

Cambs & Hunts Bridge

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Cambs & Hunts news

In county events:

- The County Teams Knockout was won by Mike Seaver, Simon Barb, Clive Stops & John Liebeschuetz.
- The County Pairs and County Swiss Pairs were won by Jon Cooke & Paul Barden.
- The County Individual was won by Lorraine Waters.
- The Novice Pairs was won by Hilary Duncan & Christine Lawton.
- The Garden Cities qualifier was won by the Cambridge Club.
- In the Cambs & Hunts League, Division 1 was won by Ely 1, Division 3 was won by Saffron Walden 1, and Division 4 was won by Ely 3.

In national events, Cambridge University won the Portland Bowl, and Jon Cooke reached the semi-finals of the Spring Foursomes.

Congratulations to Simon Barb on his appointment as Education Development Manager for the EBU's new associated charity, English Bridge Education and Development (EBED) – more on this inside this issue.

We are sad to announce the death of John Evans, a long-time member of the Cambridge Club, and send our best wishes to his family.

In this issue...

... are tales of woe and missed opportunities: Jonathan Mestel rues the loss of vital VPs in the Garden Cities regional final; Chris Jagger and Paul Barden discuss a slam that went off at both tables in the County Knockout Final; and John Liebeschuetz relives the highs and lows of the NICKO Plate Final. On the positive side, you can read about Simon Barb's new EBED role and there's the usual round-up of results from national competitions, and news from the clubs.

County website redesign

The website is being redesigned – and we'd welcome your views.

- *What three features did you value from the old website?*
- *What one new thing would you like to see?*

Please send your thoughts to website-interest-group@cambsbridge.org.uk

Meanwhile the old website is still online at www.cambsbridge.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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County Teams Knockout (nearly) by Paul Barden

Congratulations to Mike Seaver's team (Simon Barb, John Liebeschuetz, Clive Stops) who won the County Knockout Competition beating Chris Jagger's team to foil their chances of a hat-trick in the Pachabo. Paul Barden reports of a missed opportunity in the slam zone, when the following hand was played in 6NT one off at both tables.

	♠ Ax ♥ K10 ♦ Q7x ♣ KQ10xxx				
♠ Qxxx ♥ Qx ♦ A98x ♣ xxx	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Jxx ♥ xxxxx ♦ J10x ♣ xx
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	♠ K10xx ♥ AJxx ♦ Kxx ♣ AJ				

A spade was led to the jack and king, and then a diamond to the queen. So far so good. Declarer then ran clubs coming down to:

	♠ A ♥ K10 ♦ 7x ♣ x				
♠ Qx ♥ Qx ♦ A9 ♣ —	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ x ♥ xxx ♦ J10 ♣ —
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	♠ 10x ♥ AJx ♦ K ♣ —				

At this point declarer cashed the spade in order to clarify ♠Q has been bared, but this was effectively giving up on the contract (or at least just relying on the heart finesse).

Instead declarer leads dummy's last club and pitches ♦K. West has to throw a diamond, or else give up the hearts or spades (declarer is playing this hand as a guard squeeze – it works with weaker hearts, eg when South has ♥A10x and North ♥Kx, with the ♥QJ split). If West pitches a low diamond, then a diamond from dummy puts him in. He exits with a spade squeezing East in the red suits – he has to keep a diamond so can only keep two hearts. Now declarer can confidently cash ♥AK discovering the queen. In reality, West could pitch ♦A to break this up, but that needn't happen.

Actually, it's simpler and more effective just to win ♠K at trick one and run the clubs at once (getting past ♦A doesn't actually help you, you'd rather correct the count). You come down to:

	♠ A ♥ K10 ♦ Q7x ♣ —				
♠ Qx ♥ Qx ♦ A9 ♣ —	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ — ♥ xxx ♦ J10x ♣ —
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	♠ 10x ♥ AJx ♦ K ♣ —				

Now you play a diamond to the king. If West ducks (he won't) you can cross to ♥K and duck out the ace, so he wins and returns anything. You take dummy's winners and East is squeezed.

In short: first West is squeezed out of his diamond guard by the need to guard ♠Q and ♥Q, then East is subject to a show-up squeeze in the reds.

Education and Development at the EBU

Simon Barb has been appointed Education and Development Manager for the new bridge organisation English Bridge Education & Development (EBED), a registered charity. He has simultaneously taken over responsibility for EBUTA, the teaching members' organisation which remains part of the EBU. He is assisted by Lisa Miller on all Education matters.

As signaled in the its strategic plan, *Bidding for the Future 2013-2018* – which you can find on the EBU website – the EBU has transferred its existing Education activities to EBED, which is governed by a board of Trustees of whom three are currently directors of the EBU.

EBED has two aims: the furtherance of bridge as an activity that enriches the life of all, and secondly a specific aim to foster bridge among those in full-time education.

The Trustees of EBED are now in the process of developing a programme that will meet those objectives. They are also very keen to maintain and nurture the existing activities that we have in place, primarily teacher training, the development of the “Bridge for All” teaching materials and TD training.

As part of this initial work, Simon is working to identify models of excellence and best practice within existing bridge teaching – both for adult and youth education and in particular where we have had success, which could act as a model for what we wish to do elsewhere in the country.

Two EBED activities are taking place shortly which may be of particular interest to Cambs & Hunts members. First, EBED is holding another of the very popular Junior Teach-in Weekends at the end of August. The Teach-in is an opportunity for young people at all levels from absolute beginners to university players to participate in a weekend of instruction and play in the premises of Loughborough University. Adults are welcome too and several students come accompanied by parents/grandparents. The weekend offers unbeatable value and tremendous fun. More details can be found at:

<http://www.ebu.co.uk/youth/Junior-Teach-In>

Secondly, the EBU Autumn SIMS event is being held for the benefit of EBED and in particular for the development of junior teaching. A number of changes have been introduced to the EBU SIMS events this year including prize money of up to £1000 (both for the winning pair and for clubs) as well as generous Blue Points and Master Points awards. More details can be found at:

<http://www.ebu.co.uk/documents/competitions/bulletins-and-newsletters/miscellaneous/Sims/sims-prize-structure.pdf>

More information on EBED will shortly be available on its website:

www.ebedcio.org

A Less Useful Bols Bridge Tip by Jonathan Mestel

Many of you will be familiar with the Bols Bridge Tips, in which top players describe some hand on which they did something clever, ending with a pithy tip on how to improve your play. In the first of a new series of articles (well, “one” is a series of sorts), we describe how mediocre players do something catastrophic while trying to be clever, ending with a trite reminder of some obvious basic principle which is unlikely to be of any help at all. In fact a “Balls-up Bridge Tip” would be more appropriate.

You are partnering the Newsletter editrix in the Garden Cities regional final. At favourable vulnerability you pick up:

♠K104 ♥K8 ♦AJ432 ♣AQ8

and your vulnerable RHO opens 2♥, showing at least 5-5 in hearts and any other suit. You overcall 2NT, showing 15-18, next hand bids 3♥ and partner doubles, which is take-out style, but basically just shows values. Now you should maybe bid 3NT here, but with only one stop you’ll need to run a lot of tricks quickly and you decide to try to pick up a penalty and pass.

One reason why you might bid 3NT is that you don’t know what to lead, but ♦A looks safest so you try that. Good news – it doesn’t blow a trick for once. You see in dummy:

♠2 ♥A65 ♦1096 ♣K76542

Partner encourages and declarer follows with the queen. How do you continue?

There are generally two sensible strategies when defending against two-suited hands. Since establishment of the non-trump suit is usually vital for declarer, you should either lead trumps

to hinder ruffing out the side suit, or force declarer hoping he will lose control before he can bring in the side suit. I invariably seem to choose the wrong method.

Where are the missing high cards? Partner clearly has ♦K, and very probably ♠A for her double. That doesn’t leave declarer many values for his unfavourable 2♥ opener, and he might well have 11 cards in his two suits, which are fairly obviously the majors. He could be 6-5-1-1 or 5-6-1-1 which would leave partner with something like:

♠Axx ♥xxx ♦Kxxx ♣J10x

or ♠Axxx ♥xx ♦Kxxx ♣Jxx

The latter felt more likely to me – partner would be keen to find a 4-4 spade fit. Maybe the hand is:

	♠ 2				
	♥ A65				
	♦ 1096				
	♣ K76542				
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	♠ QJxxx ♥ QJ109xx ♦ Q ♣ x				

Well, with ♦Q dropping, it looks like we can easily make 3NT, but it’s too late to worry about that.

How shall we extract the maximum penalty? Actually, how can we extract any penalty at all? The spades aren’t a worry, but that club suit is not at all pleasant. Say we force him with diamonds, and he leads a club at trick two. We go in with the ace, but he has two entries to table, ♥A and a spade

ruff. With clubs 3-3 and hearts 2-2 he has no trouble ruffing a club, drawing trumps and entering dummy with a spade ruff. In fact we have to defend well to hold him to nine tricks. What on earth possessed me to pass 3♥X?

But hang on – maybe we can extract one of his entries to the clubs early. Eureka! We can lead ♥K. By putting him in dummy at trick 2 we upset his timing for establishing the clubs, and we stop him ruffing two spades on table also. Yes, ♥K is the only lead at trick two against that lie. And if it's a very good day, maybe partner will turn up with ♥Qxx and we can draw three rounds of trumps and really clock up the IMPs.

Now if you've been following the drift of this article, you'll guess that I switched to ♥K at trick two and this was not a success. In an attempt to gain some support I set Paul Barden this problem. After some thought he replied, "Well I'd have bid 3NT. Now I think I'd probably continue diamonds at the table, but I can see the club suit is a worry. Maybe partner has ♥Jx, so that the lie is:

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♠ K104 ♥ K8 ♦ AJ432 ♣ AQ8		♠ QJ98x ♥ Q109xxx ♦ Q ♣ x			

Now we have to knock out a late entry to table. Our only chance is to switch to ♠K and continue spades. Whatever declarer does we make 5 tricks. OK, I'll lead ♠K." And indeed, ♠K is the only switch to set the contract on that lie.

A digression on bridge etiquette is now in order. When a friend shows you a hand on which they clearly had a bad result, it is dangerous to state dismissively "Obviously you do X. What's the problem?" That's fine if they did do X, but should have done Y, then you can sympathise and say "You took the normal action; how unlucky." But if they actually lost their marbles and did Y when the obvious X was right, they are unlikely to be elated. You owe them some thought, and eventually you can say euphemistically "That's very imaginative; I wouldn't have thought of that." Suggesting an alternative plausible line which also fails is supremely well-mannered.

So now that we've heard the reasons for switching to a major king, what was the actual lie? I'm afraid it was:

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♠ K104 ♥ K8 ♦ AJ432 ♣ AQ8		♠ QJxxxx ♥ QJ109x ♦ Q ♣ x			

As he has only five trumps, the natural diamond continuation causes declarer to lose control, whichever black suit he tries to set up. In fact declarer would be two down for +500. Even a low heart switch would have set the contract. If declarer attacks spades, we win and lead ♥K to dummy's ace, and he's in the wrong hand for establishing spades. Instead, if he attacks clubs partner's ♥7 comes into its own. (Give dummy ♥A7x and the only defence is to force with diamonds. On the ♥8 switch, eventually declarer draws

partner's last trump crossing to ♥7 and cashes clubs.)

At other tables, South showed longer spades and the defence was clearer, so it was a good result for their system. Scoring -930 instead of +500 was a major contribution to our failure to qualify for the National Finals.

Unfortunately, the team had several bad hands against Lincoln, who just pipped us.

So what's the eponymous bridge tip?

“Don't lead unsupported kings in declarer's suits.”

NICKO Plate Final

by John Liebeschuetz

The Bhagat team (Peter Bhagat, Mike Seaver, John Liebeschuetz and Clive Stops) came up against a strong team in the 2013 NICKO Plate Final (West of England C: Mike Huggins, Aidan Schofield, Irene Robinson and Jeremy Rickard). The match was played at the West Midlands Bridge Club in Solihull and was full of interest throughout. There were some great hands and surprisingly few stupid mistakes.

We got off to a flying start and were up 16 IMPs after three boards. Clive showed good judgement on hand 1:

Love all	♠ AKQ2											
Dealer N	♥ 42											
	♦ 987											
	♣ QJ102											
♠ 7		<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 854
	N											
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	S											
♥ KQJ103			♥ 75									
♦ QJ654			♦ K1032									
♣ K4			♣ A753									
			♠ J10963									
			♥ A986									
			♦ A									
			♣ 986									

W	N (John)	E	S (Clive)
	1NT	P	2♣
2♥	2♠	P	P
3♦	P	P	3♠
P	P	4♦	4♠
P	P	P	

Clive conservatively didn't invite game over my 2♠ bid. However he saw his hand get better and better as the bidding developed and took the push to 4♠. So long as opponents don't find their club ruff, which not surprisingly they didn't, this is a fine contract. On ♥K lead won with the Ace, it was necessary to draw at least one but no more than two rounds of trumps, keeping tops in the North hand, before establishing the clubs. This is to avoid being embarrassed on repeated heart leads. They weren't in game in the other room so that was 6 IMPs in.

The good start was not maintained and by the end of the first set we were 7 IMPs down. Hand 14 had a major swing away, with WoE's Mike Huggins in inspired form as declarer:

Love all	♠ AJ10432											
Dealer E	♥ J2											
	♦ 4											
	♣ Q1043											
♠ Q75		<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K8
	N											
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	S											
♥ A976			♥ K84									
♦ K76			♦ J102									
♣ J72			♣ AK965									
			♠ 96									
			♥ Q1053									
			♦ AQ9853									
			♣ 8									

W (Aidan)	N	E	S
P	P	P(!)	1♣ ¹
1♠	2♣	P(!)	P
2♦	P	5♦(!!!)	All Pass

¹ 1NT is normal.

The defence started well with ♦10 to ♦Q ducked by South. But when ♠9 was led from table, South unfortunately chose to rise with ♠A to play two more rounds of diamonds. This set up a ruffing finesse position against the ♠K and 11 tricks rolled in. Would you have done the same in South's position? That was another 10 IMPs away when game was not bid in the other room.

So the fourth set saw us 22 IMPs behind in total. Mike and Peter retrieved 12 IMPs on hand 26 when Benjy Acol scored a goal:

Game all	♠ Q84	
Dealer E	♥ AK72	
	♦ 753	
	♣ A72	
♠ 62		♠ KJ9753
♥ Q1085		♥ 96
♦ 42		♦ 9
♣ KQ843		♣ 10965
	♠ A10	
	♥ J43	
	♦ AKQJ1086	
	♣ J	

W	N (Mike)	E	S (Peter)
P		P	2♣ ¹
P	2♦ ²	P	3♦
P	3♥	P	3NT
P	6♦	All Pass	

¹ 19-20 bal or Acol 2

² Relay

Peter was able to get his hand off his chest at his second bid and it was straightforward to bid slam. Mike was declarer and got an 'Expert' ♠9 lead. 12 tricks were easy now. On the lead of any other suit, 6♦ is more of a

challenge. Playing low towards ♠10 early will still bring the contract home but the alternative of leading a heart to the Jack looks reasonable but leads to defeat. Both are immediate 50% shots with additional squeeze chances. Leading towards ♠10 allows you the additional chance of dropping ♥Q in two rounds, but leading to ♥J also works if hearts are 3-3. Take your choice.

The auction in the other room was:

W	N	E	S
		P	1♦
P	1♥	P	3♦
P	3NT	All Pass	

South seems to have underbid twice, first by only rebidding a non-forcing 3♦ (a 3NT rebid is the modern way to deal with this hand type), and then by passing out his partner's 3NT rather than raising it to 4NT. (Ed: A 3NT rebid would be very modern with a singleton club, and the raise to 4NT is not without danger.)

Hand 31 was probably the most interesting of the entire match:

NS Vul	♠ AKJ10832	
Dealer S	♥ 86	
	♦ J2	
	♣ 76	
♠ 975		♠ Q
♥ A94		♥ K53
♦ AK94		♦ Q10753
♣ Q53		♣ A1042
	♠ 64	
	♥ QJ1072	
	♦ 86	
	♣ KJ98	

Both rooms were in diamonds making 10 tricks by East. Unfortunately we'd pushed up to 5♦ whereas oppo were in 3♦ so that was 5 IMPs away. The hand record claimed that 5♦ should make and indeed if the defence start with two rounds of spades the winning line

should be found. However on a heart lead it becomes a much harder problem. The solution is very nice. In fact the hand makes a far from trivial double dummy problem that you might wish to try to solve before reading on. Try to make 5♦ by East on a heart lead.

If the defence start with two rounds of spades you can ruff, draw trumps in two rounds, ruff another spade and lead a club up to the Queen. Whether South goes up with the King or not (in which case you can duck another round of clubs) you can arrange to squeeze South in hearts and clubs for the 11th trick.

The ♥Q lead is trickier as it attacks your entries. You win in hand and, key play, immediately lead up towards ♣Q. Suppose South rises with the King and continues hearts. You win and play a spade as you need to ruff two spades in hand before going for the squeeze. Say North on winning returns a club. You win in dummy, ruff a spade, cross to ♦A, ruff a spade with ♦Q, overtake ♦10 with ♦K and cash ♦9 followed by the last trump, on which you discard a

heart. South is now squeezed in hearts and clubs.

But, I hear you say, what happens if South doesn't rise with ♣K? The ♣Q wins and again you play to the ♠Q, North winning. Now a heart or a club return break up any squeeze on South so you have to look elsewhere to make the contract. Suppose North returns a heart. You win, ruff a spade, cash ♣A, draw trumps in two rounds ending in dummy and then play the last spade, discarding your heart – a loser-on-loser play. North wins and is forced to give a ruff and discard. You ruff the spade in hand, discarding a club from table and cross-ruff the remainder.

You'll note that it is important not to play trumps too early as you need them as entries to dummy. One early round of trumps can be afforded but only so long as it is won in hand.

Not enough went our way in the last set and we lost the match in the end by 29 IMPs. Well done to West of England C who played extremely well throughout and thoroughly deserved to win the trophy.

Hosted evenings at Cambridge Bridge Club

Wednesday evenings at Chesterton are hosted (except for teams evenings). This means that you can come without a partner and be assured of a game.

CBC's Wednesday venue is St Andrews Hall, Chesterton. Play commences at 7.30pm. For directions, or to check the club calendar, visit <http://www.cambridgebridgeclub.org>

We would be pleased to welcome visitors from other clubs (there is

no visitor premium), and hope that CBC members will take advantage of the opportunity for a game when their regular partners are not available.

Ideally we would like all Tuesday evenings to be hosted too, but currently there are not enough volunteer hosts. If you would be willing to act as host one or two evenings a year, please contact Jenny Jacobsberg on 01223 215261 or email jenny.jacobsberg@ntlworld.com

Results round-up

National competitions

Cambridge University has won the Portland Bowl, beating Manchester in the semi-final and then the defending champions Imperial College in the final. The team was Tommy Brass (Captain), Alexandra Birchall, Adam Bowden, Stefan David, Kyle Lam, and Toby Nonnenmacher.

Jon Cooke reached the semi-finals of the Spring Foursomes. Catherine Curtis, Paul Fegarty & David Kendrick were 3rd in the Hamilton Cup.

In the second weekend of the Camrose, the EBU team went in to the last match just one VP behind the leaders England, but dropped to third in the final rankings. Five Cambs & Hunts players were in the 10-person team: David Kendrick, Jonathan Mestel, Paul Fegarty & Catherine Curtis (first weekend); and Chris Jagger (both weekends).

At the Year End Congress, Nadia Stelmashenko & Victor Milman were joint 7th in the Swiss Pairs, while Paul Russell & John Haslegrave were 11th in the Open Pairs.

In the regional finals of the National Pairs, Victor Milman & Nadia Stelmashenko finished 5th, Ufuk Cotuk & Mark Tilley finished 12th and Mary Knights finished 16th. In the national final, Mary Knights finished 4th in the B Division.

Chris Jagger finished 2nd in the National Point-a-Board Teams, while Mike Seaver, Simon Barb, Nadia Stelmashenko and Victor Milman were 9th in the National Swiss Teams.

Paul Fegarty & Catherine Curtis finished 16th nationwide in the Portland Pairs.

In the Ranked Pairs, Cath Jagger was 4th in the Premier Grand Masters, one place ahead of Catherine Curtis & Paul Fegarty; David Kendrick was 4th in the Grand Masters; Mike Seaver & Simon Barb were 10th in the Premier Life Masters; and Ian McDonald & Joanne Caldwell were 9th in the Life Masters.

The University's President's Teams was won for the third time in a row by Jonathan Mestel, Paul Barden, Graham Hazel & Jon Green.

Cambridge A, Cambridge B and Peterborough A have reached Round 5 (last 32) of the NICKO, while North Cambridge C have reached Round 4 (last 32) of the NICKO Plate.

Paul Fegarty, Catherine Curtis, David Kendrick & Victor Milman have reached Round 5 of Crockfords.

At the Norfolk Congress, Peter Bhagat & Mike Seaver finished 6th in the Norfolk Cup (Pairs).

In the Monday event of Club Stratified Pairs, Trevor & Marion King (Peterborough) finished 9th. In the Tuesday event, Jon Cooke & Paul Barden finished 3rd, Fred Allen & Ann Aplin finished 9th, and Alan Sparkes & Eric Campbell finished 15th (all playing at Cambridge).

In the Wednesday event of the EBU Spring Pairs, Keith Nash & Stephen O'Kell (Peterborough) were 16th and Victor Milman & Nadia Stelmashenko (Cambridge) were 20th.

East Anglia BridgeWeekend

The highest-placed Cambs & Hunts players in the Swiss Pairs were Mike Seaver & Simon Barb who finished 4th, while Tanawan Watts & Alison Lloyd finished 7th. In the Swiss Teams, the highest-placed Cambs & Hunts players were Paul Fegarty & Catherine Curtis who were in the team that finished 2nd, while Niel Pimblett, Matthew May, Ross Midgley & Chris Waites finished 8th.

Swiss Pairs:

- 1= Roger Amey & Gerard Faulkner
- 1= Giles Ip & Simon Budd
- 3 David Willson & Simon Riley
- 4 Mike Seaver & Simon Barb
- 5 Nawal Fenwick & John Harrison
- 6 Neil Bresler & David Cooper
- 7 Tanawan Watts & Alison Lloyd
- 8 Paul Lefort & Wendy Lefort
- 9= Karen Scott & Phil Dolni
- 9= Bob Kemp & Peter Brown

Swiss Teams:

- 1 Giles Ip, Simon Budd, Steve Dannell & Paul Darby
- 2 Christine Jepson, Catherine Curtis, Paul Fegarty & Peter Clinch
- 3 Michael O'Reilly, Doc Lacey, Norman Less & Helen Mason
- 4 Pat Johnson, Peter Scotting, Chris Taylor & Sue Taylor
- 5 Bogdan Drobny, Maureen Kimbley, Roger Amey & Gerard Faulkner
- 6 Neil Tracey, Laura Tracey, Peter Ison & Jane Aylett
- 7 Jill & Roger Tattersfield, Neil Bresler & David Cooper
- 8 Niel Pimblett, Matthew May, Ross Midgley & Chris Waites
- 9 Nawal Fenwick, John Harrison, Charles Melvin & Tom Melvin
- 10 Phillip Edwards, Anne Edwards, Paul Lefort & Wendy Lefort

Eastern Counties League

In the last match of the 2013/14 season, the county scored 19-1 and 0-20 against the University.

Final Standings for 2013/14 season:

A division

- 1. Northants with 89 VPs
- 2. Suffolk with 89 VPs
- 7. Cambs & Hunts with 40 VPs

B division

- 1. Northants with 110 VPs
- 2. Norfolk with 89 VPs
- 6. Cambs & Hunts with 69 VPs

C division

- 1. Herts with 87 VPs
- 2. Essex with 62 VPs
- 5. Cambs & Hunts with 52 VPs

ECL Dates

11th May v Norfolk (H)
 15th June v Bedfordshire (A)
 27th July v Suffolk (H)
 7th Sept v Hertfordshire (A)
 16th Nov v Essex (A)
 1st Feb v University (A)
 1st Mar v Northants (H - P'boro')

County Individual

Congratulations to Lorraine Waters on winning the County Individual.

- 1 Lorraine Waters
- 2 Pat Cole
- 3 Michael Clydesdale
- 4 David Collier
- 5 David Man
- 6 Gretta Bredin
- 7 Peter Jackson
- 8 Dulce Threlfall
- 9 David Richer
- 10 Pauline Baily

County Pairs

Congratulations to Jon Cooke & Paul Barden on winning the County Pairs.

- 1 Jon Cooke & Paul Barden
- 2 Joanne Caldwell & Kevin Smith
- 3 Mike Seaver & Simon Barb
- 4 Julian Wightwick & John Liebeschuetz
- 5 John Crane & Bob Vajda
- 6 Chris Larham & Bill Briscombe
- 7 Richard Collis & Ann How
- 8 Mark Tilley & Ufuk Cotuk
- 9 Neil Pimblett & Matthew May
- 10 Stephen Goodwin & Malcolm Anderson

Cambs & Hunts Swiss Pairs

Congratulations to Jon Cooke & Paul Barden on also winning the Swiss Pairs. The Ascenders' Prize was won by Roseanne Mattick & David Larman (moving up 11 places after round 3)

Thanks to Alison Lloyd & Verity Joubert, together with their band of helpers, for all their efforts in arranging this great event.

- 1 Paul Barden & Jon Cooke
- 2 Nigel Oakley & Gavin Kilpatrick
- 3 Paul Russell & Phillip Crout
- 4 Lorraine Waters & Alan Edwards
- 5 Fred Langford & Colin Campbell
- 6 Pat Atkin & Graham Clarke
- 7 Simon Barb & Mike Seaver
- 8 Chris Waites & Ross Midgley
- 9 Rosanne Mattick & David Larman
- 10 Matt May & Jonathan Bradshaw

Garden Cities

The Cambridge Club won the county qualifier, represented by Julian Wightwick, Jon Cooke, Cath Jagger, Jonathan Mestel, Simon Barb, Mike Seaver, Paul Fegarty and Catherine Curtis.

- 1 Cambridge 35
- 2 Peterborough A 25
- 3 Peterborough B 5

The same team played in the eight-team Regional Final but failed to qualify for the national final by 1VP.

- 1 Coventry 92
- 2 Lincoln 90
- 3 Cambridge 89

Novice Pairs

Congratulations to Hilary Duncan & Christine Lawton on winning the Novice Pairs.

- 1 Hilary Duncan & Christine Lawton
- 2 Bettie Sweet & Liz Frampton
- 3 Bob & Ann Diamond
- 4 Penny Wiles & Ron Raine
- 5 Peter Bramworth & Patti Parker
- 6= Lita Jones & Maggie Calder
Bill & Sue Sutton
- 8 Leslie & Jan Goddard
- 9 Patrick Coulson & Roy Smith
- 10 Chris & Roger Mann

County KnockoutROUND 2

JAGGER beat CRAWLEY (88)
JACOBSBERG beat MIDGLEY (19)
CURTIS beat JACKSON (68)
SEAVAR beat KING (91)

SEMI-FINALS

JAGGER beat JACOBSBERG (64)
SEAVAR beat CURTIS (40)

FINAL

SEAVAR beat JAGGER (27)

County PlateROUND 0

RICHER w/o BIRCHALL
MILMAN beat ANDERSON (42)
BRASS beat GORMAN (89)

ROUND 1

COPPING beat RICHER (81)
MAY beat JONES (99)
MILMAN beat RILEY (18)
BRASS beat STEVENSON (65)

Cambs & Hunts League 2013/14

Current standings for the 2013/14 season:

Division 1

	Team	E	C	N	U	H	P	H	Total	Ave
1	Ely 1	+	18	7	14	20	13	14	86	14.33
2	Cambridge 2	2	+	14	14	14	9	12	65	10.83
3	North Cambridge 1	13	6	+	9	5	16	12	61	10.17
4	University 1	6	6	11	+	12	9	11	55	9.17
5	Huntingdon 3	0	6	15	8	+	11	12	52	8.67
6	Peterborough 3	7	11	4	11	9	+	9	51	8.50
7	Huntingdon 2	6	8	8	9	8	11	+	50	8.33

Congratulations to Ely 1 for winning Division 1 by a considerable margin.

Division 2

	Team	P	T	E	N	C	H	P	Total	Ave
1	Peterborough 1	+	11		15		20	18	64	16.00
2	Thursday 1	9	+	14	4	12	15	19	73	12.17
3	Ely 2		6	+	17	10	19	6	58	11.60
4	North Cambridge 2	5	16	3	+		12	15	51	10.20
5	Cambridge 4		8	10		+	7	6	31	7.75
6	Huntingdon 1	0	5	1	8	13	+	17	44	7.33
7	Peterborough 4	2	1	14	5	14	3	+	39	6.50

Three teams are still vying for glory in Division 2.

Division 3

	Team	S	P	T	S	U	C	Total	Ave
1	Saffron Walden 1	+	14	18	15	20	19	86	17.20
2	Peterborough 2	6	+	14	17	15	17	69	13.80
3	Thursday 4	2	6	+	16	15	13	52	10.40
4	Saffron Walden 2	5	3	4	+	7	17	36	7.20
5	University 2	0	5	5	13	+	6	29	5.80
6	Cambridge 3	1	3	7	3	14	+	28	5.60

Saffron Walden 1 overtook Peterborough 2 in their final match to win Division 3.

Division 4

	Team	E	P	F	T	U	B	Total	Ave
1	Ely 3	+	17	19	18	15		69	17.25
2	Peterborough 5	3	+		13	18		34	11.33
3	Fulbourn	1		+	15			16	8.00
4	Trumpington	2	7	5	+	18		32	8.00
5	University 3	5	2		2	+		9	3.00
6	Balsham						+	0	0.00

Ely 3 are the runaway winners in Division 4.

Around the Clubs

Blinco

Catherine Poulson & Jean Hargrave won the Frank Weatherhead Cup.

Cambridge

Julian Wightwick & John Liebeschuetz were runaway winners of the Jacobs Shield for the 2013/14 Butler pairs league. Julian and John also won the Marie Johnson Trophy for the club teams of four championship with Mike Seaver & Simon Barb.

The 2013/14 teams league for the Collis Plate was won by Chris Larlham, David Kendrick, Jon Cooke & Paul Barden.

David Carmichael and Graham Dolan won the club pairs championship.

Jenny Jacobsberg won the Roy Cradock Bowl for the 2013/14 individual league.

Bryan & Peter Last won the Zakrzewska Plate for the March Equinox handicap pairs.

Ann Aplin and Fred Allen won the Thomas Kirkby Trophy for the club mixed pairs.

The club raised £150 for the DEC Philippines Typhoon Appeal with three sessions of the WBF Charity Pairs in January.

Hosted evenings are continuing on Wednesdays. Members and non-members are welcome to come without a partner and are assured of a game.

Cottenham

The 2013/14 Championship Pairs Ladder was won by Lorraine Waters & Alan Edwards.

The Alan Ashment Cup for the Spring 2014 handicap pairs was won by Jean Davies & Derek Oxbrow.

The David Haddock Cup for slam bidding was won by John Pearce.

Huntingdon

The Presidents' Rose Bowl was won by Charles King, while runner-up Malcolm Anderson received the Joe Ward Salver.

Gill Davies, Marilyn Howells, Jaqui Racey & Sheila Povall won the Stuart Morton Trophy for the 'random' teams championship.

Malcolm Anderson, Stephen Goodwin, Michael Krause & Eddie Humphrey won the Club Teams Championship.

Gary Kendall won the Alan Nott Trophy for the individual competition, while runner-up Eddie Humphrey received the McCann Plate.

Derek Oxbrow won the 2013-14 Slam Trophy.

Morden Ruffians

The Memorial Bridge Evening was held on 2 April to commemorate Joe Holroyd and Robin Reid, founder members of the Club who died last year. They both spent their last days in the care of the Garden House Hospice in Letchworth, and the Club's event raised over £1000 for the Hospice.

North Cambridge

The Winter Pairs was won by Eric Campbell & Wendy Pollard.

The Handicap Teams of Four was won by Graham Clarke, Pat Atkin, Susan Mealing & Peter Last. The Handicap Pairs was won by Angela & Roy Newman.

The monthly Prize Pairs were won by Tanawan Watts & Roger Salmon (February), David Larman & Roseanne Mattick (March) and Robert Wright & Lyn Mason (April).

Peterborough

The 2013/14 Club Championship was won by Mark Tilley & Trevor Thrower. Mark also won the 2013/14 Committee Cup with Ufuk Cotuk. Mark and Ufuk also won the 2013/14 Teams Championship with Mary & Terry Knights. Mark, Trevor and Ufuk won the 2013/14 Pivot Teams along with Tim Durdin & Karl Farquhar.

The Peterborough Pairs was won by John Crane & Karl Farquhar.

The 2013/14 Handicap Trophy was won by Ken Bellamy.

The 2013/14 Gentle Pairs was won by Bill Evans-Evans & Sam Fairham.

The Improvers Cup was won by Molly Edwards.

A new pairs competition for the Alpine Bridge trophy has just started in May. Open to all, there are nine more heats between now and March 2015 on the first Thursday afternoon of each month. There will be prizes for the winners of each heat as well as a cash prize at the end for the overall winners (best five scores).

Thursday Club

Fred Allen & Roger Salmon won the St. John Championship, while Sally Dempster & Betty Knight won the Mackenzie Plate.

Fred Allen & Ian Hesslewood won the March Unusual Partner Pairs.