

Cambs & Hunts Bridge

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Cambs & Hunts news

The England Camrose team, including Chris Jagger, won the Home International Series. Paul Fegarty and Catherine Curtis won the Premier Grand Masters Pairs. David Kendrick won the National Swiss Teams. Rod & Sue Oakford finished 2nd in the Portland Pairs. Marion & Trevor King won the EBU Stratified Pairs Monday event.

The County Pairs was won by Jim Deacon & Robert Miller. The County Individual was won by Malcolm Anderson. The Novice Pairs was won by Susan Smyth & David Mayer. The Swiss Pairs was won by Mike Seaver & Simon Barb. The County Teams was won by Catherine & Chris Jagger, Jonathan Mestel & Julian Wightwick. The County Plate was won by Tom Rainforth, David Collier, David Faria, Kyle Lam, Tommy Brass & Pete Ford. Ely 1 (captained by Peter Burrows) won the League.

With sadness we report the death of Bernard Buckley, a long-term member of the Thursday Club and former County Secretary.

In this issue...

Chris Jagger regales us with tales from his Camrose match and another strange situation he found himself in. Aunt Agony answers the query from Sheila Parker, writing from Yorkshire, and we follow-up on last issue's play problem. There's also the usual round-up of results from national and county competitions and news from around the clubs.

Don't miss next season's **County Calendar** on the back page, and note that the County Knock Out is now FREE!

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www.cambsbridge.org.uk

- information on bridge clubs
- this and previous newsletters
- details of competitions and results

Please send items for the website to **David Allen** on david@djallen.org.uk

The next newsletter will be published in October.

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

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Camrose Speedball by Chris Jagger

This year's Camrose was held over two weekends, with the Forrester team representing England at the first weekend, and notching up a substantial lead, and the Hinden team (Hinden, Osborne, Allerton, Townsend, Pagan and myself), turning up in East Kilbride just outside Glasgow for the second weekend.

A bucket load of imps vanished in the first set, at which point the captain reminded us of our primary aim: to get a higher score than England had scored on the first weekend. Secondary aims were to win each of the five head-to-head matches against the other home nations, and of course to win overall. This last aim would almost certainly be ensured if we achieved the primary aim – but it seemed to be far more important to our captain that we beat our own teammate from the first weekend – that man Forrester!

Mr Pagan and I were sent in to bat in the second half of the Northern Ireland match, and I can assure you it was more like a Twenty-Twenty match than a test match. Play naturally goes more slowly with screens (a large screen being placed across the table to prevent you from seeing partner – a device that not only stops you unwittingly picking up nuances from partner's face, but also gives the pleasure of being able to criticise him mercilessly without him being aware of it), and with only two hours and five minutes, there is not really that much time. My partner is not renowned for his speed of play, so I was faced with the task of playing at 90 mph in order to avoid some severe time penalties.

A key board was against Wales: You hold ♠93 ♥Q10 ♦KJ10 ♣KJ10765, and the bidding starts 3♣-X-P-3NT, P-P-4♦ to you. Opponents are vulnerable and

you are not. My partner doubled – an action which got a lot of sympathy, but not a lot of success as it could not be beaten:

NS Vul	♠ AQJ852	
Dealer S	♥ K9642	
	♦ 75	
	♣ —	
♠ K10764		♠ 93
♥ A875		♥ Q10
♦ 2		♦ KJ10
♣ A93		♣ KJ10765
		♠ —
		♥ J3
		♦ AQ98643
		♣ Q842

I led a trump, declarer won and made the key play of a low heart. There was nothing I could do. If I ducked it, declarer would win, pitch a heart on the ♠A, and run the ♠Q to my King, by now having ten tricks. If I rose, he now had the ♠A as well as the ♥K9, coming to ten tricks also.

I think the long-term winner is to pass 4D. Opponents generally have a reason for competing at unfavourable, and the worst that is likely to happen is that opponents will score -200 and you lose 5 imps against your game.

More success came on this hand:

NS Vul	♠ Q743	
Dealer N	♥ 3	
	♦ A973	
	♣ J864	
♠ J8		♠ K965
♥ QJ92		♥ K10654
♦ 2		♦ QJ
♣ K109752		♣ AQ
		♠ A102
		♥ A87
		♦ K108654
		♣ 3

N (Ian)	E	S (Chris)	W
P	1♥	2♦	4♥
5♦	All Pass		

North has a marginal 5♦ bid, which could be very wrong if partner has a singleton heart. However it is clear to bid, not least as even when it is wrong opponents may well not be in a position to double.

A heart was led, which I won and then I ruffed a heart. It looks like a matter of leading up to the ♠Q and then back to the ♠10 and hoping that there is only one spade loser.

However, you can make life slightly hard for opponents: I tried a club off the dummy. West rose with the ♣A, and found his partner had an even number of clubs. He was worried I might have ♣K10x, in which case he would need to cash the spades before they went away on the fourth club.

On this layout, a spade switch was catastrophic – it went ♠10-J-Q. (I kept the two concealed in case the spades happened to be 5-1 when it might help to hide the position.)

Love All	♠ K973	
Dealer E	♥ J106	
	♦ 862	
	♣ 963	
♠ J106		♠ 54
♥ AQ32		♥ K94
♦ 1074		♦ KQJ5
♣ A102		♣ K754
		♠ AQ82
		♥ 875
		♦ A93
		♣ QJ8

This hand saw some good play by team-mates and poor play by our opponents. Osborne played in 2NT by East, receiving the ♣Q lead. In actual fact with both hearts and clubs splitting he could have won in hand, taken the club finesse and made the first eight tricks.

However, that was unlikely, so it seemed time for a bit of deception. He won the first trick with the ♣A in dummy, before playing a diamond to the King and Ace. South thought his partner had the ♣K, as otherwise why would declarer win in dummy, giving up on the club position? So he played the ♣J, and now declarer wrapped up 11 tricks.

In our room, West alighted in 3♥, after South had made a takeout double of 1♦. The defence started with two rounds of spades, followed by the ♣9 switch. Declarer won with the King and tried the ♦K, ducked, followed by two more diamonds, taken with the Ace. A third spade was played, ruffed in dummy. Declarer cashed the ♣A, followed by Ace and King of trumps, ending in dummy. He now played the fourth diamond, ruffed by South. Declarer pitched his losing club, as did North. South now played his club, and North got a trump promotion, beating the contract by a trick. This line would have worked if South had had 4 hearts, as suggested by the takeout double.

Of course, with the play as it was, it seemed that South had four spades and three diamonds, and now it is much more likely that South has three hearts only. Declarer should have won the first club in hand, and now he can combine his chances, making the contract whether North has three of four hearts, as he can draw trumps and use the late entry in clubs to cash the last diamond.

By the time the dust had settled, we managed to secure the five wins, and crucially rack up 101 VPs, just beating the England total from the first weekend of 99 VPs. A magnificent banquet with finest Scottish hospitality ensued to round off a very satisfactory weekend.

Play problem follow-up

Here's the answer to the play problem posed in the last issue:

You are in 6NT, playing teams. Opponents have been silent throughout. LHO leads ♥Q. Plan the play.

♥Q led	<table style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S
N				
W E				
S				
	♠ AQJx ♥ Ax ♦ xx ♣ Kxxxx			
	♠ Kxx ♥ Kx ♦ AKQ10x ♣ Axx			

This is one of those 'easy' hands where most of the time you will make the contract without much thought, and you don't want to spend a lot of time planning the play only to find everything is sitting right for you.

My initial thought was to win in dummy and cash the ♦A. Then cross to dummy with a spade and lead another diamond up. If East follows, then whether or not the finesse wins, you have 12 tricks.

If East shows out, rise with the ♦K and play three rounds of clubs, hoping that that will provide the extra trick when that suit breaks 3-2.

This seems like a good way of combining chances, and indeed was what the original problem setter was looking for, but can you do any better?

This line always makes when East has at least two diamonds, and also makes if the clubs are 3-2.

If you find that West has five diamonds you can still make the contract with East holding four or more clubs, as long as West does not also hold five spades.

For example, if West holds a 3451 shape when you cash four rounds of spades throwing a club, West will no doubt pitch a heart (as a diamond would be fatal). You then cash the ♣AK. West is caught – he will probably through another heart, coming down to one heart and five diamonds, in which case you cash the ♥K and exit in a small diamond. West will then have to lead into your ♦Q10. If he pitches a diamond and keeps two hearts, then you simply establish the fifth diamond before cashing the ♥K, and still make the contract.

Is this the best line? The problem is reading the position. In practice many experts would take this line as they would back themselves to read the lie of the cards, but you could end up going off when West has three clubs.

Thank you very much for the entries received – there were no complete solutions this time!

Aunt Agony

Dear Auntie,

Since moving to Yorkshire, I have really missed your wise and generous advice. Although I am so far away, could you please help me understand

the bridge here? They seem to have some strange methods up north.

Take, for example, this hand from a club duplicate last night. First in hand, vulnerable against not, I picked up:
 ♠K ♥K109863 ♦— ♣AK10863

An Unusual Scenario

by Chris Jagger

You have ♠Qxx ♥Q10x ♦AKxxx ♣Qx and the auction starts 4♦-4NT. What do you bid?

There are plenty of tactical considerations here – after getting over your initial scepticism about partner’s 4♦ opening, do you pre-empt to the limit with 7♦, do a simple raise to 5♦, or simply raise to 6♦. If you do bid 6♦ and they bid six of a major, are you going to take the push and go on?

There is one other consideration here – did you ask what 4NT meant?

If so, you have got a better result – 4NT -5 after you cash eight rounds of diamonds. The full hand is:

EW Vul	♠ Kxx	
Dealer N	♥ xx	
	♦ QJ109xxxx	
	♣ —	
♠ 109xxx		♠ AJ
♥ Kxx		♥ AJxxx
♦ —		♦ —
♣ J10xxx		♣ AKQxxx
	♠ Qxx	
	♥ Q10x	
	♦ AKxxx	
	♣ Qx	

So what does this sequence mean? Actually not that many people have discussed it. My tip is to play it as natural – even more important is to play 4♦-P-4NT as natural, since it is quite likely this may be the only making game contract.

CUPBOARDS FOR SALE

Cambridge Bridge Club is moving and has two dark wood IKEA Markor TV cabinets for sale – see photos below. Both are the same size: H=53” W=44” D=25”.

One has a reinforced floor with space for 12/13 metal-legged card tables. The other is the same with a shelf in the table space and floor not reinforced. Both have two useful drawers below.

O.I.R.O. £40.00 each or £70.00 for both. Buyer to arrange collection.

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ECL Dates

17 June 2012 v Northants (H)

15 July 2012 v Norfolk (A)

23 September 2012 v Beds (A)

14 October 2012 v University (H)

2 December 2012 v Suffolk (H)

13 January 2013 v Herts (A)

24 February 2013 v Essex (A)

Results round-up

National competitions

Paul Fegarty & Catherine Curtis won the Premier Grand Masters Pairs.



David Kendrick won the National Swiss Teams, playing with John Holland, Nicola Smith and Jeremy Dhondy.



Rod & Sue Oakford finished 2nd in the Portland Pairs.

In the Masters Pairs, Jonathan Cairns & Audrey Kueh finished 6th, just ahead of John Haslegrave & Paul Russell.

In the National Pairs Regional Final at Peterborough, Julian Wightwick & John Liebeshuetz came 2nd. Sue Oakford & Eric Campbell also qualified. At the National Final Julian & John finished 11th.

Cath & Chris Jagger, Jonathan Mestel, Julian Wightwick & Ian Pagan finished 5th in Crockfords. Robert Miller, Daniel Baines, Jim Deacon, Mark

Tilley, Chris Wormleighton & Mike Trask finished 6th in Crockfords Plate.

Three Cambs & Hunts teams are through to the last 16 in the NICKO. Cambridge B (Victor Milman, Simon Barb, David Kendrick, Chris Larlham, Nadia Stelmashenko) now face Saffron Walden A (Ross Midgley, Bill Briscombe, Adam Eckersley-Waites, Peter Oxley, Chris Waites), while Cambridge A (Cath & Chris Jagger, Julian Wightwick, Jonathan Mestel, Jon Cooke) face New Amersham A. Meanwhile Peterborough B (Trevor & Marion King, Christina Brewster, Chris Heames) are through to the last 8 in the NICKO Plate.

Cambs & Hunts finished 3rd in the Tollemache Final. The team was David Kendrick, Jonathan Mestel, Jon Cooke, Chris Jagger, Paul Fegarty, Catherine Curtis, Julian Wightwick & Giles Woodruff.

The Monday event of the EBU 75th Anniversary Simultaneous Pairs was won by ex-Cambridge Club pair Sally & Philip Wraight, playing in Kendal. In the Tuesday event Jon Cooke & Catherine Curtis, playing at Cambridge, finished in 8th place. In the Wednesday event Ross Midgley & Chris Waites, playing at Saffron Walden, finished in 9th place. In the Thursday event Fred Allen & Roger Salmon, playing at the Thursday Club, finished in 22nd place.

In the EBU BfA Student Pairs Michael Du & Chris Baish finished in 8th place, and fellow Perse School players Andrew Green & Niall Davies finished in 18th place.

In the Wednesday event of the BGB Winter Pairs Bill Briscombe & Peter Oxley from Saffron Walden finished in 20th place.

In the EBU Stratified Pairs events, the Monday event was won overall by Marion & Trevor King at Peterborough. Also at that heat, in the 'C' level Karen Blacklock & John George finished 14th, and in the 'D' level Anne Wilkinson & Jan Wilson finished 8th and Sonia Winterton & Julius Dooman finished 19th. On Tuesday, Marco Golla & David Collier finished 4th overall, while Richard Earnshaw & Charlie Baylis earned themselves 3rd place at 'D' level (which equated to 11th place in the 'C' level and 16th place in the 'B' level).

Eastern Counties League

In the final matches of the 2011/12 season, the county scored 7-13, 14-6 and 6-14 against Herts, and 9-11 and 13-7 against the University. The match vs Suffolk was cancelled due to snow.

Final Standings for 2011/12 season:

A division

1. Suffolk with 101 VPs
2. Hertfordshire with 94 VPs
7. Cambs & Hunts with 56 VPs

B division

1. Northants with 108 VPs
2. Essex with 101 VPs
4. Cambs & Hunts with 71 VPs

C division

1. Northants with 95 VPs
2. Hertfordshire with 77 VPs
5. Cambs & Hunts with 59 VPs

Garden Cities Qualifier

1	Cambridge	47
2	Peterborough A	45
3	Peterborough B	27
4	Peterborough C	1

Cambridge (Julian Wightwick, Mike Seaver, Paul Fegarty, Catherine Curtis, Victor Milman, Nadia Stelmashenko, Jon Cooke, Jonathan Mestel) went on to

win the Regional Final in May and go forward to the National Final in June.

Cambs & Hunts League

Division 1

#	Team	P	W	L	D	VPs	Ave
1	Ely 1	5	4	1	0	77	15.4
2	Cambridge 2	5	3	2	0	67	13.4
3	Thursday 1	5	2	3	0	39	7.8
4	North Cambs 1	4	2	2	0	35	8.8
5	Peterborough 1	3	1	2	0	23	7.7
6	University 1	4	1	3	0	19	4.8

Congratulations to Ely 1 (captained by Peter Burrows) on retaining the title in Division 1.

Division 2

#	Team	P	W	L	D	VPs	Ave
1	Huntingdon 1	6	4	2	0	73	12.2
2	Huntingdon 2	6	3	3	0	72	12.0
3	Cambridge 4	5	4	1	0	67	13.4
4	Peterborough 3	5	3	1	1	60	12.0
5	Huntingdon 3	6	2	4	0	49	8.2
6	University 2	6	1	4	1	44	7.3
7	Peterborough 4	6	2	4	0	35	5.8

Division 2 hinges on the result of the final match...

Division 3

#	Team	P	W	L	D	VPs	Ave
1	Cambridge 3	6	4	2	0	77	12.8
2	North Cambs 2	6	3	3	0	70	11.7
3	Peterborough 2	6	2	4	0	51	8.5
4	Thursday 4	5	3	2	0	46	9.2
5	Peterborough 5	5	2	3	0	43	8.6
6	Thursday 2	5	2	3	0	37	7.4
7	Ely 2	3	2	1	0	36	12.0

Cambridge 3 (captained by Cynthia Bull) look fairly safe to win Division 3.

Division 4

#	Team	P	W	L	D	VPs	Ave
1	Saffron Walden 1	4	3	1	0	60	15.0
2	Ely 3	5	3	2	0	58	11.6
3	Cambridge 5	4	2	2	0	47	11.8
4	Balsham	5	3	2	0	44	8.8
5	Saffron Walden 2	5	2	3	0	37	7.4
6	Thursday 3	5	1	4	0	34	6.8

Saffron Walden 1 (captained by Matthew May) have won Division 4 with a match in hand.

County Pairs

Congratulations to Jim Deacon & Robert Miller on winning the Cambs & Hunts Pairs.

- 1 Jim Deacon & Robert Miller
- 2 Peter Last & Susan Mealing
- 3 Nadia Stelmashenko & Victor Milman
- 4 Ben Martin & Graham Dolby
- 5 Bill Briscombe & Peter Oxley
- 6 Jane Woodhouse & Colin Campbell
- 7 Barry Ransley & Ian McWhinney
- 8 Margaret & Roger Chaplin
- 9 Paul Fegarty & Catherine Curtis
- 10 Joanne Caldwell & Kevin Smith

Novice Pairs

Congratulations to Susan Smyth & David Mayer on winning the Novice Pairs.

- 1 Susan Smyth & David Mayer
- 2 David & Nina Aistrup
- 3 Ann & Bob Diamond
- 4 Karen Blacklock & John George
- 5 Terry Otterman & Allison Kaye
- 6 Carl Houghton & Vera Rudkins
- 7 Andrew Hawthorn & Andrew Fenn
- 8= Joan Grabham & Jackie von Glos
- 8= Roy & Helen Mould
- 8= Bill & Sue Sutton

County Individual

After a slight delay (the A14!) the 20 player all-play-all 38 board free-to-play final was soon on schedule, under the direction of Peter Grice. Players from six clubs and an entry field size of 153 attended: Balsham (3/26), Cambridge (2/16), Dry Drayton (4/30), Huntingdon (5/38), Peterborough (2/16), and Thursday (4/27). Scoring was facilitated by the kind loan of the Cambridge Club's BridgePad system.

Honours were well distributed:

- 1 Malcolm Anderson (Huntingdon)
- 2 Jenny Jacobsberg (Cambridge)
- 3 Trissa Orange (Balsham)
- 4 Eric Don (Peterborough)

Event organiser Paul Bond would like to thank the clubs for their support in making it such a well-attended and fun competition.

Photos by Paul Bond (left-to-right in foreground, clockwise from top left):

R Millington, J Jacobsberg (2nd), J Porter, K Hampson; P Grice (Director); M Anderson (1st), S Goodwin, Z Lacy, D Samuel; E Don (4th), M Clydesdale, P Burrows, J Lambden; M Cooper, A Edwards, K Jackson, K Winterbottom; M Neverton, B Copping, T Orange (3rd), I Everett.



County Swiss Pairs

Congratulations to Mike Seaver & Simon Barb on winning the Cambs & Hunts Swiss Pairs.

- 1 Mike Seaver & Simon Barb
- 2= Rona Stewart & Mary Knights
- 2= Malcolm Anderson & Stephen Goodwin
- 4 Fred Langford & Tom Crawley
- 5 Jonathan Cairns & Audrey Kueh
- 6 Bryan Last & Peter Last
- 7= Ross Midgley & Chris Waites
- 7= Joanne Caldwell & Eric Campbell
- 9= Paul Bond & Michael Clydesdale
- 9= Jane Woodhouse & Colin Campbell

County Knockout

Quarter-finals:

JAGGER beat SEAVER
JACOBSBERG beat KING
CURTIS beat JACKSON
MAY beat STELMASHENKO

Semi-finals:

JAGGER beat JACOBSBERG
CURTIS beat MAY

Final:

JAGGER beat CURTIS

Congratulations to Julian Wightwick, Jonathan Mestel, Catherine & Chris Jagger.

County Plate

Quarter-finals:

RAINFORTH beat RUSSELL
POLLARD beat STEVENSON
PATTEN beat RILEY
LARLHAM beat COPPING

Semi-finals:

RAINFORTH beat POLLARD
LARLHAM beat PATTEN

Final:

RAINFORTH beat LARLHAM

Congratulations to Tom Rainforth, David Collier, David Faria, Kyle Lam, Tommy Brass & Pete Ford.

Around the Clubs

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The Frank Weatherhead Cup was won by John Fairclough & Mervyn Rogers.

Cambridge

A new daytime session has been launched on Mondays from 10am to 1pm at Trumpington Village Hall. The 'Monday Club' is for players of mixed ability but the emphasis is on enjoyable rather than fiercely competitive bridge. It is organised by Gladys and Terry. Table money is £2.00 for members and £3.00 for non-members, and includes refreshments. Initially a host system will be in operation so please come along and/or encourage friends and family to come and play.

From 6 June, Wednesday evening sessions will be held in St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road, Chesterton CB4 1DH.

The Butler Pairs Championship for the Jacobs Shield was won by John Liebeschuetz & Julian Wightwick.

The Teams of Four League for the Collis Plate was won by Clive Stops, John Liebeschuetz, Julian Wightwick, Victor Milman & Nadia Stelmashenko.

The Club Pairs Championship was won by Eric Campbell & Eryl Howard.

The Mixed Pairs Championship for the Thomas Kirkby Trophy was won by Rod & Sue Oakford.

The Teams of Four Championship for the Marie Johnson Trophy was won by

Simon Stokes, Trevor McCann, Verity Joubert & Vin Vachher.

The Spring Equinox Handicap Plate was won by Damian Reid & Fred Peirce.

Cottenham

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

The Winter Handicap Pairs was won by Alison Lloyd & Peter Cowley.

The Club Teams Championship was won by Vin Vachher, Simon Wood, Margaret & Alan Macfarlane.

The Tiger Trophy was won by Darren Cotterell & John Pearce.

The Alan Ashment Handicap Cup was won by Darren Cotterell & Derek Oxbrow.

Ely

The Championship Pairs was won by Barry Lowe & Mike Bradley.

The Tiger Trophy was won by Peter Burrows.

The Dorothy White Trophy was won by Anne Read & Graham Miller.

Huntingdon

The Presidents' Rose Bowl was won by Peter Somerfield, who also won the Slam Trophy, while runner-up Derek Oxbrow won the Joe Ward Salver.

The Club Teams of Four Championship was won by Michael Krause, Eddie Humphrey, Gary Kendall & Steven Wool.

North Cambridge

The monthly Prize Pairs have been won by Rosanne Mattick & David Larman (January), Jayne Curry & Chris Murray (February), Angela Newman & Joan Grayer (March),

Andrew Wilkinson & Margaret Mitchley (April) and Angela Newman & Simon Wood (May).

The Handicap Teams of Four was won by Doreen Rapley, Myriam Warburton, Vin Vachher & Trevor McCann.

The Handicap Pairs was won by Rosanne Mattick & David Larman.

Peterborough

The Committee Cup was won by Karl Farquhar & Mark Tilley.

The Peterborough Pairs was won by Ian Clarke & Robin Griffiths.

Trevor Thrower, Brian Hope, Karl Farquhar & Rob Miller won the Teams Championship.

The Handicap Trophy was won by Vivian Neame.

The Pivot Teams was won by Mary & Terry Knights, Graham & Berry Hedley.

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

The Gentle Pairs was won by Robin & Marian Freeman.

Thursday

The President's Shield was won by Susan Hilken.

The St John Championship was won by Fred Allen & Roger Salmon, while Bernard & Carol Elberg won the Mackenzie Plate.

Joanne Caldwell & Tapan Pal won the Unusual Partner Pairs and the Swan Shield.

Fancy a trip to the seaside?

The EBU's Summer Congress at Brighton in August now has added shorter events each weekend – check out their website for more details.

County Calendar 2012-2013

Except for the Novice Pairs and Teams tournaments all competitors must be members of the EBU (either directly or as a member of a club). Full details of events and entry forms are available from clubs, the event organiser, or on www.cambsbridge.org.uk. All events start at 1pm except where otherwise stated.

- Monday 15th
October 2012 **Closing date for entries to the County Teams Knockout. NOW FREE!** The major green-pointed teams-of-four championship with matches played privately. The winners represent the County in the Pachabo. There is also a Plate event for first round losers, so no excuse for not entering this one! (Organised by Chris Jagger. chjagger@deloitte.co.uk, 14 St Barnabas Court, CB1 2BZ. Tel 01223 321910)
- Saturday 27th
October 2012
Peterborough **Cambs and Hunts Open Swiss Teams**
The County's prestige teams-of-four competition.
(Organised by Trevor King: Trevor@alpinebridge.co.uk Tel: 01733 572457)
- Saturday 16th
February 2013
Peterborough **Garden Cities Qualifier**
One Day club teams of eight (clubs may enter more than one team). The winning club represents the County in the Regional Final. (Organiser: Trevor King: Trevor@alpinebridge.co.uk Tel: 01733 572457)
- Sunday 24th
February 2013
Trumpington **County Individual Final**
This is what bridge is all about! All partner all and only a simple system is permitted. Qualifying heats to be held in clubs by 16 December. Pester your club to hold a heat. Entry £1.50 per person. Clubs: to register your heats please email Paul Bond: CountyIndividual@systems.co.uk
- Saturday 16th
March 2013
Trumpington **County Pairs Final**
The green-pointed final of the County's premier pairs event. The leading three pairs represent the county in the Corwen. Qualifying heats held in clubs by 31 January. Entry fee £2.50 per person. (Organiser: Peter Grice pg10003@cam.ac.uk)
- Saturday 23rd
March 2013
Trumpington
10am **Novice Pairs Tournament**
For inexperienced players and players new to tournament bridge.
(Organised by Gladys Gittins email: gladys.g40@ntlworld.com, and David Carmichael)
- Sunday 28th
April 2013 **County Swiss Pairs**
A popular pairs competition in Swiss format with six 8 board matches.
(Organised by TBC)