**2025 EACU Patrick Ribbands Team Championships**

This was the seventeenth team Championships and my first as organiser. We were once again at the excellent venue of Moreton Hall on Sunday 9th March 2025. We had nineteen teams from Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. All games were keenly fought and there were close finishes in all three tournaments.

Like last year the Open only had two teams, Linton Tigers and Broadland Hawks. The two teams tied last year and held the Patrick Ribbands Memorial shield jointly. In the first Round Broadland had a one point advantage and this carried into the last round. With the last game to finish being won by Stephen Riley of Linton the teams tied to share the trophy for another year. For next year I intend to review the rating bands so that we have more teams in the Open.

There were six teams in the U7200 rating limited Championship where there was another close contest. In the final round St Ives scored well and took the title with 8.5 points. The second team, Bedford was 2 points behind.

The U6400 rating limited Championship had eleven teams, and these included several juniors. The juniors played well and achieved some good results. First place was a tie between Bury B and ALCA Foxes on 8.5 points. The latter team was an all juniors team and the quality of their play was a surprise to some of the senior players. There was also a prize for the highest placed U6000 rated team and that went to St Johns Kibitzers.

There were five players scoring the maximum 3 points, Stephen Riley (Open), Colin Payne, Ethan Liu, Ivan Yu and Minh Nguyen (all four in the U6400). The last three are all juniors and two were members of the ALCA Foxes team.

It was good to see that at least one team in each county won a prize.

My thanks go to Bob Joines who booked the venue and also set up the tables and equipment on the Friday before saving us all time on the Sunday.

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