

I am glad to report that once again there has been a substantial increase in the number of members. I do feel that it is a matter of some concern, however, that only about a quarter of our members enter for our County competitions. I should like to set each member who is here today a task for the next season, namely to encourage at least one pair who does not play regularly in our County competitions to do so ~~next season~~ in the coming year. If you all succeeded in doing this, we should see a substantial increase in numbers.

I think we should be asking ourselves why so many players do not enter for the competitions. I think that one reason is that these players ~~do~~ are not made to feel welcome when they make their first venture on to the competition circuit. I feel that I cannot do better than quote from the official Laws of Duplicate Bridge page 51 which says: ..... This does not mean that the Laws should be waived in the case of inexperienced players - indeed the Laws state quite clearly that it is improper to waive a penalty for an opponent's infraction, even if one feels one has not been damaged; but this can be done in a pleasant manner.

We are about to embark on a revised system of Master Points. Club Secretaries will all be receiving copies of the new handbook. You will find that some of the names of the various ranks will have been altered and some extra ranks have been introduced. ~~Also~~ I am glad to say that no one will find they have been relegated by these measures. Also the scales at which Master Points are awarded have been amended. If any Master Points secretary experiences any difficulty with these if they like to contact either myself or John Pain, we will do our best to help.

The coming season sees the introduction of a new EBU competition for Clubs called the Garden Cities Trophy. A qualifying round will be held in the County for teams of 8 selected by their Clubs, and I would like to see all the affiliated clubs in the County taking part.

And so we near the end of another bridge season - a season in which we celebrated the 100th birthday of one of our most active members, Julia Chadwick, when she brought Devon on to the map by making her television debut and also by appearing on the cover of the current issue of 'English Bridge'.

Finally, I should like to ~~give~~ thank our Chairman, Mr. Bob Ray, who is retiring from the Chair after 2 years, and all the members of the Committee for their valuable support and hard work during the year.

### WESTERN MORNING NEWS

1. Mr & Mrs J. Woolcott T. McDermott J. J. Griffiths
2. K. Hands P. Hasbuck Mr & Mrs K. J. Slee.

### JULIA CHADWICK TROPHY

1. A. Gurney D. Tubb
2. Mrs A. Humphries T. Tennant

### SWISS TEAMS

1. Mr & Mrs K. J. Slee Mrs L. Nichols R. W. Blackmore
2. J. A. Tennant Mrs A. Humphries Mr & Mrs R. Stevens

### JACK & JILL

1. P. Alp Mrs J. Shenell
2. P. Westlake Mrs H. Hill

### MIXED TEAMS OF 4

1. Mr & Mrs K. J. Slee R. W. Blackmore R. I. Ray
2. Mr & Mrs J. Woolcott J. J. Griffiths T. McDermott

### SOUTH WEST PAIRS

1. Mr & Mrs K. J. Slee
2. T. McDermott J. J. Griffiths

### ALI KHAN CUP

1. Mrs G. S. Alkhan P. Crabtree
2. Mrs A. J. Wolfendale N. Poynter

### GRAPHIC CUP

1. K. Kelmere D. McFarlane Mr & Mrs A. C. Brown
2. Mr R. Stevens F. Stone Mr & Mrs B. G. Ferry

### LADIES TEAMS

1. Mrs K. J. Slee Mrs P. A. C. Bridgewater Mrs A. Drew Mrs J. Harrison
2. Mrs J. Chadwick Miss H. Lancaster Mrs P. Jones Mrs V. Giles

### MENS TEAMS

1. P. Alp M. Benrather P. Crosswell J. Amos
2. K. J. Slee W. Cox J. Woolcott J. J. Griffiths

### ~~GRAPHIC CUP~~ INTERSECTION TEAMS OF 8

1. EAST

### CLUB HANDICAP TEAMS OF 8

- Plymouth Benrather J. Alp J. Shenell Mrs L. Price Mrs C. Hauser Mrs B. McElroy T. McDermott  
Westlake Tubb Skedgell Fells J. Jones Aptker G. Bird J. Tyler  
E. Griffiths M. Wolfendale Giles's G. Smith B. Dawes S. Crowley D. Gannings

PLYMOUTH CONGRESS PAIRS

- 1. K. Woods R. Perkins
- 2. Mr + Mrs K. J. Slee

TEAMS

- 1. Mr + Mrs K. Barker A. Glavin A. Clements
- 2. Mr + Mrs K. J. Slee Mrs J. Thomas A. Waldock

A. V. MORRIS

~~J. Amos H. O'~~ Mrs J. Williams Mrs H. Cain  
 J. Amos H. O'Driscoll

VICTOR LUDORUM

- 1. Mrs K. J. Slee
- 2. K. J. Slee

<u>Present</u>	Mr. R.I. Ray (Chairman) Mrs. K.J. Slee (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) and 15 members.
<u>Apologies</u>	Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. G. Ali Khan, Mrs. M. Bell, Mrs. J. Woolcott, Dr. & Mrs. A. Stratton, Mr. & Mrs. B. Russell, P. Ashcroft, N. Lister, K. Hands, A. Glaskin.
<u>Minutes of the last AGM</u>	Read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising</u>	<u>Scrambled Mitchell movements.</u> The Secretary reported that the Committee had discussed the pros and cons of holding scrambled Mitchell movements in qualifying rounds, and had voted to continue with this movement. The West Section had agreed to use a Scrambled Mitchell in their qualifying rounds in future.
<u>Secretary's report</u>	See attached. Proposed by D. Greenaway and seconded by Mrs. E. Griffith that the report be adopted. Carried.
<u>Treasurer's report</u>	The Treasurer reported that she was quite pleased with the accounts for the past year. Copies of the audited accounts were shown to the members. She said that the computer was earning its keep by monies received from rental. She thanked the Section Treasurers for all their work. Proposed by Mrs. R. Stevens and seconded by Mrs. J. Chadwick that the accounts be adopted.
<u>Presentation of Cups</u>	Mrs. Julia Chadwick was asked to present the Julia Chadwick Trophy to the winners. Mrs. Chadwick said that she would like to thank the people who gave so much of their time to the smooth running of bridge in the county, and she felt that more members could help by stripping boards, emptying ashtrays, etc, at the end of play. The Western Morning News Cup and the Victor Ludorum Cup were presented.
<u>Election of Officers</u>	Mr. R. I. Ray standing down as Chairman after serving for two years. Mr. J. Pain then took the Chair as the new Chairman. Vice-Chairman to be Mr. D. Greenaway. Mr. Pain said that it would be difficult to follow Mr. Ray but he was relying on Mrs. Slee and Mrs. Lamb to help him and on the support of the whole committee. He thanked Mr. Ray for all his hard work during his two years in office. <u>Honorary Secretary</u> Mrs. K. J. Slee re-elected. <u>Honorary Treasurer</u> Mrs. M. Lamb re-elected. <u>Honorary Tournament Secretary</u> Mrs. K. J. Slee re-elected. <u>Chief Tournament Director</u> Mr. J. Pain re-elected.
<u>Election of Auditors</u>	Mrs. M. Lamb proposed and Mr. K. J. Slee seconded that Condy & Co. continue as auditors.
<u>Smoking regulations</u>	In accordance with the regulations on smoking carried at the last AGM the matter was brought up at the present meeting. Mr. Slee proposed that so long as the EBU policy on smoking remained the same, the present measures should be continued indefinitely in the County. Seconded by Mr. J. Woolcott. Carried.
<u>Visit to Calvados</u>	Mr. Ray said that an exchange visit was being arranged to Calvados in September. If any other pairs wished to take part would they please let him know. The only expense would be the cost of travel. Mr. Woolcott proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretary and Treasurer for their hard work during the past year. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 3.10 p.m.

*John Pain*  
27.6.87

I am pleased to report that our membership now stands at over 800 (including members whose first affiliations is not with Devon) which shows a <sup>slight</sup> increase <sup>and</sup> that is <sup>in accord with</sup> considerably better than the national rate. Whilst this is encouraging I would still like to see a lot more of these members participating in our County competitions. I have been endeavouring through the County newsletters to find out why so many members do not play in County events. One outcome was that I received several requests from players who would like to play but lack a partner. As a result of this, we initiated a scheme whereby such players could send their names to Margaret Lamb who would provide names of other players in the same situation so that they could pair up. Yet, as far as I know, no one has yet availed themselves of this service.

Starting on July 29th, the much publicised new laws come into effect. You will find that there are some quite sweeping changes - one of the most important being the change in scoring for non-vulnerable doubled undertricks. This will have the effect of making some sacrifices less profitable, so it will be well worth studying the implications.

Other changes include the laws on revokes, inadvertently exposed cards, dummy's rights, the rights of defenders to enquire of each other whether they are out of a suit, and many other such items. I would advise, as I always do, that in the event of any infringement the Tournament Director is immediately called, especially now, when the law may not be as you think.

Finally, I would like to thank the Chairman, Treasurer and all the members of the Committee for their unfailing support during the past year.

#### Results

Western Morning News - K. Kelmere, C. Kelmere, D. McFarlane, L. Roberts 1.  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Woolcott, T. McDermott, J.J. Griffiths,  
R.I. Ray 2.

Julia Chadwick Trophy - K & C Kelmere  
P. Brunsch & H. Brunsch

Jack & Jill - Mr. & Mrs. M. Benorthan  
Mrs. J. Day & D. McFarlane

Mixed Teams of 4 - Mr. & Mrs. K.J. Slee, R.W. Blackmore, R.I. Ray  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Woolcott, T. McDermott, J.J. Griffiths

Swiss Teams - W. Oke, R. Stevens, R.W. Blackmore, D. Sharp  
Mr. & Mrs. M. Benorthan, P. Alp, Mrs. J. Sherrell

South West Pairs - G. Bird & I. Hopkins  
Mrs. G. Ali Khan & C.R. Haslam

Ali Khan Cup - W. Cowper, Mrs. R. Fremantle  
Mrs. C. Maunder & Mrs. L. Pine

Graphic Cup - Mr. & Mrs. J. Woolcott, T. McDermott, R.I. Ray  
Mr. & Mrs. K.J. Slee, R.W. Blackmore, P. Bowles

Club Handicap Teams of 8 - Plymouth  
A.V. Morris - Mrs. M. Olds, Mrs. E. Morris  
Mrs. Morley, J. Pelk

Inter-Section Teams of 8 - East Section  
Victor Ludorum - D. McFarlane  
Mrs. K.J. Slee

Present

J. Pain, (Chairman)  
Mrs. K.J. Slee (Hon. Secretary)  
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)  
and about 30 members

Apologies  
Minutes

B. Russell, Mr. J. Harrison, Mr. & Mrs. J. Woodgett, R. Day, R.W. Blackmore, N. Crosswell Sen. & Crosswell Jun.  
The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters  
arising

Smoking. Mr. K.J. Slee asked the Committee to discuss the Section rules with regard to making their own decision about smoking regulations. The Southern Section had decided to implement a two hour smoking ban at the beginning of a session as against the County's ban of one and a half hours. Mr. Slee wished to know whether this was legitimate.

Scrambled Mitchells. Mr. Slee asked the Committee to consider the scrambling of half the boards in the Mitchell in County Finals where a combined Howell and Mitchell were played. He agreed to produce a paper setting out his arguments for this.

Subscriptions. Mrs. Jones said that a number of players did not pay their subscriptions until well after the 1st April each year. Mr. Ashcroft said that in North Devon there was very little bridge played in the summer, and that therefore he did not see a lot of them until the new season commenced. There was much discussion about this and the question of members paying by Direct Debit was brought up. The Treasurer said she would look into this.

Secretary's  
report

See attached.  
It was proposed by Mrs. Ali Khan and seconded by Mrs. Bell that the report be adopted.

Treasurer's  
report

Mrs. Lamb reported that our finances were in a fairly healthy state at present. It may not be possible to invest the profit from the Torquay Congress this year as it may be needed to help finance the Congress next year at the new venue. Copies of the audited accounts were circulated. She thanked the Section Treasurers for their cooperation and also the other members of the County Committee for their help. Mr. Pitman proposed that the accounts be adopted with a warm vote of thanks to the Treasurer. Seconded by Mrs. Stevens. Carried.

Presentation  
of Trophies

The Western Morning News Cup, the Julia Chadwick Trophy and the Victor Ludorum Cup were presented to the winners.

Election of  
Officers

Honorary Secretary - Mrs. K.J. Slee re-elected  
Honorary Treasurer - 2 nominations - Mrs. M. Lamb re-elected  
Honorary Tournament Secretary - Mrs. K.J. Slee standing down  
Mrs. G. Pain elected.

Election of  
Auditors

Proposed by Mr. Pitman and seconded by Mr. Slee that Condy & Co be re-elected. Carried.

Simultaneous  
Pairs

Mr. Bell asked why some Clubs ignore some simultaneous pairs events. Mrs. Ali Khan (Secretary of Torquay Bridge Club) said that this was because they sometimes occurred on a Wednesday evening when her Club was already hired out to the DCCBA.

Computer

Mr. Benorthan suggested that it was possibly time to be considering purchasing a new computer for the County. Mrs. Lamb said that she and the Chairman had looked into this and a new BBC computer could be obtained for about £400 and the present accessories would still be able to be used. It was not known whether the old one could be traded in in part exchange or whether it would be possible to sell it separately. Some members expressed doubt as to whether a new computer was really necessary at this stage, as the present one was working well. If the present one was not able to be sold for a reasonable amount they felt it would not be worth replacing it at the moment.

It was proposed by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Stevens that the Committee find out what it could be sold for or what could be received

for it in part exchange. This motion was carried with one vote against.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.40p.m. with a vote of thanks to Torquey Bridge Club for the use of the room.

~~John Law~~  
~~1987~~

Chairman.

*J. Greenaway*  
21/8/88

### Secretary's Report AGM 1988

As you know, I am now working full time and I feel that I am unable to give as much time and effort as I would like to the post of Honorary Secretary of the Association. I have therefore decided to stand down.

During my comparatively short time as Secretary I have seen many changes. The Master Point System has been totally revised, largely through the efforts of Charles Haslam, my predecessor, who served on the Master Points Committee of the EBU. Also the EBU have brought in many changes in the systems and conventions players are allowed to use in most events. This, I am sure, was instigated purely to annoy myself because I play a complicated system! Then, as you know, the EBU have moved from its premises in Thame to larger new premises in Aylesbury.

Apart from using my vote as an EBU Council member, none of these changes can I claim credit for having a hand in. However, something I did have a hand in and was very honoured to do so, was the party arranged for Julia Chadwick's 100th birthday. Now it is over two years later and she is looking younger than ever.

Getting on my hobby horse, I have tried, without much success, I am afraid, to discover why so few of our members play in County competitions, or for that matter attend Annual General Meetings! Two weekends ago, there was a charity Swiss Teams event at Ivybridge at which there were, I believe, some 28 tables. Last Sunday, the County Swiss Teams event was held, also at Ivybridge, at which there were 11 tables. Whilst, of course, I am delighted that so many players support charity, it would be very nice to see them supporting the County as well, for which, I might add, your Committee work very hard indeed. Your new County calendars will be arriving in another month or so, and I do urge you all to take the trouble to read them and enter for more of the events that we arrange for you every year. Whilst I am on the subject, I would like to remind you all that cheques for County events should be made out to the DCCBA and not to individual people, a fact which is printed quite clearly every year in your calendar.

I would like to end by thanking all the members of the Committee, and in particular the Officers of the Committee, for their unfailing support to me during the time I have been your Secretary, and indeed during the thirteen years I have served in other capacities on the Committee. I am absolutely certain that my successor will receive the same support as I have always enjoyed.

#### RESULTS.

Western Morning News	-	Winners	K.Kelmere, C.Kelmere, D.McFarlane, L.Roberts, W. Ellis
		Runners-up	K.Cockayne, B.McElroy, D.Rendell, T.Stevens
Julia Chadwick	-	Winners	Mrs. B.Randall, Mrs. A. Pollak
		Runners-up	A.Bridgman T.Hammett
S.W.Pairs	-	Winners	Mr. & Mrs. K.J.Slee
		Runners-up	Mrs. B. Randall, <del>W. &amp; M. G. G. G. G.</del> A.Bridgman
Ali Khan Cup	-	Winners	Mrs. A.Pollak T.Hammett
		Runners-up	Mrs. A.Humphries, T.Terrett



Graphic Cup	-	Winners	Mrs. P.M. Jones, Mrs. M. Lamb, D. Gilbert S. Ross
	-	Runners-up	Mr. & Mrs. K.J. Slee, R. Blackmore, P. Bowles
Jack & Jill	-	Winners	Mrs. H. Summer, A. Bridgman
	-	Runners-up	H. Brunsch, C. Coda
Mixed Teams of 4	-	Winners	Mr. & Mrs. K.J. Slee, R. Blackmore, R. Ray
	-	Runners-up	Mr. & Mrs. J. Woolcott, J. Griffiths, T. McDermott
A.V. Morris	-	Winners	Mrs. E. Griffith, N. Lister
	-	Runners-up	Mr. & Mrs. Durrent
Mens Teams	-	Winners	I. Hopkins, D. Tubb, R. Skedgell, J. Tyler
	-	Runners-up	K.J. Slee, W. Oke, J. Woolcott, R. Ray
Ladies Teams	-	Winners	Mrs. K. Slee, Mrs. A. Bridgewater, Mrs. J. Thomas, Mrs. A. Drew.
	-	Runners-up	Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. B. Davies, Mrs. I. Richardson, Mrs. A. Wolfendale
Swiss Teams	-	Winners	R. Blackmore, W. Oke, R. Stevens, D. Sharp
	-	Runners-up	Mr. & Mrs. M. Benorthan, Mrs B. HASTINGS-JAMES J. FOALE
Intersection Teams of B.	-	Winners	Eastern Section
Garden Cities	-	Winners	<i>Plymouth Bridge Club</i>
	-	Runners-up	Seaton Bridge Club
Victor Ludorum	-	Winner	Mrs. K.J. Slee
	-	Runner-up	Mr. K.J. Slee

Present	<p>Mr. D. Greenaway (Chairman)  Mrs. K.J. Slee (Secretary)  Mrs. M. Lamb (Treasurer)  and 25 members.</p>
Apologies	<p>Mrs. J Woolcott, K. Hands, Mrs. M. Wolfendale, Mrs Griffith, MR &amp; Mrs Russell, Dr. &amp; Mrs Stratton, Mrs Cresswell, Mr &amp; Mrs P. Cresswell D. McFarlane, Mrs B. Rendall, Mrs. A. Pollock</p>
Minutes of last A.G.M.	<p>Read, confirmed and signed.</p>
Matters Arising	<p>Smoking - The Committee decided that Sections had autonomy over this.  Scrambled Mitchells - This had been tried in County Finals and seemed successful  Direct Debiting - This had been considered by the Committee, who came to the conclusion it was not worthwhile.  Computer - This was covered in the Treasurer's report.</p>
Secretary's Report	<p>See attached.  It was proposed by Mrs. Stevens and seconded by Mrs. Bell that the report be adopted.  The Chairman thanked Mrs. Slee for her work as Secretary and presented her with a small gift.</p>
Treasurer's Report	<p>Mrs Lamb reported that the County had not had a bad trading year. The old computer had been sold to Devon County for £200 and a new one had been bought. The Torquay Congress had been unable to donate any income this year due to the increased cost of the venue.  Mrs Bell queried the necessity of paying expenses for events such as the Tollemache which provoked much discussion. It was proposed by MR Woolcott and seconded by Mr Benorthan that the County continued to make such payments. Carried.  It was proposed by Mrs Ali Khan and seconded by Mrs Jones that the report be adopted. Carried.  Mr Slee proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Lamb for her hard work.</p>
Presentation of Trophies	<p>The Julia Chadwick, trophy could not be presented as the winners were not present. The Western Morning News, A.V. Morris and Victor Ludorum Trophies were presented to the winners.</p>
Life Membership	<p>It was proposed by Mrs Phyllis Jones that Major G.F. Stone be made an honorary Life Member of the D.C.C.B.A. She said he had won practically every major trophy in the County and had always been the perfect gentleman. This prompted several amusing anecdotes about Major Stone.  It was seconded by Mrs Ali Khan and Mr Slee. Mr Woolcott asked that the East Section be associated with this.</p>
Election of Officers	<p>Mrs Slee told the meeting that Mr John Pain had resigned as Chairman and Chief Tournament Director and Mrs Gill Pain had resigned as Tournament Secretary. Mrs Slee was also standing down as Hon. Secretary. All other officers were standing for re-election.  CHAIRMAN - Mr D. Greenaway  VICE-CHAIRMAN - Mr K. Hands Proposed Mrs Jones seconded Mrs Bell  HON. SECRETARY - Mrs D. C Sharp Prop. Mr Slee, Sec. Mrs Lamb Carried  HON. TREASURER - Mrs Lamb Re-elected  HON. TOURNAMENT SECRETARY - To be co-opted at a later date.</p>
Auditors	<p>Messrs, Candy &amp; Co. Proposed Mrs Slee, seconded Mrs Jones. Carried.</p>
A.O.B.	<p>Mr Ken Kelmere enquired the reason for Mr &amp; Mrs Pain's resignations. Mrs Slee told the meeting that no reason had been given.</p>

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1989

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In this my first year as secretary, life has been far from uneventful one way or another, but on the whole, very enjoyable.

Shortly after I took office, we were all very shocked by the sudden death of Charles Haslem. Most, if not all, of you will have known him far longer and better than I, but I am sure I speak for everyone when I say he is greatly missed. Then after Christmas there was the sudden death of our Vice-Chairman, Ken Hands and the Committee found themselves two experienced members short which was a sad blow. However, we have coped and look forward to a happier season to come.

The 1988/89 season saw the formation of a Selection sub-committee comprising of a representative from each section under the Chairmanship of Bob Ray, who for several years has been the County Selector. One of their first tasks was to select teams to take part in the <sup>South</sup> Western League, a new inter-county league between Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, E. Wales, Somerset and Wiltshire. This they appear to have done very successfully, as Devon won the 'A' division by 3, <sup>victory points</sup> and were runners-up in the 'B' division. Congratulations to all those who took part. They have also turned their attention to the potential Tollemache team. We are all acutely aware of the need to send a strong, <sup>experienced</sup> team to this event, and to this end the selectors have, and will, be inviting pairs to take part in 'training' sessions (for want of a better phrase) which it is hoped will highlight strengths and weaknesses which may be played upon, or <sup>strengthened</sup> as the case may be, for future Tollemaches. Results will not happen overnight, but this is long-term planning.

The County hosted a very successful round of the Camrose Trophy in Plymouth and our thanks go to John Pain as match-manager. Perhaps a few more of you would like to go and watch it should we host another one.

We also held a one-day Green Point Swiss Teams at the English Riviera Centre which was very well supported, and we will be holding another one in June next year. At the risk of preaching to the converted, it is a pity some of our County events are not equally well supported - perhaps people would like to let me know what deters them from playing in them.

The E.B.U. are introducing the Secretaries Cup in the next season. This has been described as the 'F.A.Cup of Bridge', and is an inter-club knock-out trophy.

Full details will be in the clubs shortly.

The County have appointed Ian Murray to be Publicity Officer. Any results, interesting hands etc you have should be sent to him.

One moan - two heats of the A.V. Morris trophy had to be cancelled this season due to lack of entries. As this event is designed for the less experienced players in the county perhaps all of you could take it upon yourselves to encourage such players to enter. Who knows - they might even enjoy it.

Finally, may I thank the Chairman, Treasurer and all members of the Committee for the support they have given me in the last twelve months.

PRESENT

D. GREENAWAY (CHAIRMAN)  
MRS DC SHARP (HON. SECRETARY)  
MRS M. LAMB (HON. TREASURER)

and about 20 members.

APOLOGIES

Mrs. N. Elliot, Mr + Mrs J. Woolcott, Mrs. M. Martin, Mrs G. Smith,  
Mrs. M. Stevens, M.C. Young.

MINUTES OF  
PREVIOUS AGM.

The Secretary read the minutes of the AGM of June 21st 1988.  
These were confirmed as correct and signed.

MATTERS  
ARISING.

Mr. Kelmere again asked for the reason for the resignation of  
John Pain. The Secretary said that no reason had been given.  
Mrs. Janet Woolcott had been appointed as Tournament Secretary.

SECRETARY'S  
REPORT.

The Secretary reported that the loss of Charles Haslem + Ken Hands  
had been a great loss to the County.

A Selection sub-committee had been set up and had successfully  
picked teams to win the new South Western League, and had  
started a series of training sessions for the potential Tollemache team.  
A heat of the Camrose trophy had been held in Plymouth and was  
very successful, as was a one-day Green Point Swiss Teams event.  
The full report is attached.

TREASURERS  
REPORT.

The Treasurer reported a small loss of £44.00 due to the  
depreciation of the computer. The Torquay Congress made a  
small loss but the County had extra income from the Green  
Point event.

Mr. Kelmere queried the WMN being only £8.00 up on the previous  
year, but the monies come from the number of players not the  
number of teams.

Mr. Bell queried the loss on the Torquay Congress. It was explained  
that the ERC had been an expensive venue compared to the Palace.

Mr. Holland requested that the Torquay accounts be presented to  
the meeting. The Chairman replied that they would be available  
afterwards to those who wished to scrutinize them, they were  
incorporated into the County accounts, not presented separately.

Mr. Holland also queried why the A.G.M. was held in Torquay  
and not rotated. Mrs. Lamb replied that Okehampton was  
actually the centre of the County but there was no venue there,  
or a really suitable one in the North or East, it was held in Torquay  
as the club offered a venue at no expense. It was agreed that

TREASURERS  
REPORT

the matter would be referred to the policy sub-committee for consideration.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Mrs Holland and seconded by Mr. Kelmere. Voting: 19 for, 1 against. Carried.

The County Treasurer thanked the Section Treasurers for their hard work, especially Mrs. Phyllis Jones, the South Section Treasurer who was also ex-Chairman of the County, who was resigning after 26 years. Mrs. Jones was presented with a gift as a token of appreciation for her work.

The County Treasurer then proposed that Mrs Jones be made an Honorary Life Member of the DCCBA. This was seconded by Mr. Slee and carried nem. con. Mrs. Jones thanked the Committee and members.

ELECTION OF  
OFFICERS.

The Officers being willing to stand for re-election and no further nominations having been received, they were duly re-elected.

PRESENTATION  
OF TROPHIES

Western Morning News - K. Kelmere, G. McKay  
Mr + Mrs T. Walton

Julia Chadwick - Mr + Mrs D. Holland

Victor Ludorum - Mr + Mrs T. Walton

ANY OTHER  
BUSINESS

Mr. Walton observed that there was no County Newsletter. The Secretary replied that there had been an absence of news but it was hoped that the new Publicity Officer, Ian Murray, would have better luck in persuading people to send him news.

Mr. Walton queried the position of a playing director in events. Mr. Slee replied explaining the position regarding directors in the County. Mrs. Jones proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Slee for his hard work as Chief T.D. in difficult circumstances.

Mrs. Holland suggested that the date for the A.G.M. should be put in the County Calendar. This was agreed and the date fixed for June 26th 1990.

In reply to a question from Mr. Benorthan regarding standards of dress at events, the Chairman said this was a matter for individual T.D.'s.

A-O-B.

Mr. Bell asked why people could play in EBU events who had not paid their subs and it was filtering through into Devon. Mr. Slee replied that no-one had played in a Devon event who was not a paid-up member and all Treasurers had been vigilant to make sure it did not happen.

Mr. Benorthan queried the position of the West Section Selector who had not paid his sub to the County. Mrs. Bell replied that he was stepping down although the West Section Chairman could not confirm this. It was agreed that Mrs Benorthan as West Section Treasurer would write and ask if he was intending to affiliate to Devon as County of first allegiance. If this was not the case, then he could no longer serve on the Selection Committee.

Mrs Bell thanked the Chairman, Secretary + Treasurer for their work over the year, and there being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

*J. Greenaway*  
19/6/90.

CHAIRMAN.

PRESENT

D. Greenaway (Chairman)  
 J. Woolcott (Vice-Chairman)  
 Mrs. D.C. Sharp (Hon. Secretary)  
 Mrs. M. Lamb. (Hon. Treasurer)

and about 30 members.

APOLOGIES

J. Wardie, T. Terrett, V. Cummings, K. Kelmore, D. Holland.  
 Mrs. M. Barton.

MINUTES OF  
PREVIOUS  
A.G.M.

The Secretary read the minutes of the A.G.M. of 27<sup>th</sup> June 1989. These were confirmed as correct and signed.

MATTERS  
ARISING

Non-playing directors. Mrs. Holland asked why non-playing directors were still not being used in events as the Chief Tournament Director had said at the previous A.G.M. that they would be. The Chairman replied that the D.C.C.B.A. was currently without a Chief T.D. and very short of directors and it was not always possible to have a non-playing T.D. An approach had been made to a member regarding the post of Chief T.D. and it was hoped to rectify the matter soon.

Policy Sub-Committee. Mr. Walton enquired whether the policy sub-committee had yet submitted a report. The Chairman replied that both sub-committees had done a lot of work but due to the amount of work they had not yet reported back.

Publicity Officer. Mrs. Holland complained that there was a lack of news going into the clubs in the County. The Chairman said that the Publicity Officer had resigned due to lack of communication from Section Secretaries, club Secretaries etc. The matter was discussed, but no conclusion reached.

SECRETARY'S  
REPORT

The Secretary reported the resignation of the Publicity Officer due to lack of communication.

The lack of support for County events had worried the Committee over the last 12 months, loss of revenue will lead to increased entry fees and cancelled heats.

Mr. Ray resigned as County Selector during the year and Mr. Bridgman had been appointed.

The Secretary requested that any member with a grumble or a suggestion should put it to their section committee for discussion or ask her to put it before the next County meeting.

A C.C. report is attached.



SEC. REPORT  
CONTINUED.

It was proposed by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Benorthan that the report be adopted. This was agreed.

TREASURER'S  
REPORT.

The Treasurer reported a loss of £564<sup>00</sup> on the competitions. Entries were down on the previous year, and entry fees to the Pachabo, Corwen + Tonemache were up. The expenses of those representing the County at those events were paid by the County.

The Torquay Congress had been sued by the Grand Hotel over an alleged debt of £733<sup>00</sup>. Unfortunately the court had found in favour of the Grand Hotel and the costs of the case had had to be paid by the D.C.C.B.A.

The Treasurer thanked the Section Treasurers and Tournament Secretary.

The accounts are attached.

Mrs. Edmondson suggested scrapping qualifying rounds and just having finals so the problem of traveling between sections does not occur. The Chairman replied that the A.V. Mornis, which has <sup>had</sup> particular problems will be run as a simultaneous pairs in each section with one winner.

Mrs. Bell was of the opinion that too much money was spent on National competitions and this money could be spent on prize money at lower levels.

Mrs. Ali-Khan felt that the County should not pay all the expenses for competitions like the Pachabo, just the entry fee.

Mr. Walton felt it would be possible to have a budget and set aside money for these events, especially as it is a condition of entry in the W.M.N. that the winners go to the Pachabo.

Mrs. Pottok said that not everyone can afford to pay their own expenses + they should not be penalised if they can't.

Mrs. ~~Bell~~ Ali Khan proposed that the D.C.C.B.A. pay only the entry fee. Seconded Mrs. Thomas.

Mr. Walton proposed an amendment that the D.C.C.B.A. pay the entry fee plus 50% of the expenses. Seconded Mr. Mackay.

Amendment:- For 5 Against Several. Defeated

Motion:- For 19 Against 10. Carried

TREASURERS  
REPORT  
CONTINUED

Mr Walton proposed that the condition of entry to the WMN be removed from the calendar. Seconded Mrs. Holland. Carried.

Mrs. PONOKE enquired if the DCCBA was going to purchase a computer for scoring county finals. The Treasurer replied that as soon as the EBU program became available this would happen.

Mrs. Bell proposed the adoption of the accounts. Seconded Mr. Nowill. Carried.

SELECTORS  
REPORT.

The Chairman said that Mr. Bridgman was unable to attend the meeting. Since taking the post the county had won the matches it had played and it was hoped to have a possible v probable match for the Tollemache selection.

ELECTION  
OF OFFICERS

The Chairman handed over the chair to the incoming Chairman, Mr. Woolcott. Mr. Woolcott thanked Mr. Greenaway for his work over the previous two years.

The Chairman made a short statement that the Committee was working to re-organise rules designed for 200 members rather than 800 members, and to establish guidelines for those who take office from very experienced officers who hadn't needed a 'job description'. The DCCBA must be prepared to move with the times, money would have to be spent at grass roots level, none of which would be easy and may not be accomplished during his term of office.

This was warmly received by the members.

The officers were willing to stand for re-election and no other nominations having been received they were returned to office.

PRESENTATION  
OF TROPHIES

Western Morning News Cup:- Mrs. J.L. Thomas, Mrs A.H. Drewe, G. Bird, J. Booth

Julia Chadwick Trophy:- Mr. + Mrs. L.C. Bell.

The Victor Ludorum was not presented as the final event had not been played.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bell queried the position regarding unpaid-up members playing in County events.

The Chairman replied that each entry was checked against the master-list of paid-up members. If someone turned up to play who was not a member they would be disqualified except where the final was played in the following financial year.

Mr. Ashcroft suggested making a surcharge for late payment, a suggestion that was well received.


Mr. Nowill said that on looking through the programme he could see nothing to encourage the club player to compete at a higher level, and would like to see at least 1 event in next years programme for the clubs, perhaps limited to \* Masters + below.

The Chairman replied that this would be put to the Committee.

Mrs. Edmondson asked whether a Publicity Officer would be appointed.

The Chairman replied that someone had been approached and he was awaiting a reply.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

  
25/6/91.

CHAIRMAN.

PRESENT	<p>J. Woolcott (Chairman)          J. Newill (Vice-Chairman)          Mrs D. Sharp (Hon. Secretary)          Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)</p>
	and about 20 members.
	<p>The meeting opened at 7.30 pm and before the formal business commenced the Chairman paid tribute to the late Mrs. P.M. Jones for all the work she had done for the DCCBA. The members stood and observed a short period of silence.</p>
APOLOGIES	<p>J. Murray Brown, J. Kirk, J. Murray, A. Bridgman, Mr + Mrs. J. Beard.</p>
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM	<p>The minutes of the AGM of 19<sup>th</sup> June 1990 were read, confirmed as correct and signed.</p>
MATTERS ARISING	<p><u>Publicity Officer</u> - Ian Hopkins had agreed to take over the post and had, amongst other jobs, produced two county newsletters.</p> <p><u>Non-playing T.D's.</u> - All pairs and teams finals with the exception of the mixed teams of four had had non-playing T.D's. Peter Ashcroft had taken on the post of Chief T.D.</p> <p><u>Sub-Committees</u> - These had met several times and there were likely to be some changes to the rules in the coming season.</p> <p><u>Computer</u> - This had now been bought along with a program.</p>
SECRETARY'S REPORT.	<p>The full report is attached. The Secretary reported a good year in the S.W. League with Devon winning both divisions, a successful Green Point event at a new venue, an enjoyable Torquay Congress, but without a venue for 1992.</p> <p>The moan of the year was lack of support for county events which was steadily falling. The Secretary asked everyone to encourage new people to play in the coming season.</p> <p>Finally the Secretary said she was not standing for re-election as she was leaving Devon and thanked everyone for their help and support during her time in office.</p>

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The balance sheet is attached. A profit of £145.00 had been made. She explained that meeting expenses included going to EBU meetings and phone expenses and these costs had risen over the year. The Building Society account was down due to the court case with the Grand Hotel, and the seemingly large amounts of cash in the bank was the Green Point event money which was still 'floating'

It was proposed by T. Terrett and seconded by T. Walton that the report be adopted. Carried nem. con.

SELECTOR'S REPORT.

The selector's report was presented by the Chairman. He said the Selector was pleased to have won both divisions of the S.W. league and was using them as 'trials' for various other events.

Devon were hoping to play an exchange match with Deauville and Jersey had invited a team to go for a weekend.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman and Treasurer were willing to stand and no further nominations for their office had been received.

Mrs. L. C. Bell was proposed as Secretary by Mrs. G. S. Ali Khan and seconded by P. Ashcroft. Carried nem. con.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

It had been proposed and seconded in Committee that Mrs Gwen Alikhan be made a life member. The members at the AGM were pleased to approve the motion and the Chairman paid warm tribute to her work over the last 40 years.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Western Morning News - A. Bridgman, K. Evers  
V. Russeu, T. Hammett

Julia Chadwick Trophy - D. McFarlane + P. Bowles

Jack + Jill - Mrs. J. Swift, G. Mast Mycro

Mixed Teams of 4 - A. Bridgman, F. Tucker  
Mr + Mrs. J. Woolcott

Intersection Teams of 8 - East Section

A request was made for a trophy officer.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the formal meeting at 8.35 pm.

INFORMAL BUSINESS.

Mr. Bell ~~requested~~ <sup>suggested</sup> that the league rules in each section be standardised in line with the First Section but Mr. Ashcroft felt that each section should make their own. The Chairman felt these were valid points that could be discussed in Committee.

There was some feeling that the Garden Cities Trophy should be included in the calendar again, despite small support for it and it was agreed to put it on the agenda for the next committee meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Publicity Officer, Chief Tournament Director, Tournament Secretary and Vice-Chairman for their work over the past 12 months.

There being no other informal business the meeting finally closed at 9.00 pm.

  
23/6/92.

Ad agenda

The Hon Secretary was presented with two Devon prints in recognition of her contribution as Hon Secretary.

winner of the Jack & Jill trophy -  
Mrs J. Swift & G. Myers.

Present:

J. Woolcott	.....	Chairman
J.A. Nowill	.....	Vice Chairman
Mrs. L.C. Bell	.....	Hon. Secretary
Mrs. M. Lamb	.....	H on. Treasurer

and 14 members

1.

Apologies

Dr. & Mrs. Stratton, K. Kelmere, D. Ash, D. McFarlane, L.C. Bell and Mrs. E. Morris

2.

Minutes of the AGM of 25.6.91

The minutes of the meeting of the AGM of the 25th June, 1991 were read, confirmed and signed after the following addenda:-

- (1) The Hon. Secretary was presented with two Devon prints in recognition of her contribution as Hon. Secretary.
- (2) The winners of the Jack & Jill Trophy were Mrs. J. Swift and G. Myers.

3.

Matters Arising

Selector's Report. Nothing further had been heard about proposed matches against Deauville and Jersey although the Chairman had replied to both organisations, expressing interest.

League Rules. The Committee had decided that because there was now no final contest between the four sections, each section could run its league individually.

Garden Cities Trophy. The Chairman said that it had been decided that the county could not afford the entry fees for this trophy.

4.

Secretary's Report

Devon membership stood at 715 full members, with 23 DCCBA members only and 4 juniors.

The performance of the Tollemache team had been disappointing but the selector was energetic and optimistic about the future. In the Western League the A team had played well but had not been able to repeat its success of last year. The B team had won their section convincingly.

Bill Oke and Ted McDermott had won the EBU Swiss Pairs at Harrogate and Bill, this time partnered by Richard Stevens, had won the Regional final of the National Pairs.

The Torquay Congress, although making a small loss, had been pronounced a success and thankfully the Kistor Hotel would seem to welcome our presence. The congress would be held from the 2nd to the 4th April next and the hotel had offered a cup and free accommodation to the best placed residential competitor.

The Secretary expressed her gratitude to the Chairman for his very positive help and support and to the Treasurer and Committee.

The report was adopted on a motion proposed by Mr. Nowill and seconded by Mrs. Ali Khan.

5.

Treasurer's Report

For the year 1991/2 expenditure had exceeded income by £191. This was due to a number of reasons: building society interest had decreased and the EBU had increased its levies on the counties.

The Torquay Congress had suffered because of the EBU insisting on holding the Jersey Congress at the normal Torquay date which meant that our congress had had to be moved forward; this in turn had clashed with the Bude congress, with the result that neither Bude nor Torquay had made a profit. Torquay had made a loss of £196 .

The Treasurer was budgeting for the county finances to break even for the current year.

5.

The licensing of commercial and open events had brought in an income of £50.

The Chairman here referred to the increasing cost of running major events necessitating employment of EBU directors. The Green Point event run at the Exeter Country Club on the 21st June had been very successful and had closed at 76 teams, but the cost of employing directors had been £500.

He referred to the unseemly behaviour and complete lack of consideration exhibited by various competitors at this event. With the Treasurer and Mrs. Horgan he had had to spend a great deal of time cleaning up the mess left by players, particularly on the staircase. People had brought their own picnics into the grounds and one person had brought in his own can of beer to the playing area.

County Delegates. The Chairman explained that the county was represented by three delegates who were entitled to attend council meetings. Of these only one received expenses: the other two paid their own expenses. This meant that inevitably Devon was not always fully represented compared with the wealthier counties. Decisions were made by the EBU on a 'Straw poll' basis rather than by a proper ballot.

The Chairman agreed with Mr. Pitman's contention that the EBU should publish a balance sheet.

The accounts were adopted on a proposal by Mr. Pitman which was seconded by Mr. Nowill.

6.  
Selector's Report.

The selector had been unable to attend. The performance of players representing the county was referred to in the Secretary's report.

7.  
Election of Officers

There being no other nominations, the following elections were made:-  
Chairman .... J.A. Nowill  
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. L.C. Bell  
" Treasurer: Mrs. M. Lamb

8.  
Presentation of trophies

<u>Western Morning News.</u>	K.A.H. Kelmere, G.I. Mackay, J. Harriman W. Ellis
<u>Jack &amp; Jill</u>	Mrs. P.A.C. Bridgewater & M.J. Allen
<u>Mixed Teams</u>	Mr. & Mrs. W. Solomon, D. McFarlane & R. Stevens
<u>Julia Chadwick</u>	P.J. Bowles & D. McFarlane
<u>South-West Pairs</u>	J. Edwards & D. Ash
<u>Ali Khan Cup</u>	K.A.H. Kelmere & G. Mackay
<u>Graphic Cup</u>	K.A.H. Kelmere, G.I. Mackay, J. Harriman, W. Ellis

The retiring Chairman, Mr. Woolcott, expressed his gratitude to the committee for their support during his term of office. He was especially grateful to Peter Ashcroft who had done a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes; Margaret Lamb as Treasurer and Mary Bell as Secretary had performed their duties admirably and had been of great help. Finally, he wanted to thank his wife for her help and support.

The new Chairman, Mr. Nowill, referred to the enormous amount of work contributed by Mr. Woolcott.

He asked members to address the question of falling support for competitions and to consider the possibility that it might be advisable to cut down the number.

Mr. Walton raised the subject of directing. He thought the standard of directing at the Kistor had left much to be desired. The Chairman accepted this criticism. Directors had had to be appointed at the last minute because of the unavailability of Mr. Proctor.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.



Present:

Mr. J.A. Nowill	...	...	Chairman
Mr. J. Smith	...	...	Vice Chairman
Mrs. L.C. Bell	...	...	Hon. Secretary
Mrs. M. Lamb	...	...	Hon. Treasurer

and about 65 members.

2.  
Apologies

Mr. J. Woolcott, Mrs. J. Murray Brown and Mr. D. Ash

3.  
Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 23rd June, 1992 were read, confirmed and signed.

4.  
Matters Aris.

None

5.  
Chairman's  
Report

The Chairman referred with regret to the deaths of Mr. Ken Kelmere, Mr. Noel Vinson, Mrs. Hilda Watson and Mrs. Hazel Sumner. In memory of her husband Mrs. Kelmere had given a cup to the Torquay Bridge Club to be awarded to the winners of the championship teams event.

The Torquay Congress had been successful; there had been 47 tables. Next year's date was April 15th - 17th.

Mrs. Lamb had been appointed County Youth Officer by the EBU; Bridge was now included in the curriculum under the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

He congratulated Mrs. Edmondson on her production of Double Talk: she would welcome more copy.

Mr. Ian Foster from the Southern Section was attending a County Directors' course later in the year. A contribution had been made to his expenses on the understanding that his services would be made available to the county. The Chairman said that ideally each section should have a county class director.

He referred to the contribution made by Gwen Ali Khan over the years: the county were very much indebted to her. He also thanked Mary Bell, Margaret Lamb and Janet Woolcott for their hard work as Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Secretary. Peter Ashcroft, too, had put in a great deal of hard work and had supplied printed stationery and programmes at a very modest price.

The Chairman lamented the poor support for the forthcoming Swiss Teams and Men's and Ladies' Teams events.

6.  
Secretary's  
Report

The Secretary said that although Devon had 744 EBU members support for county competitions was very disappointing. This was due to a large extent to the proliferation of commercially sponsored events and the lure of the GP competitions. The Committee had, for two years, charged a licence fee of £10 for each commercially organised event held in the county but the EBU had put pressure on the committee to discontinue it: the committee had reluctantly agreed. The EBU derived a very considerable revenue from table levies and the committee felt very strongly that some of this should benefit the county.

Performance in the Tollemache and Western League had been disappointing but several of our players had made an impression in the national competitions: Donald McFarlane and Peter Bowles had narrowly missed winning the President's Pot at Bristol; Ann Humphries, Tony Terrett, Ted McDermott and Bill Oke had won the regional final of the Hubert Phillips, and Donald McFarlane, Peter Bowles, Bob Blackmore and David Sharp had got through to the last 16 of Crockfords.

The Secretary thanked the Chairman very much for his help and support, and thanked the Committee.

7.  
Treasurer's  
Report

There had been an excess of expenditure over income of £191. The Torquay Congress accounts had not been included, which accounted for the loss.

Mr. Edwards referred to the considerable increase in the item for meeting and council expenses. The Chairman agreed with Mr. Walton that there should be a break-down of this figure of £1,193.

Mr. McFarlane referred to the balance of £14,000 held in the bank and building society. He suggested that as accrued income it could be used to finance expenses for teams representing the county. The Treasurer said that this sum was accumulated profit from the Torquay Congress and therefore was not income.

Mr. Hammett thought that the money should be used to further the interests of the large core of members rather than of a selected few. The Chairman invited suggestions for using the capital: he would like to see all sections benefit from it.

The accounts were adopted on a motion proposed by Mr. Benorthan, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried nem. con.

The Treasurer said that the EBU was making a strong drive to promote bridge amongst the young and was applying pressure on schools to include bridge in their curricula. A simplified form of the game called 'mini bridge' was being introduced.

Mr. Pescott-Day had been appointed Schools Liaison Officer and was looking after the Southern Section; Mr. Glaskin covered the East and Mr. Allen the West. It was hoped that someone would come forward to operate in the North.

8.  
Selector's  
Report

Mr. Bridgman said that Devon had not achieved any success in the Tollemache or the Western League this year. He had had difficulty in recruiting the team he would have liked. He was very aware of the expenses facing players now that the county would not be responsible for these. He had given a lot of thought to the matter and proposed to initiate a programme of trials over a period for invited players. Entry fees would be charged and the accumulated income could be used to defray expenses for the team.

9.  
Election of  
Officers

Mr. Nowill, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Woolcott were duly re-elected as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Tournament Secretary, there being no other nominations. Mrs. Carol Horgan was elected as Secretary, there being no other nomination.

10.  
Appointment of  
Auditor

Proposed by Mrs. Lamb, seconded by Mr. Smith, that Simon Grinter and Co. should be appointed as auditors for the current year. Carried nem. con.

11.  
Resolutions

(1) That be P.J. Bowles be appointed as county selector for the 1993/4 season. Proposed by W. Solomon, seconded by Ann Y. Slee.

In proposing the motion Mr. Solomon said that there had been intense dissatisfaction amongst a number of players with the selection of the team to represent Devon at national events: he maintained that the county had not been represented by the best team available. Mr. Edwards thought that not enough attention had been paid to strategy. Mrs. Solomon and Mrs. Slee spoke in support of the resolution.

Mr. Bridgman maintained that he had had a very clear and unbiassed attitude to the selection. He had been met by an obstructive and negative approach from players whom he had approached. Mr. Evers thought that Mr. Bridgman had given a great deal of thought to strategy.

11.  
(cont.)

The Chairman said that he proposed to take a secret ballot on the resolution, the result of which would be considered and borne in mind by the Committee whose prerogative it was to appoint a selector.

The ballot resulted in a majority against the resolution.

(2) That monies required by the EBU to cover the issue of Master Points should be raised by increased individual EBU members' subscriptions, with no greater charge being levied on affiliated Clubs. Master Points books would then be issued free of charge to the Clubs. Proposed by Muriel D. Caines, Seconded by R. Hill.

Mrs. Caines said that there was a certain amount of resentment amongst members at the Newton Abbot Club against the insistence that points be issued to non-EBU members. Mr. Hill spoke in support of Mrs. Caines' views but on a show of hands there was an overwhelming vote against the resolution.

12.  
Presentation  
of Cups and  
Trophies

<u>South West Pairs</u>	...	...	D. Sharp and D. Mcfarlane
<u>Ali Khan Cup</u>	...	...	G. Clarke & D. Hartshorne
<u>Graphic Cup</u>	...	...	J. Edwards, Mrs. J. Day W. Oke & R. Stevens
<u>Western Morning News</u>	...	...	Mr. & Mrs. K. Slee Mr. & Mrs. W. Solomon
<u>Jack and Jill Cup</u>	...	...	Mrs. D. Graham and P.J. Houlbrooke
<u>Mixed Teams of Four</u>	...	...	A. Terrett, J. Edwards, Mrs. A. Pollock & Mrs. B. Randall.
<u>Julia Chadwick Cup</u>	...	...	Mrs. R. Edmondson & Mrs. A. Bridgewater
<u>Victor Ludorum</u>			Mrs. R. Edmondson

The Chairman presented Mrs. Bell with a cheque and pot plant, thanking her for all she had done during her office as Secretary.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Chairman

*J.A. (2011)*  
26.6.1994.

Present:	Mr. J.A. Nowill ... .. Chairman Mrs. M. Lamb ... .. Hon. Treasurer
1.	The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.
2. Apologies	from Mrs. C. Horgan, Mrs. J. Woolcott, Mrs. P.A. Moyse, Mrs. J. Swift, Mr. I. Hopkins.
3. Minutes	In the absence of Mrs. Horgan Mrs. Bell read the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 22nd June, 1993, which were confirmed and signed.
4. Matters Arising	<u>Selection.</u> Mr. Pescott-Day and Mr. Martin referred to the process of selection. There had been no trials as forecast by Mr. Bridgman at the last meeting. Mr. Martin deprecated the cancellation of the inter-area event; in conjunction with performance at major competitions the results could be used for assessment of selection of a county team. The Chairman said that the competition had lacked adequate support.
5. Chairman's Report	<p>The Chairman welcomed members to the first combined AGM and Swiss Teams event. He referred with regret to the deaths of Alf Crouch, Leonard Bell and John Woolcott. John had contributed a tremendous amount to Devon bridge and would be greatly missed.</p> <p>Gwen Ali Khan had ended her membership of the county committee after a very long period of valuable service and he had had tremendous support and assistance from Peter Ashcroft who was resigning as C.T.D.</p> <p>The county had achieved notable successes. The teams playing in the Western League had won both the A and B divisions and the Tollemache team had acquitted themselves well. Peter Bowles team from the Torquay Bridge Club had reached the last eight in the Nicko competition.</p> <p>The Chairman expressed his thanks to Carol Horgan, Margaret Lamb, Peter Ashcroft, Janet Woolcott and Amos Bridgman for carrying out their various roles and congratulated Ruth Edmondson on her production of Double Talk and the Bridge Club Guide. He thanked Mr. Foan who had had the Cutty Sark Trophy re-silvered; in future this would be the Congress Swiss Pairs trophy.</p> <p>Peter Bowles was chairing a sub-committee who would look at the present programme format and suggest alterations and modifications with the idea of making it more attractive to members. There would be no qualifying rounds for the South-West Pairs and Ali Khan Cup. The latter would be restricted to Star Masters and below.</p> <p>He had enjoyed his two years as Chairman and wished his successor, Jack Smith, well.</p>
7. Treasurer's Report	<p>The accounts showed a loss of £173 for the year. This was because she had purchased more cards, bidding boxes and baize. She had not wanted to draw money from the Building Society to pay for these, thus losing interest.</p> <p>There was a slight increase in members' subscriptions.</p> <p>The EBU had stopped the imposition of a county licence fee for commercial events but requests had been made for voluntary contributions.</p> <p>The 1993 congress had made a profit of £571 and £951 had been credited from the 1994 G.P. Swiss Teams.</p>

Treasurer's Report (con)

Mr. Slee proposed that in memory of John Woolcott a trophy of some value, to be called "The John Woolcott Trophy" should be purchased from the county funds and awarded to the winners of the South-West Pairs which should become a major county event. This would have to be considered by the Southern Section Committee

The accounts were adopted on a proposal by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Slee.

8.  
Selector's Report

This was not available because of Mr. Bridgman's absence from the meeting.

9.  
Election of Officers

Mr. Jack Smith took the chair, Mr. Ian Hopkins being Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Margaret Lamb was re-elected Treasurer, there being no other nominations.

Mrs. Horgan did not seek re-election as Secretary and Mrs. Maureen Baser, proposed by Mrs. Benorthan, seconded by Mrs. Slee, was elected to this office.

10.  
Appointment of A uditor

Simon Grinter & Company were appointed auditors on a proposal by Mr. Slee which was seconded by Mr. Ashcroft.

County Youth Programme Co-ordinator

Mrs. Lamb reported increasing activity in promoting bridge in schools. John Pescott-Day's efforts had proved fruitful in the Southern Section. Denis Ash had taken over from Alec Glaskin in the East. Kelly College had hosted a competition for the EBU Schools Cup and St. Margaret's School in Exeter had been active in supporting the game. Younger children were being encouraged and there would be a section for juniors at the new Exeter Bridge Club.

Gary Clark asked that lower entry fees should be made available to junior members for major competitions. Mrs. Lamb said that the present definition of a junior was someone under 25: she thought that it should be someone in full-time education. In reply to Mr. Pescott-Day she said that she did not think the county could afford to contribute to expenses incurred by juniors to compete in events at some distance.

11.  
Change of Rules

The Chairman asked members to vote on suggested alterations to and revision of the DCCBA rules. The text of these alterations had not been made available to members previously and they were not prepared to vote; there would have to be a special general meeting at a future date.

12.  
Presentation of Trophies

Western Morning News

J.P. Houlbrooke, J.P. Martin, J. Pescott-Day, M. Buxton

Julia Chadwick

D. Sharp and R.W. Blackmore

Victor Ludorum

R. Edmondson

Jack and Jill

Mr. & Mrs. W. Walton

Pivot Teams

R.W. Blackmore, R.I. Ray, Mr. & Mrs. K.J. Slee

South-West Pairs

P. Salmon and T. Brierley

Ali Khan Cup

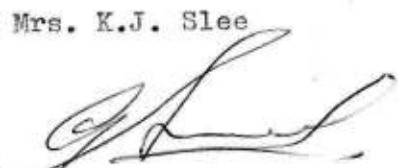
Mr. & Mrs. W. Solomon

Graphic Cup

P.J. Bowles, K.A.J. Woods, Mr. & Mrs. K.J. Slee

The meeting closed at 2.10 p.m.

Chairman



MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DCCBA held on  
25th June 1995 at the ISCA Centre.

PRESENT Mr J Smith (Chairman)  
Mrs M Baser (Secretary)  
Mrs M Lamb (Treasurer)  
and about 25 members.

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

APOLOGIES were received from Mrs J Swift, W-Oke, Mrs R Edmondson,  
Miss B McElroy, Mr & Mrs M Benorthan, Mrs N Elliot, T Walton.

MINUTES The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 26th June  
1994 were read, confirmed and signed.

MATTERS 1 Mrs Woolcott told the meeting that the East Section would be  
ARISING running an event to be called "The John Woolcott Weekend" to  
be held in January 1996 for the first time.

2 With regard to the Change of Rules the Chairman said that as the EBU  
Rules and Constitution were at present being re-written the County would  
wait to see what changes were made by the EBU before making any changes  
to the County Rules and Constitution.

3 Mr Pescott-Day noted the absence of the County Selector once again and  
referred to remarks made by him - Mr Pescott-day - at the 1994 AGM.

SELECTOR'S In the absence of the Selector his report was read by Mrs  
REPORT Woolcott. The highlight of the year was a Devon team  
reaching the final of Crockford's - Bob Blackmore, Peter Bowles, David  
Sharp, Don McFarlane. Devon won the Western League, both the A and B  
teams. During the past three years almost 40 players from all sections of  
the County have represented Devon and Amos Bridgman would like to thank  
them for their co-operation in turning out and travelling to matches. On  
this very day the County has sent 4 players to represent Devon in the Pat  
Walton Cup - a teams event held in Bristol - Bob Blackmore, Don McFarlane,  
Ruth Edmondson and Brigid McElroy.

In her capacity as Tournament Secretary Mrs Woolcott reminded the floor of  
the forthcoming Ladies and Mens Pairs event being held at the ISCA Centre  
on the 9th July and of the need to enter teams for the Western Morning  
News Trophy. Details would be in the new County Calendar due out shortly.  
The Chairman suggested to Mr Pescott-Day that any comments about the  
Selector should be made to his Section who could then pass them on to the  
Committee for discussion.

Mr Hopkins asked whether the Selector was elected and was told that he was  
selected by the Committee to remain in office until removed or he himself  
resigned. Mr Hopkins spoke of the lack of response he had received to a  
letter he had written to the Selector.

Some discussion followed on the process of selection as some members were  
not happy with the way this was done at present.

CHAIRMAN'S The Chairman asked that it be put on record his grateful  
REPORT thanks to all the voluntary workers who by their efforts  
sustain the success of Devon Bridge to include all the Directors,  
Treasurers, Secretaries, Committee Members, Scorers and even, or perhaps  
especially, the coffee makers.

The new County Secretary has proved amazingly efficient in a short time and the Treasurer "Mrs Devon Bridge" has been her usual dynamic self. The Chairman was very grateful for their support and encouragement and felt he could not stress too much the amount of time consuming work they have carried out - all on a voluntary basis.

Added to the loss of Gwen Ali-Khan and Peter Ashcroft last year another of our long serving Committee Members, Janet Woolcott, has intimated that she would like to give up the arduous task of Tournament Secretary. She has promised to carry on for the next year whilst we find a successor. Her wishes must be respected but with great regrets. The Chairman expressed thanks to Mrs Woolcott.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** The Secretary reported a continuing disappointing support for County events despite the relatively low entry fees. She felt that a lot of the "grass route" members do not enter because they feel they have no chance of any success.

The Secretary expressed her thanks to the Chairman and Treasurer for their help and support in her first year of office and gave her thanks also to the Committee Members.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** There had been a slight increase in Members' Subs. Income from hiring out was up. The accounts showed a slight loss probably caused by the carry over of money for the Green Point and Torquay Congress events.

Mr Nowill asked why the Creditors and Accruals figure was so much higher than the previous year and the Treasurer explained that this was due to the carry over of money for the Green Point event and the Torquay Congress. The accounts showed an operating profit of £72.

The Chairman made the point that the County has been making a loss over the last few years so something needs to be done about it. He reported that the Committee had decided to raise County Subscriptions by 50p. The Treasurer remarked that the subs had not gone up for several years. £1 on Affiliation Fees and 50p on entry fees were also proposed.

Mr Hopkins said that the accounts showed a slight profit and not a loss as indicated by the Treasurer. The Treasurer did not agree.

Mr Nowill said that non-affiliated clubs do not have to issue master points but according to an EBU article even affiliated clubs do not have to issue points perhaps non affiliated clubs should be written to inviting them to affiliate. The Treasurer felt that members would not be happy with no points being issued. Being affiliated does not mean a club has to issue points. Mr Nowill reiterated that such clubs be encouraged to join. He felt that the accounts should be amended if there was a mistake on them.

Mr Nowill also wondered if the large amounts of County money not being used could be used to fund teams and the Youth Programme.

With regard to the Youth Programme Mrs Lamb thanked the people who have helped with this - A Pollok (North), D Ash helped by R Giles (East) and J Pescott-Day (South). They had all attended a meeting in Bristol the previous weekend. More people are needed to help to teach Mini Bridge in schools. Very young children are able to learn. Only one hour a week is needed.

Mr Foan remarked that the meeting had strayed from the point of discussing the accounts. They would have to go back to the auditors.

Mr McDermott proposed no increase in levies until the accounts have been sorted out. This was seconded by Mrs Penfold. In favour 13. Against 11.

APPOINTMENT Mr Palmer commented that there was nothing wrong with the OF AUDITOR accounts but that there was merely a typing error in the wording. He felt sure the figures were correct. It was proposed by Mrs Penfold to leave the selection of the Auditor to the Committee. This was seconded and carried nem com.

Mrs Bell asked whether the question of whether to defer the increase in fees could be put to the floor again because as it now appeared that the accounts were OK she wished to change her vote. Mrs Penfold asked Mrs Lamb to put forward a proposal for the increase of fees. Mrs Lamb proposed increases of 50p on entry fees, 50p on members subs and £1 on affiliation fees. Seconded by I Murray. When put to the vote the motion was carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS No nominations having been received the present Officers to continue in office.

PRESENTATION OF CUPS & TROPHIES WESTERN MORNING NEWS  
P Houlbrooke, J Pescott-Day, J Martin, K Woods, M Buxton.

VICTRIX LUDORUM  
Ruth Edmondson.

AOB 1 Mr Foan wished to raise the question of Direct Crediting of points. He thanked the Committee for their response to letters written on the subject but he felt that members still wanted points done as before. The event being held after the AGM for instance would not be pointed until the end of the year. Mr Foan was told that this was not so as this event would be pointed as normal with master point certificates being issued. Mrs Lamb said that she would be giving out vouchers for the last competitions of the year. She also reminded the floor that anyone who wanted their points issued in the normal way could always have them.

Mr Foan proposed that the County revert to the old style of issuing points after each event.

Mr Pescott-Day criticised the smallness of print of the recently issued lists and being unable to understand for what events the points were issued. Mrs Lamb replied that there was a code for each event. Mrs Penfold felt that the compilation of the lists was too time consuming. The motion was seconded by Mrs Kirkman. Mrs Bell felt that members were being unreasonable and that the task was now being done much more simply. On a show of hands the motion was defeated.

2 Mr Palmer asked that publicity for a direct credited event show that event as being direct credited.

3 Mr Pescott-Day thanked Mrs Lamb for the hard work done by her for the schools. Last year she had organised the issue of 500 letters to schools and she does a lot of follow up work. Mrs Lamb took the opportunity to appeal for more volunteers.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1.59p.m.



30/6/46



MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DCCBA held on 30th June 1996 at the ISCA Centre.

PRESENT Mr J Smith (Chairman)  
Mrs M Baser (Secretary)  
Mrs M Lamb (Treasurer)

and initially 39 members, more arriving as the meeting progressed.

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

APOLOGIES were received from Mrs R Edmondson, B Palmer and Mr & Mrs Nowill.

MINUTES The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 25th June 1995 were read, confirmed and signed.

MATTERS 1 The Chairman pointed out that the previous year's accounts ARISING had not been correct. The profit of £1178 shown for the Green Point event should have read £472 as the figure shown had not included money due to the EBU, prize money and stationery costs. So although the accounts had showed a profit in fact the Association had made a loss for the third year running.

2 The Treasurer told the meeting that the sheets showing the direct credited points had been done differently this year and hopefully members could read the sheets more easily.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT "It has once again proved to be a good year, for the clubs at least. The attendances at clubs have held up well and in some cases even improved. In the North a new club has been formed at South Molton and has got off to a good start.

As always we have to particularly thank the Directors of the various clubs who have donated their time willingly to make this possible - not to say that they were not the only ones concerned. Directing has been shared in some clubs making the demanding task less onerous. This seems to be a wise move for the future. Great efforts and strong discipline on the part of other members has also been shown, Treasurers, Secretaries and general helpers are an important part of the machine.

Turning to the County Committee I particularly want to thank Maureen and Margaret-the two M's-as without their prodigious efforts things would not be so successful. We're grateful too to welcome Mrs Eve Morris to take on Janet Woolcott's job as Tournament Secretary.

Some quick notes just to field any questions that may occur. The EBU has still not rewritten their Constitution and Rules and Regulations so we are not in a position to finalise our own Constitution although most of the work has been done on this. We shall await our parent organisation's lead in this matter.

At the last Committee Meeting there was unanimous support for forwarding the name of Peter Ashcroft to the EBU for the Dimmie Fleming Award for service to Devon bridge over and above we lesser mortals."

J Pescott-Day asked for details of what Peter Ashcroft had done for the county.

K Slee pointed out that the Dimmie Fleming Award and Life Membership of the county were not the same thing.

The Chairman then asked members to agree to this proposal.

SECRETARY'S " Our congratulations go to B McElroy and R Edmondson on  
REPORT their success in the Women's Pairs at Coventry and to Ruth  
for winning the Ladies Pairs in the Year End Congress.  
My thanks to the Chairman and Treasurer for all their help during the  
year and to Committee members. I shall be sorry to lose the Chairman  
as he has proved very good at smoothing ruffled feathers and sorting  
out differences of opinion."

TREASURER'S "Subs are up slightly. Green Point profit £420. Torquay  
REPORT Congress profit was down but hopefully in the current year's  
accounts this figure will be better. The National Competitions costs  
are in the main for the Tollemache and Pachabo Events. The accounts  
show a loss for the year of £820. Costs need to be cut in the current  
year. There is money in various accounts but these are not raising much  
at present. The National Competitions are where the money is going."  
A Foan suggested running another Green Point Event but each county is  
only allowed to hold one a year - Somerset having two was a "one off".  
A Foan suggested bringing the Green Point back to Exeter. It was pointed  
pointed out that this was not practicable financially as the Shire Horse  
Centre was so much cheaper. The Treasurer said that unless we had 100  
tables the profit would be no more than we make at present.  
The Treasurer told the floor that Counties could now hold a Green Point  
Event as part of a County Congress but they could not hold a one day  
event as well. However, for such an event, licence fees would be up and  
the EBU would still want a share of the profit.  
The Chairman felt that the St George's Hall should be investigated once  
again as a venue for the Green Point. The Committee to look into this.  
The Treasurer said that the County might get some money when the  
Alliance & Leicester changes over to a bank.  
The Chairman said that the County only appeared to have a working  
capital of about £820 which he felt was not sufficient. The Treasurer  
said that this figure did not take into account the monies held by  
each Section.

M Bell asked the cost of sending a team to the Tollemache. Entry fees  
and subsidies cost £640. M Bell felt it was a large amount of the  
County's income. The Treasurer said that, a few years ago, the floor  
had expressed dissatisfaction with the money used to fund the Tollemache.  
M Bell asked how many people go to the Council Meetings and on being told  
that only one person goes she expressed the opinion that it was a lot of  
money for one person to attend Council Meetings.

K Slee made the point that presumably the best players in the County play  
in the Tollemache and in the Western League when these players pay their  
own expenses. These players also always support County events. In the  
past all expenses for the Tollemache had been paid by the County. He felt  
that if no or less subsidy was given for the Tollemache then players would  
not play in the Western League at their own expense.

E Morris suggested not entering the Tollemache with which A Slee disagreed.  
A Foan suggested running a competition to raise money for this event  
but M Bell said that bridge is a selfish game and most players would be  
uninterested in raising money for such an event. F Akyoi said that this  
was not only a County problem but a National one. We must raise more money  
from County Events. A Foan felt that there should be more publicity for  
events. M Bell felt that Green Point Events were "killing" County Events.  
J Pescott-Day suggested more forward advertising. The Treasurer suggested  
running a Simultaneous Pairs between clubs to raise money.  
The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by M Bell, seconded by K Slee  
and carried by the floor.

APPOINTMENT J Smith proposed that the Auditor remain the same. Seconded  
OF AUDITOR by F Akyol and carried by the meeting.

SELECTOR'S The Selector not being present there was no report.  
REPORT M Down suggested a new Selector be appointed as he was never  
present at meetings. The Committee to take this matter up.

ELECTION OF There being no nominations the Treasurer and Secretary  
OFFICERS to continue in office  
I Hopkins then took over the Chair from J Smith. The new Chairman thanked  
Jack who had been a very quiet, efficient, dignified and considerate  
Chairman.

PRESENTATION WESTERN MORNING NEWS  
OF CUPS & K & A Slee, W & L Solomon.  
TROPHIES

VICTRIX LUDORUM  
Ann Slee.

JACK & JILL  
V Manicom & A Tooley.

JULIA CHADWICK  
B Blackmore & D Sharp.

AOB

1 Mrs Wilson asked what the insurance covered. It was for all  
equipment and trophies. Mrs Wilson said that in Surrey members  
included trophies in their own insurance so cut down on expenses.  
The Treasurer said that the insurance was inclusive and covered all  
County goods.

2 J Pescott-Day asked about Double Talk. He asked if club  
secretaries could become involved. The Chairman said it was a  
good idea but the clubs were not interested. The Treasurer  
said that all clubs were circulated asking for copy but little  
response had been received. J Pescott-Day said copies of Double Talk  
had not been displayed in clubs. He felt there was a lack of marketing  
for the Newsletter with only one copy on display. The Treasurer said  
that sufficient copies were sent out for each member to have a copy. She  
felt that this was a problem of the clubs not giving out information  
and brochures. P Penfold said that any dissatisfaction with club  
secretaries should be expressed by writing or raising the matter  
at meetings.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2.16pm

SIGNED ..... *M. P. H. J.* .....

DATE ..... *29/6/97* .....

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DCCBA held on  
29th June 1997 at the ISCA Centre.

PRESENT Mr I Hopkins (Chairman)  
Mrs M Baser (Secretary)  
Mrs M Lamb (Treasurer)

and 48 members.

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

APOLOGIES were received from I Mackay and K Ponsford.

MINUTES The minutes of the AGM held on the 30th June 1996 were read, confirmed and signed. Proposed by P Penfold and seconded by M Bell.

MATTERS The Dimmie Fleming Award had been given to P Ashcroft.  
ARISING

CHAIRMAN'S " One year ago I approached the job of Chairman with fear and trepidation  
REPORT which was quickly resolved to total dread and utter panic! It seemed that my position as Chairman was to stop hostilities breaking out between various factions and to ensure that meetings finished by breakfast the next morning! My fears were groundless, the Committee are a committed and dedicated band of people working for the furtherance of bridge in all sections of the county and I thank them all.

The death of Gwen Ali-Khan was a sad loss, in her time she had been a hard worker for the County and a Life Member.

We now have a new Publicity Officer in John Halsall..

The EBU are hoping to boost bridge membership by the introduction of Bridge for All. I have certain misgivings about this but if it is a success then it will be for the good of the County.

The new Direct Debit system is now under way but there are teething problems.

Amos Bridgman, the County Selector, has not an easy task and not one which many people would be willing to do. However Amos is willing and the Committee back him as Selector. Apart from official events there is not much financial help from the County and players play at their own expense often travelling hundreds of miles to do so. I must pay tribute to the dedicated band of people who play in the Western League with great enthusiasm.

The Devon Simultaneous Pairs event which was run to further Youth Bridge in the County was quite well supported and my thanks go to Peter Bowles, David Sharp, Pam Penfold and all the others who helped.

I would like to thank Margaret Lamb, the "Rock of Gibraltar" of the Committee who has served 24 years as Treasurer. My thanks also to Maureen Baser for all her hard work. And of course my thanks to all Committee Members for all their support and hard work over the last year. I would like to assure you that the organisation and administration of bridge in Devon is in capable hands. I look forward to my second year as Chairman at the end of which time I shall be handing over to Keith Ponsford."

TREASURER'S "A profit has been made for the first time in 3 years. Competition monies are  
REPORT up due to increased levies. There were good profits from the Torquay Congress and the Green Point Event. Sundry competitions were not too well attended. In next year's accounts the Building Society windfalls will show up."

J Nowill asked if discussion had been held about the spending of the windfall money.

The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by J Nowill, seconded by E Morris and carried by the floor.

The Treasurer then raised the issue of the EBU giving details of Secretaries to the Internet without asking for permission first. She suggested that all Secretaries write to the EBU to complain.

APPOINTMENT It was proposed by J Swift and seconded by F Akyol that the Auditor remain  
OF AUDITOR the same. Carried.

SELECTOR'S "My thanks to the Chairman for his words of encouragement. My thanks go

REPORT to the vast number of players who have rallied round and played in the Western League. We have won the A and B Leagues although this is not definite as the League is in turmoil at the moment. C Samuels has resigned from the running of the League and E Wales will be running it in the future and giving it financial support. The AGM, when matches are arranged, will probably be at the ISCA Centre. I will be putting a suggestion to the Committee that we do not include in teams Tollemache players except perhaps one or two so as to give more members a chance to play for the County. I Mackay and R Levy have done well for the County and I would like a letter of appreciation sent to them.

The Tollemache started well but we had a poor finish.

Despite all the funds of the EBU it is not promoting bridge as it should do. As Maggie Thatcher is to the Conservatives so M Lamb is to the EBU. There is no "rub off" in counties from the EBU. Younger people are needed. The only one recently in the county is A Pollok. Bridge is the largest competitive sport in the country and as such must be upgraded. I appeal to the Committee to put this forward.

My thanks to the Committee for all their hard work."

ELECTION There being no nominations for Treasurer and Secretary it was proposed by OF OFFICERS A Bridgman and seconded by A Slee that the present Officers continue. Carried.

PRESENTATION JACK & JILL A Humphries & W Oke  
OF CUPS VICTOR LUDORUM K Slee  
WESTERN MORNING NEWS I Mackay, R Levy, Mr & Mrs White.

MOTION "That the windfall monies received from the Alliance & Leicester Building Society be used to replace the outdated County Computer with modern equipment and to purchase the full EBU Scoring Program in order that we are all compatible"

Proposed by South Section and seconded by J Halsall.

J Nowill made the point that he did not want the money frittered away.

Motion carried.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1.45pm.

SIGNED .....  
DATE ..... 28-6-98

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DCCBA held on the 28th June 1998 at the ISCA Centre.**

**PRESENT** Mr K Ponsford (Vice Chairman)  
Mrs M Baser (Secretary)  
Mrs M Lamb (Treasurer)

and 50 members.

**APOLOGIES** were received from I Hopkins and P Bowles.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the AGM held on the 29th June 1997 were read, confirmed - apart from the name of the winner of the Victor Laudorum being A Slee and not K Slee - and signed. Proposed by K Slee and seconded by P Penfold.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Major Freddy Stone, an Honorary Life Member of the DCCBA, died in September aged 93.

The Exeter Golf and Country Club Charity Swiss Teams event had raised £215 in aid of Hospicecare.

Dave Hodge and Adam O' Reilly came 3rd in the National Under 19 Pairs event and now qualify for the Hugh Scully. They are both proteges of John Pescott-Day.

I had to take on the role of Chairman earlier than expected but was told "Not to worry, the ladies will look after you!" On looking down the Calendar I see that all the competition entries are taken by ladies. When I was in the forces I was told never to volunteer for anything and it would seem that the men in Devon are applying this principle.

My thanks go especially to Margaret Lamb who always has as an answer to any query and to Maureen Baser who is now retiring as Secretary after 4 years."

At this point a presentation was made to the Secretary.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

"The subscriptions, table hire and computer hire are down. The income from the County Simultaneous pairs was £330. The insurance costs are slightly up. The assets are greater due to the building society "windfalls" received. Some of the money has been used to update the computer.

All the Section monies are now in an account at Lloyds which seemed to have the best terms."

M Carmichael asked the Treasurer what she felt was a comfortable level of balance for the County. The Treasurer said that the present balance was a very healthy figure. M Carmichael said that in view of the healthy balance he felt that the County was mean in its payments made to members to play in national events. At the Pachabo for example the players from other counties were paid travel expenses and not just the entry fees as Devon does. The Treasurer pointed out that at a previous AGM the floor had voted for his.

R Slape said that Somerset only paid the entry fees for its players.

J Nowill asked about the current liabilities figure on the accounts. The Treasurer said that this was caused by the overlap of competitions from one year to the next.

In answer to a comment made by a member the Treasurer said that the bank and building society interests were small due to the restriction on the sort of account the County can have.

R Slape asked if prize money was given to winners of County events.

Terrett proposed that the accounts be accepted. This was seconded by M Bell and carried by the floor.

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

The floor agreed to continue using the same auditor.

## **SELECTOR'S REPORT**

"The Western League is not yet finished. Following Committee recommendation more people had been asked to play. In total 38 players had represented Devon. More new players had been used in the "B" Division especially. We will not win this division nor the "A" Division either. A good cross-section of people have played for the County.

Devon had made a brave effort in our section of the Tollemache and did beat Surrey, who nearly always qualify for the final, but failed to qualify due to a couple of errors. The Devon team is recognised as being courteous and polite.

Devon teams have performed well in the Crockfords and the Gold Plate even being mentioned by Tony Forrester in The Telegraph.

Overall Devon players are well received but unfortunately had bad luck in the Tollemache. All the players are pleased to play for the County."

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

T McDermott proposed E Morris for the post of Secretary, seconded by D Graham. Agreed nem con.

## **PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES**

WESTERN MORNING NEWS      T Hammett, V Russell, M Carmichael, T Bunn.

VICTRIX LAUDORUM            A Slee.

## **MOTIONS**

1 "The increase of entrance monies for the final of the Julia Chadwick to £5 per player to facilitate the employment of a qualified EBU Director for the county prime pairs event." Proposed by K Slee, seconded by P Penfold and agreed by all.

2 The South Section had proposed that in view of the dwindling support for the Torquay Congress this event should become a joint Green Point event but P Penfold for the South Section said that the finding of a good new venue for the One Day Green Point in Exeter means that this motion could now perhaps be deferred. Some dissatisfaction had been expressed at the Kistor Hotel as a venue for the Torquay Congress. After the 1999 Green Point we should perhaps then consider combining these events.

The Treasurer said that this idea had been discussed before. We had always done well in the One Day Green Point events and could do even better at the new venue. The Torquay Congress is an old established social event. The One Day Green Point is run on behalf of the EBU, the County does all the work and gives half the profits to the EBU. Green Point events combined with a County Congress are not always a success as recently experienced by the Isle of Man.

3 R Giles raised the question of the funding given to players in the Tollemache. He said that we do not know who represents the County nor the result. £500 is contributed by the County and the players also contribute. He felt that this event could perhaps in future be run on a Regional basis. K Slee pointed out that this had been done in the past which meant the County played against the same teams every year. The Chairman asked if the floor wanted Devon to assist with the expenses of the Tollemache and also the Pachabo as mentioned earlier. T Hammett suggested that a proposal be put forward with some costing and not just of a general nature. J Pescott-Day said that when he had played for the County it had been considered to be a singular honour. P Penfold asked who played in the Tollemache. The team consisted of: Mr & Mrs Slee, Mr & Mrs Solomon, D Sharp & B Blackmore, R Edmondson & B McElroy, A Bridgman & V Russell and has been the same for some years. K Slee said that he was disappointed that no new people have come along to displace him. The Tollemache team are not asking for more money as £50 is ample as a help towards expenses. E Morris said that this question had been raised at an earlier AGM when the floor had voted for a contribution for the Tollemache team for one year only. The members should now vote again. A Pollok made the point that it was very sad that if you were not well off you could not afford to play for the County.

M Lamb spoke of the Pachabo and Corwen events where only the entrance monies were paid for the players. Perhaps if we are giving to the Tollemache then we should give to these events also. A "not so well off" player could be financed if necessary. T Hammett felt that the Selector should not have to come "cap in hand" every year to the Committee to ask for money for the Tollemache. F Akyol said that he personally could not afford to represent the County in events.

P Palmer proposed that Devon paid the entrance fees for the Reg Corwen, the Pachabo and the Tollemache. It was pointed out that they are already paid for the Tollemache and the Pachabo. This proposal was seconded by P Penfold and agreed by the majority.

The Chairman asked if the County would continue paying each player in the Tollemache £50 for expenses.

T Bunn felt that all events should be considered. T McDermott considered it better to fund the Reg Corwen and the Pachabo as players got to play in those events by qualification. T Hammett said that we should confine our remarks to the Tollemache. He suggested £500 a year to be adjusted if necessary for inflation. This was seconded by A Foan. The motion was carried by a majority.

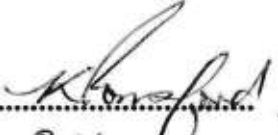
R Slape suggested an internal competition with a guaranteed place in the Tollemache for the winners. K Slee said he had already suggested that the Victor Ludorum be that event. The Chairman suggested that that idea be left to the Committee to make a decision on.

**..O.B.**

1 P Palmer asked if the Garden Cities event could be revived. The Treasurer said that this event had been discontinued because of lack of interest shown. It could be revived if wanted by the clubs. The Committee would write to clubs to find out what interest is shown.

2 F Akyol asked whether another County Simultaneous Pairs event would be run in the future. This was possible.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2.10pm.

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DATE ..... 27-6-99 .....



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the DCCBA**  
**held at the Isca Centre, Exeter,**  
**on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 1.00pm**

**Present:** Chairman Mr K Ponsford  
Hon Secretary Mrs E Morris  
Hon Treasurer Mrs M Lamb

and approximately 50 members

**Apologies:** Mr & Mrs J Nowill  
Mrs J Swift  
Mr A F Crook (on behalf of Regal Bridge Club)

**Minutes of AGM  
Of 29<sup>th</sup> June 1998** Confirmed and signed

**Matter Arising** There were no matters arising.

**Chairman's Report** The Chairman regretted that the County Selector had decided not to continue after one year in office, especially as the county team had the best result for some time this year in the Tollemache.  
He thanked the sections for organising the events in the past year. It was regrettable that Plymouth congress had not been able to be held, but plans were going ahead to hold it this year on the weekend of October 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report** A copy of the annual accounts was distributed to members present. The Treasurer said that subscriptions were slightly down on last year, but in general income and expenditure were very similar to last year.  
It was proposed by Mrs Slee and seconded by Mr Palmer that the accounts be adopted. Carried unanimously.

**Constitution** The Treasurer presented a list of proposed amendments to the Constitution in order to bring it into line with adjustments made to the EBU bye-laws and constitution. These amendments were agreed by the meeting.  
Mr Appleby proposed that the minutes of County and Section committee meetings should be made available to members within a short time of the meeting. The Treasurer responded that members have always had the right to see minutes of meetings on request. However, it was not feasible for them to be circulated to individual clubs, in many of which it may not be possible to display them. Mr Slee proposed an amendment that a copy be sent to the 4 section secretaries to have available for members on request. It was pointed out that the section secretaries sit on the County committee and already have copies of the minutes. The Treasurer said that the minutes of any particular meeting would not be ratified until the following meeting 3 months' later, so that the minutes would be unconfirmed if distributed earlier than this. Mr Hammett proposed that County and Section minutes should be made available before ratification. This was seconded by Mr Palmer and carried.

**Auditor** It was agreed to continue with the same auditors.

**Selector's Report**

Mr Slee said that he was unable, for personal reasons, to carry on as selector for the county. He thanked everyone for their co-operation and help during his year in office.

He had taken a team of just 8 to the Tollemache with a non-playing captain, Bob Blackmore, who had done an excellent job. The team came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 9 in their section – a better result than had been attained for a long time. He said that there was a move afoot to divide the Tollemache into 2 divisions, which would give Devon the realistic aim of promotion into the 1<sup>st</sup> division.

In the Western League, the A team were 4<sup>th</sup> and the B team 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was disappointed in the number of people who enter for county competitions, and said that they cannot expect the committee to work so hard on their behalf if they do not support the events arranged.

The Chairman once again expressed his regret at the Selector's resignation, and thanked him for all his work in the past year.

**Election of Officers**

There being no proposals, the existing officers were re-elected.

**Presentation of Trophies**

Jack & Jill	Ann & Kevin Slee
Victor Ludorum	Ann Slee
Western Morning News	Pat & Tim Walton
	Bill Ellis & John Harriman
Julia Chadwick Cup	Val Manicom & Andy Tooley

**Representation on Section Committees**

Mr Glaskin put forward a proposal that each of the four sections shall include three members from different clubs within each section. This proposal was discussed, and it was agreed that the matter would be discussed by the County Committee.

**County Events**

Mr Fogg suggested that one way of encouraging more members to enter county events would be to have a county ranking list by awarding, say, Devon blue points. Mr Slee said that there already exists a county ranking list – the Victor Ludorum. Mr Appleby said that there was not enough publicity about county events, and that notices and/or entry forms could be sent to clubs before events. Mr Slape suggested that a regular newsletter might serve to advertise events. Ms Pollok felt it should be possible to send out notices to all clubs in advance of events.

There was general agreement that some form of publicity was required other than simply the county programme at the beginning of the season.

**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Mrs B Martin said that Mrs Jean Burland, who is a member of 3 clubs in North Devon, will be 100 on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2000, and she proposed that she be given life membership of the DCCBA. Mr Hammett proposed that she also be given a bottle of whiskey. Both proposals agreed.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2pm.

*A Bowles*

# DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the DCCBA held on June 25th 2000 at the Isca Centre.

Present P Bowles (Chairman)  
Mrs E Morris (Hon. Sec. )  
Mrs M Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)  
And approximately 45 members.

Apologies Mr & Mrs Nowill. W Oke. Mrs T Glenday. Mrs J Swift. Mrs B Guy. Mrs C Ritzen. F Tucker. T Hammett and A Bridgman.

Minutes.

Minutes of the last AGM were agreed and signed as a true report.

Matters arising.

Mr Appleby asked for the Minutes of County Committee meetings to be displayed at the main Plymouth, Torquay, Exeter, and Barnstaple Bridge Clubs.

Mrs Rowe thanked Mr Ponsford for his visit to the North Section to award Mrs Burland with life membership to the DCCBA and to present her with a bottle of whisky.

Chairman's report.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ponsford for his time in office, and also for his efforts in rekindling the West Section Committee.

The Chairman then informed the floor of the recent sudden death of Mrs Benorthan. He expressed commiserations to Marcus and added our thanks for the years of service to the DCCBA.

He also stated that every effort would be made to increase entry levels to all County competitions.

Treasurer's Report.

The annual accounts were circulated. The Treasurer stated that the subscriptions were down slightly. Some income had been generated by hiring out equipment. Competition income was down, but this seemed to be a national trend. The County computer needed major attention at substantial cost, and a new laptop computer has been purchased. The monies on deposit were showing good returns. Mr Fogg enquired about the difference shown on the profit for the Green Point event. The Treasurer explained that the figure shown last year was the gross profit and this year it was the actual figure, after the 50% was paid to the EBU. It was proposed by Mrs Martin and seconded by P Palmer that the accounts be adopted. This was carried unanimously.

Election of Officer's.

The existing officer's were re-elected in the absence of any new proposals. Proposed by T McDermott and seconded by P Palmer. It was proposed by P Palmer and seconded by T McDermott that the Auditor remains unchanged.

Any other business.

Mr Appleby stated that he was both angry and disappointed by the incompetence of the DCCBA. He went on to say that competition entries were down and that in fact the Ladies & Men's Pairs competition had been cancelled. He stated that Somerset CBA produced a comprehensive programme including all the Club venues, time of play etc. and that Devon should do the same.

Mrs Lamb replied that the Ladies and Men's Pairs have been replaced by the Garden City event, which appeared to be more popular. She went on to say that Devon had 700 + members and 40 thriving clubs. In view of the size of the County, members enjoyed playing locally. The number of tables playing in the Devon Green Point event this year was down slightly, but was still good compared to the national trend.

The Secretary pointed out that clubs did not inform the County of changes of secretaries and that there had been no response to notices sent.

Mrs Slee said she would like to visit all Devon clubs to ask members why they are not supporting County events. She will also encourage new players to enter.

Mrs Martin asked that, in future, bidding boxes be available at all tables.

Mrs Lamb assured her that this will be complied with.

Mrs Slee asked that the entry fee for the Swiss Pairs event at the Torquay Congress be reduced. She felt that the high charge was putting players off.

Mrs Lamb replied that Swiss Pairs was an expensive event to run and that Championship pairs could replace the event if this was preferred. The overall cost of the Congress was considered very reasonable. The Committee will discuss this issue.

Presentation of Trophies.

Victor Ludorum	Mr & Mrs Slee.
Jack & Jill	Mrs A Humphries T McDermott.
Western Morning News	R Blackmore D Sharp
	Mrs.R Edmundson Mrs.B McIlroy

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1.45 p.m.

*Pete Bowles*

# DEVON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the DCCBA held on June 24<sup>th</sup> 2001. at the Isca Centre.

Present P Bowles (Chairman)  
Mrs E Morris (Hon. Sec. )  
Mrs M Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)  
and approximately 62 members.

Apologies Mr & Mrs Nowill. W Oke. Ms C Lee. Mr & Mrs S Quinn. A Foan.

### Minutes.

Minutes of the last AGM were agreed and signed as a true report.  
Proposed by T McDermott and seconded by Mrs A Humphries

### Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

### Chairman's report.

The Chairman informed the floor that it had been decided to re-enter the Western League this year with a revised format. This competition is now Green pointed and therefore it was considered important to involve as many players as possible. The selection for the matches was made by the sections in turn and involved over 50 players. The B team finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. the A team did not do quite so well. Special congratulations were given to the 2 players who stood in at very short notice and although conceding IMPs for a late start, won their match.

The County is still aiming to improve competition entries, and to conduct well organised events. The County Swiss teams was well supported.

The Chairman thanked the Hon. Sec. the Hon. Treasurer and the Tournament Sec. for the work carried out over the past year.

### Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported that the County expenses were the same as last year. The assets also remained the same. The deposit account continues to generate a good return.

The Torquay Congress entries are still coming in and the £4.00 vouchers issued are being used by entrants.

It was proposed by T. Terrett and seconded by Mrs B Martin that the accounts be adopted. This was carried unanimously.

### Election of Officer's.

The existing officer's were re-elected in the absence of any new proposals. Proposed by R Mardlin and seconded by B. Ellis.

Presentation of Trophies.

Victor Ludorum	Mr & Mrs Slee.
Jack & Jill	Mrs J Murray-Brown R Levy.
Western Morning News	R Blackmore D Sharp
	Mrs.R Edmundson Mrs.B McIlroy

Any other business.

Mr Hughes inquired whether the DCCBA intended to produce a web-site. Mrs Lamb informed the floor that this was in hand and should be up and running shortly. She also reminded members that if any member did not wish their name to appear on the web site they should contact the Hon.Sec.

Mr Slee asked if Mr Richardson has been given permission to publish information on behalf of the DCCBA. Mr Slee was assured that a letter had been written to Mr Richardson declining his offer to produce a Devon web-site. Mr Slee then stated he would be contacting Mr Richardson instructing him to remove Mr Slee's name from the site.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 1.20 p.m.

*C.M. Ritzen*

**Annual General Meeting of the DCCBA held on  
June 23rd, 2002.**

at the Isca Centre.

Present        Mrs C Ritzen                                (Chairman)  
                     Mrs E Morris                                (Hon. Sec. )  
                     Mrs M Lamb                                 (Hon. Treasurer)  
                     and approximately 47 members.

Apologies     Mr & Mrs Nowill. P Bowles. Mrs B Martin. Ms A Pollak.  
                     Mrs B Randall. A. Bridgman. Mrs J Richards. Mrs E Horton.  
                     Mr & Mrs Richardson.

Minutes.  
Minutes of the last AGM were agreed and signed as a true report.  
Proposed by K Barton and seconded by Mrs A Husk.

Matters arising.  
There were no matters arising.

Chairman's report.  
The Chairman thanked G Fogg and T Cannon for the effort they had put into making the Green Point competition an enjoyable event. Unfortunately numbers were down this year which was disappointing. The Chairman also thanked her Committee for the effort they had put in over the past year. The Chairman also thanked the outgoing Hon. Sec. and presented her with a token of thanks from the County.

Treasurer's Report.  
The Treasurer reported that income for the year was the same as last year. Venue hire had risen this year but expenses remained the same. Boards and bidding boxes have been updated, and it is intended to replace and/or renovate the County tables this year. The Treasurer was asked why the telephone expenses were not shown as a separate entry. It was explained that these figures were incorporated in the various expense accounts, but in future these will be made clearer. The treasurer was then asked whose phones were used to make these calls. It was confirmed that personal phones were used. (No line rental contribution is made by the County)  
It was proposed by G. White and seconded by K Slee that the accounts be adopted. This was carried unanimously.

Election of Officer's.  
In the absence of any prior nominations for the position of Hon Sec. Mrs B Simmonds offered her services.  
Proposed by G. Fogg. and seconded by Mrs J Thomas.

Presentation of Trophies.

Victor Ludorum.	Mr & Mrs Slee.
Julia Chadwick	Ms A Pollak Mrs B Randall.
Jack and Jill.	T Cannon. Ms M Olds.
Western Morning News.	Mr & Mrs Walton. J Harriman. W. Ellis.

Mr Slee asked for it to be noted that they continue to win the Victor Ludorum because they are the only couple who regularly play in every County event.

Any other business.

Mr Appleby complained that the County Committee were not doing their job. Competition entries were down and that the venue for the Green Point event was not acceptable. He requested to know why the University was not chosen this year. He stated that in his opinion, County news was not being circulated. He went on to say that players who misbehave at the bridge table should be banned from playing. At this point the Chairman stated that these points should receive a reply.

Mrs Slee replied to the question of Competition entries. She stated that she was amazed that he should make such a statement when in fact entries this year has been the highest for several years due mainly to the effort she has made to attain this. Mrs Edmundson thanked Mrs Slee for the excellent advertising of events.

Mr Fogg replied to comments made regarding the Green Point event. He explained that a new venue was sought because the University is unable to confirm a booking until January, and even at this late date are still unable to confirm whether examinations will be finished. This is too late for an entry in the EBU directory and preparations for this event must be in place in good time. Another reason in favour of the new venue was the rental of £400.00 compared to £650.00 required by the University. A suggestion was made that perhaps a questionnaire be circulated requesting views of players. One member complained the new venue was cold, but several members congratulated Mr Fogg and Mr Cannon for the excellent job done.

Regarding Mr Appleby's suggestion that members should be banned from playing if they misbehave at the table, this was dismissed by the floor.

At this point the chairman asked Mr Appleby to put any further complaints/suggestions in writing to the County Committee for consideration.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 1.35 p.m.



**Annual General Meeting of the DCCBA held on  
29 June 2003 at the Isca Centre.**

Present Mrs C Ritzen (Chairman)  
Mrs B Simmonds (Hon. Secretary)  
Mrs M Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)  
and 65 members.

Apologies Bob Blackmore, Cathy Lee, Eva and John Nowill, Bill Oke, Kathy and Nigel Richardson, Ken Rowe, Dena Sells, Mike Smith.

Minutes. The minutes of the 2002 AGM were taken as read and signed as correct.

Matters arising. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's report.

"This is the end of my first full year in the chair. During it we had our best result ever in the Pachabo when Ann and Kevin Slee together with Jette and Alan Bailey finished in third position. Our congratulations go to all of them.

The Torquay Congress was better attended than in the last few years and on the whole was well received. Thanks go to Margaret Lamb and Amos for their help in organizing this. Also the Devon green point event had a better entry than for a number of years with 58 teams taking part. Our thanks go to Terry Cannon and Geoff Fogg for their hard work and also to Bob Blackmore and Alan Foan for their assistance. Having collected together tables for the events, there are a few we do not need and so if anyone wants them, see Geoff. It should be noted that a couple are small and the others need a little work on them.

As many of you are aware, the County website has been revamped this year and our thanks go to Ruth Edmondson for all the hard work she has put in and is continually prepared to do.

Finally, I would like to thank all the County Committee for their work over the year and in particular Barbara Simmonds for all the hard work that she does behind the scenes. I also would like to thank Ann Slee for all the work she does as Tournament Secretary. She does not sit on the Committee but without her the events would not be as well organized as they are."

Treasurer's Report.

The accounts were presented showing a healthy balance. It was proposed by Brenda Martin and seconded by Kevin Slee that the accounts be adopted. This was agreed.

The Treasurer had announced that she was retiring and she wished to thank all who had helped her in the past especially the Treasurers of the sections.

### Presentation to retiring Treasurer, Margaret Lamb

The Chairman paid the following tribute to Margaret Lamb. "After twenty-six years on the Committee as Treasurer, Margaret has decided that it is time to hand over the reins to someone else. Over the years Margaret has spent a lot of her time and energy on bridge in Devon. I am sure that you are all in agreement with me in thanking her, on your behalf, for the time she has spent on this. It is going to be impossible, in this day and age, for any one person to take over her work and so the Committee as a whole will have a job in deciding how best to take on these tasks.

I should like you to accept this gift in token of our appreciation and we hope that you spend many hours enjoying this new hobby of yours."

The Chairman then presented Margaret with a digital camera.

### Election of Officers

Treasurer – It was proposed by Bob Blackmore and seconded by Terry Cannon that Geoff Fogg be nominated as Treasurer. There were no further nominations and Geoff was elected unanimously.

Secretary – The Chairman asked if Barbara Simmonds would be willing to stand and she agreed. There were no further nominations.

### Honorary Life Membership

The Chairman proposed that Margaret Lamb be elected a life member in appreciation of all the work she had done for the county. This was unanimously agreed.

### Duplimate Machine and Timer

A request had been received from the Exeter Bridge Club that the county should consider the purchase of this machine. The committee had discussed this matter and asked John Lankshear and Peter Bowles to report.

John Lankshear reported that the Jannersten machine would cost in the region of £2000 plus VAT and the boards another £2000. Delivery would be about six weeks. He had not made any progress in obtaining information on the Australian machine. The machine would need to be kept in a "stable" environment (but not in a stable or garage), as fluctuations in temperature or humidity are likely to affect the machine adversely.

Peter Bowles' report was in agreement with this.

The Chairman asked for comments from the meeting. Ivor Moore put forward the view that, owing to his poor eyesight, it would be preferable to have black and red cards rather than multiple colours.

The Chairman was of the opinion that the committee should find someone to be responsible for the machine. Terence Treeby offered his services and also Steve Quinn was interested in exploring the details with a view to offering his services. It was subsequently agreed by the members that the machine should be purchased.

There was some discussion regarding the need for a digital display timer and Geoff White explained its uses. John Murray-Brown had tried to contact the manufacturing company without success. The Chairman asked for the opinion of the meeting and, by a show of hands, there was a majority against buying this.

#### Any Other Business

Ivor Moore raised a point regarding the provision of food at the Green Point Swiss Teams. He had ordered food when he arrived for collection at 5.00 p.m. Unfortunately he was not informed that the food was not available until 5.50 p.m. Geoff Fogg said he would be finding out what had happened. He also said he would be discussing the bar arrangements for the future.

Geoff White proposed that slips of paper be put on tables at the Green Point Swiss Teams asking players to remove their rubbish at the end of the evening. This was felt to be a good point and the Chairman said she would report this to the committee for action.

The Secretary thanked Ken Rowe for taking on the task of Press Officer with responsibility for entries in English Bridge. He reported that no information had been received from the clubs, even though the Secretary had written to them. She asked all members at the meeting to bring this matter to their various clubs to submit items of interest.

The appointment of auditor. The meeting was asked if it was in agreement that K. Beman be re-appointed as auditor. This was agreed.

#### Presentation of Prizes.

The Chairman presented the trophies to the following competition winners:

County Swiss Teams – Ann and Kevin Slee, Ruth Edmondson and Brigid McElroy  
Jack and Jill – Carol Robinson and Terry Cannon  
Julia Chadwick – Margaret and Robin Mardlin  
Western Morning News – Ann and Kevin Slee and Jette and Alan Bailey  
Victor Ludorum – Ann and Kevin Slee. After receiving this trophy once again, Kevin congratulated Nethie and Geoff White for having played in all the county events and coming second.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1.45 p.m.

6 July, 2003.

**Annual General Meeting of the DCCBA**  
**held on 27 June 2004 at the Isca Centre**

Present        Mrs C Ritzen            (Chairman)  
                     Mr G Fogg                (Hon. Treasurer)  
                     and 62 members.

Those present stood as a mark of respect for Barbara Simmonds before the meeting opened.

Apologies     M. Narramore, E. Horton, D. Sells.

Minutes        The minutes of the 2003 AGM were taken as read and signed as correct.  
(proposed J. Boxall, seconded A. Drew).

Matter arising There were no matters arising.

**Chairman's Report.**

I am the end of my term of office. Once again I would like to single out some of our members who have done well since the last A.G.M. Firstly we had a team of four ladies who qualified for the main final at Brighton, last year. in the E.B.U. Summer Congress. They finished fifth in this. Our congratulations go to Ruth Edmonson, Brigid McElroy, Alison Pollok and Judith Thomas . This year the Exeter team won the regional final of the Garden Cities and then went on to finish fifth in the final. The team consisted of Ann and Kevin Slee, Jette and Alan Bailey, Louise and Warner Solomon, Peter Bowles and Roger Slape. Congratulations to all of them

I would like to thank all the people that have served on the committee, during my time as Chairman, for all their hard work.

In particular I would like to thank Geoff for all the hard work he has put in over this year having taken over the treasurer's job from Margaret Lamb.

Our thanks go to Ann Slee for her hard work as Tournament Secretary, also to Steve Quinn for his work with making up boards, using the duplimate machine.

Ruth has continued with our County website. Thanks for all the hard work you put in there

It was with sadness that we had to accept the resignation of our secretary a couple of months ago. I must say that I greatly appreciated all the hard work she put in during my time in office. She had been a pleasure to work with and I am sure she will be sadly missed.

Once again thanks to everyone who has helped organise anything within the county.

### Presentation of Prizes.

The Chairman presented the trophies to the following competition winners.

Western Morning News: Warner & Louise Solomon, Peter Bowles, Roger Slape  
Julia Chadwick: Jim Grant & Stefan Lindfors  
Swiss Teams: Kevin & Ann Slee, Ruth Edmondson, Brigid McElroy  
Victor Ludorum: Co-winners: Geoff & Nethie White

### Treasurer's Report.

You will notice that the accounts are shown in more detail this year. In fact they are similar to the accounts presented in 1992. I would like to highlight some of the main differences.

Income from Subscriptions. This has fallen by nearly £500 compared with last year, reflecting the reduction in the number of members.

However various other items of income more than compensate for this fall.

Competitions. DCCBA competitions show a small profit this year, but expenditure of master points and stationery is not included, as these are shown as separate items in the accounts this year.

Torquay Congress & ODJV Swiss Teams. Net income from these two events increased by over £2000 compared with last year. However it will fall back this year.

Expenditure. On National competitions increased by over £500 - mainly a result of increased costs for the SW Inter Counties League and also the Tollemache.

Other Items. Expenditure on equipment is down by over £1000 compared with last year, as these accounts included expenditure of about £1200 on new tablecloths, boards and bidding boxes.

DCCBA expenses are down by nearly £500, but depreciation is up by over £1100. This latter item is because the duplimate machine plus the boards, cards and boxes for it cost £4631 and these have been depreciated by 25% in this year's accounts.

Overall. The income and expenditure account shows a profit of nearly £500 this year, as against a loss of over £800 last year. However the profit on the Torquay Congress will fall to about £1000 for 2004-2005. This suggests that a loss is again likely on next year's accounts.

The Treasurer was congratulated from the floor on the extra detail of the accounts and there were no questions.

### Election of Officers.

Chairman - John Lankshear took the Chair and thanked Carol Ritzen for her 10 years service on the Committee, latterly as Chairman.

Secretary - Terence Treeby, proposed by Geoff Fogg, seconded by Carol Ritzen was elected unanimously.

Treasurer - Geoff Fogg was elected unopposed to continue.

Tournament Secretary - Ann Slee was elected unopposed to continue.

### Selection of Teams.

The Committee had suggested that the team of 8 for the Tollemache should comprise the winners and runners-up of the WMN plus the winners of the Julia Chadwick. The meeting agreed there should not be so many automatic selections for reasons including the possibility that the second best four may have been losing semi-finalists in the WMN and the matter was referred back to the Committee.

### Any Other Business.

New auditors are needed. A quote of £400 + VAT had been obtained from Ashley Dawes of Bovey Tracey. Any members with alternative suggestions were asked to contact the Treasurer urgently, preferably with a quotation, so the Committee could act.

John Murray Brown was assured that the rules for the area leagues would be clarified at the forthcoming Committee meeting on 13 July.

Terry Cannon asked for entries to the ODJV go be speeded up as they were down on last year at the moment.

The new Secretary offered to match teams and / or partners for county or national events.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

Agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman at the AGM 26 June 2005

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# DEVON (COUNTY CONTRACT) BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Annual General Meeting

held on Sunday 26 June 2005 at the Isca Centre.

**Present :** Mr D.Hugo (Chairman)  
Mr G.Fogg (Hon Treasurer), Mr T.Treeby (Hon Secretary)  
and 59 members.

**Apologies.** A.Hopton, R.Hopton, S.Haigh, P.Ward, G.Ward, A.Leslie, J.Boxall, D.Sells, L.Starling, E.Horton, C.Ritzen, R.Carter.

**Minutes** The minutes of the 2004 AGM were taken as read and signed as correct (proposed J.Murray Brown, seconded M.Hugo).

**Matters arising.** Subsequent to the 2004 AGM, Philip Smith had been appointed as Auditor. The rules for the area leagues were clarified at the July Committee meeting and implemented.

**Chairman's report.** The Chairman congratulated those players who had performed well for the county and in events outside the county. He thanked all those who had helped Devon bridge in the past year, especially retiring Treasurer Geoff Fogg, retiring Tournament Secretary Ann Slee, Ruth Edmondson, Mike Smith, Peter Bowles, Howard Kent-Webster, Terry Cannon, Andrew Leslie and the Secretary. He reported on the situation of the possible National Bridge Centre at Kettering. He reported that we had had a full explanation and apology for the absence of heating at the One Day Joint Venture due to circumstances entirely in the control of the school.

**5. Presentation of prizes.** The Chairman presented the trophies to the following competition winners (other trophies having been presented at the events) :

Western Morning News A.Bailey, J.Bailey, J.Grant, S.Lindfors  
Julia Chadwick Trophy P.Bowles, R.Slape  
Swiss Teams Trophy K.Slee, A.Slee, R.Edmondson, B.McElroy  
Vicotr Ludorum A.Slee, K.Slee

**Treasurer's report.** The Treasurer reported a small loss on the year due in part to reduced subscriptions and lower profits from the Congress and One Day event but mitigated by reduced expenses. He explained that competitions are run to break even and that in the past year had achieved that whereas even one or two extra entries would have returned a profit.

The accounts were accepted (proposed R.Mardlin, seconded P.Ainsworth).

**Change of name.** After accepting that bank details etc would need changing and that trophies would remain engraved DCCBA (historically Devon and Cornwall Contract Bridge Association, then Devon County), it was agreed to accept the Committee's proposal to change the name of the Association to Devon Bridge Association. Carried by a show of hands, with one vote against.

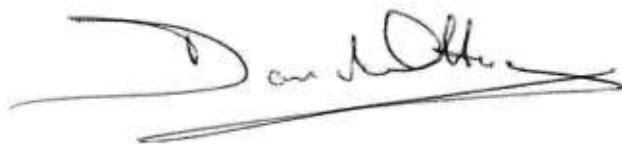
**New Constitution.** The Chairman explained the need for a revised Constitution and pointed out the main differences from the existing one. He thanked the sub-committee of Ann Husk, Howard Kent-Webster and himself for the work on it. It was clarified that it would come into effect once the necessary approval had been received from the EBU.

The meeting voted to accept the the Committee's proposal to replace the existing Constitution with the new Constitution circulated with the notice of meeting and at the meeting, together with the clarifying and cosmetic changes circulated at the meeting and with an amendment of the wording of (7e) to read "shall comprise" by the necessary two-thirds majority of those present (47 for, none against).

**Elections.** Under the existing Constitution none of the Officers are electable. D.Hugo continues as Chairman for another year, due to be succeeded by vice-Chairman K.Ponsford; T.Treeby continues as Secretary; J.Lankshear replaces G.Fogg as Treasurer; A.Husk replaces A.Slee as Tournament Secretary. The meeting accepted the Treasurer's proposal to appoint Sue Dillingham as auditor.

**Any Other Business.** A request for County events to be held centrally at Exeter rather than Newton Abbot was noted.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1.37 pm.

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# DEVON BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Annual General Meeting

held on Sunday 18 June 2006 at the Isca Centre

**Present** Mr D.Hugo (in the Chair)  
Mr T.Treeby (Hon Secretary)

Mr J.Lankshear (Hon Treasurer)  
and 28 members

**Apologies** K. Ponsford (Chairman), P.Palmer, J.Flood, S.Quinn, L.Starling.

**Minutes** The minutes of the 2005 AGM were taken as read and signed as correct.

**Matters arising** none

**Chairman's report** The Chairman reported on the EBU / Seven Seas promotion. The new Constitution has been approved by the EBU and is now effective. The Committee is developing a logo. There have been notable out-of-county results, including Amos Bridgman's team at Cwmbran, Alan and Jette Bailey at Luxor and Warner and Louise Solomon in the Grand Masters pairs. Various county congresses have been successful as has the inaugural EBU English Riviera Congress. Some DBA events have been poorly attended. He thanked all of those who had worked for bridge in the County in the past year.

**Presentation of prizes** The Chairman presented the trophies to the following competition winners (other trophies having been presented at the events) :

Western Morning News for Devon Teams A.Bailey, J.Bailey, J.Grant, S.Lindfors

Julia Chadwick Trophy for Devon Pairs J.Beard, M.Hamon

Victor Ludorum A.Slee, K.Slee

The Devon Teams Plate final is being played on 20 June.

Swiss Teams trophy was presented at the end of the event to R.Mardlin, M.Mardlin, B.Ellis, J.Harriman

**Amendment to Constitution** The following amendment to Constitution was required by the EBU and proposed by the Committee : Add to Clause 4 "and must be a member of the EBU." to the sentence beginning "A full member must declare..."

Proposed M.Hugo, seconded K.Slee and carried.

Note also that the commencement date in clause 2 is 3 November 2005.

**Elections etc** K.Ponsford has been nominated by East to be Chairman for 2 years.

South will nominate the vice-Chairman shortly.

J.Lankshear was re-elected as Hon Treasurer and T.Treeby as Hon Secretary.

Sue Dillingham was re-elected as auditor.

**Treasurer's report** The Treasurer's report was presented explained and discussed. Membership has fallen from 650 to 607 in 2 years. A high percentage of the expenditure is on a small proportion of members. The cost of competition entries has risen largely because of the cost of rent at Isca. The Committee was asked to consider reducing the cost of duplimating in light of the substantial reserve fund has been in place and preserved for many years.

The accounts were accepted (proposed J.Murray Brown, seconded P.Ward).

**Any Other Business** The Committee proposed Ann and Kevin Slee as Life Members. Accepted by acclaim.

A substantial majority of members present supported the change of qualification for playing in the Garden Cities qualifier (a player to have played 12 times in the previous year at the club he or she represents).

The Committee was asked to investigate alternative venues if Isca is too expensive.

The meeting expressed its appreciation of the efforts of the Officers.

The meeting closed at 1.50 pm.

