



LONDON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

presents the

1998

LEDERER MEMORIAL TROPHY

Saturday 31st October 1998 - 2.00pm & 8.00pm

Sunday 1st November 1998 - 1.00pm

at

Young Chelsea Bridge Club

32 Barkston Gardens

London SW5

Admission: Saturday £6 for each session
Sunday £7.50
£14 for all 3 sessions

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The Young Chelsea Bridge Club

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 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, 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.

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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 Walshe, 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 Teltscher, Willie Coyle, Tony Priday, Victor Silverstone, David Edwin
1996	London	David Price, Peter Czerniewski, Glyn Liggins, Joe Fawcett, David Burn, Brian Callaghan
1997	President's Team	Bernard Teltscher, Willie Coyle, Tony Priday, Victor Silverstone, David Edwin, Geoffrey Breskal

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LEDERER 1998 OFFICIALS

Tournament Director:	John Probst	
Referee:	Richard Fleet	
Vu-Graph Commentary	Richard Fleet	
Tournament Manager:	Christine Duckworth	
Team Arrangements:	Su Burn	
Hand Analysts:	Brian Callaghan	Mike Graham
	Phil King	Ian Payn
Monitors, Scorers, Vu-Graph, Helpers:	George Baracs	Anne Brewster
	Su Burn	Kathryn Cearn
	Grafton Edwards	Pam Hadfield
	Gerald James	Gillian James
	Claire Martin	David Martin
	Frank McCarthy	Brian McGuire
	Sati McKenzie	Ken Midgley
	Roger Morton	Angus Simpson
	James Smith	Marijke Van Beesten

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

1998 COMPETITORS

1. PRESIDENT'S TEAM (HOLDERS)

**Bernard Teltscher, Tony Friday, Willie Coyle,
David Edwin, Victor Silverstone,
Geoffrey Breskal, Steve Eginton**

Bernard Teltscher is the President of the LCCBA and a major supporter of the Lederer Memorial Trophy, for which the Association is most grateful. Bernard has won most national competitions except the Gold Cup, but claims the unique achievement of having played in Camrose trials in successive seasons with the late Jeremy Flint and the late Irving Rose, failing to qualify with both!

Victor Silverstone has represented Great Britain in two European championships, won three Gold Cups and represented Scotland in at least two dozen Camrose matches, all with Willie Coyle. Willie has played for Scotland even more frequently with a number of different partners, has four Gold Cup wins to his credit and has played in six European Championships and Olympiads. Geoffrey Breskal and David Edwin have also both represented England and won the Gold Cup, whilst Steve Eginton was last year's Gold Cup runner up.

The best known personality amongst these players, however, must be Tony Friday, who has one of the most glittering bridge careers of any British player. A world Life-Master, Tony won the European Championships in 1961 and was third in 1962 and second in 1987 in the Bermuda Bowl. He won the Sunday Times Invitational Pairs in 1970 in partnership with Nico Gardener and has won the Gold Cup no less than seven times. Tony is a Vice President of the English Bridge Union and for 36 years was the bridge correspondent of the Sunday Telegraph.

This team has a great record in the Lederer, with two wins and one second place in the three years in which they have competed, and they will be looking to maintain it this year.

2. IRELAND

**Tom Hanlon, Niall Toibin
Adam Mesbur, Nick Fitzgibbon**

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 the Republic of Ireland, as anyone who has tried it will know.

This year Tom Hanlon's regular partner, Hugh McGann, a doctor, has been unable to get away from work, so Tom has paired up with Niall Toibin, who was originally to have played with Pat Walshe. The second pair will now be Adam Mesbur and Nick Fitzgibbon. All are regular visitors to this event who have represented Ireland many times between them over quite a period of time.

The Irish are always tough competitors - they were runners up in last year's Lederer and they will be hoping for one better this year. We wish them lots of luck.

3. ALL STARS

**Zia Mahmood, Andrew Robson
Gunnar Hallberg, Colin Simpson**

We are delighted to welcome the brilliant and charismatic Zia to the Lederer this year. He is a great supporter of the competition, usually playing whenever he is in the country, and he has put together a team of tough competitors to mount a strong challenge for the trophy. Gunnar Hallberg, a Swede currently living in London, and Colin Simpson are both regulars at TGR's bridge club, a mecca for high-stake rubber players from all over the world. Zia's partner, Andrew Robson, manages a very different but equally successful bridge club providing a really sociable environment for the less experienced player.

Andrew has, of course, a string of international credits to his name, including the Junior World Championships in 1989, the European Championships in 1991 and wins in the Sunday Times & Staten Bank Invitational Pairs in 1990, both playing with Tony Forrester. It will be a real treat to see him and Zia in partnership this weekend.

4. LONDON

**Glyn Liggins, Joe Fawcett
Peter Crouch, Steve Lodge**

Glyn Liggins is an all-round bridge professional - player, writer, teacher and journalist (he is a former editor of Bridge Magazine) who has represented England and Britain many times, including in one World Championship. His partner Joe Fawcett divides his time between bridge, work in the finance sector and study - he is presently working towards a languages degree - and also has several international caps to his credit, both in junior and open teams. They have represented England together in Camrose matches and played together in this year's Camrose trials, achieving a convincing third place which should earn them a place in this year's England team.

Peter Crouch and Steve Lodge play less bridge these days, both preferring to concentrate on highly successful business careers and their families, though they have played together in several Camrose matches. Both have won the Gold Cup (with different partners and teams) - Steve four times - and they were both very successful as junior players.

5. NORWAY

**Boye Brogeland, Erik Salensmind
Tomas Charlsen, Espen Erichsen**

These young Norwegian players have achieved outstanding success between them in a remarkably short space of time. They were all members of the team which won the Junior European Championships in 1996 and in the same year Boye Brogeland won the gold medal in the World Junior Pairs whilst Tomas Charlsen and Espen Erichsen won the silver medal - a very impressive achievement for Norway. Boye and Erik Salensmind were also members of the Norwegian open team which won the bronze medal in last year's Bermuda Bowl held in Tunisia.

Espen is currently living in this country, mainly playing rubber bridge, whilst Boye has just graduated and Tomas is still a student. Such a wealth of young talent (not to mention the astonishingly successful Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness, who were not able to be with us this weekend) means that Norway will surely continue to be a major force in international bridge for many years to come. They are sure to be strong contenders in this event.

ORDER OF PLAY

6. SPRING FOURSOMES Neil Rosen, Andrew McIntosh WINNERS Gerald Tredinnick, Stuart Tredinnick

Twins Gerald and Stuart Tredinnick have a great record of achievement in both junior and open events. They won the Junior World Championships in 1989 when they were held in this country and have continued to represent the country with distinction many times since – they have been members of the British team in the last three European Championships. They have also won the Gold Cup twice.

Gerald works in the actuarial field and Stuart in computing, whereas their team mates this weekend are both bridge professionals. They play and teach professionally and Neil also manages two clubs in north London, the Acol Bridge Club & Academy and the Ace of Clubs. In addition to winning the Spring Foursomes this year, Neil and Tosh won the Premier League in 1997. Tosh was of course also a member of the Scottish team that was victorious in this year's Camrose, so his loyalties may be a little divided this weekend but not enough for this team not to be fighting for the top every inch of the way!

7. SCOTLAND Dave Walker, John Murdoch (CAMROSE HOLDERS) Douglas Piper, Sandy Duncan

Scotland are usually the main contenders with England for the Camrose trophy but over the years England have managed to come out on top more often, so a win for Scotland is particularly sweet for them. Dave Walker, a maths teacher, and John Murdoch, a librarian, have played together for two years and were delighted to be part of the victorious Scottish Camrose team which coasted to an easy win early this year.

They are joined this weekend by Douglas Piper, an Edinburgh-based bridge teacher, and Sandy Duncan who is another who works in insurance on matters actuarial (bridge and maths skills go famously well together!) Sandy had a long and successful partnership with Brian Short, with whom he represented Great Britain on several occasions, but he has been playing with Douglas for a while now and they were members of the victorious Scottish Camrose team of two years ago.

8. PREMIER LEAGUE David Mossop, Tony Forrester, WINNERS David Price, Tom Townsend, Phil King

David Mossop has had a good run recently, last year's Premier League win being accompanied by first and second places in Crockford's Cup in 1997 and 1998 respectively with team-mates David Price, Tom Townsend and Phil King. David, co-manager of TGR's bridge club, has had a phenomenally successful couple of years, his most recent achievement being a runaway win in this year's Camrose trials in partnership with Tom Townsend. Tom has also had plenty of successes, his highest achievement being winning the Junior World Championships in 1995.

Tony Forrester, the bridge correspondent of the Daily and Sunday Telegraph, needs little introduction. He has represented Britain numerous times, his best wins being silver in the 1987 Bermuda Bowl and gold in the 1991 European Championships, but he has also won many international honours in partnership with a variety of different players. He holds the record for Camrose caps, having represented England 41 times. This team will definitely be one of the hardest to beat in this year's Lederer.

First Session - Saturday 31st October 1998 - 2.00pm

Match	Table	NS	EW	Result
ONE	Vu-Graph	President's Team	Spring Foursomes	---
	2	London	All Stars	---
	3	Scotland	Ireland	---
	4	Spring Foursomes	President's Team	---
	5	All Stars	London	---
	6	Ireland	Scotland	---
	7	Premier League	Norway	---
	8	Norway	Premier League	---
TWO	Vu-Graph	All Stars	Norway	---
	2	London	Scotland	---
	3	President's Team	Premier League	---
	4	Norway	All Stars	---
	5	Scotland	London	---
	6	Premier League	President's Team	---
	7	Spring Foursomes	Ireland	---
	8	Ireland	Spring Foursomes	---

Second Session - Saturday 31st October 1998 - 8.00pm

THREE	Vu-Graph	Scotland	Premier League	---
	2	All Stars	Spring Foursomes	---
	3	President's Team	Ireland	---
	4	Premier League	Scotland	---
	5	Spring Foursomes	All Stars	---
	6	Ireland	President's Team	---
	7	London	Norway	---
	8	Norway	London	---
FOUR	Vu-Graph	Ireland	London	---
	2	Spring Foursomes	Scotland	---
	3	All Stars	Premier League	---
	4	London	Ireland	---
	5	Scotland	Spring Foursomes	---
	6	Premier League	All Stars	---
	7	President's Team	Norway	---
	8	Norway	President's Team	---

ORDER OF PLAY

Third Session - Sunday 1st November 1998 - 1.00pm

Match	Table	NS	EW	Result
FIVE	* Vu-Graph	Ireland	All Stars	—
	2	President's Team	Scotland	—
	3	Spring Foursomes	Norway	—
	4	All Stars	Ireland	—
	5	Scotland	President's Team	—
	6	Norway	Spring Foursomes	—
	7	London	Premier League	—
	8	Premier League	London	—
SIX	* Vu-Graph	Premier League	Spring Foursomes	—
	2	Ireland	Norway	—
	3	President's Team	London	—
	4	Spring Foursomes	Premier League	—
	5	Norway	Ireland	—
	6	London	President's Team	—
	7	Scotland	All Stars	—
	8	All Stars	Scotland	—
SEVEN	* Vu-Graph	All Stars	President's Team	—
	2	Ireland	Premier League	—
	3	Norway	Scotland	—
	4	President's Team	All Stars	—
	5	Premier League	Ireland	—
	6	Scotland	Norway	—
	7	Spring Foursomes	London	—
	8	London	Spring Foursomes	—

* 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.