

At the Annual General Meeting of the ~~Plymouth~~ Devon & Cornwall
Contract Bridge Association held at the Plymouth Bridge Club on
Monday the 28th June, 1971, at 6.30 p.m.

Apologies for absence from Mr & Mrs. Holdree, Mr & Mrs. Vainson,
Mrs. Pellow, M. S. Hallett, Mr & Mrs. Bell, M. Hooper
Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Hamilton, Major Stone, Mrs. Keating
Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. D. Jones, Mrs. Thomhill, H. R. Haydon
Mrs. Panson & Mrs. Telfer.

Present: 30 members.

MINUTES The minutes of the last meeting were read and
duly approved.

ACCOUNTS Coming out of the minutes Mr. Johnson stated that
the accounts had not been available for circulating
before the meeting due to the death of Mr. W. B.
Haydon. His partner, Mr. Fry had kindly audited
them for us within the last few days.

PREMIUM
BONDS Mr. Johnson said that £100 had been invested
in Premium Bonds: £50 from Cornwall & £50 from
the S.W. Section. Correspondence about the
matter from the N.E. Section was to hand and
would be dealt with by the new Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE The national starting time of this event would

probably be 2 o.p.m. again and it was felt that the D.C.B.A. members must comply with the advertised time.

TREASURER'S
REPORT.

Mr. Johnson now presented the accounts for the past year. Having been prepared by Mr. Euy they were in a slightly modified form. It was proposed by Mr. Keyte and seconded by Mrs. P.M. Jones that the profit or loss, as the case may be, of the Torquay Congress be clearly recorded in future accounts. Mr. E. Hastings-James moved the adoption of the accounts. This was seconded by Mr. Coelinge who proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S
REPORT.

Mrs. Hallett stated that the last year had been rather a quiet one, particularly so far as the S.W. section was concerned. Entries for most competitions had been down. It had also been a sad one with the loss of Mr. E. Geary & Mr. W. B. Heydon, and other prominent members of the committee had been seriously ill. Despite this the membership was steadily increasing and now stood at about 426. Col. Telfer moved that the report be adopted.

ELECTION OF
OFFICERS:

The following officers were duly elected: -

CHAIRMAN: W. E. PARSON

SECRETARY: Mrs. P. B. HALLETT

TREASURER: S. E. H. JOHNSON

HON. T. SEC: COL. R. H. TELFER

ASSIST. HON. T. SEC: C. R. HASLAM

AUDITOR

The question of appointing a new auditor was raised. Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Fay had expressed his willingness to prepare the accounts for the nominal fee charged by the previous treasurer Miss Butland proposed and Mr. Keyte seconded the appointment of Mr. Fay as auditor and this was agreed. Miss Butland said she would also like to express on behalf of all those present the deep regret felt at the loss of Mr. W. B. Hayden.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was agreed after some discussion that a late fee of 25 pence be charged to those members who had not yet paid their subscriptions within the next fortnight. An amended proposition that they be given until the 1st September to pay was adopted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. J. Percott-Day said he had four points he wished to raise.

1. The introduction of a Victor Hudson Cup to be awarded to the player each year who accumulated the most points from certain competitions to be decided by the Committee. The meeting agreed this was a good idea in principle and on receipt of further particulars from Mr. Percott-Day the committee agreed to work out the details for such an award.

2. A revised form of Brochure. The meeting decided that the present one was a more useful size, covered events adequately & was cheaper to produce.
3. The appointment of life members. This subject proved controversial & was referred to the committee for their further consideration.
4. He was interested in hearing what exactly was being done in the county to encourage young players. Mr. Dural, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Bidglwater & Mr. Johnson all came forward with a good deal of information on this subject & it was apparent that a considerable amount of work & tuition was being carried out in this direction.

There being no further business Mr. Paison declared the meeting closed.

5.6.72

M. Paison

At the Annual General Meeting of the D.C.E.B.A. held on Monday the 5th June, 1972, at 6.30 p.m. at the Plymouth Bridge Club.

Present: 31 members.

Apologies: Mr & Mrs. N. Vinson, Mrs. Hallett, Mrs. Leonard, Mr & Mrs. Hemmard, C.R. Heaslam, A. Duval, Mrs. Trooper, K. Stee, Mrs. J. Harrison, Mrs. Hoar, Mrs. D. Broad & Mrs. V. Johnson.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last annual general meeting were read & duly approved.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM: £50 had now been received from the North Eastern Section for investment in Premium Bonds.

VICTOR LUDJEROM COP: The profit loss made by the Torquay Congress had been omitted from the accounts by the auditor in error.

HON TREASURER'S REPORT: The committee's proposals were still to be finalised.

The account was over £103 in credit but Mr. Johnson

pointed out that without the £200 obtained from the Torquay Congress account, the D.C.E.B.A. account would show a considerable deficit. Mr. Collins proposed & Mrs. Bailey seconded that the accounts be approved.

W. M. News. COP. This was presented to the winners, & Col. Telfer proposed that a letter be sent to Mrs. Pentecost expressing the members sympathy that her illness had prevented

her taking a part in the competition & their wishes for her speedy recovery.

TORQUAY CONGRESS:

Mr. F. Keyte was presented with a cheque in appreciation of his work done ~~in~~ in connection with the Congress.

The following officers were duly elected: -

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

CHAIRMAN: W. C. PARKER

VICE-CHAIRMAN: S. F. COLLINGS

SECRETARY: MRS. P. B. HAWLETT

TREASURER: J. E. H. JOHNSON

HON. TOUN. SECRETARY: COL. R. TELFER

ASSISTANT H. T. SECRETARY: C. R. HASLAM

AUDITORS:

It was proposed by Mr. F. Keyte and seconded by Mrs. M. Bellan that Messrs. Haydon & Key be re-elected as auditors.

ANY OTHER

BUSINESS:

Mr. M. Bellan asked if the selectors might give those present some indication of their methods of selection of members for matches. Mr. Collings said he thought this was difficult as so many factors had to be taken into consideration. Mr. H. R. Haydon mentioned that current form and willingness to travel and play were only two such factors. Mrs. Hawlett added that no selection was done without thought & careful consideration of current form so far as this was applicable. Trials were mentioned but received a mixed reception & the general feeling was that they were not particularly helpful.

Mr. John Percott Day suggested that zoning of the earlier rounds in the Western Morning News Cup be abolished as the same teams were always eliminating the other. The committee agreed to discuss this.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Col. R. Telfer to the Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

W. Mason 4.6.73

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A. held
at the Plymouth Bridge Club on Monday, 4th June 1973 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: 35 members

APOLOGIES: Mrs. Pellow, Mr. Duval, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Parson, Mrs. Ware,
Mrs. Thornhill.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and
approved.

MATTERS ARISING: Victor Ludorum Cup: The lines on which the Victor Ludorum Cup
were to be run had been finalised. The competition was almost
complete for this year.

Western Morning News Cup: This was presented to the winners -
Mr. Vinson's team and a cheque was presented to the runners-up -
Mr. Hastings-James's team. The earlier rounds had been
de-zoned and now it was a question of drawing names from a hat.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Johnson reported that the account for the year showed a
deficit of £57.21. He mentioned the excellent profit made by
the Torquay Congress. Mr. Keyte mentioned that a further £200
had been transferred to the D.C.C.B.A. account.

TORQUAY CONGRESS: Mr. Keyte was presented with a cheque in appreciation of his
work in connection with the congress.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chairman: S. Collings
Vice-Chairman: F.C. Keyte
Hon. Sec. Mrs. A. Drew
Hon. Treasurer: S.E.H. Johnson
Hon. Tournament Sec: Col. R. Telfer
Hon. Asst. Tour Sec. C.R. Haslam

AUDITORS: Mrs. Hallett proposed that Messrs. Haydon and Fry continue to
act as auditors. This was passed unanimously. Mr. Johnson
mentioned that probably after next year they would have to
increase their fee.

A.O.B. Inter-Area Teams of 8
Mr. Pescott-Day suggested reverting to selection by the original
boundaries which were made in the Plymouth and Torbay areas.
After a discussion the Chairman asked that the matter should be
referred to the section committees and reported back to the main
committee.

Swiss Teams

Mr. Pescott-Day mentioned the possibility of having Swiss Teams events - the Chairman asked him to get the required movement for the committee to discuss.

Honorary Life Members

Mr. Pescott-Day again mentioned the question of Honorary Life Members. The Chairman said that this was a matter for the committee to decide.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.25 p.m.

Allyto
14/6/74.

Extraordinary General Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A. held at the San Remo Hotel, Torquay, on Sunday, 3rd February 1974 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. F.C. Keyte (in the Chair) and 50 members.

APOLOGIES: Mr. Collings. Mrs. Leonard.

Mr. Keyte explained that the purpose of the meeting was to approve the Committee's recommendation that the annual subscription be increased to 75p. plus the subscription to the E.B.U., which at the present time is 25p., making a total of £1.

Proposed by Miss Butland and seconded by Mrs. Healing that the increase be approved. Carried unanimously.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

Keyte
14/6/74

Amendment: It was also agreed that Club Affiliation fees should be reduced to £1.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A. held at the
Plymouth Bridge Club on Friday, 14th June at 6.30 p.m. 1974

PRESENT: 33 members

APOLOGIES: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Hallett, Mr. Levey, Mrs. Till, Mrs. Leonard,
Mrs. Hooper, Mr. Fox, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Duval, Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Haslam,
Mr. Stewart, Mrs. Pellow, Mrs. Bridgewater, Mrs. Searle, Mrs. Vinson,
Mr. and Mrs. Slee, Mrs. Parson, Mrs. Telfer, Mr. McVite Clarke.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and approved.

MATTERS INTER-AREA TEAMS OF EIGHT

ARISING: These had now reverted to the old system of selection, whereby Plymouth,
Torbay and Exeter were split geographically, and this had been carried
out in the March contest.

SWISS TEAMS

Mr. Keyte said he had contacted Mr. Peter Westbrook. For a 2-session
event a minimum of 12 teams was required with an unlimited maximum. For
a 3-session event a minimum of 18 teams with an unlimited maximum. It
was preferable to have an even number of teams. An experienced director
with an assistant could cope with up to 40 teams. It was proposed by
Mr. Hasting-James and seconded by Mr. Brown that we should have a trial
session, and if successful to run an event for the Graphic Cup.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. Pescott-Day proposed and Mrs. Hasting-James seconded that a certain
number of people be given Honorary Life Membership of the D.C.C.B.A., and
that their names be recorded on the annual brochure alongside other
officers of the Association. Carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING The minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting were read. Mr. Johnson
pointed out that it was also agreed at the meeting that the Club
Affiliation fees should be reduced to £1, and this had not been recorded.
The Secretary said that she would amend the minutes accordingly. They
were then approved.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT Mr. Johnson reported that the accounts showed £77.30p. cash in hand.
£500 had been transferred from the Congress Account to the main account,
£200 of which was being forwarded to the E.B.U. for the 1975 European
Bridge Championships. With 474 members and the increase in subscription,
it was thought that 1975 would prove to be a healthier one. Proposed by
Miss Butland and seconded by Mr. Howard that the accounts be accepted,
with grateful thanks to the Treasurer for his work. This was endorsed by
the Chairman and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF WESTERN MORNING NEWS CUP. Mr. Keyte presented the cup to Mr. Michael Allen and a cheque to the
runners-up, Mrs. Stephens' team.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Hon. Secretary - Mrs. A.H. Drew
Hon. Treasurer - Mr. S.E.H. Johnson
Hon. Tournament Secretary - Col. R. Telfer
Hon. Assistant Tournament Secretary - Mr. C.R. Haslam

AUDITORS

Proposed by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Keyte that Messrs. Haydon and Fry continue to act as auditors. Carried unanimously. Mr. Johnson mentioned that their fee had increased from £22 to £26.

PRESENTATION TO MR. KEYTE

Mr. Collings said that Mr. Keyte had retired from the ^{Secretary} chairmanship of the Torquay Congress and that we couldn't thank him adequately for the tremendous amount of work he had done. Without him there wouldn't be a Congress. A Congress that had the reputation of being one of the happiest in the country. Mr. Keyte was presented with a cheque in appreciation of his work.

COMPETITIONS HELD UNDER D.C.C.B.A. JURISDICTION

Mr. Collings proposed and Mr. Holden seconded that all competitions held under D.C.C.B.A. jurisdiction should be computed over the maximum number of board possible within a reasonable time instead of the present practice of the minimum number. This was carried.

VICTOR LUDORUM CUP

A proposal by Mrs. Bridgewater over the qualifications for the Victor Ludorum Cup was referred to the Committee.

RETIRING CHAIRMAN

Mr. Hasting-James said that at the present time the retiring Chairman ceases to be a member of the Committee after his term of office. It was proposed that this should be brought up at the next A.G.M. and pointed out that the Committee have the power of co-option.

WESTERN MORNING NEWS CUP

Mr. Michael Allen's suggestion that the rules for the Western Morning News Cup be extended to allow a team of six was referred to the Committee.

FRENCH VISIT

Mr. Hasting-James mentioned that it had not been possible this year to get together a team for a friendly match in France during June. The invitation had however been extended for October and it was hoped that a team would be available then. The Chairman said that the Selection Committee would be glad to have the names of any volunteers.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

A. Collings
13.6.75

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
DCCBA. held at the Plymouth Bridge Club on
Friday 13th June 1975 at 6.45 p.m.

Present 35 members

Apologies Mesdames Johnson, & Mr A Brown, Ware, Hall, Telfer, See
Messrs Fox, Waldock, Haidey, Lunn, Scolfield, A Brown, Ware
Minutes The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read & approved
Richard, Palford, Ray, Hallett, See Keyte

Matters arising (a) Swiss Teams. These were a great success &
it was decided to repeat them during the season 1975/6.
There was a certain amount of discussion as to
whether or not the Granite Cup should be run as a
Swiss Team event. The matter was left to the
committee to decide

(b) The rules for the appointment of life
members as formulated by Francis Hastings-James were
read out. The Chairman proposed & S. Johnson seconded
that they be adopted. Carried unanimously.

(c) W. Parsons proposed & W. Scolfield seconded
that the retiring chairman should be a member
of committee for the twelve months after his
term of office ceased. Carried unanimously.

4. Hon Treasurer's Report was read out & discussed
& its adoption was proposed by Mrs Hallett &
seconded by Mrs Collins

5(a) Presentation of Western Morning Cup & Prizes
Winners: Mrs Hooper's team with M.J. Hooper,
R.E. Ray & A.E.B. Duval
Runners-up: Mrs Hallett's team with Mrs Bellow

R.M. Bruce & AET Merton

6. Election of Officers

Before holding the election the Chairman mentioned
that all officers were retiring

The Chairman thanked Col. R.L. Telfer for many
years of devoted & valuable service as Tournament
Secretary & presented him with an automatic ash-
tray as a token of gratitude

The Chairman thanked S. Johnson for his

21) 10 years valuable service as Treasurer & presented him with a similar ash-tray

Finally, the chairman thanked Mrs. A. Drew for her period as secretary & presented her with a bouquet of flowers as a token of gratitude

Hon. Secretary: A.E.B. Duval proposed by N.A.T. Vuisan & seconded by S.E.H. Johnson. Carried unanimously

Hon. Treasurer: Miss S. Dillingham proposed by S.E.H. Johnson & seconded by Mrs. Hallett. Carried unanimously

Hon. Tournament Secretary: H. Miners proposed by Col. R.L. Telfer & seconded by S.E.H. Johnson. Carried unanimously

Hon. Assistant Tournament Secretary: S.E.H. Johnson proposed by A.E.B. Duval & seconded by Col. R.L. Telfer. Carried unanimously

7. Auditors: The previous auditors have changed their name to E.C. ~~Condy & Co.~~ Condy & Co. Proposed by Mrs. Ali Khan & seconded by J. Beard that they be invited to continue. Carried unanimously

8. Any other business:

(a) The chairman mentioned that W. Welch had succeeded F. Keyte as Secretary of the Taquay Congress & he was assisted by Mrs. Ali Khan & Mrs. Bell. The chairman thanked them for their efforts which were fully appreciated & said the Congress, 1975, had been a complete success. He also congratulated F. Keyte for the many successful years he had run the Congress

(b) J. Beard asked if it were possible for the qualifying rounds of the B.S.W. Pais to be on different dates for each section. This will be dealt with at the next committee meeting

(c) J. Beard mentioned that there ~~was~~ were no recognised "B" tournament directors. The chairman requested that this should be put in writing to the Secretary for discussion at the next committee meeting

(d) M. Allen suggested that the league final should

- 3) comprise 2 teams from each section thus giving a better competition. Discussion followed. N.A.T. Vnison suggested that the present meeting could only express views & the Committee should discuss & make recommendations
- (e) M.J. Hooper mentioned that the largest league - the Association - Greber was not represented in the League Final. It was pointed out that Greber was only a Sub-Section
- (f) M^{rs} Bridgewater thought that the League Final winners should represent the D.C.C.B.A. - the Pachabo Cup Competition. The Secretary pointed out that the E.B.U. recommended that the County Association Team Championship for the Pachabo Cup should be run on a knock-out principle (minute 8, E.B.U. Tournament Committee Meeting of 23/4/75).
- (g) F. Hastings-James proposed & J. Prescott Day seconded that the present rules be brought up-to-date
- (h) N. Vnison drew attention to the fact that the D.C.C.B.A. were not mentioned in the key to the M.Pt. awards in the E.B.U. Quarterly. The Secretary was requested to attend to this.

Meeting closed at 7.58 p.m.

A. Cairns
18.6.76

Devon and Cornwall Contract Bridge Association

Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1976.

	<u>1976</u>		<u>1975</u>	
<u>Fixed Assets</u>				
Competition Trophies at valuation during 1972 and cost of subsequent additions.	380		365	
Duplicate Bridge Boards at written down value.	20		20	
Duplicator at written down value.	17		17	
Notice Boards and Stands.	<u>3</u>	420	<u>3</u>	405
<u>Net Current Assets</u>				
Premuim Bonds.	150		150	
Cash and Bank Balances.	301		269	
Sundry Debtors.	<u>12</u>		<u>-</u>	
	463		419	
<u>Less Fees in Advance</u>	3			
Creditors	<u>121</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>389</u>
		759		794
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<u>Accumulated Fund Account</u>				
Balance as at 1st April, 1975.		794		611
<u>Add Excess of Expenditure over Income of the year</u>		<u>(35)</u>		<u>183</u>
		759		794
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Devon and Cornwall Contract Bridge Association

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March, 1976.

	<u>1976</u>		<u>1975</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Members Subscriptions and Affiliation Fees.	537		499
Less Contributions to English Bridge Union	<u>275</u>	262	<u>125</u>
			374
<u>Competition Income Less Expenses</u>			
Western Morning News Cup	7		21
Teams of Eight, Handicap and Area	21		(4)
County Masters Pairs	5		2
Masters Individual	3		1
A. V. Morris Cup	9		9
Ladies and Gentlemen's Teams	(1)		(11)
Swiss Teams	<u>54</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>(18)</u>
		<u>360</u>	<u>-</u>
			374
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Special Competitions			
Tollemache	82		59
Pachabo	44		42
Others	-		40
Engraving and Plinths	20		19
Printing and Stationery	55		50
Secretarial Expenses	13		12
A. G. M. and other meeting expenses	23		20
E. B. U. Council Delegation expenses	40		-
Presentations	10		-
Training Course	32		-
Rule Books	-		3
Selectors Expenses	2		5
Master Points	32		22
Insurances	9		10
Audit and Accountancy Charges	30		30
Sundries	<u>3</u>	<u>395</u>	<u>4</u>
		<u>35</u>	<u>316</u>
			<u>58</u>
<u>Add Transfer from Congress Fund</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>
		<u>35</u>	<u>558</u>
<u>Less Transfer to Cornwall Section</u>	-		50
European Birdge Championships Donation	-		200
Presentations to Mr. F. C. Keyte	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125</u>
			<u>375</u>
<u>Excess of Expenditure over Income</u>		<u>35</u>	<u>183</u>
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Bridge Club on Friday 18th June 1976 at 6.30. p.m.

- Present:- Chairman. Secretary. Treasurer and 19 Members.
- Apologies:- F.C. Keyte. Mrs. Bailey. A. Brown. Mrs. D. Brown. Mr. & Mrs. Hallet. Mr. & Mrs. F. Hastings-James. Mrs. C.M. Hooper. D. Howard. Mrs. S. Johnson. Mr. & Mrs. Langmead. Mrs. R.L. Telfer. Mrs. N. Vinson.
- Minutes:- The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.
- Matters Arising:-
- (1) Treasurer Miss Dillington had withdrawn and replaced by J. Woolcott.
 - (2) Tournament Secretary H. Miners withdrew replaced by A. Greenwood.
 - (3) League Final. The question of winners being replaced by runners up was referred to the Committee.
 - (4) The question of revision of rules was brought forward.
 - (5) ~~Cup for Mens Teams donated by Miss D. Butland.~~
- Treasurer's Report:- Copies of the report (attached) had been distributed. The Treasurer regretted the loss of £35.00. due largely to the increased levy to the E.B.U. The question of the collection of the South Western Sections subscriptions at the rate of £1.00. was discussed and it was agreed to provide the South Western Section Treasurer with copies of a letter explaining the lack of communications which now made it necessary to collect the additional sum of £1.00.
- S. Johnson proposed the adoption of the report coupled with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for all his hard work seconded by Miss Butland and carried unanimously.
- Presentation of Western Morning News Cup:- Winners: J. Beard (Capt). D. Howard. F. Hastings-James & P. Whitehead. Runners up: K. Slee. J. Pescott-Day. Mrs. A. Bridgewater & S. Newstead.
- Election of Officers:- Chairman F.C. Keyte proposed by Nat Vinson seconded by S. Johnson carried unanimously. Vice-Chairman S. Johnson proposed by C.R. Haslam seconded by J.C. Beard carried unanimously. Assistant Tournament Secretary H. Miners proposed by S. Johnson seconded by Col. R.L. Telfer carried unanimously.
- The Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Secretary were re-elected on the proposition of S.E. Johnson seconded by Mrs. Collings and carried unanimously.
- Any other Business:- Mr. S.F. Collings drew attention to the fact that there was no cup for the Mens Teams. Miss D. Butland offered to give £10.00 for cup for this event. This was gratefully accepted and the Committee were to deal with the purchase.
- Mr. J.C. Beard mentioned the possibility of the D.C.C.B.A. running the Camrose Match between England and Wales. Mr. Haslam explained the position as E.B.U. delegate. J. Woolcott proposed and J.C. Beard seconded and carried unanimously that the Secretary write to the R.B.U. with a definite proposition.
- Mr. J. Pescott-Day proposed and Mrs. G.S. Ali Khan seconded that the Victor Lodorum cup should be presented at the A.G.M. carried.
- The Meeting closed at 7.59. p.m.


17/27
Chairman.

Club on Friday, July 1st, 1977, at 7 p.m.

Present

S. Johnson (in the Chair) and 36 members.

The meeting was convened to consider the recommendation of the Committee that Mr. F. C. Keyte and Colonel R. Telfer be made Honorary Life Members of the D.C.C.B.A.

On proposing Col. Telfer, Mr. C. Haslam said that the County owed a great debt to him for his services over the years, not only as Tournament Secretary but also as our authority on the laws of the game. Mr. Haslam also said that Col. Telfer was a world-wide acknowledged expert on the mathematical odds of the game.

Seconded by Mrs. G. Ali Khan.


Carried unanimously.

Mr. N. Vinson proposed Mr. F. C. Keyte, and in his speech said that it was thanks to Frank Keyte that we had a flourishing Torquay Congress which he had started 22 years ago. He had also held many offices in the Association and was one of the founders of Torquay Bridge Club. He had done a great deal for bridge in Devon & Cornwall.

Seconded by Mr. S. Johnson

Carried unanimously.

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.


Chairman
23/6/78

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Plymouth Bridge Club on
Friday, 1st July, 1977, at 7.15 p.m.

Present.

Chairman, Secretary, and 36 members.

Apologies.

J. Woolcott, Mrs. Newberry & all members from Seaton Bridge Club, Mr. & Mrs. Collings, Miss Drew, H. Haydon, Mrs. Thornhill, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Quilter, Mrs. Holden, M. Allen, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Wynn, Mr. Gunning, Mr. Wynn, Mr. & Mrs. Parson.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters arising.

1. League Final. The Committee had decided that runners-up should not be allowed to replace the winners if the winners could not play.

2. Doris Butland Cup for Mens Teams of Four. This had now been purchased.

3. Victor Ludorum Cup. In order for it to be possible for the Victor Ludorum Cup to be presented at the A.G.M. at the end of the season, the Chairman proposed that the Mens and Womens Teams in 1978 should be taken as the first event of 1978/79 season rather than the last event of the 1977/78 season. This was seconded by Mrs. P. Hallett and carried unanimously.

Secretary's report.

The Secretary reported that it had not been a good year for the Association. There had been an overall drop in membership during the year, and there had been the sad loss of several members who had done much work for the association, including Arthur Duval, Bill Greenwood, David Coom, Rolan Holden and Mike Hooper. He was very pleased, however, that the Chairman who had been so ill earlier in the year had made such a good recovery.

Results. D. Hardie, N. Lumm, S. Jury and D. Rowlands, playing for Plymouth College, qualified for the Daily Mail Schools Cup, won the semi-final and finished halfway in the final.

D. Hardie and M. Allen finished well up in the field in the President's Pot. Western Morning News, Mr. & Mrs. Slee, Mrs. Bridgewater, S. Newstead Kevin and Ann Slee won the Flich at Eastbourne.

Bill & Edna Welch won the Mixed Pairs at Jersey.

Alice Bridgewater and Steve Newstead were runners-up in the South Western section of the National Pairs, and Kevin and Ann Slee also qualified for the final.

The Victor Ludorum was won by David Howard last year.

The South Western Pairs was won by Clarice Hooper and Bob Ray.

The Jack and Jill Cup at the Cornwall Congress was won by Gwen Ali Khan and Charles Haslam.

The Graphic Cup was won by Freddie Stone, Kitty Healing, Myrtle Stevens and Bill Perry.

The Swiss Teams was won by Roger Swinton-Eagle, Ted McDermott, Bob Blackmore and Peter Crabtree.

The County Individual was won by Phyllis Jones.

The Secretary went on to say that the organisation for the Camrose match had been such a great success that we had been asked to stage a repeat performance for the Irish/English match on January 28th/29th, 1978.

During the year the Committee had appointed Mrs. Ann Slee as Assistant Secretary.

He ended by thanking the members of the Committee and all helpers throughout the Association for their work and assistance during the year

It was proposed by Mr. Noel Vinson and seconded by Mrs. H. Haydon that the report be adopted. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report.

As the Treasurer was absent, copies of the report (attached) were distributed.

Mr. S. J. Parker asked if it was the responsibility of the Treasurer to pass the names of members as well as their subscriptions to E.B.U. Headquarters. The Chairman replied that in future the collection of subscriptions was to be the responsibility of the Area Treasurers rather than the County Treasurer. Mrs. P. Jones (Treasurer N/E section) said that she had sent the N/E section subscriptions but had had no confirmation from the E.B.U. Some of the newer members said they had not received any quarterlies at all since they had registered, and Mr. Hastings-James also said he had not had his quarterly for nearly two years. The Secretary said he would try and obtain a list from Thame of all those registered which could then be checked by section Treasurers. Col. Telfer said he had been collecting 12p as a late registration fee in the past. The Chairman said he thought it was no longer practical to do this.

Mr. F. Hastings-James said he was appalled that £4,800 was lying idle at the bank. He asked why some of it should not be put in a Trustee Account at a Building Society. He said Plymouth Bridge Club has had such an account and made quite a bit of interest without any trouble from the Income Tax Authorities. The Secretary said that whereas Plymouth Bridge Club is a members' club, the D.C.C.B.A. is not. The accountants had advised against investing money which might attract the attention of the Income Tax Authorities. It was decided that further advice be sought.

It was proposed by Mr. S. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. P. Bridgewater that the accounts be adopted. Carried.

*See DONE
minutes
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Presentation of Western Morning News Cup.

Winners:- Mr. & Mrs. K. J. Slee, Mrs. P.A.C. Bridgewater, S.E. Newstead
 Runners-up:- R. Bruce, T. Merton, Mrs. P. Hallett, Mrs. A. Monk, Mrs. M. Pellow.
 Cup presented by Mrs. R. Telfer.

Election of Officers.

Chairman - F. C. Keyte	} proposed by N. Vinson	
Vice Chairman - S. Johnson		seconded by Mrs. P. Hallett
Hon. Secretary - C. R. Haslam		carried unanimously.

Hon. Treasurer - Mrs. Lamb proposed by H. Miners - elected.
 Assistant Secretary - proposed by C. Haslam, seconded by Mrs. Haydon - Mrs. K. Slee re-elected.
 Tournament Secretary - W. Solomon proposed by J. Beard, seconded by S. Johnson - elected.
 Assistant Tournament Secretary - Miss A. Drew proposed by W. Solomon - elected.
 Tournament Director - J. Beard proposed by Mrs. F. Hastings-James, seconded by D. Howard - elected.

Appointment of Auditors.

Proposed by Col. R. Telfer, seconded by Mrs. G. Ali Khan, that E. C. Condy & Co. should be Auditors as before. Carried.

Notice of A.G.M.

Mr. C. Haslam proposed that notice of the A.G.M. shall be deemed to have been given by the posting of notices on the Notice Boards of E.B.U. affiliated Clubs within the Counties of Devon and Cornwall, three weeks in advance of the meeting.
 Seconded by Mrs. G. Ali Khan.
 Amendment proposed by Mr. J. Pescott-Day and seconded by Mrs. F. Hastings James that a number of copies be sent to each club so that the members could take a copy home.
 Amendment defeated. Motion carried.

Annual Accounts.

Mrs. D. Brown asked if the annual accounts could be sent with the notices for the A.G.M. The Chairman said every effort would be made to do so.

Wording of Agenda.

Mr. F. Hastings-James disagreed with the wording of Item 11 on the agenda (Any other business permitted by the Chairman"). The Chairman said this was normal procedure at A.G.Ms.

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A/S RATE*

Seeding of Western Morning News Cup.

Mr. K. Slee asked if the Western Morning News competition could be seeded.

DONE

He also asked if some form of receipt could be issued by the Tournament Secretary for tournament entries.

Victor Ludorum points.

Mrs. P. Bridgewater asked if teams scratched against in the Western Morning News competition could still be awarded Victor Ludorum points.

It was agreed that the three above items should be discussed by the Committee.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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[Signature]
Chairman.

23/6/78

See
minutes
6 July

at 6.30 p.m.

Present

F. C. Keyte (Chairman)
C.R. Haslam (Hon. Sec.)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Tress.)

and 21 members.

Apologies

Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. N. Vinson, Mrs. B. Brown, Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Brown, Mr. & Mrs. W. Welch, Mr. K. Slee, Mr. Collings, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Payne, Mr. Plant.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising.

After receiving conflicting advice, the Committee had decided to go ahead and invest some money in a Building Society, the Chairman stated.

Election of Mrs. Julia Chadwick to Hon. membership D.C.C.B.A.

The Chairman told the members that Mrs. Chadwick had been elected as an honorary member of the E.B.U. and proposed that in view of her many years of playing bridge all over the country that she should be made an honorary member of the D.C.C.B.A. This was seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported that membership had grown considerably during the year. He was pleased to say that the Tollemache team achieved their best ever result in the South Western heat, failing by only one Victory point to win the heat. He stated that a Rothman's heat would be held at Torquay next January.

Winners of County events.

Victor Ludorum. David Howard. Runner-up - P. Bowles.
Western Morning News - J. Beard, D. Howard, F. Hastings-James & P. Whitehead.
South Western Pairs - C. Pentecost & A. Brown
Jack & Jill - Miss M. Lancaster & P. Bowles
Graphic Cup - Major G.F. Stone, Mrs. R. Stevens, J. Beard & R. Evers.
Swiss Teams - Mrs. P.A.C. Bridgewater, J. Beard, D. Howard & S. Newstead.
Masters Pairs - Mrs. J. Chadwick & Miss M. Lancaster.
Handicap Pairs - Mrs. Menhenick & T. McDermott.
Inter-Area Teams - F. Keyte & R. Parkins, Mrs. M. Pearce & J. Pescott-Day, W. Cooper & M. Young, Kevin & Ann Slee playing for Torquay.
Women's Teams - Mrs. P. Hallett, Mrs. A. Monk, Mrs. M. Fellow & Mrs. U. Haydon.
Men's Teams - L.C. Bell, W. Ellis, W. Cooper & W. Aspin.
Women v Men - The Women won by one master point.

The Secretary congratulated Plymouth College who were runners-up in the National Final of the Daily Mail Schools Cup, their team being Steve Jury, I. Popplestone, K. Barrett (aged 14) and S. Osborne (aged 12).

Kevin Slee's team and John Woolcott's team got to the fourth round of the Hubert Phillips, and these two teams also got to the third round of Crockfords.

Kevin & Ann Slee won the Flitch at Eastbourne for the second year running.

Bill Collings with his wife and Mrs. Holden and Dr. Bhonsle won the Dewi Saint Cup at Porthcawl.

He ended by saying the the Swiss Teams event in Cornwall

Mr. Johnson proposed that the Secretary's report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Beard and carried with a vote of thanks to the Secretary for all his hard work.

Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer began by apologising for the balance sheets not being posted on Club notice boards prior to the A.G.M. She said this was due to the late appearance of the N.E. section accounts owing to Mrs. Jones being incapacitated. She said that £2,000 had been invested in the Leicester Building Society, although it was still not yet certain whether or not this money would be liable to Corporation Tax. The Insurances carried by the Association had been upgraded to a more realistic figure and the premiums now stood at £32 per annum.

Mr. Johnson proposed and Mrs. Holden seconded the adoption of the accounts. Carried.

Presentation of Cups.

The Western Morning News Cup was presented to Mr. J. Beard, Mr. D. Howard, Mr. F. Hastings-James and Mr. P. Whitehead.
The Victor Ludorum Cup was presented to Mr. D. Howard.

Election of Officers.

Chairman - Mr. F.C.Keyte
Vice Chairman - Mr. S. Johnson
Hon. Secretary - Mr. C.R. Haslam
Hon. Treasurer - Mrs. M. Lamb
Hon. Assistant Secretary - Mrs. K.J.Slee
Hon. Tournament Secretary - W.A.Solomon.

All the above were re-elected.

Appointment of Auditors.

Mrs. Bailey proposed and Mr. Parker seconded that A.C.Condy & Co. should be appointed again, Carried.

Rules.

The following motion was discussed:-
That the Rules of the Association be revised and updated in accordance with the draft rules drawn up and distributed to the members present. Proposed by F.C.Keyte
Seconded by C.R.Haslam.

The Chairman read the draft of the amended rules.

Rule 5. Mr. Haydon proposed that the rule should be written in its original form. Seconded by Mr. Hastings-James and carried.

Rule 17. The second sentence of the draft was amended to read "At least fourteen days' notice of such meeting and of the resolutions to be moved shall be given by the posting on Notice Boards of affiliated Clubs".
After some discussion, the remainder of the draft was left unaltered.

A vote was taken on the motion and was carried by a more than two-thirds majority.

Mr. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the Sub-Committee for working so hard on the amendment of the rules.
Seconded by Mrs. Slee. Carried.

Alternative playing Venue.

A letter was read from several members of the Association who live at Budleigh Salterton who would like a change of venue from the Continental Hotel at Plymouth for County events held at Plymouth. It was agreed that the Committee should discuss this at their next meeting.

Cornwall League

Mr. ^{Busby} ~~England~~ asked if it would be possible for the winners of both leagues in Cornwall to play in the League final instead of having a prior play-off as at present. To be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Swiss Teams
in Cornwall

Mr. England asked if the EBU would consider making this event a Green Point event. Mr. Haslam said he was absolutely certain that this would not be possible, but said he would ask at the next meeting.

Western
Morning News
Final.

Mr. Hastings-James asked if it would be possible to let the opposing Captains in the final to have the option of playing 40 boards instead of 48 boards. To be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.


Chairman.

24/6/79.

SECRETARY'S REPORT JUNE 1979

During the past year we have seen a number of "firsts" for the D.C.C.B.A.

We have seen ~~Ali~~ Bridgewater become our first National Master closely followed by Mike Allen with several others waiting just off stage.

We have seen a Devon player Mike Allen playing with Steve Preston come fourth in the National ^{Pair} final having won the Regional final. We also had the fourth pair in the Regional final in Bob Blackmore and Ted McDermott.

In other "National" events we were second yet again in the South Western heat of the Tollimache.

In the Gold Cup -

A. T. Jones won his third round match in ~~Cockfords~~.

Away from the County in open Congresses it was nice to hear of Bob Lawrence and Mike Hodden taking the leading junior prize in the Jersey Heat of the Philip Morris European Cup.

Inside our Association the cup winners were:-
Western Morning News

I will have until the presentation of the cup
M. J. Allen, I Popplestone, S. Jury, W Solomon, T. Waldock.

South Western Pairs:- Mr. & Mrs. K. J. Slee.

Graphic Cup

K. Barrett, M. J. Allen, D. Howard, T. Waldock.

Veerman James Cup

Mrs. M. Pearce, W. Solomon, I Popplestone and Mrs. P.A.C. Bridgewater.

Jack and Jill

Mrs. I. Richardson, K. Hands

Martini Pair

M. J. Allen, W. Solomon.

A. V. Morris Cup

P. Alp, Mrs. J. Sherrell

Swiss Teams

Mrs. M. Pearce, J. Prescott Day, Mrs. G. S. Ali Khan and C. R. Haslam

Women Teams of Four

Mrs. K. J. Slee, Mrs. G. S. Ali Khan, Mrs. C. M. Cooper, Mrs. J. Harrison.

Mens Teams of Four

K. J. Slee, P. J. Bowles, K.A.J. Woods, A. Winter.

Victor Ladoram Cup

I will have until the presentation of the cup
Mrs. M. Pearce

Inter Area Teams of Eight.

H. Busby, H. Truscott, J. England, J. Cloke, Mrs. E. Leonard, Mrs. N.

Trudgeon, Dr. N. Wilson, Mrs. B. L. Brown

Club Handicap Teams of Eight

Torquay Bridge Club

Inter Section Teams of Twelve

A. Teams North Eastern

B. Teams " "

Men V Women
Men

Turning away from the game towards administration it is pleasing to note that despite a not very large attendance at Rothman Inter Regional Pair Championship held at the Palace Hotel, Torquay, in very bad weather that we are to have another heat in Torquay this coming year.

It was also good news to hear that North Devon having run their first North Devon weekend Congress, a very pleasant weekend too at very reasonable price, have formed themselves into a sub section and we can look to them to expand quite quickly now.

We are in fact growing in size in every section as the Treasurer will inform you in greater detail but it was pleasant to be held up to the rest of the E.B.U. as an example of progress at one of their Council Meetings last Autumn.

Our dealings with the E.B.U. are, I believe, on a firmer footing now due to much hard work by our Treasurer Margaret. I am sure that everyone isn't satisfied with the details of registration but, I can assure you that the trouble does not now lie with your organisation. When we get a complaint now it is usual to find that its either the E.B.U. or the member that are slipping up.

Members should be very careful when changing addresses to pass the information through their section Treasurer and it can then go via the County Treasurer to the E.B.U. at Thame.

The posting of results to all affiliated Clubs seems to have settled down and to be working, always provided that I am given the information. I should, however, like a volunteer to take over this job, it is something that requires very prompt attention and is more suited to someone who is retired.

We are at the moment helping with the travelling expenses of four junior players to attend the European Bridge League Junior Camp at the University of Ghent, Belgium. I trust that on their return some of the know-how and information can be fed back into County circles, for whilst such a course is of primary benefit to the persons attending - the money is coming from County funds and we do want to see something back to the benefit of all members, including a higher standard of play in the Counties.

During the course of the year we have suffered a number of losses including Mrs. Duncan-Clarke, Mrs. Schofield and Dr. Dummett, all of whom in varying ways gave great service to Bridge in the Counties.

I should like to thank the section and sub section Secretaries and Treasurers for their work and support during the year. I would also like to thank my Co officers on the County Committee, Ann Slee the Minutes Secretary, Warner Solomon the Tournament Secretary and Margaret Lamb the Treasurer, in particular I should like to thank Margaret who has done an excellent job, not only as Treasurer but covering for me in this area where personal contact was necessary saving me the journies down from Torquay.

Finally I would like to thank the Chairman and all members of the Committee for their help throughout the year.

at 6.30 p.m.

Present.

F. C. Keyte (Chairman)
C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)

and 35 members.

Apologies

Mrs. S. Johnson, Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Vinson,
Mrs. M. Pearce, Messrs. F. Hastings-James, K. Slee,
W. Collings, P. Lawrence.

Minutes

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters arising

The Chairman queried the premium of £32 insurance, asking if this was sufficient insurance. The Treasurer said that this was double the figure it had been previously, but it was agreed that this should be looked into again at the next Committee meeting.

Alternative Playing Venue. An alternative venue had been found at the College of St. Mark & St. John, and this had proved to be satisfactory.

League Final. This had now been altered to include six teams, two from the N/E Section, two from Cornwall, and one each from Plymouth and North Devon.

Western Morning News Final. It had been decided by the Committee to retain this in its present form of 48 boards.

Secretary's report

See attached.

Mr. Johnson proposed the adoption of the report with a vote of thanks to the Secretary for all his hard work during the year. Seconded by Mr. Keyte. Carried.

Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer circulated copies of the accounts to all members present. She said that this had been quite a successful year in which membership had increased considerably. She reminded members that payment of subscriptions after June 30th carries a 10% penalty. She told members that in future a nominal charge of 15p will be added to entry fees for competitions held at the College of St. Mark & St. John to cover the cost of coffee or tea and biscuits provided during the interval. She ended by thanking the Area Treasurers for their invaluable assistance during the year, and also the Secretary and other members of the Committee for their support.

Mr. Johnson proposed the adoption of the report with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for all her hard work. Seconded by Mrs. Drew. Carried.

Election of Officers

Mr. F. C. Keyte retires having served three years as Chairman. Mr. S.E.H. Johnson unanimously elected as new Chairman.

Mr. Johnson then took the Chair.

Mr. Johnson said that to follow a Chairman as good as Mr. Keyte was going to take something to live up to. He felt it a great honour to be elected, and if he was half as good a Chairman as Mr. Keyte had been, he would feel he had done very well. He then presented Mr. Keyte with a carriage clock as a token of thanks from the members. Mr. Keyte thanked everyone for the gift and also the members of the Committee who had worked with him.

Other Officers. The following were elected:-

Hon. Secretary - Mr. C. Haslam
 Hon. Treasurer - Mrs. M. Lamb
 Hon. Assistant Secretary - Mrs. K. Slee
 Hon. Tournament Secretary - Mr. W. Solomon.

Appointment
of Auditors

Miss Dillingham suggested that we have a change of Auditors as the Treasurer seemed to have difficulty in obtaining the accounts in time for the A.G.M. The Treasurer said that there had been mitigating circumstances and she felt that on the whole they had been very helpful. It was proposed by Mr. Keyte and seconded by Mrs. Lamb that A. C. Condy & Co. be appointed again. Carried.

Circularising
results.

The Secretary asked for a volunteer to take over the job of circularising results to affiliated clubs, etc. No one at the meeting put themselves forward. The Chairman asked the Sections to try and find a volunteer from their members.

Representation
on Committee.

Mr. Beard brought up the question again of the composition of the Committee. He said that when Officers of the Committee came from specific Sections the number of elected members was reduced. The Secretary said that this had been previously discussed at length and it was felt that the present way was the fairest unless there was to be a very large Committee. It was agreed to discuss this matter again at the next Committee meeting.

Belgian
visit

Mr. Allen thanked the Committee for agreeing to sponsor the visit of four schoolboys to Belgium for a seminar. He said this should be instrumental in the long run in raising the standard of bridge in the County.


Tollemache.

Mr. Allen asked whether a Captain of the Tollemache team could be elected on a long term basis (say five years) rather than on a year to year basis, so that practice matches, etc. could be got under way without delay each year. It was agreed to discuss this at the next Committee meeting.

Invitation
event at
Plymouth
College.

Mr. Allen said it was hoped to hold an invitation pairs event at Plymouth College in August which he hoped to get some international players to attend. There would be several places for pairs from the County to play, and he asked that Selection Committees from the Sections put forward any suitable names.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.35p.m.


14/6/80

Chairman.

During the past year the membership of the Association has continued to grow and in particular we are finding new strengths in the Barnstaple region and in the North Devon, North Cornwall area where a new league has now become a flourishing reality and a local congress met with success.

The older section continues to perform with their old vigour. The South Western Pairs had no difficulty in running a consolation event, to the Counties Pairs Championship and the Cornish Congress continues to flourish, this is hardly any wonder at £2.00 per person for the weekend a completely unrealistic figure which will have to be rectified this year.

The Congress world is an altering world largely due to inflation and the cost of hotel accommodation. To this end the Torquay Congress will be starting on Friday afternoon next year. I would at this point like to ask for your support to the two Congresses we hold at the Palace Hotel, unless we can get a greater occupancy of the hotel we are in danger of losing our main money earning event. We have negotiated a cheaper rate for both weekends and would ask you to support us.

For the first time there is talk of the possibility of extending green points to County Congresses; it would be a pity if after all the years we have been trying to get this, we were to lose our Congress.

The only other Green point pairs event held in the Counties; Rothmans, has been discontinued for this coming season.

Your committee has met four times during the year and dealt with a great many matters of administration, I trust that they have done so to your satisfaction. That is leaving aside selection which is never done to the satisfaction of the majority, but representation of the County is one of our major objects and during the year a relevant account of Committee time has been devoted to this.

On the other hand the provision of County and Section Competitions to cater for the majority of the membership, has not been neglected and we hope that members have had a good year's bridge.

Results.

I think our most outstanding achievement this year has been the winning of the Daily Mail Schools Cup by the team from Plymouth College. This team included a number of players who we financially assisted to attend the European Bridge League Junior Competition in Belgium last summer.

The winning of the E.B.U simultaneous Pairs by R.Blackmore and P.Crabtree also is a first for the D.C.C.B.A.

Other National events in which we shone were M.J.Allen coming 4th in the National Pairs with S. Preston.

In the South Western Pairs Championship A. Bridgeman and R.H.K.Evers were the winners. K.J.Slee's team came 7th in the Pachabo, though I am not sure, I do not recall our ever having achieved a higher placing.

T.D.Waldock's team reached the 5th Round of the Hubert Philips. M.K.Allen reached the S.W.Regional final of Silver Plate losing to a team which only lost the final 3 I.M.P.s. M.J.Allen lost to Dr. R.G.Haydon in Round 4 of Crockfords an Oxford win but with Devon connections.

Women's Team Cup

Within the County, the winners were

Western Morning News Cup

Mr. & Mrs. K.J.Slee. P.J.Bowles and R.Blackmore.

South Western Pairs

Cdr. P.Westlake and Dr. K.C.Prothero.

Graphic Cup

Miss. P.H.Bridgewater, D.Howard, Dr.S.Newsted and K.A.J.Woods

~~T.D.Waldock's Team reached the 5th Round of the Hubert Philips.~~

~~M.J.Allen reached the S.W.Regional final of Silver Plate losing to a Team which only lost the Final by 3 L.M.P~~

~~M.J.Allen lost to Dr. R.G.Heydon in Round 4 of Crockfords an Oxford win but with Devon connections.~~

Veerman James Cup

Mrs. P.A.C.Bridgewater and Mrs. Thomas
I.Popplestone and T.Waldock.

Jack & Jill

Mrs. J.Sherrell and Cmdr. P.J.Alp

A.V.Morris Cup

Miss B.M.Boyle and Mrs. Messers.

Masters Pairs

B.C.Crestwell and C.F.Robinson.

Swiss Teams

S.Parker, J.Pain, T.McDermott and M.Michaels.

Womens Teams of Four

Mrs. B.L.Brown, D.R.Wilson, Mrs. N.Trudgeon, Mrs.N.R.Leonard.

Men's Team of Four

M.J.Allen, T.Waldock, W.Solomon, I.Popplestone.

Victor Lodorman Cup

~~R.Blackmore~~

was P.A.C. Bridgewater.

Inter Area Teams of Eight.

Cornwall C

Club Handicap Teams of Eight

Torbay Bridge Club.

Inter Section Teams of Twelve

A Teams	North Eastern
B Team	North Eastern
Men and Women	Men

Finally I should like to thank my Chairman and the Committee for their support and sound advise throughout the year.

<u>Present</u>	S. Johnson (Chairman) C. R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) and 21 members.
<u>Apologies</u>	Mr. & Mrs. H. Busby, Mr. H. Haydon, Mr. J. Beard, Mr. & Mrs. B. L. Brown, Mr. F. C. Keyte, Mrs. A. Drew, Mr. & Mrs. K. U'Ren, Mr. & Mrs. R. Frowse, Dr. K. Prothero, Mr. P. Westlake, Mr. S. Parker.
<u>Minutes</u>	The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read, confirmed and signed.
<u>Matters arising</u>	<u>Insurance.</u> The Chairman said that the premiums had been increased during the past year. <u>Size of Committee.</u> The question raised by Mr. Beard last year about representation on the Committee had been discussed, and the Committee had felt that it was best to leave it as it was, unless the size of the Committee was to become unwieldy. <u>Belgian Visit.</u> The Chairman said that the sponsoring of the four schoolboys to Belgium had paid off, as three of them were in the team that won the Daily Mail Schools Cup. <u>Circularising results.</u> The Secretary said that a volunteer from Cornwall had taken over this job from him.
<u>Secretary's report</u>	See attached. Mr. Pain proposed the adoption of the report with a vote of thanks to the Secretary for all the hard work he had done during the past year. Seconded by Mrs. Hastings-James. Carried.
<u>Treasurer's report</u>	The Treasurer circulated copies of the accounts to all members present. She said that a small profit had been made and it was hoped to keep subscriptions down as long as possible, although the E.B.U. subscription had been increased. She thanked the Committee for all their help during the past year, and especially Mrs. Bailey who had done a lot to help her. Mr. Pain asked whether the premium bonds which were held by Mr. Johnson for the D.C.C.B.A. had ever yielded a prize. Mr. Johnson said that unfortunately the answer was no. Mr. Lawrence said that as the profits were showing a downward trend, would entry fees need to be increased during the coming year. The Treasurer said that there would be no need to do so this year, apart from the entries for the Cornwall Congress and for the Petit Congress at Torquay. At present it only cost £2 to play at each of these events for the whole weekend, which seemed ridiculous. The Committee would be discussing increasing the entry fees for these events at their next meeting. Mr. Lawrence proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for all her hard work and proposed that the accounts be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Evers. Carried.
<u>Election of officers</u>	The Chairman said that due to ill health he was retiring. He thanked the Committee for their help during his term of office and especially the Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. H. Busby had been proposed and seconded as the new Chairman and was duly elected. Mrs. P. Jones had been proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman and was elected. As Mr. Busby was unable to be present, Mrs. Jones then took the Chair. Mrs. Holden proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Johnson for all his hard work as Chairman. Seconded by Mrs. Jones.

The Secretary then made a presentation to Mr. Johnson of a portable television set.

- Honorary Secretary - Mr. C.R. Haslam re-elected.
- Honorary Treasurer - Mrs. M. Lamb re-elected.
- Honorary Assistant Secretary - Mrs. K. J. Slee re-elected
- Honorary Tournament Secretary - Mr. W. Solomon re-elected

Mr. N. Vinson then proposed a vote of thanks to the Assistant Secretary.

Appointment of Auditors

Mr. Johnson proposed that Condy & Co be re-appointed. Seconded by Mrs. Brown. Carried.

Bude Bridge Club

Mr. Collings asked that the situation be clarified with regard to the affiliation of the Bude Club. No one seemed to be clear whether they now belonged to the Cornwall Section or to the South West Section. The Secretary said that they definitely belonged to the Cornwall section, but were allowed to play in North Devon sub-section qualifying rounds if they wished, or in the North Devon league.

Section events

Mr. Evers asked why members from other sections were not allowed to play in section events. The Chairman said that numbers would be a problem, and also that by inviting members from other sections to play in events these events would become extra County events and it would be very difficult to fit them into the calendar. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Open D.C.C.B.A. events

Mr. Pain asked whether it could be publicised that members from all sections were welcome to play in various open events, such as the monthly teams at Plymouth and the weekly duplicate at Torquay. It was suggested that this might be included on the County programme.

Pachabo expenses

Mr. K. J. Slee thanked the Committee for paying the expenses for the Pachabo and said that not all county associations did this.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.35p.m.

A. Bunty
Chairman

13.6.81.

1980-1981

COUNTY EVENTS

WESTERN MORNING NEWS CUP - M.J. Allen's team

SOUTH WESTERN PAIRS - Mrs S. Nichols R. Blackmore

ALI KHAN CUP - Mrs J. Chadwick Miss M. Lancaster

GRAPHIC CUP - Mrs J. Thomas Mrs J. Swift A. Clements - A. Kent

GRIFFITHS CUP - Mrs P.A.C. Bridgewater I. Popplestone

VEERMAN JAMES CUP - Mr & Mrs S.F. Collings J. Cloke J. England

JACK & JILL - Mrs K.A. Smith G. O'Neill

MASTERS PAIRS Mr & Mrs Benorthan

WOMEN'S TEAMS OF 4 - Mrs J. Holman Miss M. Tullson Mrs S. Nichols Mrs J. Pearce

MONS TEAMS OF 4 - J. Woodcote J. Griffiths A. Bridgman K. Evers

INTER-AREA TEAMS OF 8 - Exeter

CLUB HANDICAP TEAMS OF 8 - Torquay Bridge Club 'A'.

MEN & WOMEN - Men

INTERSECTION TEAMS OF 12

SWISS TEAMS J. Woodcote Mrs J. Pearce J.J. Griffiths D. Sharp

VICTOR LUDORUM - Mrs P.A.C. Bridgewater

Palace Trophy (mixed pairs) Mr & Mrs S.F. Collings.

NATIONAL EVENTS

M. Allen won the Cutty Sark Championship pairs play-off with Pat Davies.

J. Woodcote & J.J. Griffiths won the Torquay Congress Championship pairs.

~~Mr & Mrs S.F. Collings~~
GOLD CUP Mr & Mrs Slee P. Bowles & R. Blackmore got to the 5th round.

CROCKFORDS CUP K. Woods & J. Beard got to the last 16 (playing with a pair from Bristol)

HUBERT PHILLIPS CUP Mr & Mrs Slee Mrs G.S. Ali Khan P. Bowles & K. Woods got to the 5th round.

JERSEY CONGRESS Mr & Mrs Bell won the Fitch

BRISTOL CONGRESS Mr & Mrs Slee won the Fitch

KINGS LYNN CONGRESS Mrs Chadwick & Miss Lancaster won the Silver Salver for pairs.

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1980/1981

May I first tender my apologies for not being able to deliver this report in person but another Office I hold, in the Printing Industry, has on this occasion to be given priority.

During the past year the Association has run rather quietly as one would expect in these times of recession but I am happy to say that despite some smaller entries particularly in the Torquay Congress and the Cutty Sark Congress we have been able to make a satisfactory result on a smaller entry, details of which the Treasurer can give.

Whilst not wanting to steal any of the Treasurer's Report I must say that it is imperative that we continue to support the Torquay Congress, particularly where we can, staying in the Congress Hotel. Should we lose our hotel for lack of support the Association would have to make drastic cuts in its expenditure or increase its subscriptions and entry fees.

One of the most important things that happened in the year was the effort made by the Cornish Section to become a separate Association. Without going into the pro's and cons I would say that I attended the Section A.G.M. where the motion was well argued by supporters and opponents and failed by the narrowest margin to obtain the necessary two thirds vote. I would, therefore, seem that there are a great many Cornish Members who would like to "do their own thing" and at some time in the future surely will succeed. One can only say that on the next occasion we must ensure that it is made abundantly clear what Devon events may be entered by Members of a Cornish Association who choose to join the Devon Association additionally, or what events may be deemed open to the two Counties.

Your Committee has met four times during the year, I might say with some difficulty to those concerned and it is our intention of setting aside dates at the outset of the new year.

The coming year will see the awarding of Green points for the County Pairs and Teams Championship, something we have been fighting for for many years.

Selection has been troublesome during the past year, but selection always is, but let us hope that this year is somewhat easier. However, most bridge in the Counties is non-selective and I hope that members have enjoyed it.

RESULTS

Finally I should like to thank my Chairman and the Committee for their support and sound advice throughout the year. In particular I should like to thank my Assistant Secretary who is presenting this report for me.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the D.C.C.B.A.

Held at The Plymouth Bridge Club 13th June 1981
at 18.50 hours.

Hugh Busby Esq in the chair.

P.M. Jones vice chairman

Margaret Lamb Hon Treasurer

apologies received from

Gwen Ali Khan Delia Brown C.R. Haslam Mr and Mrs K.J. Slee W. Brown Roy Telfer

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and the proposal to accept by Mrs Ceridwen Bailey having been accepted the meeting proceeded with the matters arising as follows:-

No increase in the amount payable as subscriptions

Arthur Rayment to continue as results secretary (Mrs Lamb requested that a vote of thanks be made to Mr Rayment for his invaluable assistance in keeping the results up to date.)

Mr S.F. Collings to pass a list of Bude members to Mrs P.M. Jones so that they could be kept in touch with events taking place in the N.E. section.

The meeting then adjourned temporarily for the proposal of Mr N.A.T. Vinson as life member of the association.

Mr Hugh Busby proposed and Mrs Paula Hallett seconded the proposal it was then passed unanimously. (speeches too long to record).

Mrs P.M. Jones then read the secretary's report. (available from P.M. Jones)

Mrs M Lamb reported that the accounts showed a very small excess of income over expenditure the competition entries were up slightly from the previous year overall although in some events less people were participating.

Interest on the monies invested in the Leicester building society were £212. and a further £750 had been invested from the Torquay congress account.

Mr F Hastings James requested that the accounts of the Torquay be made available to the members in the same way as other subsidiary accounts Mrs Lamb agreed to his right to see all accounts (the accounts were sent to him at a later date and returned without comment)

The Auditors Messrs Condy and son were retained proposed by Miss Butland and seconded by A Brown.

All the officers were returned unopposed proposed by F. Hastings James and seconded by N.A.T. Vinson.

Vote of thanks to committee from S.F. Collings sec: F.H. James.

" 2 " to treasurer from Paula Hallett sec: Ceridwen Bailey.

Mrs Lamb was proposed and accepted the extra office of Tournament Secretary it was agreed not to have an assistant but that in an event of an emergency John Pain would act as assistant tournament secretary

John Pain accepted the post of County Tournament Director.

Meeting closed at 21.08 hours.

Present. Mr. H. Busby (Chairman)
Mrs. P. Jones (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. C. Haslam (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer)
and approximately 64 members.

Apologies. Mrs. Ali Khan, Mrs. W. Brown, Mrs. L. Smith, Mr. E. Mcvitie
Clarke, Mr. M. Young.

Minutes of last A.G.M. It was proposed by Mr. Slee and seconded by Mr. Hammett
that they be taken as read.

Secretary's report. See attached.

Treasurer's report. See attached. The Treasurer said that it had been a
reasonably good financial year.
The Chairman thanked her for all her hard work throughout
the year.
Mrs. Hallett proposed that the accounts be adopted.
Seconded by Mr. Slee. Carried.

Victor Ludorum Cup. This was presented to Mrs. P.A.C. Bridgewater.
Unfortunately the Western Morning News Cup could not be
presented as it had not been brought to the meeting by
the last year's winners.

Election of officers. The Secretary announced that Mr. Busby had decided to
resign as Chairman. Mrs. Hallett proposed that Mrs.
P.M. Jones be elected as Chairman. Seconded by Mrs.
Bell. Carried.
Mrs. Jones then took the chair.
It was agreed that the Committee should co-opt a Vice-
Chairman.
Hon. Secretary - Mr. C. Haslam re-elected.
Hon. Treasurer - Mrs. M. Lamb re-elected.
Hon. Tournament Secretary - Mrs. K.J. Slee elected.
Auditors - Condy & Sons.

Rules. The Secretary said that there would need to be slight
modifications to the rules now that Cornwall were
separating from Devon. He ~~proposed~~ ^{put forward} these modifications
(see attached). Mr. Allen proposed that these
amendments be made. Seconded by Mr. Howard. Carried.

Cornwall. The Chairman then wished Cornwall well and said that she
hoped that their members would come and play in any of
the Devon events for which they are eligible.
Mrs. Leonard replied for Cornwall saying how much they
had enjoyed being part of the D.C.C.B.A. and hoped that
they would not lose touch now that they were going to be
a separate Association.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7p.m.

Phyllis M. Jones. June 25th,
Chairman

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Last year at the A.G.M. I said that we would have to rebuild the structure of the Devon Association after the secession of Cornwall and that the experience of the first year would tell us where we are succeeding and failing.

It has indeed told us a great deal of our strengths and weaknesses, and the Committee for next year must give serious consideration and act where necessary to rectify the shortcomings of this year where the organisation was just plainly ineffective.

One of our greatest needs is to recruit workers to the Committee - the younger the better. Duplicate Bridge is a game that takes a great deal of organisation so that the members may take pleasure from it, but we are all members and should be willing to put something back into the game rather than just participating.

Despite our administrative problems the playing programme was carried through with the following results:-

WESTERN MORNING NEWS

Winners K Kelmere, C Kelmere, Mrs P Taylor, r. Hammett
runners up Mr & Mrs J Holman, K Hands, P Hasluck

DEVON PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Winners K Hands, P Hasluck
Runners up Mr & Mrs M Benorthan

SOUTH WESTERN PAIRS

Winners A & C Kelmere
runners up Mr & Mrs A J Slee

ALI KHAN CUP

winners D.A. Iubb, P W W Westlake
runners up Mrs C Baldwin, Mrs B G Perry

GRAPHIC CUP

Winners J Woolcott, Mrs J M Pearce, J J Griffiths, T. McDermott
runners up P J Bowles, Mrs S Nichols, R Blackmore, K Parkins

JACK AND JILL CUP

Winners Mrs J M Pearce, J Woolcott
Runners up Mrs J H Thomas, P.D. Waldock

MIXED TEAMS OF FOUR

Winners Mr & Mrs A J Slee, R Blackmore, n I Ray.
runners up J Woolcott, Mrs J M Pearce, J J Griffiths, J McDermott

GRIFFITHS CUP FOR PAIRS

Winners J J Griffiths, T McDermott

RANKED PAIRS MASTERS

Winners C & K Kelmere
Runners up Mrs r Taylor, F Hammett

REGIONAL PLUS

winners Mr & Mrs A J Slee
runners up Mrs A Humphries, A Terrett

A V MORRIS CUP

Winners P Carter, D McCarty
Runners up Mrs V Russell, B Russell
P F Rivett, C J Wadey

SWISS TEAMS at Barnstaple

Winners J Woolcott, Mrs J M Pearce, J J Griffiths, T McLermott
Runners up Mr & Mrs J Sochanik, Mrs P Taylor, J Hammett

S.W. CHARITY SWISS TEAMS

Winners
Runners up

TORQUAY CONGRESS

CUTTY SARK MIXED TEAMS

Winners Mr & Mrs J Holman, Mrs P M Jones, D Gilbert

CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

C & K Kelmere (Runners up)

JERSEY CONGRESS

Mrs P M Jones, won the Jersey Bridge Club Championship Teams
D. Gilbert

M.J. Allen was in the team that reached the last 16 in the Gold Cup

I Popplestone was selected for Junior Europeans but was unable to play.
He played for Cambridge when they beat Oxford.

PLYMOUTH CONGRESS

*Pairs Championship K.A.S Woods & P.J. Bowles
Teams Mr J Allen Mrs P. Davies J Popplestone & Mrs P.A.C. Bridgwater*

NORTH DEVON WEEKEND PAIRS

A Bridgman R.H.K Evers.

M J Allen's team reached the quarter Finals of the Continental Life Cup,
having won the S.W. Regional Final.

We had two fourth round winners in the Silver Plate - K J Slee, J W Woolcott.

K A H Kelmere & C N Kelmere won the E.B.U. One Day Pairs Event at Lyndhurst.

M L McVittie Clarke & R H K Evers were equal fourth in the saga over 60s Final

<u>Present</u>	Mrs. P. Jones (Chairman) Mr. C. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) and 30 members.
<u>Apologies</u>	Mr & Mrs. U'ren, Mrs. J. Holman, P. Westlake, D. Rendle, Mr. Tubb, Mr. & Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Flack, Mr. & Mrs. R. Stevens, Mr. & Mrs. B. Perry.
<u>Minutes</u>	The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read, confirmed, and signed.
<u>Matters arising.</u>	The Chairman said that Mr. R. I. Ray had been co-opted as Vice-Chairman.
<u>Secretary's report</u>	See attached. The Secretary thanked the Committee for all their help. Proposed by Mrs. Ali Khan and seconded by Mr. E. Hasluck that the report be adopted. Carried.
<u>Treasurer's report</u>	The Treasurer presented the accounts. Mrs. Hallett said that she could not understand why not much profit had been made on competitions when the entry fees for qualifying rounds was so high. It was pointed out that the money for qualifying rounds was kept in the Sections involved, and the profit shown for competitions on the accounts was for the final only. Mr. Haydon complained about the £1.50 entry fee for qualifying rounds. It was agreed that the matter of entry fees and prize money in qualifying rounds should be discussed at the next Committee meeting. Mr. Haydon proposed and Mrs. Bell seconded that the accounts be adopted. Carried. A vote of thanks was given to the Treasurer.
<u>Presentation of cups</u>	The Western Morning News Cup was presented to Mr. T. Hammett on behalf of his team. The Victor Ludorum Cup was presented to the joint winners Mr. & Mrs. K. J. Slee. The Devon Pairs Cup was presented to Mr. P. Hasluck & Mr. K. Hands.
<u>Election of Officers.</u>	Chairman - Mrs. P. Jones Vice-Chairman - Mr. R. I. Ray Hon. Secretary - Mr. C. Haslam Hon. Treasurer - Mrs. M. Lamb Hon. Assistant Secretary - Mrs. K. J. Slee Hon. Tournament Secretary - Mrs. K. J. Slee Proposed by Mrs. Hallett and seconded by Mrs. Bell that all these officers be re-elected. Carried. Mrs. Hallett proposed a vote of thanks to all the officers for their work in the past year.
<u>Auditors</u>	Condy & Sons re-appointed.
<u>Number of Sections</u>	Mrs. Bell suggested that instead of dividing the County into four sections it might be better to have only two or three sections. The Chairman said that this will be discussed at the next Committee meeting. There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 6.50p.m. Immediately following the meeting teams of four bridge was played with the Southern Section kindly donating prizes, no entry fee being charged.

June 30th 1984

Secretary's Report

Though the general pattern of Devon operating as a separate County is now beginning to settle down; there still remain problems which need to be overcome.

The division of the County into four sections has had a good effect in the North, East and West; where sections are enjoying the major events being circulated through their areas and membership has grown as the interest has grown. In particular the Northern Section with new officers is very keen and anxious to enter as many events as possible.

The Eastern Section is growing steadily under the guidance of John Woolcott who now has an able treasurer, in Don McFarlane, to help him.

The Western Section seems to have filled all their available club spaces, but there are a lot of non English Bridge Union members in those clubs.

The Southern Section has suffered from the division, but the North and East were going to stand on their own feet sooner or later, and the division of the County into four sections has hastened this. Like the West Section they have plenty of club members in their only club, but they are not coming forward into the Devon County Contract Bridge Association and participating in Championship events.

In all sections we need to encourage club players to join the Devon County Contract Bridge Association and English Bridge Union and to enter their section Championships and go on through qualification to County finals.

As a whole the standards of play throughout the County are not as high as they should be, and it is only the competition to succeed and qualify and win at higher and higher levels which will bring us back to the higher standards of play and competition that we previously enjoyed.

All bridge players surely want to improve and play better bridge, like in any other game you only improve by playing with people who are better than yourself (and one day having the pleasure of beating them).

Our more experienced players should welcome less experienced players joining them, (it is no good the officers encouraging people if they are put off in their first ventures). We had good players enjoying their keener game, we can have them again but it requires three things, encouragement by the association officers, a willingness to move up by the club player and a welcome from our dwindling number of more experienced players.

Comparitively Devon has more than held its own in the last year by attracting some 8% of new members. In 1984 the year of the first "Bridge Week" - from 17th - 23rd September - we must hope to do better not only in numbers but in ability and that applies to everyone from our Tollemache Team, who performed rather less well than we would have liked when thrown into competition with some of the more tigerish Counties, down to the more aspiring of our club members, not yet members of the County and National Association.

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As is usual we are not pressed with volunteers for membership of committees, or to hold office at Section or County level. This does not make for enthusiasm where someone is "prepared to continue", and the vigour of the Association could be improved by some younger more active leaders. Notwithstanding that I should like to thank our Chairman, Mrs Phyllis Jones, now retiring from the Chair after three years, and all members of the Committee for their hard work and valuable support throughout the year.

Charles Haslam
Hon. Secretary D.C.C.B.A.

DEVON COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS - COMPETITIONS

WESTERN MORNING NEWS

Mr & Mrs J. Holman, K. Hands, P. Hasluck.
Runners Up - M.J. Allen, Mrs. P.A.C. Bridgewater, D.M. Carthy,
Dr. S. Newstead, I. Popplestone, W. Soloman.

DEVON PAIRS

C & K. Kelmere.
Runners Up - A. Bridgman, R.H.K. Evers.

JACK & JILL CUP

Mrs. S. Nichols, R. Blackmore.
Runners Up - Mr & Mrs. M. Benorthan.

SOUTH WEST PAIRS

Mrs. J.M. Thomas, T.D. Waldock.
Runners Up - J.F. Pescott-Day, R.I. Ray.

ALI KHAN CUP

Mr & Mrs. R.H.K. Evers.
Runners Up - Mrs. A.J. Wolfendale, N.E. Poynter.

GRAPHIC CUP

Mr & Mrs. H.R. Haydon, Mrs. J.M. Thomas, Mrs. P.B. Hallett.
Runners Up - P. Bowles, R. Parkins, R. Blackmore, Miss. Nichols.

RANKED PAIRS

REGIONAL MASTERS & ABOVE - Mr & Mrs. K.J. Slee

MASTERS & STAR MASTERS - Mrs. W. Newberry, K. Barton.

A.V. MORRIS CUP - P.V. Rivett, C.J. Wadey.

DEVON COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS - COMPETITIONS CONTD.

COUNTY SWISS TEAMS

Mr. & Mrs. H. U'ren, P. Westlake, D. Tubb.

Runners Up - Mr & Mrs. M. Benorthan, Cdr.P. Alp, Mrs. J. Sherwell.

MIXED TEAMS OF 4 Winners on a split tie:-

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

Runners Up - J. Woolcott, Mrs. J.M. Pearce, J.J. Grittiths, T. McDermott.

CLUB HANDICAP TEAMS OF 8

W. Oke, R. Stevens, Mrs. D Rodger, Dr. Thures.

Mr & Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Justice, D. Chifton (of Bude)

VICTOR LUDORAM

K.J. Slee

Runner Up - Mrs. K.J. Slee.

at 6p.m.

<u>Present</u>	Mrs. P.M.Jones (Chairman) Mr. C.R.Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) and 24 members.
<u>Apologies</u>	Mrs. J. Harrison, Mrs. L. Smith, I. Murray, Mrs. A. Flack.
<u>Minutes</u>	The minutes of the last A.G.M. were taken as read.
<u>Matters arising</u>	There were no matters arising.
<u>Secretary's report</u>	See attached. Mr. Bell said that he did not agree with the County being split into four areas, as the Southern Section was so small that they had only a very few tables in qualifying rounds. The Secretary of the Southern Section said that in fact the Section had 100 paid up members, but that it was difficult to encourage these members to enter for County competitions. The Chairman said that in the other three Sections the number of players participating in County events had increased considerably, and that the Southern Section should make every effort to get more of their players to participate. Mr. Pitman said that there is a thriving Club in Paignton who might, if approached, take to become affiliated to the E.B.U. Mr. J. Pain proposed and Mr. K. Slee seconded that the Secretary's report be adopted. Carried.
<u>Treasurer's report</u>	The Treasurer circulated copies of the year's accounts. She said that the figures were slightly better than last year's. The insurances were now centralised instead of in separate sections, which was obviously proving more economical. Mr. Pitman asked why the accounts for the Torquay Congress were not available. It was agreed that in future these would be made available at the A.G.M. He also asked why the accounts were not made available before the A.G.M. Mrs. Lamb said that there was difficulty in getting the accounts in from the sections in time to do this. It was even more difficult getting the Torquay Congress accounts early as this was not played until the end of March and the financial year for the Congress was not until the end of May. She said, however, that she would do her best to get the accounts out as early as possible. Mr. Bell objected to the fact that nearly a third of our income was spent on sending top players to County competitions. Mr. Slee said that if we were going to stop sending our players to compete against other Counties the D.C.C.B.A. might as well disband. Mrs. Ali Khan heartily agreed with this. Mr. Pitman proposed and Mr. Benorthan seconded that the Treasurer's report be adopted. Carried.
<u>Presentation of Cups.</u>	The trophies were presented to the winners of the Western Morning News Cup and of the Victor Ludorum. The winners of the Devon Pairs were not present.
<u>Election of Officers</u>	Mrs. P. M. Jones retired as Chairman and Mr. R. I. Ray elected. Mr. Ray then took the Chair. He thanked Mrs. Jones for all her work during her term of office and said that she had done a very good job keeping the members of the Committee in order. Mr. J. Pain was elected as Vice-Chairman. The remaining officers were all re-elected.
<u>Appointment</u>	Condy & Sons re-appointed.

Tollemache

The Selector, Mr. Ray, said that he had made every effort to hold practice matches for the top players, but that it was very difficult to get them all together at any one time. He felt it was pointless to ask players to play when they were not being considered for playing at County level just to make up the numbers. He said that in the coming season he was hoping to organise a League consisting of six of the top teams who would play each other once a month on named dates, preferably all at the same venue so that he could watch.

Mrs. Bell said that she felt every effort should be made to select a team more democratically.

Computer

Mr. Benorthan suggested that ~~xxxx~~ the County should consider purchasing a computer. Mr. Pain said that the Committee had discussed this in detail and that it would cost in the region of £2000 to get a really up-to-date computer with all the appropriate software. After some discussion the members were very much in favour of the County purchasing such a computer.

Exchange
visits with
France

The Chairman said that some years ago an exchange visit with some French bridge players had been held and had been a great success. He asked if the members were in favour of doing this again. The members thought it was a good idea. The Chairman to make enquiries.

Mrs. L. C. Bell proposed a very warm vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman and to the Committee.

Mrs. M. Lamb proposed a vote of thanks to all the Section Treasurers who helped her so much during the year.

A vote of thanks was given to Torquay Bridge Club for the use of the room.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.30p.m. A Pairs competition was held afterwards with the Southern Section giving the prizes.


VICE-CHAIRMAN

WESTERN MORNING NEWS

Winners - M.J.Allen, D. Howard, Mrs P.A.C. Bridgewater,
D. McCarthy, I. Popplestone, W. Solomon.

Runners Up - Mr & Mrs L.C. Bell, K Hands, P. Hasluck.

DEVON PAIRS

Winners - K. Barton, A. Clements.

Runners Up - Mr & Mrs M. Benorthan.

JACK & JILL

Winners - Mr & Mrs Benorthan.

Runners Up - Mr & Mrs K.J. Slee.

MIXED TEAMS OF 4

Winners - Mr & Mrs L.C. Bell, D. McFarlane, Mrs .Lombard.

Runners Up - Mr & Mrs J. Woolcott, J.J. Griffiths, T. McDermott.

GRAPHIC CUP

Winners - Mr & Mrs J. Woolcott, J.J. Griffiths, T. McDermott.

Runners Up - Mr S Mrs K.J. Slee, R.W. Blackmore, R.I. Ray.

LADIES TEAMS

Winners - Mrs M. Martin, Mrs P. Coleman, Mrs J. Day, Mrs K. Menhinick.

Runners Up - Mrs K.J. Slee, Mrs P.A.C. Bridgewater, Mrs. J. Thomas,
Mrs A. Drew.

MENS TEAMS

Winners - K. Hands, P. Hasluck, T. McDermott, W.B. Cooper.

Runners Up - K.J. Slee, R.I. Ray, D. Sharp, R.W. Blackmore.

S.W. PAIRS

Winners - Mrs P.M. Jones, D. Gilbert.

Runners Up - Mrs P. Newberry, K. Barton.

ALI KHAN CUP

Winners - J. Pescott-Day, R.I. Ray.

Runners Up - Mr & Mrs K.J. Slee.

GRIFFITHS CUP

Winners - Mr & Mrs K.J. Slee.

PLYMOUTH CONGRESS

CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

Winners - Mr & Mrs K.J. Slee.

Runners Up - Mr & Mrs H. Haydon.

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

Winners - Mrs S. Nichols, R.W. Blackmore, R. Parkins, P. Bowles.

Runners Up - M.J. Allen, D. Howard, Mrs P.A.C. Bridgewater, D.Cairns

CLUB HANDICAP TEAMS OF 8

Winners - Bude.

INTER-SECTION TEAMS OF 8

Winners - Southern Section.

EVENTS AWAY FROM HOME

SWISS PAIRS AT BRIGHTON SUMMER CONGRESS

Winners - M.J. Allen (playing with D. Huggett).

WEST OF ENGLAND CONGRESS

Championship Pairs Winners - Mrs S. Nichols, R.W. Blackmore.

TORQUAY CONGRESS

Flitch - Mr & Mrs K.J. Slee.

<u>Present.</u>	<p>Mr. J. Pain (Vice-Chairman) Mr. C.R. Haslam (Hon. Secretary) Mrs. M. Lamb (HON. Treasurer)</p> <p>and 30 members.</p>
<u>Apologies.</u>	<p>Mr. R.I. Ray (Chairman), Mr. & Mrs. B. Russell, Mrs. M. Stevens, Mr. & Mrs. L.C. Bell, Mr. N. Lister, Mrs. A. Flack.</p>
<u>Minutes.</u>	<p>The minutes of the last AGM were read, confirmed and signed.</p>
<u>Matters arising</u>	<p>Mr. Pain reported that the computer had been purchased and was being used to good effect both in the scoring etc. of county competitions and by the Treasurer for her lists of members and other such uses.</p>
<u>Secretary's report.</u>	<p>Mr. Haslam reported that the number of members had increased from 480 when we first separated from Cornwall to 670 at the present time. He said that the North Section were keen but unorthodox; the East Section really lacked any back-up for John Woolcott; the South Section who have strong officers feel that the new four Section set-up has weakened their position; the West Section go from strength to strength. Mr. Haslam was also pleased to report that Mr. Eric McVitie Clarke, who is shortly emigrating to New Zealand, has been one of the first players in the country to receive an award for services to bridge from the EBU. He had done a tremendous amount towards the furthering of bridge in North Devon during the years and he would be greatly missed. Mr. Haslam said that he was retiring from office and thanked all the members for their support. He then read a list of trophy winners in the county for the past season. (see attached). Mr. I. Murray proposed and Mrs. G. Ali Khan seconded that the Secretary's report be adopted. Carried.</p>
<u>Treasurer's report.</u>	<p>Copies of the accounts were circulated to members. The Treasurer said that there were several new clubs in the area which had become affiliated to the EBU. There had been a great deal of expense during the year as the new computer had been purchased, and also a typewriter. Some money had already been made from renting out the computer. The Torquay Congress had made a profit of £615 compared with a loss of £180 last year and it was to be hoped that this upward trend would continue. Mr. Glaskin pointed out that the valuation of the computer would have to be marked down in future years as the cost of them was reducing all the time. Mrs. P. Jones proposed and Mr. Wilks seconded the adoption of the accounts. Carried. Mrs. Lamb thanked all the Section Treasurers for their help during the year.</p>
<u>Presentation of Trophies</u>	<p>The Devon Pairs Cup was awarded to Mr. K. Barton and Mr. A. Clements. The Western Morning News Cup was not presented as there were no members of the winning team present. The Victor Ludorum Cup was not presented until after the Swiss Teams had been played immediately after the meeting. It was then presented to Mr. K.J. Slee.</p>
<u>Election of Officers.</u>	<p>Chairman - Mr. R.I. Ray re-elected Vice-Chairman - Mr. J. Pain re-elected Hon. Secretary - Mr. C.R. Haslam retired and Mrs. K.J. Slee elected. Hon. Tournament Secretary - Mrs. K.J. Slee re-elected Hon. Treasurer - Mrs. M. Lamb re-elected.</p>
<u>Election of Auditors.</u>	<p>Messrs. Condy & Co re-elected.</p>
<u>Smoking.</u>	<p>It was proposed by Mr. K.J. Slee and seconded by Mr. J. Woolcott that in County events there should be a ban on smoking from the first hour and a half of a session, unless it was possible to have a non-smoking section. Carried by a large majority.</p>

Proposal of Mr.
C.R.Haslam as
Life Member

Mr. K.J. Slee proposed the retiring Secretary, Mr. C.R. Haslam as a Life Member of the DCCBA. He had served on the County Committee almost continuously since 1955, being its secretary for much of that time. He had also been its chairman, a County selector, our EBU representative, and is still a member of the EBU Board of Directors, where at present he is masterminding the reconstruction of the Master Points system. During his term of office he had seen Cornwall both join us and leave us. Mrs. P. Jones seconded this motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Haslam thanked everyone for their kind wishes and wished every success to Mrs. Slee.

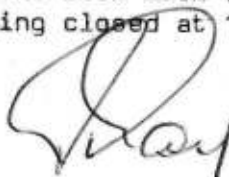
Mrs. Slee said that it would be very difficult to follow such a person as Mr. Haslam, and that if she managed to cope with the job half as well as he had she would be very pleased.

Scrambled
Mitchell

A motion from Mrs. K. Menhinick and Mr. T. McDermott that Scrambled Mitchells should not be used in qualifying rounds could not be considered at the meeting as it had not been received at an early enough date. However, a straw poll was held to get the feelings of the members, at which the motion was defeated by 17 votes to 13. It was felt that the vote was sufficiently close to warrant its discussion at the next Committee meeting.

The Chairman was thanked in his absence by Mr. K.J. Slee for all his work with the Committee during the past year.

There being no other business, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Torquay Bridge Club for the use of the room both for the AGM and for all the Committee meetings. The meeting closed at 1.55p.m.



Chairman