

## BRIDGE

This year's Lederer Memorial Trophy will be held on October 28 and 29 at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club. Three sessions will be held starting at 2pm and 8pm on the Saturday and 1pm on the Sunday.

A strong field has been invited to compete and includes last year's winning team - John Armstrong, Graham Kirby, David Price and Peter Cerniewski

Other teams competing include: Naturals - Tony Forrester and Andrew Robson will be playing along with Demetri Marchessini and a fourth as yet to be determined, but it could possibly be the young Norwegian star Geir Helgemo.

Gold Cup Winners - the highly successful team of Gerald and Stuart Treddinnick, Phil King, Neil Rosen, Derek Patterson and Pat Coilins

Juniors - Britain's World Champions, Jason and Justin Hackett, Danny Davies, Phil Souter, Tom Townsend and Jeffrey Allerton

Turkey - our visitors this year will be the Turkish national team who will be known to many as regular competitors at the Brighton summer congress

Ireland - the current Irish representative team is expected, comprising Rory Timlin, Paddy Walsh, Hugh McGan and Tom Hanlon

President's Team - including Tony Friday, Willie Coyle, David Edwin and LCCBA President Bernard Teltscher. If Zia is in town he is expected to join this team.

London - the bulk of this year's winning Tollemache team, including Steve Lodge, Peter Crouch, David Burn, Joe Fawcett, Glyn Liggins and Andrew Dyson

The event will provide the usual terrific spectator value - visitors will be able to follow the action either by watching at the tables or on Vu-Graph.

The entry fees for spectators is unchanged this year at £5 per session or £10 for all three (half-price for students and senior citizens).

The prize for the winning team is this year being increased to £800, with a £200 prize for the second-placed team.

The Best Bid prize in last year's competition was awarded to Martin Hoffman and Demetri Marchessini of the Naturals team for the following simple auction to slam.

*Dealer N, North/South vulnerable*

	A Q 10 9 6 4	
	A 2	
	J	
	A K 7 6	
J 8 5 2		K 3 J 10 5 4
K Q 3		K Q 7 5 3
9 8 5 4		10 3
Q 2		
	7	
	9 8 7 6	
	A 10 2	
	J 9 8 5 4	
N		S
2 S		2 NT
3 C		6 C

North, Martin Hoffman, opened a strong 2S and South, Demetri Marchessini bid 2NT negative. Now North's 3C bid showed his second suit and Marchessini wasted no time in bidding the slam.

Four diamonds from Marchessini might have been a more accurate bid at his second turn, but would have betrayed the heart situation.

In fact, on a diamond lead the slam is superb – and made 13 tricks.

Even with a heart lead it will make most of the time the CQ falls in two rounds, and even without that there are some chances.

Some might argue with the 2S opening, but North can see that game could be lay down opposite as little as jack to four spades – and 1S might be passed out, as it was at another table!

In fact the hand was played in part-score at three tables, whilst three others played in 5C and one in 4S.

This was the only time slam was reached – a triumph for natural bidding!

*Eric Bowtell*

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