

To all bridge players in Norfolk, Suffolk, Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire**No paper master points after April 2010**

Paper master-points will not be accepted as valid if issued after April 2010. If you have a backlog, printed and distributed to you before then send them in as usual to the EBU as soon as possible for their accreditation to you. This is provided they do not breach the 3 year validity rule. All MPs earned after April 2010 will be credited electronically to a member's account.

Current county lists of affiliation to EBU from April 2010

County Association	No. of EBU clubs 2009	Positive response to Affiliation	Negative response to Affiliation	Not replied
Cambs & Hunts	16	13	2	1
Lincolnshire	14	9	4	1
Norfolk	29	19	9	1
Suffolk	19	14	4	1
TOTAL	78	55	19	4

A new National Clubs Committee is being formed in October 2010

This is in the final stages of implementation. More detail will follow in due course but in principle this is a democratically elected committee from grass routes level upwards.

Each club will elect a club representative. Within each county these representatives will then elect 1 member as a county representative. At regional meetings of county representatives, 2 per year, 1 member again elected to be on the National clubs Committee meeting in London twice a year. Clubs and Club members this is your chance to voice opinions and issues which affect you and your bridge clubs. It is a committee all the way to National level which will essentially be led and driven by you. If you want things to change, improve, revise, this is your voice and pathway.

Widgets

I am hopeful that all club scorers have now received their widget and have successfully done the testing necessary for implementation of p2p and electronic master-points to proceed. If this is not the case please contact the EBU head office straight away. The team at HO are aware that there may well be teething problems at the start but they will take a relaxed approach to clubs getting it sorted out.

Education

Education is the cornerstone of development of duplicate bridge in England. The EBU have developed a club teacher programme which should in time produce more members for your bridge clubs. I urge you to use it and develop a vibrant bridge playing community in your area. Do get in touch with me if you want to understand more about this strategic development for YOUR BRIDGE CLUB.

Master Points and Licensing

A new booklet with some revisions is in the process of production. It will be available online. It is necessary to update the current version 1994 and to take account of the changes p2p will incur. I will send round another bulletin outlining some of the important changes soon.

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Please when replying at any time identify, [a] your club and [b] your county of affiliation