

GAMES

Gathering of the champs

THE 1991 Lederer Memorial Trophy, sponsored by the T. G. R. Club, will again be played at the Young Chelsea Club, London, on Saturday and Sunday, September 7-8. This event, organised by the London County Association, is by invitation and restricted to teams of the highest class; the following teams are expected to compete:

British Open Team, European Champions: A. R. Forrester, A. Robson, G. T. Kirby, J. M. Armstrong, Dr A. P. Sowter, R. Smolski.

British Women Team Qualifiers for the Venice Cup, World Championship in Yokohama: Mrs N. Smith, Miss P. Davies, Mrs S. Penfold, Mrs E. McGowan, Mrs J. Preddy, Mrs V. Mitchell.

Swedish World Championships team.

Ireland, Scotland, Wales, London, T. G. R.

This hand from last year's tournament was well played by F. Kurbalija playing for Wales against "All Stars".

Dealer North. Love All.

♠ KJ42	♠ 1087
♥ 6432	5
♦ K52	♥ 75
♣ Q4	♠ J1074
♠ A63	♠ J65
♥ KQ8	
♦ 63	
♣ K108	
73	

N		E
W	S	

♠ Q9
♥ AJ109
♦ AQ8
♣ A92

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With Wales North-South the bidding was:

S	W	N	E
1♥	-	2♥	-
3NT	-	4♥	-
-	Dbl	-	-

West led ♦6 to ♦J and ♦Q. South next led ♠9 on which West followed with ♠3 and ♠J won, East playing ♠10. He next led ♥2 from dummy on which East played ♥5, and the finesse of ♥J lost to ♥Q.

West next led ♠A followed by ♠6 to ♠K, declarer discarding ♠2. South now played ♥3 to ♥A, followed by ♦8 to ♦K and ♦5 to ♦A, which West declined to ruff. He next ruffed his last diamond on the table and dummy's last spade in hand. A trump lead put West on play.

With only clubs left, he had to lead from ♣K to give declarer his contract with ♣Q and ♣A. It would not have helped West to ruff earlier as he would still have been endplayed.

At the other table the contract was 4♥, and ♦6 was led to ♦10 and ♠A and ♠Q led to ♠A. A diamond continuation was taken by ♦K and the finesse of ♥10 lost to ♥Q.

The spade return was taken by ♠K and ♠2 discarded on ♠J. Declarer took a second trump finesse losing to West who was able to exit with a heart.

Sessions are Saturday 2pm

and 8 pm, and Sunday 1.30 pm. Admission is £2.50 per session or £6.50 for all three sessions.

It was a magnificent achievement for the British Open Team to win the Generali European Championship Gold Medal in Killarney. It was also a fine performance for the women's team to finish fourth and qualify for the Venice Cup World Championship. But this dual success has created serious financial problems for the British Bridge League which had budgeted for one team to qualify, but not for two.

The cost of sending two teams is estimated at £60,000. In order that our players can best represent us in Japan, it is vital that contributions should be sent so that the required total can be reached.

Contributions should be sent to Anna Gudge, Secretary/Treasurer, British Bridge League, 15 Chaucer Road, Sudbury, Suffolk CO 10 6LN. Cheques should be made out to BBL Yokohama Fund.

● The Standard Bridge Flipper, by Ron Klinger, is published by Gollancz in the Master Bridge Series (£1.99). It will have only a limited appeal in England as it is more in line with Goren Acol. The opening bid of 1NT is given as 16 to 18 points, whereas Acol recommends 12 to 14 nv and 15 to 17 v. An opening bid of 3NT is given as 25-plus points, as in Goren, whereas Acol players would open with a conventional two clubs.

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