

♣♦ NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION ♥♠

Report of the Hon. Master-Points Secretary 2013/14

Another year as Master Point Sec. has reached a successful conclusion. As usual, I would like to thank all the club secretaries, Alan Hill, John Murchan and Ian Hamilton for their efforts in getting all the results to me in a timely and efficient manner. I would also thank Greer MacKenzie for providing the means for me to maintain an up-to-date masterpoint presence on the NIBU website.

The following 26 bridge clubs returned master points:-

Armagh	Bangor	Bann	Brunswick	Boat Club	City of Derry
Coleraine	Cooke	Cookstown	Derryvolgie	Downshire	Dromore(Down)
Downpatrick	Harlequins	Holywood	K&M	Lisburn(City)	Kilrea
Killyleagh	Merville	Maghera	Portadown	Shandon	Spa
St.Michael's	St.Joseph's				

There are now 1746 members on the NIBU database. Our membership is greatly increased from last year mostly due to the efforts of our Chairperson encouraging the (re)affiliation of several new clubs. The grade break up is:-

64 Expert Players
145 Senior Players
357 Intermediate 'A' Players
1180 Intermediate 'B' Players

While the number of players in the various ranks are as follows:-

Premier Grand Master	3	Grand Master	10
Premier Life Master	9	Life Master	23
Premier National Master	15	National Master	12
Senior Provincial Master	15	Junior Provincial Master	28
Tournament Master	18	Master	400
County Master	183	Local Master	230
Club Master	301	Unranked	499

Congratulations are due to Rex Anderson who has become our third Premier Grand Master (1500 Red Points) and also to Sam Hall who has become our tenth Grand Master.

Players of the Year

Intermediate 'B'		Intermediate 'A'		Senior	
Brenda Thompson	13.26 MPs	Paddy Hamill	14.6 MPs	Robin Burns	46.4 MPs

Billy Kelso Trophy

For the fourth consecutive year the winner is Ian Hamilton

Robin Burns Hon.Master-Points Secretary

1st June 2014