

♥ NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION ♦
Report of the Hon. Masterpoints Secretary 2021/22

The bridge world remains in upheaval, with still substantially reduced numbers of clubs playing. There are some encouraging signs with a few re-opened to face to face bridge. Many players are now playing most of their bridge online, with clubs having joined forces to run club events.

As last year, all NIBU events were run on-line. The only missing events were the Leagues, the NI Mixed Pairs, Provincial Mixed Pairs, and the Northern Pairs, all cancelled through lack of entries. Many thanks are due to directors Alan Hill, Sandie Millership, Jim McGilly and others for kindly getting results posted and delivered to me so that the Masterpoints can be updated in timely fashion.

The same sentiments apply in equal measure to all the club secretaries and scorers who helped in getting club Masterpoints uploaded onto the system during the year.

The following clubs or groups returned Masterpoints :-

Causeway Coast North Down Clubs Portadown Area Derryvolgie Lisburn City Windsor Bann
Banbridge Kelvin/Malone Newcastle Group Spa Holywood Merville Warrenpoint SWBA Cookstown

It is hard to know how many active clubs remain, as few returned membership, there being no requirement for affiliation fees this season. Current registered NIBU club members are 1542, an increase of 12 on last season. This small increase is largely explained by a number of players re- joining clubs to play in online competitions. It is encouraging, to say the least, though possible that inactive or deceased members have not been recorded.

Let us hope next season brings further encouragement.

The Grade breakdown of members is:-

Expert 77 Senior 111 Intermediate A 285 Intermediate B 1069

The number of players in each Rank is:-

Premier Grand Master	4	Grand Master	10	Premier Life Master	10
Life Master	21	Premier National Master	12	National Master	13
Senior Provincial Master	10	Junior Provincial Master	25	Tournament Master	21
Master	372	County Master	183	Local Master	255
Club Master	284	Novice	322		

Players of the year

Intermediate B	Intermediate A	Senior
1 st Mary Flynn	1 st Christine Stewart	=1 st Wayne Somerville
2 nd Eileen Coleman	2 nd Valerie Young	Paul Tranmer

Billy Kelso Trophy

This year's winner was Ian Lindsay.

Congratulations to all of the above

Promotions & Regradings

Congratulations to all the below but specially to our three new Premier National Masters, Elbha Walmsley, Ken Hammond and Anne Bergin. The first two were also promoted to Expert.

RE-GRADINGS EFFECTIVE FROM 1st SEPTEMBER 2022

INTERMEDIATE B to INTERMEDIATE A

3327	M Flynn	3698	V Russell	3923	S Leggett	4130	R Archer
4414	B Mullan	4718	H Hurley 5	5185	F O'Shea	5278	L Horner

INTERMEDIATE A to SENIOR

4638 Eric Butterwick

SENIOR to EXPERT

1157 K Hammond 2827 E Walmsley

All the above re-gradings are due for ratification by the Management Committee towards the end of August 2022 and any appeals must be made in writing to the Masterpoints Secretary and received before 21st August 2022. An e-mailed appeal is acceptable.

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9th June 2022

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PROMOTIONS LIST JUNE 2022

3	<i>Premier National Master</i>				1050	S	Caims
	1157	K	Hammond		1182	M	Teggarty
	2827	E	Walmsley		2487	H	Booth
	4126	A	Bergin		2794	J	Hughes
1	<i>6* Senior Provincial Master</i>			8	<i>3* Master</i>		
	4352	S	Sharkey		1914	MA	McDowell
1	<i>3* Senior Provincial Master</i>				2883	V	Young
	1445	M	Bleakley		3169	M	Rafferty
1	<i>6* Junior Provincial Master</i>				3222	E	McRoe
	4072	B	Sargent		3681	J	Baird
1	<i>5* Junior Provincial Master</i>				3766	A	Milligan
	4277	JB	Clarke		4311	W	McCormick
1	<i>4* Junior Provincial Master</i>				4638	E	Butterwick
	3834	P	Hamill	10	<i>2* Master</i>		
3	<i>2* Junior Provincial Master</i>				1063	F	Higgins
	1044	A	Hassan		1083	M	Ward
	1633	M	Boomer		1837	D	Ruddock
	2198	B	Mathews		2854	G	Robot
1	<i>1* Junior Provincial Master</i>				3398	T	McIntyre
	4632	A	Caims		3919	J	Spurgeon
2	<i>Junior Provincial Master</i>				4627	J	Baker
	4316	C	McAllister		4814	K	McAllister
	5624	Z	Kokot		5000	JA	McCormick
2	<i>Tournament Master</i>				5119	J	McDonnell
	1641	E	Bryan	7	<i>1* Master</i>		
	1941	K	McCay		1312	K	Pinkerton
1	<i>6* Master</i>				2200	R	Cunningham
	3619	B	Armstrong		3905	U	Cole
2	<i>5* Master</i>				4330	J	McCoy
	1862	C	Moorehead		4412	S	Scullion
					4738	M	McNamee
					5004	C	Crockett

2382 MW Hughes

4 4* Master

8 *Advanced Master*

3327 M Flynn
3698 V Russell
3923 S Leggett
4130 R Archer
4414 B Mullan
4718 H Hurley
5185 F O'Shea
5278 L Horner

14 *Master*

1067 E Lunny
1787 R Curran
2190 P McDowell
2193 S McDonagh
2735 B McConnell
3256 E Ervin
3462 E Coleman
3782 N Collins
4322 J Lyness
4405 Z O'Kane
4462 P Smyth
4964 M Doyle
4993 G Daly
5018 P McAvoy

16 *County Master*

1987 C Gillen
2493 G Singh
3435 G Starrs
3755 A McCreesh
4683 M Cassidy
4732 D Morgan
4753 M Markey
4791 M Jamieson
4979 C McKay
5139 R Tully

5396 D Williamson
5398 E Fitzsimons
5400 T Mackey
5437 S Prenter
5534 G Harper

26 *Local Master*

2685 R Elder
2715 J Shorten
3323 D McSorley
4373 L Higgins
4762 M Ogle
4906 U McFeely
4911 J Hegarty
4913 C Morrison
5055 T Berrells
5107 E Lynch
5152 D Warwick
5251 C Jefferson
5267 H McCambridge
5382 P Johnston
5390 A Reihill
5432 H Crawford
5439 R Russell
5448 M Johnston
5475 P Proctor

5497 R Graham
5581 D Hay
5583 C Gallagher
5623 M Sloan
5672 B Burrell
5680 S Sheridan
5768 M McCarry

27 *Club Master*

2537 A Gavin
2567 M McCullagh

5386 M McDonnell

2617 M Hewitt

2634	C	McDermott
2828	G	McFarlane
2839	R	McFarlane
3081	C	McCreight
3463	K	Dolan
3468	R	Murray
3956	J	Hegan
4604	A	McCaffrey
4636	D	Montague
4703	W	Fulton
4761	R	Park
4807	L	Wishart
4882	G	Langosz
5037	C	McCarron
5059	A	Courtney
5110	H	Kent-Webster
5551	JB	White
5615	K	Loughrey
5616	M	Loughrey
5669	AM	Toner
5682	V	Fitzpatrick
5688	B	Hughes
5719	R	Mullan
5729	M	Patrick