3♣ shows diamonds, and so on. This is usually known as Rubensohl, and you can use it with weak hands or strong hands. Aside from potential to forget the system (and I once had six rounds of being ultra ethical to end up in a no-

play 6NT contract after a forget of this bit of system), it has little to choose from ordinary Lebensohl, with some gains and some losses from playing it. A noticeable loss which is often glossed over is the ability of opponents to make a lead-directional double of the transfer bid. The main gain is that partner immediately knows your suit – although this is rarely important on the weak hands, the main aim then being to steal a three-level contract or push opponents up a level.

**Tip:** Play either of these methods over Aspro or other conventional systems over 1NT. Eg 1NT-2♣-2NT is a great way of competing in a minor whilst also taking a round of bidding away from opponents to stop them finding a second fit. Don't fall into the trap of doubling 2♣ to show clubs, which allows opponents space to find their second fit, and then compete in it at the three level.

Both these systems have a problem in that there are actually three hand strengths you may have: weak, invitational, and game forcing. It will come as no surprise to those intimate with the Pagan-Jagger system file (which currently numbers zero, if you include Pagan and Jagger), that page 125 does indeed have an improvement over either of the above methods.

1NT-2♠-2NT = Normal Lebensohl, aiming to compete (or strong hands with 4 hearts and at least two spades)

1NT-2♠-3♣/♦/♥ = transfers showing ♦/♥/♣, allowing to show at least invitational values in ♦/♥ (opener completes with a minimum, or bids higher with a maximum), or game forcing values in clubs.

1NT-2♠-3♠ = 1 spade, 4 hearts, strong.

Over hearts it is slightly different:

1NT-2♥-2NT = Normal Lebensohl, aiming to compete (or game forcing with a long minor which will follow up by bidding the link major, ie 3♥ will show clubs, 3♠ will show diamonds)

1NT-2♥-3m = Invitational

1NT-2♥-3♥ = Transfer, at least invitational.

1NT-2♥-3♠ = 4 spades, 1 heart, strong.

**Tip:** Stick to Lebensohl – these methods come with a health warning on them – though they are good methods!

## National Pairs Final by Chris Jagger

I rarely play in the National Pairs nowadays, and getting to the final I was surprised to see how few competition regulars I recognised there, but equally I felt in some departments, such as the cardplay, the standard has gone up considerably over the years. This hand gave both declarer and the opponents a chance to shine:

Love all	♠ 97432				
Dealer N	♥ QJ975				
	♦ 52				
	♣ 7				
♠ J108		N	♠ A6		
♥ 104		W E	♥ A83		
♦ 763		S	♦ Q108		
♣ K9642			♣ AQ1085		
			♠ KQ5		
			♥ K62		
			♦ AKJ94		
			♣ J3		

We were defending 3♥, and East led the ♠A and another. I followed with the 8 and 10, showing suit preference. Do you see what declarer's next move should have been? If you don't, cut out the hand from this newsletter and see if that gives you any clues.

In fact the answer is to play A, K and J of diamonds, pitching a club. Now East can never put his partner in to get a spade ruff – a scissors coup, as you are cutting the communications.

Declarer actually played a trump, and that left East with a difficult choice – spades had never been mentioned in the auction, so it was hard to believe that the 8 was a low card. He cashed his ace of clubs, and it was now too late to get a ruff.

E/W Vul	♠ 986				
Dealer S	♥ AJ94				
	♦ K86				
	♣ 932				
♠ J1074		N	♠ AKQ2		
♥ Q1063		W E	♥ K8752		
♦ Q109		S	♦ A2		
♣ Q6			♣ 107		
			♠ 53		
			♥ —		
			♦ J7543		
			♣ AKJ854		

This hand shows how to cater for people psyching against you – even if they haven't! The auction was:

	W	N	E	S
				P
P		1♥	1NT	X
P		2♣	X	P
2♠	P	P	P	3♣
3♥	P		4♥	5♣
X		All Pass		

1♥ was part psyche and part bid for the lead, but a poor time to do it when so flat. 2♣ was an attempt at rescue, for



all the lack of suit, and the double of 2♣ was for take out.

West duly bid his spades. He was weighty for a mere 2♠, but didn't really want to drive any further. In addition, with his partner having club shortage it was likely that South would have length and compete – and sure enough he did. Now West tried 3♥ natural (2♥ would also have been natural on the previous round, using 3♣ as a cuebid if needed), and East raised to 4♥.

Generally when the opponents open a suit, you only play in their suit with at least a nine-card fit, although on this occasion even the nine-card fit was not enough, with the hearts splitting badly and North having some good intermediate trumps. It didn't matter – South bid on, and 500 was collected.

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♥ QJ109863	♥ A7										
♦ —	♦ J108										
♣ AKQ5	♣ J10										

This hand restored my faith in people's bidding: 1♠-2♥-2♠-5♥-6♥. A weakish-looking pair had a very nicely judged, natural auction to 6♥, and were rewarded with a near top.

Love all	♠ AKQ764										
Dealer N	♥ 762										
	♦ K3										
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	♠ —										
	♥ AKJ105										
	♦ J10965										
	♣ J32										

The very next board we got another near bottom. 1♥-1♠-2♦-4♠. With near solid trumps and three small hearts I didn't like to raise hearts, as there would be a lot of hands where that is wrong, particularly where partner had a weak heart suit.

## Results round-up

### National competitions

Kieran Tilley represented England for the Under-20s in the Peggy Bayer Trophy; England finished second.

Chris Jagger & Ian Pagan won the National Pairs. David Kendrick, Roger Gibbons, Paul Fegarty & Catherine Curtis were 7<sup>th</sup> in the National Swiss Teams. In the Life Masters category at the Ranked Masters Tournament, John Liebeschutz & Peter Foster finished 5<sup>th</sup>, with Mike Seaver & Colin Jones 6<sup>th</sup> and Ian McDonald & Joanne Caldwell 7<sup>th</sup> equal. In the Masters category, Henry Lockwood & Matthew Johnson finished 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Catherine Curtis, Paul Fegarty, Cath Jagger & Jonathan Mestel reached the quarter-finals of the Spring Foursomes.

At the Easter Congress, Graeme Robertson won the Open Pairs playing with Michael Byrne, while his university partner Tom Rainforth came in 2<sup>nd</sup> with Tom Copeland. Graeme went on to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Championship Pairs, playing with Alice Kaye. In the Swiss Teams, Andre Kueh, Jonathan Cairns, Shen Ting Ang & Jack Ho were 6<sup>th</sup>, two places ahead of Graeme's team, with David Faria and Sarah O'Connor in joint 10<sup>th</sup>. Shen Ting Ang & Jack Ho

were 3<sup>rd</sup> in the final of the Under-25 pairs, while Damian Bell & Weiye Yeang were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the final of the Under-19 pairs.

Fred Allen & Roger Salmon (pictured below) from the Thursday Club were nationwide winners of the Charity Challenge Simultaneous Pairs. Tanawan Watts & Alan Edwards were the next highest pair at 27<sup>th</sup>.

Derek Oxbrow & Peter Somerfield from Huntingdon were 4<sup>th</sup> in the BGB Winter Simultaneous Pairs (Monday). In the Tuesday event, Roger Courtney & Dominic Clark from Ely were 20<sup>th</sup>. In the Wednesday event, Ufuk Cotuk & Mark Tilley from Peterborough were 14<sup>th</sup>, with Bill Briscombe & Peter Oxley from Saffron Walden in 16<sup>th</sup>.

Colin Haywood & Christian Edlich were 5<sup>th</sup> in the EBU University Simultaneous Pairs, with David Collier & Peter Wagner three places behind. Ralph Owen & JJ Wilks were 14<sup>th</sup> and Carrie Oliver & Matt Johnson 18<sup>th</sup>.

Anne Wilkinson & Jan Wilson from Peterborough finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the EBU Bridge for All Simultaneous Pairs, while Damian Bell & Sam Hunt from the Perse School finished 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Nadia Stelmashenko & Victor Milman were 16<sup>th</sup> in the Portland Pairs.

### Eastern Counties League

In the final match of the 2009–10 season, the county scored 20-0, 12-8, 6-14 against Bedfordshire.

Final Standings for 2009/10 season:  
A division

1. Cambs & Hunts with 104 VPs
2. Hertfordshire with 95 VPs

### B division

1. Hertfordshire with 94 VPs
2. Beds and Northants with 85 VPs
6. Cambs & Hunts with 66 VPs

### C division

1. Essex with 108 VPs
2. Beds with 95 VPs
5. Cambs & Hunts with 66 VPs

Congratulations to the A team for winning their division. Players this season were:

7 matches: Chris Larlham; 5 matches: Catherine Curtis, Paul Fegarty, Rod Oakford; 4 matches: Sue Oakford; 3 matches: Myra & Peter Burrows, David Kendrick, Victor Milman, Nadia Stelmashenko; 2 matches: Piotr Frankiewski, Chris Jagger, Greg Konopko, Tomasz Lasota, Ross Midgley; 1 match: Peter Bhagat, Catherine Jagger, Jonathan Mestel, Mike Seaver, Chris Waites.

## ECL Dates

9th May v Herts (A)  
18th July v Essex (A) (1pm)  
19th September v Northants (H)  
12th December v Norfolk (H)  
23rd January 2011 v Beds (A).  
20th February 2011 v Suffolk (H)

The County League Finals are  
on Sunday 11th July at West  
Midlands Bridge Club, Solihull.

**Cambs & Hunts League**

Current standings for the 2009/10 season in each Division are listed – only Division 2 is complete, though Division 4 is also decided.

#	Division 1	P	W	L	D	VPs	Ave
1	Cambridge 2	3	2	1	0	46	15.3
2	Peterborough 2	4	1	3	0	35	8.8
3	Ely 1	3	3	0	0	34	11.3
3	Huntingdon 1	4	2	2	0	34	8.5
5	Cambridge 4	4	1	3	0	29	7.3
6	University 1	2	1	1	0	22	11.0

#	Division 2	P	W	L	D	VPs	Ave
1	Crafts Hill	5	4	1	0	66	13.2
2	North Cambridge 1	5	3	2	0	65	13.0
3	Thursday 1	5	2	3	0	54	10.8
4	Huntingdon 2	5	3	2	0	52	10.4
5	Peterborough 1	5	3	2	0	45	9.0
6	Peterborough 3	5	0	5	0	18	3.6

Congratulations to Crafts Hill, captained by Peter Somerfield, on winning Division 2.

#	Division 3	P	W	L	D	VPs	Ave
1	Saffron Walden 1	3	2	1	0	39	13.0
2	Peterborough 4	2	1	1	0	22	11.0
3	Huntingdon 3	3	0	3	0	19	6.3
4	Peterborough 5	2	1	1	0	17	8.5
5	Ely 2	1	1	0	0	12	12.0
6	University 2	1	1	0	0	11	11.0

#	Division 4	P	W	L	D	VPs	Ave
1	University 3	5	4	1	0	75	15.0
2	Balsham	5	3	2	0	48	9.6
3	Cambridge 3	4	2	2	0	46	11.5
4	North Cambridge 2	4	3	1	0	45	11.3
5	ARM	5	1	4	0	33	6.6
5	Saffron Walden 2	5	1	4	0	33	6.6

Congratulations to University 3, captained by Ben Reilly, on winning Division 4.

**County Knockout**

In the Quarter-finals

LARLHAM beat JACOBSBERG  
 JAGGER beat KING  
 CURTIS beat OAKFORD  
 SEAVER beat TILLEY

In the Semi-finals

JAGGER beat LARLHAM  
 CURTIS beat SEAVER

**County Plate**

In Round 1

ANDERSON beat LAWRENCE  
 ANG beat COPPING  
 STEVENSON beat FARIA

In the Quarter-finals

POLLARD beat ANDERSON  
 RILEY beat ANG  
 STEVENSON beat KUEH  
 RICHER beat JONES

In the Semi-finals

POLLARD beat RILEY  
 RICHER beat STEVENSON

**County Individual**

- 1 Norman Hutchinson
- 2 Mike Clydesdale
- 3 Ted Shaw
- 4 Damian Reid
- 5 Kaija Hampson
- 6 Stephen Goodwin
- 7 Pauline Baily
- 8 Sheila Ferguson
- 9 Brian Copping
- 10 Peter Burrows

**County Pairs**

- 1 Marion & Trevor King
- 2 Paul Fegarty & Catherine Curtis
- 3 Victor Milman & Rod Oakford
- 4 Matt May & Neil Pimblett
- 5 Iain Watson & Alex Green
- 6 Stephen Goodwin & Bill Stevenson
- 7 Peter Morgan & Frank Padgett
- 8 Jenny Jacobsberg & David Harrison
- 9 Ted Shaw & David Pett
- = Trevor Martin & Tristan Williams

**County Swiss Pairs**

- 1 Mike Seaver & Peter Bhagat
- 2 Nadia Stelmashenko & V. Milman  
= Mark Tilley & Ufuk Cotuk
- 4 Tom Crawley & Fred Langford
- 5 Gladys Gittins & Paul Bond
- 6 Richard Brewer & Mike Kennedy
- 7 Rod & Sue Oakford
- 8 Lorraine Waters & Alan Edwards
- 9 Jenny Jacobsberg & Eric Campbell
- 10 Gulzar Waljee & Carol Graves

Pictured left: Overall winners Peter Bhagat and Mike Seaver.

Pictured right: Ladies winners Gulzar Waljee and Carol Graves.

**Novice Pairs Tournament**

- 1 Catherine Poulson & Juliet Gadney
- 2 Pat Pett & Charles Blackwell
- 3 Anne Vidler & Sherry O'Donovan
- 4 Jean Murray & John Saunders
- 5 Mary Vickers & Sandra Nowotty
- 6 Andrew Roberts & Margaret Hamer

- 7 Jenifer Gooch & Pam Down
- 8 Samuel Hunt & Damian Bell
- 9 Gulzar Waljee & Carol Graves
- 10 Chris Mann & Caroline Blair

**Garden Cities Qualifier**

- 1 Peterborough A 42
- 2 Cambridge 34
- 3 Thursday 26
- 4 Peterborough B 18

Congratulations to Peterborough A (Mark Tilley, Kieran Tilley, Karl Farquhar, Ufuk Cotuk, Marion King, Trevor King, Trevor Thrower, Chris Heames) on winning the Garden Cities qualifier, ending a six-year run by the Cambridge Club.

**Charity Bridge Drive**

The bridge drive in January in Fulbourn raised £780 for Hopes and Homes for Children. The next one will be on **22 January 2011**.

**Around the Clubs****Blinco**

The Club Individual for the Barker Trophy was won by Verity Joubert.

Margaret & Alan Macfarlane won the Frank Weatherhead Cup.

**Cambridge**

The Club Individual Championship for the Cradock Trophy was won by Victor Milman.

David Carmichael & Dominic Clark won the Club Pairs Championship.

The Club Teams Championship was won by Sue Oakford, Rod Oakford, Mike Seaver, Peter Bhagat.

The March 2010 Equinox Handicap Pairs was won by Christine Phillips & Glenda Petty.

Catherine Curtis & Paul Fegarty won the Club Butler Pairs Championship for the Jacobs Shield and the Club Mixed Pairs Championship.

The Mad Hatter's Speed Ball Pairs was won by Roger Salmon & Paul Bond.

The Teams League for the Collis Plate was won by Julian Wightwick, John Liebeschuetz, Mike Seaver, Peter Bhagat, Rod Oakford & Sue Oakford.

The club raised £254.41 for the UNICEF Haiti disaster fund.

### **Cottenham**

The March Handicap Pairs for the Alan Ashment Handicap Cup was won by Derek Oxbrow & Peter Morgan.

Peter Morgan & Mike Seaver again won the ladder for the Championship Pairs.

Ann Aplin won the David Haddock Trophy for bidding and making the most slams in the year.

### **Huntingdon**

Peter Somerfield won the ladder for the President's Rose Bowl, while runner-up Charles King received the Joe Ward Salver.

The Stuart Morton Random Teams Trophy was won by Peter Somerfield, Derek Oxbrow, Pauline Baily & Mike Neverton.

The Club Teams Championship was won by Linda Ledwidge, Jane Paine, Zena Maresca & Len Scofield.

The Club Pairs Trophy was won by Steven Goodwin & Jonathan Taylor, with runners-up Charles King & Bill Stevenson receiving the Gardiner Plate.

The Club Pairs Consolation Final for the Porter Trophy was won by John Lambden & Michael Krause.

The Alan Nott Trophy was won by Ian Hill, while runner-up Linda Ledwidge received the McCann Plate.

Derek Oxbrow won the Slam Trophy.

### **North Cambridge**

The monthly Prize Pairs have been won by TED Shaw & David Pett (February); Susan Mealing & Peter Last (March); Kathrin Peters & Elizabeth Poynder (April).

The Handicap Teams of Four was won by Susan Mealing, Peter Last, Andrew Wilkinson & Margaret Mitchley.

The two Handicap Pairs events were won by Jayne Curry & Chris Murray, and Mary Raven & Sonia Holmes.

### **Peterborough**

The Peterborough Pairs was won by Karl Farquhar & Mark Tilley.

The Committee Cup was won by John Crane & Bob Vajda.

The Pivot Teams was won by Trevor Thrower, Mary Knights, Karl Farquhar, Mark Tilley.

The Gentle Pairs was won by Martin Cooper & Bridget Spencer.

The Handicap Trophy was won by John Moody, who also won the Improver's Cup.

The Club Teams Championship was won by Trevor Thrower, Brian Hope, Karl Farquhar & Rob Miller.

The Club Championship was won by Mark Tilley & Trevor Thrower.

### **Thursday**

Tanawan Watts won the President's Shield, and then partnered Alan Edwards to win the St Johns Championship. Bernard Buckley & Brian Robinson won the Mackenzie Plate.

Gladys Gittins & David Carmichael won the Swan Shields.