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The Royal Automobile Club

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Saturday 28th February 2015 - 1.30pm

Sunday 1st March 2015 - 12.30pm

Admission:

Saturday - £10

Sunday - £10

Whole event - £15

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

2015 is a year of changes for the Lederer Memorial Trophy. We bid a grateful farewell to an old sponsor, and welcome a new one.

Since the 1990s, Bernard Teltscher has been as loyal supporter of the Lederer as anyone could have hoped for. He steps down with the gratitude of the LMBA, and that last year (in reality 2013, the calendar has shifted slightly), his final year of sponsorship, his team walked off with the trophy was in many ways a fitting end to a remarkable era.

We welcome on board Simon Gillis, who, over the last year, has provided us with invaluable support on many fronts, and has already shown himself to be an exemplary sponsor. I hope this is the start of a long and happy association.

Sadly, 2014 brought the death of Tony Priday, a Vice-President of the LMBA and a staunch friend of this event. Indeed, his absence through illness last time was keenly felt, as it will be this weekend. He was never less than courteous and helpful, and will be missed.

On a happier note, I'd like to thank our friends at the RAC – Colin Freeman, who acts as our main go-between, and the indefatigable Hardie Bates, who is responsible for the practical end of the environment you find yourself in this weekend. Without either of these gentlemen's assistance, you wouldn't be reading this. Thanks also our friends at the RAC Bridge Circle for the use of their boards, bridgemates and dealing machine.

Also vital, as ever, are not only the players, from all over the world, but also those who have given up their time to both pre-plan the event and help on the day. Without them, too, we would be nowhere.

And last, but not least, thanks to organiser Kath Stynes, and to David Muller, Nigel Freake, Dominic Flint, Martin Nygren and Vigfús Pálsson who between them are responsible for much of what's going on around you.

In whatever capacity you find yourself here, I hope you enjoy yourself, as will thousands of BBO Spectators worldwide.

Ian Payn Chairman,
London Metropolitan Bridge Association

RECENT WINNERS

2003	Gold Cup	Phil King, Andrew McIntosh, David Bakhshi, Brian Senior
2004	Ireland	Tommy Garvey, John Carroll, Hugh McGann, Tom Hanlon
2005	Ireland	Tommy Garvey, John Carroll, Hugh McGann, Tom Hanlon
2006	All Stars	Zia Mahmood, Thomas Bessis, Sabine Auken, Daniela von Arnim
2007	Spring Fours	Neil Rosen, Martin Jones, Andrew McIntosh, Gunnar Hallberg, David Price, Colin Simpson
2008	Gold Cup	Alexander Allfrey, Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester, David Bakhshi
2009	Ireland	Tommy Garvey, John Carroll, Adam Mesbur, Nick Fitzgibbon
2010	Gold Cup	Alexander Allfrey, Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester, David Bakhshi, Peter Crouch
2011	Premier League	Neil Rosen, Martin Jones, Espen Erichsen, Norman Selway, Michael Byrne, Mike Bell
2012	Holders	Neil Rosen, Martin Jones, Mike Bell, Michael Byrne, Espen Erichsen, Norman Selway
2013	President's Team	Bernard Teltscher, Phil King, Stelio di Bello, Tom Townsend, Willie Coyle, Victor Silverstone

There was no event in 2014 as the tournament moved from autumn to spring.



2013 (l-r) Victor Silverstone, Willie Coyle, Tom Townsend, Bernard Teltscher, Phil King, Stelio di Bello.

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ORDER OF PLAY

Saturday 28th February - 1.30pm

Match	Table	NS	EW	Result
ONE 1.30 pm	1 (VuGraph)	Holdes	De Botton	___ - ___
	2	England - Seniors	England - Open	___ - ___
	3	Gold Cup	Gillis	___ - ___
	4	Zia and Friends	England - Women	___ - ___
	5	Ireland	London	___ - ___
	6 (VuGraph)	De Botton	Holdes	___ - ___
	7	England - Open	England - Seniors	___ - ___
	8	Gillis	Gold Cup	___ - ___
	9	England - Women	Zia and Friends	___ - ___
	10	London	Ireland	___ - ___
TWO 3.00 pm	1 (VuGraph)	England - Women	England - Seniors	___ - ___
	2	Ireland	Zia and Friends	___ - ___
	3	London	England - Open	___ - ___
	4	De Botton	Gold Cup	___ - ___
	5	Gillis	Holdes	___ - ___
	6 (VuGraph)	England - Seniors	England - Women	___ - ___
	7	Zia and Friends	Ireland	___ - ___
	8	England - Open	London	___ - ___
	9	Gold Cup	De Botton	___ - ___
	10	Holdes	Gillis	___ - ___
THREE 4.30 pm	1 (VuGraph)	London	Gold Cup	___ - ___
	2	England - Open	Holdes	___ - ___
	3	England - Seniors	Gillis	___ - ___
	4	Ireland	England - Women	___ - ___
	5	Zia and Friends	De Botton	___ - ___
	6 (VuGraph)	Gold Cup	London	___ - ___
	7	Holdes	England - Open	___ - ___
	8	Gillis	England - Seniors	___ - ___
	9	England - Women	Ireland	___ - ___
	10	De Botton	Zia and Friends	___ - ___

FOUR 6.00 pm	1 (VuGraph)	Gillis	Ireland	___ - ___
	2	Zia and Friends	London	___ - ___
	3	Gold Cup	England - Open	___ - ___
	4	Holdes	England - Seniors	___ - ___
	5	De Botton	England - Women	___ - ___
	6 (VuGraph)	Ireland	Gillis	___ - ___
	7	London	Zia and Friends	___ - ___
	8	England - Open	Gold Cup	___ - ___
	9	England - Seniors	Holdes	___ - ___
	10	England - Women	De Botton	___ - ___

FIVE 7.30 pm	1 (VuGraph)	England - Open	Zia and Friends	___ - ___
	2	Holdes	Gold Cup	___ - ___
	3	England - Seniors	Ireland	___ - ___
	4	Gillis	De Botton	___ - ___
	5	England - Women	London	___ - ___
	6 (VuGraph)	Zia and Friends	England - Open	___ - ___
	7	Gold Cup	Holdes	___ - ___
	8	Ireland	England - Seniors	___ - ___
	9	De Botton	Gillis	___ - ___
	10	London	England - Women	___ - ___

Sunday 1st March - 12.30pm

Match	Table	NS	EW	Result
SIX 12.30 pm	1	England – Women	England – Open	___ - ___
	2	Zia and Friends	Gold Cup	
	3	England – Seniors	De Botton	___ - ___
	4	Holdes	Ireland	
	5	Gillis	London	
	6	England – Open	England – Women	___ - ___
	7	Gold Cup	Zia and Friends	
	8	De Botton	England – Seniors	___ - ___
	9	Ireland	Holdes	
	10	London	Gillis	___ - ___

SEVEN 2.00 pm	1	Zia and Friends	Holdes	___ - ___
	2	De Botton	Ireland	
	3	Gold Cup	England - Women	___ - ___
	4	London	England – Seniors	
	5	England – Open	Gillis	
	6	Holdes	Zia and Friends	___ - ___
	7	Ireland	De Botton	
	8	England - Women	Gold Cup	___ - ___
	9	England – Seniors	London	
	10	Gillis	England – Open	___ - ___

EIGHT 3.30 pm	1	De Botton	London	___ - ___
	2	Holdes	England - Women	
	3	Gillis	Zia and Friends	___ - ___
	4	Ireland	England - Open	
	5	Gold Cup	England - Seniors	
	6	London	De Botton	___ - ___
	7	England - Women	Holdes	
	8	Zia and Friends	Gillis	___ - ___
	9	England - Open	Ireland	
	10	England - Seniors	Gold Cup	___ - ___

NINE 5.00 pm	1	London	Holdes	___ - ___
	2	England - Women	Gillis	
	3	England – Open	De Botton	___ - ___
	4	England – Seniors	Zia and Friends	
	5	Ireland	Gold Cup	
	6	Holdes	London	___ - ___
	7	Gillis	England - Women	
	8	De Botton	England – Open	___ - ___
	9	Zia and Friends	England – Seniors	
	10	Gold Cup	Ireland	___ - ___

VuGraph matches on the Sunday will be decided on the day.

Each match in the Lederer is 9 boards and the scoring is part IMPs and part point-a-board.

The normal IMP score for the 9 boards is converted to Victory Points, with a maximum of 30 VPs. A further 18 VPs are available from point-a-board (2 for a win, 1 for a draw). Thus the total number of VPs per match is 48.

2015 COMPETITORS

1. HOLDERS

Bernard Teltscher, John Matheson, Phil King, Stelio di Bello, William Coyle, Victor Silverstone (NPC Kitty Teltscher)

Bernard Teltscher is President of the LMBA. 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 Seniors Camrose and his Great Britain team won the event in 2009 and 2012.

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. His two Gold Cup wins, in 1973 and 2006, were more than 30 years apart! John was in the Scottish team that won a bronze medal in the Senior Teams in the 2012 European Championships.

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. He was in the Scottish team that won bronze in the Senior Teams in the 2012 European Championships and played in the D'Orsi Bowl in Bali in 2013. Despite all this he lists his greatest achievement as getting 79.5% at the Acol, playing with his wife.

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 was in the Scottish team that won the bronze medal in the Senior Teams in European Championships and played in the D'Orsi Bowl in Bali in 2013.

Stelio Di Bello is a former Italian Junior champion who moved to London in 2007 where he established his own software development company. In the Junior categories he won two Junior Teams World Bridge championship with the Italian team in 2003 and 1999 as well as an European championship in 2002 and a school European championship in 1998. In the open category, he got a second place in the European Pairs championship in 2005 and a third place in the Champions cup in 2005 and several Italian championships and international tournaments. Stelio has more than 20 years of bridge experience, he loves fine bidding, studying and creating artificial conventions/systems.

Kitty Teltscher (NPC) Kitty has enjoyed her own success as a bridge player representing England to win the 2002 Lady Milne and take bronze at the World Bridge Olympiad in 2004.

2. ENGLAND SENIORS

Paul Hackett, David Mossop, Gunnar Hallberg, John Holland, Colin Simpson and David Price

The Senior Team are the current European Senior Champions.

Five of them (with Ross Harper instead of David Mossop) won the Senior World Championships in Sao Paulo in 2009, and Paul Hackett, Gunnar Hallberg and John Holland also won the Senior World Series in Philadelphia in 2010.

Paul Hackett is the patriarch of a famous bridge family. He is a successful globe-trotting player – name any city in the world and the odds are that Paul has won a bridge tournament there. He first played for Great Britain in 1981, in the European Championships (winning a silver medal) and the Bermuda Bowl. Paul was instrumental in the creation of the Commonwealth Bridge Championships and the Warren Buffett Cup. Domestic successes include virtually everything except the Gold Cup.

David Mossop has played bridge all his life, but only took up top level bridge in 1997. In the next four years he won the BBL Premier League twice, the Gold Cup twice, Crockfords three times and the Spring Fours. In 2001 he relocated to Switzerland and played for their Open team. He has now transferred his allegiance back to England and, as well Senior European Gold, has already won Crockfords again.

John Holland is a Manchester-based bridge professional. He played for the England Open team in 2006 and 2008 with John Armstrong. He had an extremely successful partnership with his late wife, world champion Michelle Brunner, playing together in four Camrose teams, and winning the Hubert Phillips (mixed teams) six times. John has also won the Sunday Telegraph Salver, for the most master points in a calendar year, four times. He has two Senior World Championships, in 2009 and 2010. He arrives fresh from victory in the NEC Cup in Japan.

Gunnar Hallberg Gunnar Hallberg won the Swedish teams championships six times (bridge, that is, although he was also a top hand-ball player) and was a regular on the Swedish bridge team in the 1980s. He moved to England in 1995 to play bridge professionally. He has won all the domestic competitions, including two Gold Cups, and in America he has won the Cavendish teams and the prestigious Vanderbilt trophy. He has two Senior World Championships, in 2009 and 2010. He was on the team that has just won the 2015 NEC Cup in Japan.

Colin Simpson worked for the Metropolitan Police, almost exclusively in counter-terrorism, and (almost as exciting) played high-stake rubber-bridge. On the international scene, before graduating so successfully to the Seniors, he played with Martin Hoffman in the final of the World Pairs in Biarritz and with Gunnar Hallberg in the semi-final of the Olympiad in Maastricht in 2000. Colin has won the Lederer seven times (and has been known to psych occasionally in the event).

David Price first played for Great Britain in 1983, in partnership with Chris (topher) Duckworth. After his retirement from the insurance industry, David played in the Open team with Colin Simpson, including in the 2005 Bermuda Bowl. In the European Championships in Malmo, leading to the qualification for the Bermuda Bowl, David and Colin made four redoubled contracts. Like Paul and Colin, David has won all the major domestic competitions except the Gold Cup.

3. GOLD CUP

Stefan Skorchev, Borislav Popov, Cameron Small, Jonathan Cooke

Stefan Skorchev & Borislav Popov

Bulgarian National team and pairs champions, Bronze European Open Teams and QF Rosenblum.

Jon Cooke

Professional poker player and systematic sports better. Lives in Cambridge with artist wife Diana and children Eleanor and Robert.

Cameron Small

MD Citibank Global Markets, keen skier and scuba diver. Lives in Surrey with wife Caroline and children Jack and Max.

4. ZIA AND FRIENDS

Zia Mahmood, Dennis Bilde, Sabine Auken, Roy Welland

Zia Mahmood became famous in international bridge circles almost overnight when he led Pakistan to second place in the 1981 Bermuda Bowl. Recently he has represented the United States in the world competition, and thus won his first major world championship, the 2009 Bermuda Bowl. Zia has won most of the more prestigious tournaments on both sides of the pond and has been the ACBL Player of the Year 5 times. A regular winner at US Nationals as well as various international events, Zia's infamous flair for the game draws crowds of kibitzers wherever he goes. He bids a lot though (he claims) not as much as his team mates.

Sabine Auken: A multiple world champion, she is described by her captain as 'charming at the table'. Her book 'I Love This Game' (written with Mark Horton) describes the bidding and play of the final set of the 2001 Venice Cup which the German Women won. In the 2014 European Championships, Sabine played on the German Open Team that qualified for next year's Bermuda Bowl. Sabine bids a lot.

Roy Welland: A recent world champion and multiple US national winner, he now represents the German open team. Playing with Sabine he was on the German team that qualified for 2015 Bermuda Bowl. Away from the bridge table, Roy is a noted Oenophile. Roy bids a lot.

Dennis Bilde: Dennis is an emerging young player who already has some great results under his belt. Winner of Vanderbilt 2013, silver in European Open Pairs Championships 2014, bronze in European Open Teams 2011, numerous junior and national wins. He is very popular. Dennis bids a lot.

5. IRELAND

Mark Moran, Tom Hanlon, Tommy Garvey, John Carroll and Rory Boland. (NPC Gráinne Barton)

The current team has competed in 3 sets of trials to represent Ireland and has won them all by very wide margins.

Rory Boland: Rory came out of retirement to play with Mark Moran. They have recently enjoyed successes as part of the new Irish team. Rory (playing with Pat Walshe) was on the first Irish team to win the Lederer along with Fitzgibbon and Mesbur. Rory also represented Ireland playing with Brian Senior (when Brian thought he was Irish). Rory was part of the winning Camrose team in 2000. Rory enjoys the odd pint, likes ferrying across the Irish Sea to haul back French wines.

John Carroll: Long time partner of Tommy Garvey they are the 'babies' of the team. When John gets a time off from bridge, he works as a software research and development manager. Married to Ann Marie, John is the proud dad of David and Zach aged 8 and 6. At the bridge table you will never see John be anything but cool and calm. His many bridge achievements include silver in Warsaw 2006, fourth in World Teams Championships in Lille in 2012, Silver in Cavendish Teams in 2013.

Tommy Garvey: Tommy has been partnering John Carroll for 20 years both on junior and open Irish teams and has shared in the same successes mentioned above. Tommy and John are frequent attendees at the Lederer and have brought home the trophy twice partnering Nick Fitzgibbon and Adam Mesbur. Married to the lovely Kit, Tommy is also a proud dad of Tristan and Killian aged four and two. Tommy works as an actuary in London and wants to be a golfer some day! Partnering John, Tommy's most recent success (January 2015) was coming 2nd in the Copenhagen Invitational Pairs.

Tom Hanlon: Achievements in bridge are too numerous to list but include two Lederer victories with Hugh McGann. Tom plays with many top European and American players – he recently won the Dublin Regent Club's 90th anniversary international pairs event with Justin Lall – but his longest-standing partner is Hugh McGann (10 days his senior). Tom and Hugh have been playing together for 25 years and have represented Ireland both on many Junior and Open teams. Tom is the only full time professional bridge player on team Ireland. Currently unwed but seldom unattached Tom is the proud Dad of Colm who is 26.

Mark Moran: Mark has been part of the current Irish Team since May 2013 and has enjoyed some excellent finishes notably the Silver spot in the Cavendish in 2013. Mark represented Ireland in the Camrose and was part of the victorious team of 2005 when he played with Peter Pigott. Mark has also captained the Irish Camrose team on several occasions and steered one such team to victory in 2000. Mark graduated as a Chemical engineer, did an MBA and put his hand to many diverse employments. He is now semi-retired. Mark is married to Deirdre has four kids: Colm 22, Niamh 20, Clodaagh 14 and Sorcha 6. A few years ago Mark and his wife climbed some of the highest mountains in the world including K2.

Gráinne Barton (NPC): Gráinne has a couple of medals to her name but her biggest achievement to date in bridge has been managing her 'Magnificent Six'. As captain she acts as agony aunt, waitress, confidante, food carrier, travel agent, pharmacist, psychologist, 'super-sub' scorer and of course cheer leader.

**6. DE BOTTON Janet de Botton, Artur Malinowski, Nick Sandqvist
Thor-Erik Hoftaniska, Dror Padon**

Janet de Botton's squad are Lederer regulars and have been included as winners of the Spring Foursomes, Young Chelsea Champions and Gold Cup winners. They come fresh from a win in the 2015 Reykjavik Bridge Festival Open Teams.

Janet has been playing bridge for fifteen years. Apart from the above, successes include winning the Hubert Phillips in 2007 (with Artur, Nick and Justin Hackett) and she has been a bronze medallist in the European Open Mixed Teams (with Artur, Nick and Nevena Senior). She is a well-known patron of the arts, is a DBE (for charitable services to the arts) and was a Trustee of the Tate Gallery for 10 years.

Nick Sandqvist is originally from Sweden, for whom he played as a junior. He came to London in 1994 and won the Gold Cup in 1998. He won the Welsh Open Pairs in 2007 and was a silver medallist in the European Open Pairs in Antalya, both in partnership with Artur Malinowski. These days, as well as playing professionally, he also manages the Young Chelsea Bridge Club.

Tom Townsend is a bridge professional and lives in London. He has won most of the main domestic events with the exception of the Gold Cup. For 10 years, Tom played with David Gold and represented England in six Camrose matches without defeat and in the Olympiad, European and World Championships. Tom was on the team that reached the last eight in the Bermuda Bowl in Bali 2013. He has a three year-old son with Polish International Ewa Kater.

Artur Malinowski was originally interested in chess, but switched to bridge (which was more suited to his already flamboyant personality) and played for the Poland Junior team. He moved to Norway in 1987 and played for their Open team. He came to England in 2001 and became a bridge professional in 2002. He also manages TGRs Bridge Club.

Thor-Erik Hoftaniska is a bridge professional and Norwegian International. He has been a core member of the de Botton team for some years and was instrumental in victories such as the Spring Fours in 2013. He was in the Middlesex team that has just won the 2015 Tollemache.

Dror Padon One of a number of young Israelis who are taking the international bridge world by storm. World Transnational Teams champion 2011, European Open Teams champion 2014, bronze European Open Teams 2013, numerous junior and national titles

**7. ENGLAND OPEN Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester, David Gold,
David Bakshi**

Four of the team who were the 2014 European Bronze Medallists, won the 2014 Gold Cup and reached the last eight in the 2013 Bermuda Bowl.

Andrew Robson Andrew Robson returns with his partner of the 1990s and now regular England partner Tony Forrester. Separately and together, they have won countless domestic events, including the Gold Cup for the past three years and the Premier League for the past two.

Playing is only part of Andrew's life in bridge - he writes daily for The Times and weekly for Country Life and Money Week. He runs the famous Andrew Robson Bridge Club in South West London where he teaches. He also travels the country teaching charity bridge days and master classes. Andrew was awarded the OBE for

Tony Forrester has been a regular member of the English/British Open Team for many years. He was runner-up in the European Championships in 1987, going on to reach the final of the Bermuda Bowl in the same year. In 1991, in partnership with Andrew Robson, Tony and the British team won the European Championships, and in home internationals Tony is the most capped player. He has also twice won the prestigious Reisinger tournament in the United States, in 1998 and 1999. Tony has also recently broken the record for the highest number of Gold Cup wins, and has also won most other national competition several times.

David Gold is a bridge professional and one of very few players to have played for the England Open Team while still a junior. He started his career in the sports world as a top junior chess player going on to learn bridge at school aged about 16. He and Tom Townsend were one of England's leading pairs for 10 years. Their best result was in Beijing, 2008 where England won the silver medal in the mind sports games, giving the near-invincible Italians a run for their money in the final. David's current England partner is David Bakshi.

David Bakshi is a professional bridge player and teacher. He is a versatile partner and plays successfully with Tom Townsend, David Gold and other players around the world. He is a frequent visitor to the North American Bridge Championships and has recorded several top ten finishes in major US pairs events such as runner-up in the Vanderbilt in 2011 and winner of the Silodor Open Pairs in 2013. Aside from representing England as a player, David has also coached the England Open Team (they finished 4th in the 2000 World Teams Olympiad).

**8. GILLIS Simon Gillis, Espen Lindqvist,
Boye Brogeland, Espen Erichsen**

Simon Gillis is an Investment Manager, and sits on the finance committee of the Paul Hamlyn Foundation. He has a wife, two children, lots of wine and no dog. His impressive record includes winning the Iceland Open twice, the Brighton teams and Deauville. He also has a Gold Cup win on his bridge CV, which he narrowly missed adding to last year by losing in the semi-finals.

Espen Erichsen's roll of honour includes: 1996 European Junior Championship (Gold); 1997 World Junior Championship (Silver); 2005 European Mixed Teams (Gold); 2009 Nordic Championship (Gold). Espen has represented England in the Camrose three times (he does, after all, live in Tunbridge Wells) and has won the Premier league twice (having won its Norwegian equivalent three times). He has won the Lederer twice.

Boye Brogeland owns, runs and writes for Norwegian Bridge Magazine. He won the Bermuda Bowl in 2007, European Mixed Teams in 2005, World Junior Pairs in 1995 and European Junior Teams in 1996. He has five other medals in the European Championships and two more medals in the Bermuda Bowl. He partnered Erik Sælensminde from 1993 to 2007 and has played with Espen Lindqvist since 2008.

Espen Lindqvist has won the Norwegian Premier League, was a quarter finalist in the Bermuda Bowl in 2009. He also has a bronze from the European Championships for Juniors. Espen is an avid Liverpool supporter. So be kind.

Together, Boye and Espen Lindqvist won the 2014 Summer and Autumn Nationals. Not many people have done that back to back. They also won the Gold Medal in the 2008 European Championships together.

9. ENGLAND WOMEN

Heather Dhondy, Sally Brock, Nicola Smith, Catherine Draper, Liz McGowan, Sam Punch

Four of the team that won silver in the 2014 European Championships and gold in the 2014 World Mind Games women's teams are joined by two of the leading Scottish women.

Heather Dhondy has been a regular member of the British/English women's team since 1995, winning three World titles and six Europeans in that time. In addition she has won a record thirteen Lady Milne trophies. Heather was on the team who won silver in the 2013 Venice Cup. This weekend she will be partnering Catherine Draper for the first time, as regular partner Nevena Senior is unavailable.

Now a full time bridge professional, Heather used to work as an accountant. Her hobbies include playing tennis and playing the piano.

Sally Brock Sally Brock has been playing on the English women's team (on and off but more on than off) for the last 35 years or so, first as Sally Sowter, then Sally Horton and finally as Sally Brock, having married Raymond Brock (d2008) in 1993. In 2008, after a period of semi-retirement, she formed a last-minute partnership with Nicola Smith. They were part of the English team that won the 2008 World Mind Sports Championship. They have been playing together since, and have won one European and two World Championships. Sally was on the team who won silver in the 2013 Venice Cup. She lives just outside London with her two teenage children, Toby and Briony, and also has an older son, Ben (father Tony Sowter) and a five-year-old grandson Hayden. These days her partner in life is Barry Myers.

Nicola Smith comes from a strong bridge family and she has won just about everything there is to win. At world level she has won the Venice Cup (twice in 1981 and 1985), the World Women's Individual (1994) and the McConnell Cup (2014). She has won the European Women's Teams seven times as well as a host of other European competitions and has a clutch of silver and bronze medals at European and world women's level as well. She has had great success in the World Mind Games and this year won the individual as well as the team gold. Domestically she has won all the major competitions including the Gold Cup, Crockfords and the Spring Foursomes.

Nicola ran the London School Bridge in the King's road, Chelsea for many years. These days she is training to be a healer. In 1983, Nicola married Jonathan Smith. They have two children, Katherine, born in 1984, and Joshua, born in 1987.

In 1995, Nicola's contribution to the game of bridge was honoured at national level when she was awarded the M.B.E. by the Queen.

Catherine Draper: learnt to play in her early 20s and within a few months was hit by the bridge bug and heading down to Brighton to be given a beating in the Summer congress! Catherine and Anne Rosen played in the winning team in Beijing 2008. Her current partner in the England Women's team is Fiona Brown. She lives near Southport on the North-West coast. Away from the table Catherine teaches bridge but is mainly kept busy looking after 5 dogs (2 Greyhounds, 2 Yorkshire Terriers & a Chihuahua that rules the roost) – they are all looking forward to the weather improving to make walks more pleasant.

Sam Punch has played in the Scottish women's team since 2008, winning the Lady Milne four times in the last seven years. Sam and Liz have played four years together, last year winning the Commonwealth's transnational teams in Glasgow. Samantha is a professor of sociology at Stirling University, where she is currently supervising a Masters thesis titled: 'Why are men more successful at bridge than

Liz McGowan: Grande Dame of Scottish Bridge Liz is Scotland's only World and European Grand Master. She is not now, and has never been, English, but is happy to join her ex-British team-mates in the English Women's Team. She has been the bridge columnist for 'The Scotsman' for over 20 years, but has recently been put out to grass. That gives her more time to spend with her husband, two daughters, and uniquely talented grand-daughter (her completely objective opinion).

10. LONDON

Gary Jones, Ed Scerri, Ray Robinson, Jerry Harouni and Richard Bowdery

Ray Robinson: Married with 3 children and a 1 year-old grandson and is a full-time IT Consultant; so only able to play Bridge about once per week.

Ray has won several events including the Tollemache 3 times with Middlesex, the NICKO 3 times and the Brighton Teams in 2013.

Ed Scerri is based in Amersham, is a regular county player and the current holder of the Berks & Bucks Pairs Championship and the Victor Ludorum.

National events Ed has won include: National Swiss Teams, Four Star Teams, N.I.C.K.O., Garden Cities, Tollemache (2014 and 2013) and Grandmaster Pairs

Ed is a prolific accumulator of master points, and has won the Telegraph Salver twice, and come second twice in the last five years. He is a consultant with Bridge Club Live (EBU affiliated online club) with responsibilities for detecting and ejecting cheats. Away from the table, he has a great interest in antiques, specialising in silver snuff boxes. He plays golf. Badly.

Richard Bowdery: Turned 50 this year and for 25 of those has been a tournament bridge player. Main successes include: twice Tollemache winner, 3 times Hubert Phillips winner and NICKO winner. Richard also has many county pairs and teams wins, finished in top three in the Pachabo and been runner-up in the prestigious Icelandair teams tournament. He has also been an NPC for the England Ladies. He played in the Lederer once before as a substitute and is looking forward to playing in it again.

Gary Jones Gary is an experienced Welsh international at Open and Senior level, and has represented his country in home internationals twenty times since 2001. He was a member of the first Welsh team to win the Camrose trophy in 2011. He has also twice represented Wales in European Championships, once in the European Seniors, once in the Senior Olympiad and at the NEC in Yokohama. He has played for Wales in all four Commonwealth Nations Championships winning the silver medal in 2002 and the gold in 2014. Amongst his achievements domestically are winning the Spring Foursomes, the Four Stars at Brighton, and twice the Tollemache.

Jerry Harouni: Married with two children and an eleven month old granddaughter, he has been in the real estate business since leaving university. Jerry has played bridge and been a member of Middlesex for almost fifty years. He has represented MCBA in several Tollemaches winning twice. He has won virtually all Middlesex County events, including the Victor Ludorum, several times.

Over the years he has won numerous events throughout Great Britain and Ireland including the Brighton Teams, the NICKO three times, the National Pairs twice, and, at different times, each of the three main events at the London New Year and Easter Congresses.

ABOUT 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. 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.



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