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LEDERER MEMORIAL TROPHY 2012

Young Chelsea Bridge Club
32 Barkston Gardens, London SW5

Saturday 29th September 2012 - 1.00pm
Sunday 30th September 2012 - 1.00pm

Admission:

Saturday - £10 (£6 after 4.00pm),
Sunday - £8, whole event - £16

*The results will be shown on
www.metrobridge.co.uk and www.ycbo.co.uk
and there will be a graph on www.bridgebase.com*

A HISTORY OF THE LEDERER

The Lederer Memorial was first played in 1945 as a tribute to Richard Lederer. It was originally an inter-county competition, but soon became a challenge event between London's Bridge Clubs. Richard Lederer was a leading international player who ran his own club and he contributed greatly to the development of English bridge in its formative years. He won the Gold Cup three times in the 1930s. The cartoon on the right is taken from his book *Lederer Bids Two Clubs*, written when he was Bridge Editor of *The Sunday Referee*.



The name of his son, Tony, the first President of the LCCBA (the former name of the LMBA), was added to the dedication in 1977 by his widow, Rhoda Barrow Lederer, one of the leading bridge teachers of the time.

During the 1970s teams from outside the capital were often invited to play, and in 1977 a Glasgow quartet (including Victor Silverstone and Willie Coyle) won the competition. Over the following years an international flavour was introduced and overseas teams have included Australia, Canada, France, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, North America, Norway, Poland and Sweden.

The Lederer Memorial Trophy is one of the strongest tournaments held in England and a list of the winners is displayed at the venue. It is hard to think of a single star of English bridge since World War II whose name does not appear on it.

A VuGraph room was introduced in 1990 and the VuGraph match has been shown live on the Internet for the last eight years with Bridge Base Online.

The Lederer has been developed over the years through the efforts of various organisers. Its staging would not be possible, however, without sponsorship from the Association's President, Bernard Teltscher, and support from the Young Chelsea Bridge Club. We are most grateful to Bernard and to the many YC club members who help out during the event.

THE TELTSCHER CUPS

A *Play with the Stars* satellite event was started in 2003 and the Cups were first presented, by Bernard Teltscher, in 2004. Pairs from other bridge clubs play the first 24 Lederer boards on the Saturday, and score up with one of the top Lederer pairs as their team mates.

This year the Roehampton, Hurlingham, and Andrew Robson Clubs are holding heats. The overall North-South and East-West winners will be invited to the prize-giving on Sunday to meet their 'team-mates' and be presented with the Teltscher Cups, a subscription to *Bridge* magazine and bottles of champagne. Thanks are due to Mark Horton of Chess and Bridge for donating subscription prizes for the winners. www.bridgeshop.com is the place to go if you want to subscribe, or you can ring 020 7388 2404.

RECENT WINNERS

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2003	Gold Cup	Phil King, Andrew McIntosh, David Bakhshi, Brian Senior
2004	Ireland	Tommy Garvey, John Carroll, Hugh McGarr, Tom Hanlon
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2006	All Stars	Zia Mahmood, Thomas Bessis, Sabine Auker, Daniela von Arnim
2007	Spring Fours	Neil Rosen, Martin Jones, Andrew McIntosh, Gunnar Hallberg, David Price, Colin Simpson
2008	Gold Cup	Alexander Alfrey, Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester, David Bakhshi
2009	Ireland	Tommy Garvey, John Carroll, Adam Mesbur, Nick Fitzgibbon
2010	Gold Cup	Alexander Alfrey, Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester, David Bakhshi, Peter Crouch
2011	Premier League (pictured)	Neil Rosen, Martin Jones, Espen Erichson, Norman Selway, Michael Byrne, Mike Belf (Selway not pictured; Priday presented the trophy)



2012 COMPETITORS

1. PRESIDENT'S TEAM

Bernard Teltscher, Tom Townsend, William Coyle, John Matheson, Gunnar Hallberg, Victor Silverstone



Bernard Teltscher is President of the LMBA and the major sponsor of the Lederer. He came to the UK in 1938, and gained degrees from University College, London and Trinity College, Cambridge. He became its President and played victoriously in the first post-war Oxford match. After university he entered the family wine-importing business. Bernard has played bridge for eighty years and has won almost all English competitions, with the notable exception of the Gold Cup. Teltscher is also the sponsor of the newly-established Seniors' Camrose – and three years ago, with the next-named player, won the second-ever staging of this event.

Tom Townsend, who came in for Tony Friday at short notice, shot to prominence in 1994 when he won the European Youth Championship in Papendal and the following year won the World Youth Team Championship in Bali, both for Great Britain. It was a few years before he could break into the seniors team and his debut was in Malmo in 2004, but his best result was his silver medal in the Mind Sports Olympiad, Beijing 2008, with David Gold, losing only to the ubiquitous Italians. He enjoys sports betting and backgammon in his spare time. His partner Fwa Kater is also a strong bridge player, having won the EBU Easter Pairs, and his two year old son Max is learning chess and backgammon!

Willie Coyle started his career as a teacher and later moved into school administration. For these services he was awarded the MBE, in 2003. Willie has played for Scotland on numerous occasions. He has four Gold Cup wins to his credit, and has played for Great Britain in six European Championships and Olympiads. He won the Senior Camrose this year.

John Matheson lives near Glasgow. He is a retired GP, which gives him more time for bridge and watching cricket on TV. He took up bridge at university and since then has played in over fifty Camrose matches with a number of different partners. He won the Seniors Camrose this year and his two Gold Cup wins, in 1973 and 2006, were more than 30 years apart! He won the National Mens' Pairs in 2006 with Bernard Teltscher, so, with Tony Friday unable to play this year, Bernard can play with John if necessary.

Gunnar Hallberg is a bridge professional who lives in Brighton but plays regularly in London. He has won numerous Swedish Championships, has been Nordic champion, and won the prestigious Vanderbilt in 2006. He has two Senior World Championships, in 2009 and 2010. He reached the semi-final in the Olympics playing with Colin Sampson in 2000. He won the Gold Cup in 2005 and 2010 and the Senior Camrose in 2010.

Victor Silverstone is a six-times Lederer winner. He has represented Great Britain in two European championships, has won three Gold Cups and played for Scotland in over two dozen Camrose matches. Victor has won the English Senior knock-out trophy four times. Despite all this he lists his greatest achievement as getting 79.5% at the Acol, playing with his wife.

2. Holders

Neil Rosen, Martin Jones, Espen Erichsen, Norman Selway, Michael Byrne, Mike Bell



Neil Rosen is involved full-time with bridge, running his own club "The Ace of Clubs" in North London. Neil enjoys spending time with his two children, reading, cooking and drinking fine wine. He is hugely proud of his wife Annie, who was a member of the English Ladies gold-medal winning team in Beijing in 2008.

Martin Jones, 39, was born into a bridge-playing family. Both his parents are strong players and EBU directors. He lives and works in Coventry as a designer of hydraulic equipment. He has won all of the main domestic teams events. Martin was also on the last team to represent Great Britain in the European Championships, in Malta 1999. In his early career Martin partnered the late John Collings. With his current regular partner, Neil Rosen, he represented England in the 2007 Camrose and in the same year won the Spring Fours and the Lederer, two of the strongest events in Britain. Martin is often NPC of the England Ladies Team.

Michael Byrne is 29 and lives in Manchester, where he graduated from University in 2002. He had an early unsuccessful debut in the under 20s pairs, where he played against two other promising young players named Ben Green and Duncan Happer, who, although they weren't playing together at the time, would come to be England team-mates on countless occasions. Had he known that, he might have been a bit nicer to them at the time. In 2003 he won his second national competition, the Garden Cities trophy for Manchester. In a new partnership with Duncan Happer he won the Brighton A final in 2011. He shares with Lederer organiser Stefanie Rohan a keen interest in Buffy the Vampire Slayer!

Like many juniors **Michael Bell** was introduced to bridge while at Reading School. A few years ago, he moved to the Manchester area. He claims to spend too much time at Manchester Bridge Club, where he teaches and plays rubber bridge, but it seems to have had a positive affect on his bridge. His international debut was in the Junior Whitehouse Tournament in Amsterdam a few years ago, where, despite playing with Greg Moss, he avoided receiving any time penalties. He has also appeared in the Junior Camrose.

Espen Erichsen was born in Norway, where he represented the country at Junior level, including silver in the 1995 World Junior Pairs, gold at the 1996 European Youth Championships in Cardiff, and silver at the World Junior Teams the following year. He moved to London in 1997 and married a British girl, Helen. They have two young children. His links to Norway encouraged three married couples, Erichsen, Helness and Brogeland to enter the 2005 European Mixed Teams in Tenerife where they won gold. Erichsen is an excellent tennis player and now also enjoys golf.

Norman Selway began bridge at the age of 13 as a rubber bridge player, and only took up duplicate in his 20s. He has won Crockfords three times, the Lederer twice, and the Spring Fours three times. He had many years out of competitive bridge due to a growing family but now has returned to form the partnership with Espen, and competes to represent England, which they did in last year's Camrose. He is also a tennis player, but wisely avoids placing money on any contest with Espen!

ORDER OF PLAY

Saturday 29th September - 1.00pm

Match	Table	NS	EW	Result
ONE 1.00 pm	1:VuGraph *	Spring Fours	The Colonies	-
	2	All Stars	Holders	-
	3	President's Team	Young Chelsea	-
	4	Crockfords Cup	Gold Cup	-
	5:VuGraph *	The Colonies	Spring Fours	-
	6	Holders	All Stars	-
	7	Young Chelsea	President's Team	-
	8	Gold Cup	Crockfords Cup	-
TWO 2.45 pm	1:VuGraph *	Gold Cup	All Stars	___ - ___
	2	The Colonies	President's Team	___ - ___
	3	Holders	Crockfords Cup	___ - ___
	4	Young Chelsea	Spring Fours	___ - ___
	5:VuGraph *	All Stars	Gold Cup	___ - ___
	6	President's Team	The Colonies	___ - ___
	7	Crockfords Cup	Holders	___ - ___
	8	Spring Fours	Young Chelsea	___ - ___
THREE 4.30 pm	1:VuGraph *	Crockfords Cup	Young Chelsea	___ - ___
	2	Gold Cup	President's Team	___ - ___
	3	All Stars	Spring Fours	___ - ___
	4	Holders	The Colonies	___ - ___
	5:VuGraph *	Young Chelsea	Crockfords Cup	___ - ___
	6	President's Team	Gold Cup	___ - ___
	7	Spring Fours	All Stars	___ - ___
	8	The Colonies	Holders	___ - ___
FOUR 6.15 pm	1:VuGraph *	President's Team	Holders	___ - ___
	2	Spring Fours	Gold Cup	___ - ___
	3	The Colonies	Crockfords Cup	___ - ___
	4	Young Chelsea	All Stars	___ - ___
	5:VuGraph *	Holders	President's Team	___ - ___
	6	Gold Cup	Spring Fours	___ - ___
	7	Crockfords Cup	The Colonies	___ - ___
	8	All Stars	Young Chelsea	___ - ___

The eight team format with IMP & point-a-board scoring, with 60 VPs per match and an average final score of 210 VPs, began in 1987

The highest winning score is 296 by the 2002 All Stars.

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	6	Young Chelsea	The Colonies	___ - ___
	7	Spring Fours	President's Team	___ - ___
	8	Crockfords Cup	All Stars	___ - ___

* VuGraph match subject to change at the discretion of the organisers.

Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4 are in the Ground Floor playing area.

Tables 5, 6, 7 and 8 are in the Downstairs playing area.

Each match in the Lederer is 12 boards
and the scoring is part IMPs and part point-a-board.

The normal IMP score for the 12 boards is converted to Victory Points, with a maximum of 36 VPs. A further 24 VPs are available from point-a-board (2 for a win, 1 for a draw). Thus the total number of VPs per match is 60.

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Nineteen of this year's competitors are previous winners of the Loderon - the same as last year! Zia Mahmood and Andrew Robson are tied for the most wins with seven each; will one of them put ahead this year to be the all-time leader? Tony Forrester and Colin Simpson have won six times, and Tony Friday, Robert Sheehan and Gunnar Halberg have each had five wins.

6. THE COLONIES

John Carruthers, Joey Silver,
Milt Rosenberg, Howie Weinstein

Here's the most salient fact about Milt Rosenberg: he actually understands String Theory. While studying for his doctorate in Applied Mathematics and not wanting to teach, Milt cast about for other sensible options. He eventually decided that his best career choice was buying and selling items for flea markets (boot sales in the UK). This led inevitably to the options market (just another kind of buying and selling) at the Chicago Board of Options Exchange where he was really able to put his applied mathematics to use. Eventually his company became the largest on the CBCE. He retired a few years ago to perfect his golf game (there's still a way to go) and collect Superman memorabilia.

Howie Weinstein is the nicest guy in the bridge world. He's such a good guy that he gives all his wives and girl friends a house as a going-away gift when they split up. Howie is also a great bridge partner - he has been known to apologise when his partners make a mistake. As a player, for a time, Howie was the Colin Montgomerie of bridge, the 'Best Player Not to Win a Major', having had seven second-place finishes before he finally broke through. Since then he's won quite a few, including a couple of USBF Trials and a silver and bronze in World Championships. He's a very imaginative player and it took him some years to shake the early nickname 'Howieird'.

Joey Silver has been making the streets of Montreal less safe for upstanding citizens in his role as a criminal defence barrister for about four decades. He much prefers guilty clients to innocent ones. As Joey explains: "When an innocent person is brought up on charges and later to trial, he expects to be found not guilty and let off, whereas a guilty client expects to go to prison and is happy for any little crumb, such as a lesser charge or reduced sentence, to be thrown his way." Joey is also known to be a very bold and imaginative player, to the extent that he has been described in a World Championship Daily Bulletin as "completely barking mad".

John Carruthers is the perfect foil for others' wit. When he informed his wife Kate Thorpe some years ago that when she turned 50, he was trading her in for two 25 year olds, Katie replied, "What would you do with a 25 year old? You can't stay awake longer than eight o'clock." When he was still gainfully employed, JC's firm employed a team of consultants from Price Waterhouse Coopers, most of whom were rather young. When one of these lads asked JC, "So how old are you, JC, about 45?" JC, rather flattered, but a bit suspicious that he was about to suffer the consultant sucking up to the client, JC replied, "Well, thank you John, but I'm 53." With a big smile, the consultant rejoined with, "You have to be the most ***** immature 53 year old I've ever met!"

7. CROCKFORDS CUP

Alexander Ailfrey, Andrew Robson,
Tony Forrester, David Gold, Derek
Patterson, Peter Crouch



Andrew Robson is one of Britain's foremost Bridge player-teacher-writers. Through his famous Bridge Club in South West London, the many seminars he teaches around the country, plus his daily column in *The Times*, has inspired tens of thousands of Bridge-lovers. He is a former World Junior and European Champion, the first Englishman (with Tony Forrester) to win a US Major, and current World Individual Silver Medalist. He is author of many books, including *Bridge: Common Mistakes and How to Avoid Them*, and *Bridge Secrets*. He lives in Putney with his wife Lorna and two young daughters Hannah and Mimi.

Alexander Ailfrey helped Andrew Robson in the early days of the Andrew Robson Bridge Club. He now lives with his wife and four children in Dorset, where he works as a Psychodynamic Counsellor. He has won both Crockfords and the Gold Cup twice. On the international side he reached the knock-out stages of the World Championships in Montreal in 2002 and Verona in 2006. In 2010, he won the Brighton Four Stars A Final, with team mates Tony Forrester, Andrew Robson and Peter Crouch and they followed this up by winning the 2011 Premier League.

Tony Forrester won the European Youth Team Championship in 1978 and the European Team Championship in 1991. The pair also won the Cap Gemini and the Sunday Times-Macmillan. In 1998 he was the first Briton, with teammate Robson, to win a prestigious US Major, the Reisinger, and the same squad won the event a second time the following year. He has 38 caps for England in the Camrose Trophy. Forrester has won the Gold Cup, 10 times, putting him second in the all-time.

Peter Crouch is a 49-year-old Chartered Accountant who spends his time juggling work for his clients, helping to look after his two children with his wife Sara and trying to get out to the Golf Course. His bridge successes include three Gold Cup and two Spring 4 wins as well as a number of Camrose matches. Previous partners in this event have included John Hobson, Steve Lodge and David Burn; the first two have since given up bridge and the latter is trying to forget it ever happened.

David Gold is one of very few players to have played for the England Open Team while still a junior. He and Tom Townsend have been England's leading partnership in recent years. Their best result was in Beijing two years ago, where England won the silver medal in the mind sports games, giving the near-invincible Italians a run for their money in the final. Surprisingly, he has yet to win the Gold Cup and will be keen to get revenge for last year's defeat when his team face the Gold Cup winners.

Derek Patterson has won the Gold Cup twice in 1994 and 1995, but he has lost his last four finals since then. However this was still enough for him to be selected for both matches in this year's Camrose trophy and England won by a convincing margin. He has had a successful partnership with Peter Crouch.

8. YOUNG CHELSEA

Kitty Teltscher, Sally Brock,
Nicola Smith, Colin Simpson,
David Price



Kitty Teltscher played primarily rubber bridge for stakes at TGR's but latterly tried duplicate and in 2004 with a world-class partner Sally Brock and team mates - Nicola Smith and Heather Dhondy and Michelle Brunner and Rhona Goldenfield was very happy to get a bronze at the 12th World Olympiad in Istanbul in 2004.

Kitty wrote a popular column in *Bridge Plus* for 7 years called "Bridge with Panache" and a compilation of the articles was published recently.

Sally Brock has been at the forefront of English women's bridge for the last thirty years or so, first as Sally Sowter, then Sally Horton and finally as Sally Brock. In 2008, after a period of semi-retirement, she formed a last-minute partnership with Nicola Smith, and they were part of the English team that won the World Mind Sports Championship that year. This year they reached a pinnacle as they have won the European Championship as well as successfully defending their title in the World Mind Sports. She mostly works on the production of travel guides to obscure countries, but also teaches and plays.

As the daughter of Nico and Pat Gardner, Nicola Smith reckons she learnt bridge by osmosis in her cradle. Her father, who taught her to play when she was eleven, was a particular inspiration to her. She started playing internationally (for the England Ladies team) in 1970 at the age of 21. She has played in 10 straight Olympiads, winning several silver and bronze medals along the way, and won the Gold in the last two. Nicola enjoys yoga and is interested in healing; she is also fascinated with art and is a friend or patron to almost all art galleries.

An England regular over many years, David Price has achieved much domestic and international success – the highlight being winning a Gold medal in the 2009 D'Orsi Bowl. After 47 years of playing he says that he is "still as much in love with the eternal beauty and fascination of the game as ever". It was still as much of a thrill to make a contract of only 1 spade with a trump fit of Q54 opposite 976 (worth 3 tricks!), as he did recently for a 6 imp gain, as bidding and making a grand slam.

Since retiring from the Metropolitan Police, Colin Simpson has been able to devote more time to bridge. The highlight of his domestic career has to be his six Lederer wins and the record-breaking four consecutive wins with London of the Tollemache Trophy. Internationally with David, he qualified for the Bermuda Bowl in 2005 but that has to take a back seat to being a part of the England team that won the d'Orsi Trophy, the Seniors' World Championship, in 2009. He and David have been regular members of the England Open and Seniors Team since 2004.

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