



**LONDON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

presents the

1996

**LEDERER MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Saturday 12th October 1996 - 2.00pm & 8.00pm

Sunday 13th October 1996 - 1.00pm

at

**Young Chelsea Bridge Club**  
32 Barkston Gardens  
London SW5

Admission: £5.00 per session  
£10.00 for whole event

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## A HISTORY OF THE LEDERER

The Lederer Trophy was presented as a tribute to Richard Lederer and was originally a challenge event between the capital's Bridge Clubs. Richard Lederer was a leading international player who ran his own club and contributed greatly to the development of English bridge in its formative years. The name of his son, Tony, who was the first President of the LCCBA, was added to the dedication after his death by his widow, Rhoda Barrow Lederer, one of the game's leading names in her own right. For many years Rhoda was a familiar sight at this event until she died in 1991, bringing to an end the Lederer family's direct involvement with bridge in London.

During the 1970's, teams from outside the capital were often invited as guests in the event and in 1977 a strong Glasgow contingent won the competition. This led to a change the following year to the Lederer becoming an invitation tournament. Over recent years an international flavour has been introduced and has increased, with visits amongst others from players from North America, Poland, Sweden and the Netherlands. The Lederer is thus now one of the strongest tournaments held in England. A Yu-Graph room was introduced for the first time in 1990 and proved very successful, so has become a regular feature of the event.

The event was built up through the efforts of various organisers during the 80s - notably David Parry, Richard Fleet, Barry Rigal and Steve Eginton. It's staging would not have been possible, however, without the sponsorship of the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, the support of its tireless secretary Warwick Pitch, and its enthusiastic members who provide all the assistance at the event.

### RECENT WINNERS

1989	Sweden	P-O Sundelin, Sven-Olov Flodqvist, Tommy Gullborg, Hans Guthe
1990	All Stars	P-O Sundelin, Hans Guthe, Zia Mahmood, Munir Atta-Ullah, Victor Silverstone, Kyle Larsen
1991	Ireland	Nick Fitzgibbon, Pat Walshe, Adam Mesbur, Roxy Boland
1992	Iceland	Jon Baldursson, Saevar Thorbjarnsson, Thorlakur Jansson, Gudmundur Arnarson
1993	South of England	Richard Butler, John Reardon, Dick Shek, Gus Calderwood, Nicola Smith, Pat Davies
1994	Great Britain	John Armstrong, Graham Kirby, David Price, Peter Czerniewski
1995	President's Team	Bernard Teitelcher, Willie Coyle, Tony Friday, Victor Silverstone, David Edwin

## 1996 COMPETITORS

### ALL STARS

Zia Mahmood, Ronnie Rubin,  
Gunnar Hallberg, Lionel Wright

This multi-national team actually features players from four different continents! Zia Mahmood of Pakistan needs little introduction as he is undoubtedly the game's biggest personality at present (leaving aside Omar Sharif who, you must admit, does have a bit of a career outside bridge) and an outstanding player who is always entertaining to watch. He will be playing with Ronnie Rubin from the USA, a former World Champion who won the Bermuda Bowl in 1983. Ronnie, amazingly, is actually a double World Champion, having also won the backgammon title in the same year as he won the Bermuda Bowl!

The other members of the team are Gunnar Hallberg from Sweden and Lionel Wright from New Zealand. Both can be seen regularly at TGR's Club near Marble Arch, where Gunnar plays regularly and which Lionel manages. This club has the biggest rubber bridge game in town, where it is possible for thousands of pounds to change hands in an evening - so it is not surprising that this is a real battle-hardened team which will be very hard to beat this weekend.

### LONDON

Glyn Liggins, Joe Fawcett, David Burn,  
Brian Callaghan, David Price, Peter Czerniewski

The three pairs in the 'Home Team' were three-quarters of this year's victorious London team in the Tollemache Cup - the prestigious Inter-County Championship.

There are several established partnerships in this team, but the expected line-up is Glyn and Joe, who were successful in last year's Canrose trials and represented England with credit together; Peter and David Price who have forged a very successful partnership over the last few years including a win in the Championship Teams in Brighton last year; and David Burn and Brian who have a fine record of achievements together, particularly in Pairs events.

David Burn is a real polymath in bridge circles - as well as playing at the top he frequently coaches British teams - he is the coach for our Olympiad team who will compete in Rhodes shortly; he chairs the EBU Laws and Ethics Committee, he is a regular journalist and author, just this week having launched a new book on which he has collaborated with Zia; and in his spare time he works for BT where he has just completed the design of the interactive bridge game which is being set up on Wireplay, the games network from BT.

## NATURALS

**Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester, Nicola Smith,  
Demetri Marchessini, Robert Sheehan**

This team includes Britain's currently most successful and well-known partnership. Tony Forrester is widely recognised as our number one player and he holds the record for Camrose caps, having represented England 41 times. Playing in the same team as Kirby and Armstrong he came second in the Bermuda Bowl in 1987 and won the European Teams in 1991, the latter in partnership with Andrew Robson. The pair also won both the Statesbank and Sunday Times invitational pairs in 1990. They will be the mainstay of the British Olympiad team in Rhodes later this month.

Nicola, in turn, must be Britain's most successful lady player, with two World Championships under her belt and a myriad of other medal positions achieved. One of her most recent successes was a World Ladies Individual Championship in 1994. Robert Sheehan is another Bermuda Bowl silver medallist and the current bridge correspondent of The Times newspaper, in which he writes a daily column.

The team is completed by Demetri Marchessini, a champion of natural bidding methods. Playing straightforward bridge, this team should be a particular pleasure to watch this weekend.

## HOLDERS

**Bernard Teitscher, Tony Priday, Willie Coyle,  
David Edwin, Victor Silverstone**

Bernard Teitscher is the President of the LCCBA and a major supporter of the Lederer Memorial Trophy, for which the Association is most grateful. His team this year is the same as last year when they achieved a notable victory in taking home the Trophy. Whilst the team is crammed with expert players, in a strong field they would not have been many people's favourites for the title. Their victory was therefore particularly sweet and they will be especially keen to consolidate it by doing well again this year.

The team includes Willie Coyle and Victor Silverstone who have both represented Scotland in innumerable Camrose matches, both having helped their side to win the Trophy. Willie has also won the Gold Cup on two occasions.

The best known personality amongst these players, however, must be Tony Priday, who has one of the most glittering bridge careers of any British player. A world Life-Master, Tony has won the Bermuda Bowl in 1962, World Teams in 1976, two European Teams in 1961 and 1971, the Sunday Times Invitational Pairs in 1970 and the Gold Cup no less than seven times. Tony is also bridge correspondent for the Sunday Telegraph.

## PREMIER LEAGUE **Ian Monaghan, Paul Hackett, Jason Hackett, Justin Hackett**

The BBL Premier League was introduced two years ago to allow the top teams in the country to gain practice in first class matches against each other, and to help with selection of British teams. This year the clear winners of the League - this quarter along with Tony Forrester and Andrew Robson - were selected to represent Great Britain in the World Olympiads in Rhodes and they will be off to do battle in this within the next week. Jason and Justin are, of course, already reigning World Champions at junior level, but they will be very keen to make their mark internationally in the senior game. We wish the team every success, and meanwhile very much hope that they can demonstrate that they are in form this weekend.

## GOLD CUP WINNERS

**Gerald Tredinnick, Stuart Tredinnick, Neil Rosen,  
Phil King, Derek Patterson, Pat Collins**

The Tredinnick twins, Gerald and Stuart, are another partnership who have a world championship to their credit, having won the World Junior Teams for Great Britain in 1989. They form the bedrock of this team, which has had another terrifically successful year, winning the Gold Cup for the second year running, as well as the recent Camrose trials (though by the narrowest of margins!). It seems there is just no stopping these players and no-one would be surprised to see them emerge victorious this weekend.

## JOURNALISTS

**Brian Senior, Nevena Senior,  
John Armstrong, Michael Courtney**

It is a real pleasure to have a married couple playing in this year's Lederer! Brian is one of this country's best known journalists and author of numerous books and teaching articles. Although she is now hoping to represent Britain in future championships, Nevena has formerly played for Bulgaria, for which country she won the European Women's Pairs in 1987.

John Armstrong needs no introduction, having been at the very top of British bridge for many many years. His regular partner, Graham Kirby, is not available for the Lederer this year, so the fourth member of the team is Michael Courtney, a well-known player from Australia who is also the columnist for The Melbourne Age.

Nevena is currently expecting the Senior's first child, so you could say there are two-and-a-half members of the family in this team. If she or any of the others fancy a rest for a session or two during the weekend, you may see one or two of the other illustrious journalists who are expected to be present taking a turn in this team - including maybe Patrick Jourdain of Wales or Martin Hoffman, now resident in Florida.

**IRELAND**

**Hugh McGann, Tom Hanlon, Pat Walshe,  
Niall Toibin, Adam Mesbur, Nick Fitzgibbon**

This year the popular Irish team includes the quartet who came along last year, together with two old friends of the Lederer in the shape of Adam Mesbur and Nick Fitzgibbon. Hugh and Tom are members of the newer generation of Irish internationals and they have matched up a consistent record of achievement over the last few years. The 'old guard' including Pat, Adam and Nick, play less frequently now at representative level but can always be guaranteed to provide excellent competition. Moreover, their bridge is always played in the very best of spirits and the team is always entertaining to watch.

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**LEDERER 1996 OFFICIALS**

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                           Nora Smith      Dimitri Stoev

The LCCBA would like to say a very big thank you to all the helpers who give their time freely over the Lederer weekend

**ORDER OF PLAY**

**First Session - Saturday 12 October 1996 - 2.00pm**

Match	Table	NS	EW	Result
ONE	Vu-Graph	Holdes	Premier League	-
	2	Naturals	Gold Cup	-
	3	All Stars	London	-
	4	Premier League	Holdes	-
	5	Gold Cup	Naturals	-
	6	London	All Stars	-
	7	Journalists	Ireland	-
	8	Ireland	Journalists	-

TWO	Vu-Graph	All Stars	Gold Cup	-
	2	Holdes	Naturals	-
	3	Journalists	London	-
	4	Gold Cup	All Stars	-
	5	Naturals	Holdes	-
	6	London	Journalists	-
	7	Ireland	Premier League	-
	8	Premier League	Ireland	-

**Second Session - Saturday 12 October 1996 - 8.00pm**

THREE	Vu-Graph	Journalists	Naturals	-
	2	Ireland	Gold Cup	-
	3	All Stars	Holdes	-
	4	Naturals	Journalists	-
	5	Gold Cup	Ireland	-
	6	Holdes	All Stars	-
	7	London	Premier League	-
	8	Premier League	London	-

FOUR	Vu-Graph	London	Ireland	-
	2	Naturals	All Stars	-
	3	Premier League	Journalists	-
	4	Ireland	London	-
	5	All Stars	Naturals	-
	6	Journalists	Premier League	-
	7	Gold Cup	Holdes	-
	8	Holdes	Gold Cup	-

## ORDER OF PLAY

Third Session - Sunday 13 October 1996 - 1.00pm

Match	Table	NS	EW	Result
FIVE	* Vu-Graph	All Stars	Journalists	.
	2	London	Naturals	.
	3	Gold Cup	Premier League	—
	4	Journalists	All Stars	—
	5	Naturals	London	—
	6	Premier League	Gold Cup	—
	7	Holders	Ireland	—
	8	Ireland	Holders	—
SIX	* Vu-Graph	Naturals	Premier League	—
	2	Holders	Journalists	—
	3	All Stars	Ireland	—
	4	Premier League	Naturals	—
	5	Journalists	Holders	—
	6	Ireland	All Stars	—
	7	Gold Cup	London	—
	8	London	Gold Cup	—
SEVEN	* Vu-Graph	London	Holders	—
	2	Gold Cup	Journalists	—
	3	Naturals	Ireland	—
	4	Holders	London	—
	5	Journalists	Gold Cup	.
	6	Ireland	Naturals	—
	7	All Stars	Premier League	—
	8	Premier League	All Stars	—

\* Vu-Graph match subject to change at the discretion of the organisers.

Table 1 is the closed, Vu-Graph room (and is located in the Henley House Hotel next door to Young Chelsea Bridge Club).

Tables 2, 3 and 8 are in the Upstairs playing area.

Tables 4, 5, 6 and 7 are in the Downstairs playing area.