

**♥ NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION ♦**  
**Report of the Hon. Masterpoints Secretary 2023/24**

Bridge is happily back firmly on a face to face to face basis in the majority of clubs, which is to be welcomed, though many competitions in the NIBU and the rest of the British Isles continue to be played on-line. There remains a problem in attracting players to play in NIBU events, though some have had a decent turnout.

Many thanks to Alan Hill, Sandie Millership, Jim McGilly and others for kindly getting results posted and delivered to me so that the Masterpoints could 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.

There has sadly been a further decline in NIBU club membership, attributed largely to clubs paying for two years membership two years ago, and many not submitting a membership return last year. Two clubs have disaffiliated, but we are happy to welcome Mourne Bridge Club to our affiliated ranks.

The following clubs or groups returned Masterpoints :-

Causeway Coast Portadown Derryvolgie Lisburn City Windsor Bann Banbridge St Colmcille's  
Kelvin/Malone Newcastle Spa Warrenpoint St Michaels Devenish Bangor  
City of Derry Limavady Breffni/Iveagh Portstewart St Joseph's Downshire Armagh Maghera  
Devenish Diane Greenwood Dromore St Michaels Mourne Teconnaught

Unlike last year, when a free pass was awarded to clubs, we now have more accurate information as to how many are active, and it is gratifying that the membership has dropped significantly less than envisaged, we losing approximately 200 members, membership now totalling 1283.

The Grade breakdown of members is:-

Expert 67                      Senior 84                      Intermediate A 265                      Intermediate B 867

The number of players in each Rank is :-

Premier Grand Master	4	Grand Master	8	Premier Life Master	10
Life Master	20	Premier National Master	9	National Master	10
Senior Provincial Master	4	Junior Provincial Master	21	Tournament Master	18
Master	336	County Master	163	Local Master	214
Club Master	193	Novice	273		

### Players of the year

#### **Intermediate B**

1<sup>st</sup> John Colgan

2<sup>nd</sup> Mandy Degan

#### **Intermediate A**

1<sup>st</sup> Helen Tranmer

2<sup>nd</sup> Bill McCormick

#### **Senior**

1<sup>st</sup> Ian Lindsay

2<sup>nd</sup> Robin Burns

**Billy Kelso Trophy** - not awarded

**Congratulations to all of the above**

## Promotions & Regradings

Congratulations to all the below, but especially to our new Life Master, Eric Lesage.

RE-GRADINGS EFFECTIVE FROM 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

INTERMEDIATE B to INTERMEDIATE A

1368 J Flynn 1787 R Curran 2190 P McDowell 3122 G Minnis 3142 J Colgan 4328 K Donnelly  
4462 P Smyth 4949 G Ward 4964 M Doyle

INTERMEDIATE B to SENIOR

5534 G Harper (Tournament Committee decision)

INTERMEDIATE A to SENIOR

1200 Philsie Mulholland 1336 Anne Davey 1819 Elspeth Cummings 1862 Colette Moorehead  
2382 Maureen Hughes 2794 Joyce Hughes 3423 Mary Sherrard 3635 Helen Tranmer 3452 D Patterson  
4311 W McCormick

SENIOR to EXPERT

none

All the above re-gradings are due for ratification by the Management Committee towards the end of August 2024 and any appeals must be made in writing to the Masterpoints Secretary and received before 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024. An e-mailed appeal is acceptable.

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Hon Masterpoints Secretary

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2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

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## PROMOTIONS LIST      JUNE 2024

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**1      Life Master**

1420   E      Lesage

**1      Premier National Master**

1674   N      Mooney

**1      Senior Provincial Master**

5624   Z      Kokot

**1      6\* Junior Provincial Master**

4277   JB      Clarke

**1      5\* Junior Provincial Master**

3834   P      Hamill

**2      3\* Junior Provincial Master**

1042   T      McKeever

1044   A      Hassan

**2      2\* Junior Provincial Master**

3644   M      McIlroy

4457   K      Cassidy

**1      3\* Tournament Master**

1709   G      Turkington

**2      2\* Tournament Master**

1234   AE      Brown

2618   A      Toner

**1      1\* Tournament Master**

3832   C      Byrne

**1      Tournament Master**

1200   P      Mulholland

**3      6\* Master**

1862   C      Moorehead

2382   MW      Hughes

3271   F      McGreevy

**2      5\* Master**

1336   A      Davey

2794   J      Hughes

**4      4\* Master**

1229   M      Harding

3766   A      Milligan

4349   B      Ewart

4638   E      Butterwick

**7      3\* Master**

1692   P      O'Reilly

2393   S      Fyfe

3452   D      Patterson

3480   G      Henry

4627   J      Baker

4844   J      Young

5119   J      McDonnell

**13      2\* Master**

1131   S      Irwin

1926   S      Stevenson

2029   B      Moore

2200   R      Cunningham

3327   M      Flynn

3599   H      Priestly

3820   E      McArdle

3905   U      Cole

3993   R      Mason

4122   T      Whitten

4540   G      McCormick

4737   G      McNamee

4944   D      Clement

**12      1\* Master**

1104   D      Cahill

1180   J      Bryars

2072   B      Hamill

2301   H      Brown

3617 M Kirwan  
3878 B Strain  
4063 I McCarthy  
4414 B Mullan  
4766 A Bradley  
4978 N Bryars  
5228 J Forsythe  
5278 L Horner

**11 Advanced Master**

1368 J Flynn  
1787 R Curran  
2190 P McDowell  
2304 K MacDonald  
3122 G Minnis  
3142 J Colgan  
3182 E Gillespie  
4328 K Donnelly  
4462 P Smyth  
4949 G Ward  
4964 M Doyle

**25 Master**

1645 N Lynch  
1958 J Tinsley  
1976 A McKay  
2396 B Cassidy  
2876 S Lowry  
2881 J Stitt  
3180 IB MacDonald  
3232 J Galbraith  
3265 S Strain  
3424 P Fitzpatrick  
3556 J White  
4114 N Zahran  
4115 R Vaughan  
4268 B O'Kane  
4522 G Ramsey

4657 J Hughes  
4872 H McClelland  
5153 M Degan  
5339 W Alexander  
5340 D Alexander  
5400 T Mackey  
5463 R Flanagan  
5534 G Harper  
5609 S Burrell  
5680 S Sheridan

**25 County Master**

1046 B Nicholl  
1108 A Shane  
1967 J Strong  
2525 M Wylie  
2897 K Ramsey  
3037 R Davidson  
3038 D Stevenson  
3076 P Flanagan  
3098 J Patmore  
3371 M Dargan  
3464 K Curry  
4553 I Noad  
4660 M Tyson  
4805 H White  
4882 G Langosz  
5033 G Booth  
5138 J Kerr  
5267 H McCambridge  
5308 S McCullough  
5360 P Flowerday  
5401 J Mackey  
5497 R Graham  
5498 J McNally-West  
5623 M Sloan  
5672 B Burrell

<b>29</b>	<b>Local Master</b>		4488	N	Murphy	5825	L	Moore
1030	K	McCann	4497	J	Gray	5843	I	Greer
1321	E	Montgomery	4597	P	McGurran	5849	F	O'Callaghan
1382	S	Williams	4598	G	McGurran			
2865	M	Hanna	4883	J	Jennings			
3072	M	Rooney	4896	D	Blair			
3075	J	Knox	5060	N	Doyle			
3082	S	Brownlee	5076	H	Harrison			
3463	K	Dolan	5199	S	Ingram			
3864	S	McKelvey	5283	E	McGarry			
4307	S	McEvoy	5322	M	Convery			
4647	R	McQuaid	5392	B	Rice			
4795	R	McIntosh	5402	C	Considine			
4833	P	McCoy	5466	S	Murray			
4980	H	Strong	5474	M	O'Gallagher			
5273	M	Fee	5486	F	Jones			
5276	E	McCormick	5584	A	Moore			
5352	V	Scott	5612	K	Bloomfield			
5408	E	Rose	5674	S	Roohipoor			
5514	E	Hall	5687	D	Hamilton			
5520	K	Spencer	5703	M	Sheeran			
5560	J	Gormley	5705	M	Grant			
5626	E	Smith	5709	P	Robinson			
5649	E	Kula	5723	P	Suckling			
5673	M	Finn	5724	J	Turley			
5717	S	McGrath	5732	J	Agnew			
5719	R	Mullan	5735	B	McQuitty			
5721	R	Park	5744	M	Crawford			
5722	A	Rice	5745	B	Finnison			
5844	M	McMillan	5746	G	Gaw			
<b>44</b>	<b>Club Master</b>		5757	M	McCartan			
3453	E	Johnston	5786	D	Nelson			
3686	P	McLaughlin	5789	W	Hutchinson			
3897	C	Teggart	5802	W	McClelland			
4164	M	Langhammer	5812	D	Murphy			
4288	M	Magowan	5824	L	Magee			