



LONDON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

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1997

LEDERER MEMORIAL TROPHY

Saturday 8th November 1997 - 2.00pm & 8.00pm

Sunday 9th November 1997 - 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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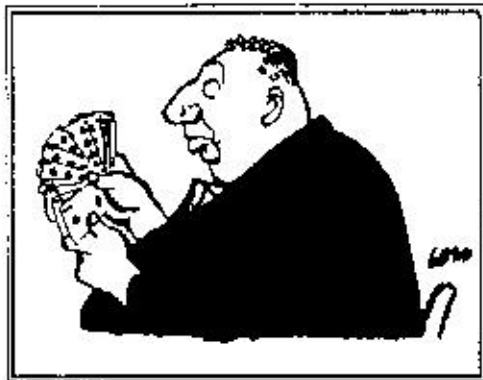
A HISTORY OF THE LEDERER

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 invitational 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 Vu-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, Harry Rigal and Steve Eginton. Its 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.

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This cartoon of Richard Lederer is taken from his book *Lederer Bids Two Clubs*, written when he was Bridge Editor of *The Sunday Referee*.

RECENT WINNERS

1990	All Stars	P-O Sundelin, Hans Gothe, Zia Mahmood, Munir Atta-Ullah, Victor Silverstone, Kyle Larsen
1991	Ireland	Nick Fitzgibbon, Pat Walsh, Adam Mesbur, Rory Boland
1992	Iceland	Jon Baldursson, Saevar Thorbjornsson, Thorlakur Jonsson, Gudmundur Arnarson
1993	South of England	Richard Butland, 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 Tetscher, Willie Coyle, Tony Friday, Victor Silverstone, David Edwin
1996	London	David Price, Peter Czerniewski, Glyn Liggins, Jue Fawcett, David Burn, Brian Callaghan

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LEDERER 1997 OFFICIALS

Tournament Director:	John Probst	
Referee:	Richard Fleet	
Vu-Graph Commentary:	Richard Fleet	
Tournament Manager:	Christine Duckworth	
Team Arrangements:	Su Burn	
Hand Analysts:	Mike Graham	Ian Payn
Monitors, Scorers, Vu-Graph, Helpers:	Andrew Abelson	Anne Brewster
	Su Burn	Kathryn Cearn
	Helen Chambers	Steve Eginton
	Maxine Etkin	Nigel Frenke
	Richard Harris	Gillian James
	Frank McCarthy	Brian McGuire
	Sally McKenzie	Ken Midgeley
	Helen Price	Richard Probst
	Gillian Salt	Angus Simpson
	Marijke Van Beesten	Rosie White

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

1997 COMPETITORS

1. JOURNALISTS

Phil King, Liz McGowan,
Michael Courtney, Martin Hoffman

This team consists of players from the four corners of the world and comprises two relatively untried partnerships. The individuals are all star players in their own right, however, as well as being renowned bridge writers and journalists. In the way that new partnerships often do extremely well on their first showing, this team could well be one to watch this weekend.

Phil King has had a very fine record in British bridge over the last few years. Teamed with Neil Rosen and the Treddinnick twins, he has won the Gold Cup two years running, in 1994 and 95, and the prestigious Premier League in 1996 - no mean feat! He is playing here with Scottish and British Ladies international Liz McGowan, who is currently reigning as both a European and World Champion.

With teammates and partner Heather Dhondy (playing this weekend in the Pachabo Winners team) Liz won the Gold medal at the European Championships in Montecatini in July this year. Her World Championship was also in a team with Heather, but this time they each partnered members of the Icelandic Open team to walk off with the World Mixed Teams title last year. (They won the event in fine style, hardly losing a point along the way, and that was playing in untried partnerships, so I'm not joking about the potential of this team!)

Michael Courtney, a well-known player from Australia, is columnist for The Melbourne Age. He has been living in London for the past year or so, writing and playing high-stake rubber bridge. His partner this weekend is Martin Hoffman who moved from London to the USA a few years ago, where he is a syndicated bridge columnist, bridge professional and author. Martin, a WBF World Master and winner of many European tournaments, is best known as one of the fastest analysts in the game. Martin is an old friend of the Lederer and we are particularly pleased he is visiting England at present and so is able to grace the event once more this year.

2. IRELAND

Hugh McGann, Tom Hanlon,
Pat Walshe, Niall Toibin

It has become traditional always to invite an Irish team to the Lederer and I am happy to say that they have always been able to accept - it really wouldn't be the same without them. The Irish bring their own unique ambience to the event (not to mention usually a good team of supporters as well). Their bridge is always played in good spirit - as indeed is all bridge in Eire, as anyone who has tried it will know.

Hugh and Tom have become regular members of the Irish National team over the last few years, and have achieved a lot of success, despite the fact that Tom lives in Dublin whilst Hugh pursues his career as a doctor in Nottingham. Pat and Niall have also represented the country many times. We wish them lots of luck this weekend (though being Irish they will probably bring it with them!)

3. HOLDERS (LONDON)

David Burn, Brian Callaghan,
Glyn Figgins, Joe Fawcett

David and Brian, both of whom are systems people in the computer industry, have a fine record of achievements together. Their most recent international outing was earlier this year when they represented Britain in the Bonn International Invitation Teams, coming a close 5th in a strong field. David is well known not only as a top-level player - he serves on the EBU Laws and Ethics and Selection Committees; frequently coaches British teams - he did so for both the British Open team in the European Championships and the British Ladies team in the Venice Cup this year; is the author of two bridge books and countless articles which never fail to entertain the reader; and as a Vu-Graph commentator he is without equal.

David often plays with Joe Fawcett - they will be playing together for England in this year's Camrose series - but this weekend Joe has returned to his Camrose partner of two years ago, Glyn Figgins, who is a current holder of the Gold Cup. Whilst Joe is at present studying Spanish and French at Westminster University, Glyn is another full-time bridge professional with a string of international caps to his credit, including representing Britain in one World Championship. We were very proud of our London team bringing home the trophy last year and hope they are going to hang on to it this year!

4. ENGLAND

John Collings, Martin Jones,
Gary Hyett, Alan Mould

John Collings, the best known name in this team, is having a second go at top-level bridge, having had enormous success one to two decades ago, including a Gold Cup win, representing both Britain and Switzerland in world championships and winning the *Sunday Times* Pairs in 1969. After pretty much giving up for a while, he has had great success recently with Martin Jones, and last year they made their Camrose debut. Still a junior, Martin won the award of Young Player of the Year for 1994 when he was just 20.

This year the quartet as a whole, completed by the Manchester-based partnership of Gary and Alan, won the Camrose trials in very convincing style. As the 'in-form' players we can expect a very solid performance from them this weekend.

5. SPRING FOURSOMES

David Price, Peter Czerniewski,
Ónaí Durmus, Colin Simpson

David Price has had a quite exceptional bridge season, winning just about everything he has played in this year. He and Peter were actually in the victorious London team last year but this weekend he is playing with his successful team in the Spring Foursomes, one of the toughest events in the calendar. David this year has also won the Cruckfords Cup, both the Pairs and the Teams Championships at the Easter Festival, and the Championship Teams in Brighton for the second time in three years.

Ónaí, now full-time manager of the St John's Wood Bridge Club, is playing with Colin Simpson, another rubber bridge player who was also a member of the winning teams at Brighton and the Easter Festival this year. This formidable combo will be many people's top selection to win the Lederer this time.

6. PACHABO

Jeremy Dhondy, Ian Pagan, Jerry Cope,
Heather Dhondy, David Parry

This team, the winners of the Pachabo Cup on behalf of Middlesex this year, has an admirably consistent record of success. In particular, Jeremy and Ian in partnership have won a host of national titles, as is reflected in the fact that they are comfortable leaders in the Gold Point scheme, the EBU's ranking system which reflects recent high-level achievement (Ian is actually just a smidgeon ahead of Jeremy!).

The star member of the team is Jeremy's wife Heather, current European Ladies Teams and World Mixed Teams Champion along with Liz McGowan (see details for Journalists team). Considering Heather is still only in her early thirties and holds down a demanding accountancy job rather than being a bridge professional as are so many of the other players here, who knows how big an impact she has still to make!

7. PRESIDENTS TEAM Bernard Teltcher, Tony Priday, Willie Coyle, David Edwin, Victor Silverstone, Geoffrey Breskal

Bernard Teltcher is the President of the LCCBA and a major supporter of the Lederer Memorial Trophy, for which the Association is most grateful. His 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.

8. NATURALS Demetri Marchessini, Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester, Robert Sheehan

Last but by no means least we come to the team captained by Demetri Marchessini, a champion of natural bidding methods. Tony Forrester and Andrew Robson, Britain's two biggest stars of the last few years, will be playing with him, though probably not together, since they decided earlier this year to split their successful partnership which had achieved so much.

Tony holds the record for Camrose caps, having represented England 41 times. His best performance representing the country has been winning the silver medal for Britain in the Bermuda Bowl in 1987, but he has also won the European Teams Championship in 1991, the latter in partnership with Andrew Robson. The pair also won both the Statenbank and Sunday Times Invitational pairs in 1990. Both players continue to teach and play bridge professionally and Andrew devotes much of his time to his highly successful social bridge club in the Fulham Road.

Robert Sheehan is another Bermuda Bowl silver medallist and the current bridge correspondent of The Times newspaper, in which he writes a daily column. Playing straightforward bridge, this team should be a particular pleasure to watch this weekend.

ORDER OF PLAY

First Session - Saturday 8th November 1997 - 2.00pm

Match	Table	NS	EW	Result
ONE	Vu-Graph	England	England	...
	2	Pachabo	Journalists	...
	3	President's Team	Ireland	...
	4	England	Holders	...
	5	Journalists	Pachabo	...
	6	Ireland	President's Team	...
	7	Naturals	Spring Foursomes	...
	8	Spring Foursomes	Naturals	...
TWO	Vu-Graph	President's Team	Naturals	...
	2	Holders	Pachabo	...
	3	Journalists	Ireland	...
	4	Naturals	President's Team	...
	5	Pachabo	Holders	...
	6	Ireland	Journalists	...
	7	England	Spring Foursomes	...
	8	Spring Foursomes	England	...

Second Session - Saturday 8th November 1997 - 8.00pm

THREE	Vu-Graph	Ireland	Spring Foursomes	...
	2	Naturals	Pachabo	...
	3	Journalists	England	...
	4	Spring Foursomes	Ireland	...
	5	Pachabo	Naturals	...
	6	England	Journalists	...
	7	President's Team	Holders	...
	8	Holders	President's Team	...
FOUR	Vu-Graph	Pachabo	England	...
	2	Ireland	Naturals	...
	3	Spring Foursomes	President's Team	...
	4	England	Pachabo	...
	5	Naturals	Ireland	...
	6	President's Team	Spring Foursomes	...
	7	Holders	Journalists	...
	8	Journalists	Holders	...

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Third Session - Sunday 9th November 1997 - 1.00pm

Match	Table	NS	FW	Result
FIVE	* Vu-Graph	Journalists	President's Team	---
	2	Ireland	Holders	---
	3	Pachabo	Spring Foursomes	---
	4	President's Team	Journalists	---
	5	Holders	Ireland	---
	6	Spring Foursomes	Pachabo	---
	7	England	Naturals	---
	8	Naturals	England	---
SIX	* Vu-Graph	Holders	Naturals	---
	2	Pachabo	President's Team	---
	3	Ireland	England	---
	4	Naturals	Holders	---
	5	President's Team	Pachabo	---
	6	England	Ireland	---
	7	Journalists	Spring Foursomes	---
	8	Spring Foursomes	Journalists	---
SEVEN	* Vu-Graph	Holders	Spring Foursomes	---
	2	England	President's Team	---
	3	Journalists	Naturals	---
	4	Spring Foursomes	Holders	---
	5	President's Team	England	---
	6	Naturals	Journalists	---
	7	Pachabo	Ireland	---
	8	Ireland	Pachabo	---

* 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.