



LONDON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

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1999

**LEDERER MEMORIAL TROPHY**



Saturday 6th November 1999 - 2.00pm & 8.00pm

Sunday 7th November 1999 - 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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## 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, the Netherlands and most of the Scandinavian countries. The Lederer is thus now one of the very strongest tournaments held in England. A Vu-Graph room was introduced for the first time in 1990 and has now become a regular feature of the event. This year, a new feature will be the posting of results and photos, as they happen, on the Internet. To access these, visit the Young Chelsea website at [www.ycbc.co.uk](http://www.ycbc.co.uk).

The Lederer 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. We are very pleased to be able to thank them this year by providing free entry for all club members.



## RECENT WINNERS

1990	<b>All Stars</b>	P-O Sundelin, Hans Gothe, Zia Mahmood, Munir Atta-Ullah, Victor Silverstone, Kyle Larsen
1991	<b>Ireland</b>	Nick Fitzgibbon, Pat Walshe, Adam Mesbur, Rory Boland
1992	<b>Iceland</b>	Jon Baldursson, Saevar Thorbjornsson, Thorlakur Jonsson, Gudmundur Arnarson
1993	<b>South of England</b>	Richard Butland, John Reardon, Dick Shek, Gus Calderwood, Nicola Smith, Pat Davies
1994	<b>Great Britain</b>	John Armstrong, Graham Kirby, David Price, Peter Czerniewski
1995	<b>President's Team</b>	Bernard Teltscher, Willie Coyle, Tony Priday, Victor Silverstone, David Edwin
1996	<b>London</b>	David Price, Peter Czerniewski, Glyn Liggins, Joe Fawcett, David Burn, Brian Callaghan
1997	<b>President's Team</b>	Bernard Teltscher, Willie Coyle, Tony Priday, Victor Silverstone, David Edwin, Geoffrey Breskal
1998	<b>All Stars</b>	Zia Mahmood, Andrew Robson, Gunnar Hallberg, Colin Simpson

## 1999 COMPETITORS

### 1. ALL STARS (HOLDERS) Zia Mahmood, Andrew Robson Gunnar Hallberg, Colin Simpson

We are delighted to welcome back last year's winning team headed by Zia Mahmood. The brilliant and charismatic Zia, originally from Pakistan but now living in New York, will be playing in partnership with Andrew Robson, one of this country's biggest stars (and certainly the tallest!). The team is completed by two less well-known names, but two highly skilled and competitive players who have achieved notable success, particularly in the rubber game. Gunnar Hallberg is a Swede currently living in London, whilst Colin Simpson has lived and played in the capital for many years whilst pursuing a high-flying career within the police force.

Gunnar and Colin play regularly at TGR's bridge club, a mecca for high-stake rubber players from all over the world where Zia is often to be found when he is in this country. Andrew is more usually to be found at his own very different but equally successful bridge club. The Andrew Robson club was set up only a couple of years ago to provide bridge tuition and play in a really sociable environment particularly suited to the less experienced player. He has clearly met a need, as the club has expanded rapidly, quickly outgrowing its original premises necessitating a move to a new site in Parson's Green, where it continues to go from strength to strength.

In addition to numerous international successes, both Zia and Andrew are also renowned as bridge writers and journalists. In this country, Zia has a column each week in *The Guardian*, whilst Andrew writes in the *Sunday Express*, *Spectator* and *Country Life*.

### 2. NORWAY Geir Helgemo, Per-Erik Austberg, Boye Brogeland, Espen Erichsen

We are very pleased to see a return visit of the young Norwegian team which played in this competition last year, and especially delighted to welcome Geir Helgemo who is playing in his first Lederer. Geir is widely seen as one of the world's most promising rising stars and he will be familiar to many people in London from the Macallan Pairs, where he has won the event in convincing style for the last two years in succession in partnership with Tor Helness.

This weekend Geir will be playing with his new partner, Per-Erik Austberg, with whom he will be playing in the World Championships in Bermuda next year. The team will be completed by two other young players who nevertheless have achieved outstanding success between them in a pretty short space of time. They were 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 Espen Erichsen won the silver medal - a very impressive achievement for Norway. Boye and Geir were also both members of the Norwegian open team which won the bronze medal in the 1997 Bermuda Bowl held in Tunisia.

All in all, this team will definitely be one that is hard to beat this weekend.

### 3. CROCKFORDS WINNERS

David Mossop, Tony Forrester,  
David Price, Tom Townsend

David Mossop and his team have continued into the current season their terrific series of successes achieved over the last few years. This year they have won both Crockfords and the Spring Foursomes (with a slightly different line-up each time), and as last year's Premier League winners they represented Great Britain in the last EC Championships.

David Price, who manages TGR's bridge club, has been a particularly successful member of the team in recent years. His run of victories was crowned by a runaway win in the 1998 Camrose trials in partnership with Tom Townsend, following which the partnership led the English team to a fine victory in the home international series. Tom, though young, is an experienced international player and a past Junior World Champion.

Tony Forrester, the bridge correspondent of the Daily and Sunday Telegraph, needs little introduction. He has represented Britain numerous times, his best performance being winning the silver medal in the Bermuda Bowl in 1987, 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 is a fiercely competitive team which will have its sights set very firmly on capturing the trophy this weekend.

### 4. LONDON

David Burn, Brian Callaghan  
Joe Fawcett, Phil King

David Burn and Brian Callaghan have been stalwarts of the London team for many years and have represented the country in several Camrose and other international events. Both work in the computing industry as systems consultants, David within BT and Brian currently at CitiBank. David is also well known as a bridge writer and commentator – he entertains the Vu-Graph audiences every year at the Macallan Pairs and many other international events.

Joe Fawcett is another London regular and experienced international, usually of late in partnership with Glyn Liggins with whom he will again be playing for England in this year's Camrose series. A former full-time bridge professional, Joe has recently also joined the computing industry working in the field of Property Management. This weekend, he is partnered by Phil King, who has resisted the lure of IT and is still a full-time bridge professional. As a writer, Phil is best known for the very successful series of bridge books written with his father which parody the styles of other literary greats. He has also had a highly successful playing career, culminating recently in a very fine performance playing with John Collings in the Premier League, when he helped the team move up from below half-way to lead the field at the end of the qualifying stages of the event.

Joe and Phil are a new partnership this weekend, but then so were John and Phil when they had their hugely successful weekend last month, so the team's hopes will be high as they aim to recapture the trophy, last won by London just three years ago.

### 5. GOLD CUP WINNERS

Howard Cohen, Robert Sheehan, Irving Gordon,  
Boris Schapiro, Nick Sandqvist, Rob Cliffe

This team, led by the mercurial Howard Cohen, stormed through to win the Gold Cup last year, giving Boris Schapiro his eleventh win in this competition! But Boris is certainly not past his prime – though he recently celebrated his 90th birthday, he is a reigning world champion, having won the Seniors Pairs Championship in Lille in 1998 along with partner Irving 'Haggis' Gordon.

This team is a happy mix of younger and older players. Robert Sheehan is of course well known as a writer and columnist, his daily column in The Times being very widely read, whilst Nick Sandqvist, a Swede living in London, is a newer name on the tournament scene. Nick was actually playing with another Swede, Frederick Wrang, in the Gold Cup team but has recently formed a new partnership with Rob Cliffe, with whom he is playing this weekend. They have already shown their form by winning the Camrose trials in convincing style, so will be representing England in this year's series of matches.

### 6. IRELAND

Tom Hanlon, Hugh McGann,  
Pat Walshe, Niall Toibin

The Lederer wouldn't be the Lederer without a team of visiting Irish players, who bring their cheerful presence to the event each year. This time we welcome the quartet which has formed the core of the national Irish team for many years, although Pat Walshe, the 'grand old man' of the team is still only in his mid-forties! He will be partnering Niall Toibin, with whom he has won many national titles and considerable international success, in a team completed by Tom Hanlon and Hugh McGann who are well on their way to achieving the same. All are regular visitors to this competition and we wish them lots of luck this weekend.

### 7. BRITISH LADIES EUROPEAN CHAMPS

Nicola Smith, Pat Davies, Heather Dhondy,  
Liz McGowan, Sandra Landy, Abbey Walker

We are delighted that the phenomenally successful British Ladies team is able to be with us this weekend. They became European Champions in 1997 and you are bound to have heard how they retained their title this summer in a nail-biting finish to the European Championships in Malta. This was due in no small part to the fact that they are a real team of fighters who don't give in easily – so don't underrate their chances this weekend!

All the members of the team are seasoned internationals who have represented the country many times (even Abbey Walker at the ripe old age of 22!) Their latest victory put Sandra Landy firmly back in her position as number one in the women's bridge world-ratings, but Nicola and Pat are not far behind. Nor for that matter are Heather and Liz, though a newer partnership. As well as European Champions they are recent World Champions, having won the Mixed Teams title in partnership with members of the Iceland Open team.

The team is off to Bermuda in January 2000 with a very real chance of winning the Venice Cup, the world title, for Great Britain. We wish them every success there.

**8. PRESIDENT'S TEAM  
(HOLDERS)**

Bernard Teltscher, Tony Priday, Willie Coyle,  
David Edwin, Victor Silverstone, Geoffrey Breskal

Bernard Teltscher is the President of the LCCBA and a major supporter of the Lederer Memorial Trophy, for which the Association is most grateful. He brings a seasoned team which has a great record in this competition.

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.

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 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.

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**LEDERER 1999 OFFICIALS**

**Tournament Director:** David Martin  
**Referee:** Richard Fleet  
**Vu-Graph Commentary:** Richard Fleet  
**Tournament Manager:** Christine Duckworth  
**Team Arrangements:** Su Burn  
**Hand Analysts:** Steve Eginton      Mike Graham      Ian Payn  
**Monitors, Scorers,** George Baracs      Anne Brewster      Su Burn  
**Vu-Graph, Helpers:** Kathryn Cearns      Brian Claridge      Sandra Claridge  
 Adam Dunn      Matt Foster      Pam Hadfield  
 Gerald James      Gary Mann      Claire Martin  
 Michael Mayer      Frank McCarthy      Sati McKenzie  
 Ken Midgley      James Smith      Andrew Thompson  
 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.

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

**ORDER OF PLAY**

**First Session - Saturday 6th November 1999 - 2.00pm**

Match	Table	NS	EW	Result
ONE	Vu-Graph	All Stars	Ireland	--
	2	London	Crockfords	--
	3	Ladies Champions	Norway	--
	4	Ireland	All Stars	--
	5	Crockfords	London	--
	6	Norway	Ladies Champions	--
	7	President's Team	Gold Cup	--
	8	Gold Cup	President's Team	--
TWO	Vu-Graph	Crockfords	Gold Cup	--
	2	London	Ladies Champions	--
	3	All Stars	President's Team	--
	4	Gold Cup	Crockfords	--
	5	Ladies Champions	London	--
	6	President's Team	All Stars	--
	7	Ireland	Norway	--
	8	Norway	Ireland	--

**Second Session - Saturday 6th November 1999 - 8.00pm**

THREE	Vu-Graph	Ladies Champions	President's Team	--
	2	Crockfords	Ireland	--
	3	All Stars	Norway	--
	4	President's Team	Ladies Champions	--
	5	Ireland	Crockfords	--
	6	Norway	All Stars	--
	7	London	Gold Cup	--
	8	Gold Cup	London	--
FOUR	Vu-Graph	Norway	London	--
	2	Ireland	Ladies Champions	--
	3	Crockfords	President's Team	--
	4	London	Norway	--
	5	Ladies Champions	Ireland	--
	6	President's Team	Crockfords	--
	7	All Stars	Gold Cup	--
	8	Gold Cup	All Stars	--

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Third Session - Sunday 7th November 1999 - 1.00pm

Match	Table	NS	EW	Result
FIVE	* Vu-Graph	Norway	Crockfords	—*-
	2	All Stars	Ladies Champions	
	3	Ireland	Gold Cup	—*-
	4	Crockfords	Norway	
	5	Ladies Champions	All Stars	—*-
	6	Gold Cup	Ireland	
	7	London	President's Team	—*-
	8	President's Team	London	
SIX	* Vu-Graph	All Stars	London	—*-
	2	Norway	Gold Cup	
	3	President's Team	Ireland	—*-
	4	London	All Stars	
	5	Gold Cup	Norway	—*-
	6	Ireland	President's Team	
	7	Ladies Champions	Crockfords	—*-
	8	Crockfords	Ladies Champions	
SEVEN	* Vu-Graph	Crockfords	All Stars	—*-
	2	Norway	President's Team	
	3	Gold Cup	Ladies Champions	—*-
	4	All Stars	Crockfords	
	5	President's Team	Norway	—*-
	6	Ladies Champions	Gold Cup	
	7	Ireland	London	—*-
	8	London	Ireland	

\* 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.

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