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2000

LEDERER MEMORIAL TROPHY



Young Chelsea Bridge Club

32 Barkston Gardens, London SW5

Saturday 4th November 2000 - 2.00pm & 8.00pm

Sunday 5th November 2000 - 1.00pm

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

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The Young Chelsea Bridge Club

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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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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
1998	All Stars	Zia Mahmood, Andrew Robson, Gunnar Hallberg, Colin Simpson
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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. 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 picture on the front cover is a cartoon of him taken from his book *Lederer Bids Two Clubs* written when he was Bridge Editor of The Sunday Referee. The name of his son, Tony, who was the first President of the LCCBA (the former name of the LMBA), 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.

During the 1970's, teams from outside the capital were often invited to play as guests and in 1977 a strong Glasgow contingent won the competition. This led to a change in the following year, when the Lederer became an invitation tournament. Over subsequent years an international flavour was introduced and has been increased, with visiting teams from many different countries including North America, Poland, Turkey, Hungary, the Netherlands and most of the Scandinavian countries. An Ireland team has become a permanent and very welcome fixture.

The Lederer Memorial Trophy is thus one of the very strongest tournaments held in England. A Vu-Graph room was introduced for the first time in 1990 and has become a regular feature of the event. Last year, a new feature was the posting of photos and results, as they happened, on the Internet. This will be continued this year - to access these, visit the Young Chelsea website at www.ycbc.co.uk.

The Lederer was built up through the efforts of various individual organisers over the years. It's staging would not be possible, however, without sponsorship from the Association's President, Bernard Teltscher and from the Young Chelsea Bridge Club. We are most grateful to Bernard, to Warwick Pitch, the tireless secretary of the YCBC, and to the many club members who help out during the event. We are very pleased to be able to show our appreciation to the club by providing free entry for all members once again this year.

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A brief description of each of the teams competing this year follows:

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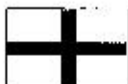


We are delighted to welcome back this team headed by Zia Mahmood, which this time is looking for a hat-trick having won the event for the last two years. The first pair need little introduction - the brilliant and charismatic Zia, originally from Pakistan but now living in New York, is playing with Andrew Robson, who has achieved great success in the international arena with a variety of partners and whose club in London's Parson's Green goes from strength to strength. Andrew's partnership with the American Rita Shugart has been notably successful of late - along with Tony Forrester and Geir Helgemo, they won the Reisinger, the premier US teams event, for the second year in succession.

The team is completed by a pair who have had a great year. Having been part of the runners-up team in the Premier League, they were selected to join the winners to represent England in the World Olympiads this summer. A relatively unfancied team, they confounded all the pundits by winning their section of the round robin stage convincingly and going on to beat two strong European teams before losing narrowly in the semi-finals to Italy, the eventual winners. Gunnar Halberg originates from Sweden but has lived in this country for some time whilst Colin Simpson has lived and played in the capital for many years whilst pursuing a high flying career with the police force.

Andrew and Gunnar will have lots to talk about apart from bridge during the breaks in play – both have recently become the proud new fathers of baby daughters!

2. ENGLAND David Burn, Brian Callaghan, Nicola Smith,
Heather Dhondy, Joe Fawcett, Glyn Liggins



David Burn, Brian Callaghan, Joe Fawcett and Glyn Liggins were the four-man team who won the Premier League last year, leading to their selection to play for England in the Olympiads. As described above they did marvellously well in Maastricht along with Gunnar and Colin. In addition during the year, this foursome won the Bonn Nations invitational teams, and David and Brian won the Spring Foursomes along with Gunnar and Colin.

Glyn is a full-time bridge professional whilst Joe and Brian are both IT systems consultants, a profession from which David has recently taken early retirement. This will no doubt give him more time to pursue other bridge interests – he is already heavily involved with Laws & Ethics and selection and development of international teams, and has a world-wide reputation as a bridge writer and commentator.

This weekend the team is augmented by reigning European Ladies Champions Nicola Smith and Heather Dhondy. Their partnership is pretty new, Nicola's previous partner, Pat Davies having recently decided to retire from top level bridge and Heather's partnership with Scottish Liz McGowan having been broken up by devolution. But they have already proved themselves a force to be reckoned with, doing very well themselves in Maastricht.

3. NORWAY Espen Erichsen, Boye Brogeland,
Tomas Charlsen, Erik Saelensminde



We are very pleased to welcome this highly successful young Norwegian team once again – this is the third year they have been able to be with us at the Lederer.

The players representing Norway this time were all members of the team which won the Junior European Championships in 1996. 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. The following year Boye and Erik Saelensminde were both members of the Norwegian Open team which won the bronze medal in the Bermuda Bowl held in Tunisia – a very impressive achievement all round.

This year the Norwegian team, again including Boye and Erik, reached the quarter-finals of the World Olympiads in Maastricht. They lost the closely fought match to England, so they will definitely be socking revenge this weekend!

4. IRELAND Tom Hanlon, Hugh McGann,
Pat Walsho, 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 back the same quartet as last year who have formed the core of the national Irish team for some time. Pat Walsho is the senior member of the team, though he is still only in his mid-forties. A WBF World Master, Pat won the Common Market Pairs in 1981 and has gained more than 30 national titles, many of these in partnership with Niall Toibin. Niall hails from Enniscorthy in Co Wexford and works in Dublin as Overseas Projects Director for an Irish international aid agency. He won gold medals in both the Open Pairs and the Junior Teams in the 1981 EEC Championships.

Tom and Hugh, are a young partnership who have achieved huge success for Ireland – despite the fact that Tom, who is originally from Mullingar in Co Westmeath, lives in Dublin where he works as an insurance broker whilst Hugh, from Fermoy in Co Cork, is a hospital doctor in Nottingham!

Niall, Tom and Hugh were all members of the Irish team in Maastricht this year, where they were very unlucky not to make it into the last 16 of the Olympiads. They missed out on a qualifying place by just one IMP!

5. GOLD CUP WINNERS Martin Jones, Howard Melbourne
Alan Mould, Gary Hyett



This team won the Gold Cup last year for an impressive second time in three years. Martin Jones, Alan Mould and Gary Hyett have continued to show excellent form this season, most recently by leading the current stage of the English trials. Alan and Gary are a regular partnership, but Martin usually plays with John Collings whilst Howard Melbourne's regular partner is Jim Mason. Neither of these is available this weekend, so a new partnership is born. It is well-known, though, that untried pairings often achieve remarkable success, so they will be hoping for great things!

6. CROCKFORD'S CUP WINNERS Michelle Brunner, John Holland
John Hassett, Bill Hirst



This Manchester-based team has achieved great success this year. In addition to winning Crockford's Cup, the premier English Teams-of-Four Championship (with Howard Melbourne, playing for the Gold Cup Winners, also in their team), they were also part of the Manchester Bridge Club team of eight who won the Garden Cities Trophy. Michelle and John have a great record in the Hubert Phillips Bowl which they have won six times, but this year they were losing semi-finalists – losing to team-mates Bill and John (for whom it was a second win!)

Members of the team have also achieved significant international success. Michelle is undoubtedly the best known name, as a former women's European and World Champion. After taking a break from the women's game for a while, she made a great come-back this year and played as part of the England team in the Maastricht World Olympiads. They qualified comfortably from the round-robin into the finals, but then lost to China in the knock-out stages. Bill Hirst was also representing England

in Maastricht, as part of the Seniors team that did exceptionally well, just missing out on a medal but coming fourth overall.

7. PRESIDENT'S TEAM

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



Bernard Teltscher is the President of the LMBA and a major supporter of the Lederer Memorial Trophy, for which we are most grateful. He brings a seasoned team with 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 the Bermuda Bowl the following year. 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.

8. LONDON

**Ian Payn, Rob Cliffe, Su Burn, Phil King,
Andrew McIntosh, David Bakhshi,**



This year, the London Association decided to recognise the importance of the Young Chelsea Bridge Club to the success of the Lederer by offering the winners of the YCBC Knock-out championship a place in the field, representing London. The KO was won by the four-man team of Rob Cliffe, Ian Payn, David Burn and Brian Callaghan, but by the time this was decided David and Brian had already committed to a different team. So the other pair is joined by the KO runners-up, making a team that is certainly worthy of its place.

Rob, Phil, Tosh and David have all played in the Lederer before in various partnerships. Last year Rob played with his Camrose partner, Nick Sandqvist whilst Phil played in the London team with Joe Fawcett. Tosh's last appearance was in 1998 when he played with Neil Rosen in the Spring Foursomes team and he has of course played for Scotland in the event. Tosh has now changed country of allegiance to play with Tony Forrester and the new partnership has already made its mark in the England trials this year. David's last Lederer appearance was a bit of seven years ago when he was still in his teens!

The other two team members are making their Lederer debut as players, though both have been heavily involved in the organisation of the event in the past (and of course Su still is). Su has played most of her bridge with Phil in the last year or so, but has recently formed a new partnership with Val Curran to play with some success in the English Ladies trials.

ORDER OF PLAY

First Session - Saturday 4th November 2000 - 2.00pm

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

Second Session - Saturday 4th November 2000 - 8.00pm

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

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Third Session - Sunday 5th November 2000 - 1.00pm

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

* 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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