

London MBA's 2007 Lederer Memorial Trophy

EIGHT invited teams, packed with international stars from England as well as abroad, took part in the 61st contest for the Lederer Memorial Trophy, held on 20th-21st October at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, London.

This year's event, organised as ever by the London Metropolitan Bridge Association and sponsored by the LMBA's President, Bernard Teltscher, was won by the *Schapiro Spring Foursomes* title holders (Colin Simpson, Gunnar Hallberg, Andrew McIntosh, David Price, Neil Rosen, and Martin Jones, – the first four, left to right, in the picture below). Their closest challengers throughout were *Ireland* (Tommy Garvey, David Bakhshi, Hugh McGann, Tom Hanlon), who finished second.



This board is from the match between the 2007 *Schapiro Spring Foursomes* winning team (sitting East-West) and the winners of the 2006 Gold Cup.

Love All. Dealer North.

♠ K 8 7 4	♠ 5 3
♥ A K 10 9 7 3	♥ Q 5 4
♦ Q 3	♦ J 10 9 5
♣ 6	♣ 10 5 3 2

♠ A Q 10 9 2
♥ J 2
♦ 7
♣ Q J 9 8 4

♠ J 6
♥ 8 6
♦ A K 8 6 4 2
♣ A K 7

W N
S E

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	Paterson	McIntosh	Short
	1NT	Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Jack Paterson opened an off-centre 14-16 1NT with the North cards and North-South reached the excellent 4♠ contract. 2♥ was a transfer and North's pass over the double showed a doubleton spade.

Gunnar Hallberg led the king and ace of hearts and found that his partner had three cards in the suit. He knew that East had nothing of use for the defence in the way of high cards and so decided to play him for the 9-x of spades. At trick three

Hallberg led another heart, giving a worthless ruff-and-discard. He was hoping that, when he won the trump finesse and played a fourth heart, his partner, 'Tosh' McIntosh would be able to ruff with the nine of spades and promote the eight of spades into the setting trick.

As it happened, Brian Short chose to rise with dummy's jack of spades at trick three and took the spade finesse. Hallberg won and played a fourth heart. McIntosh ruffed in with his lowly five of spades and this was enough to promote a trump trick for West.

Gunnar Hallberg and Tosh McIntosh were awarded the prize for the Best Defended Hand.

On this very same board, Jeremy and Heather Dhondy, playing for the *European Mixed Teams Champions*, won the prize for the Best Bid Hand. They were the only other pair to reach 4♠, with the



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following sequence:

West	North	East	South
	Jeremy		Heather
	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♥	Dble	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Jeremy's double on the second round (where some would play a support double) showed extra values. Heather made the contract after West cashed two top hearts and switched to his singleton club.

Norman Selway, paying for the *Young Chelsea Champions*, won the prize for the Best Played Hand.

The winners of the Teltscher Cups in the 'Play with the Stars' event, competed for in clubs playing the same first 24 boards as in the Lederer, were both from Wimbledon Bridge Club: North-South (scoring with Jason and Justin Hackett), Maurice and Janet Cahm, and East-West (scoring with Tom Hanlon and Hugh McGann), Margaret Owen and Helen Barnes.

More info on, as well as more pictures – and a link to a video of the event – can be found at www.metrobridge.co.uk/

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