

Supplement to the Annual Report of the WBU Masterpoints Secretary May 2012

When I prepared my preliminary report for the end of April, I said that one of my aims before I retired was to compare the End of Year reports from the “old” computer system to those from the new Online system. Unfortunately all the facilities to produce the Online reports were not available so this was not possible.

So, I have completed the Year End on the computer system, incorporating all the uploads from clubs which were made by April 30th. As I write this, hopefully in time for it to be on the WBU website before the AGM, I have not had time to produce the Journal listing, Gold lists etc., but I do have the usual statistics, which are very different to last year.

During the year 8,236 entries were added to the MP database for those 1722 players who were WBU members in 2011/2012, this compares with 4,212 entries I made in the previous year. But when we consider the totals, these entries consisted of 1,840,597 locals, (which includes 39,226 Online Points) and 3,967.01 greens, whereas in 2010/2011, 1,868,912 locals and 5,127.63 greens were submitted. With the onset of the Online system I would have thought the numbers would have gone up not down. (Just to be clear, I should say “Online Points” are those earned playing bridge online, and should not be confused with those entered into our new Online system.)

During 2011/2012 year, we have had three new Grand Masters, Liz Atkinson, Susan Ingham, and my friend of sixty years, Irene Thomas. There are no new Premier Grand Masters.

This year’s winner of the John Hockey Trophy for the most points recorded during the year is Tony Ratcliff, for the fifth time in the ten years the competition has been running. The full Hockey results are in a separate file with this.

This year end completes my twentieth year of working as Honorary Masterpoint Secretary. In those twenty years, I have added to the records 22,102,825 Local points (which includes 276,377 Online Points) and 65,737.47 Greens.

I said above that I had incorporated points uploaded by clubs into the computer system to produce the correct Year End figures. This has been a very complicated, and sometimes difficult procedure, only made possible by programs written by Mike, my husband, and it is obvious that the differences between the old and new system mean there can be no role for the old computer system in 2012/2013. So I will turn it off for last time after all the Year End work has been completed. The computer system has been in use from the 1989/90 year until now, initially using the system developed by Peter Goodman, which was DOS based, and continued from 2000/2001 with the Windows system developed by Mike. It’s had a good innings. If I include those entries made by Barbara Cornish until 1991/1992, in total 26,596,635 locals and 72,822.72 greens have been added to the records.

As Masterpoints Secretary I have often had to review players’ records from previous years, It seems likely that my replacement will want to do this also. To make this easy until such time as these records are incorporated into the Online system, Mike has written a program to enable this to be done simply and easily, which has already been tested by the new Masterpoints Secretary. All that remains to be done in this respect is for me to give him a copy of the final 2011/2012 records.

Finally, a big thank you to Linda for her help over the years in her different roles, and I wish Phil every success as Masterpoints secretary, I hope he enjoys it as much as I and my predecessors did.

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