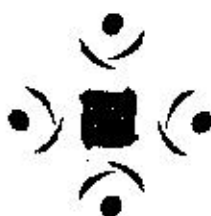


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LEDERER MEMORIAL TROPHY



Young Chelsea Bridge Club
32 Barkston Gardens, London SW5

Saturday 10th November 2001 - 2.00pm & 8.00pm
Sunday 11th November 2001 - 1.00pm

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

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The LMBA would like to say a very big thank you to all the helpers who give their time freely over the Lederer weekend.

RECENT WINNERS

1991	Ireland	Nick Fitzgibbon, Pat Walsh, Adam Mesbur, Rory Boland
1992	Iceland	Jon Baldursson, Saevar Thorbjornsson, Thorakur Jonsson, Gudmundur Arnarson
1993	South of England	Richard Bulland, 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 the 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 international flavour is perhaps a little subdued this year, making those who have been able to travel all the more welcome.

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. Two years ago, a new feature was the posting of photos and results, as they happened, on the Internet. This will be continued this year. To access them, 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. Its 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 YC) 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 offering free entry to all YC members once again this year.

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

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



We are delighted to welcome back this team headed by Zia Mahmood, which this time is looking to win for a fourth successive year. 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 – along with Tony Forrester and Gair Helgemo, they won the Reisinger, the premier US teams event, two years in succession. Robert Sheehan, who has played many times for England and Great Britain and was until recently bridge correspondent of *The Times*, has been added to the team this year to provide safety in numbers.

The team is completed by a pair who have been very successful in recent years. They won the Spring Foursomes last year and having been part of the runners-up team in the Premier League, were selected to join the winners to represent England in the World Olympiads last 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 Hallberg 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 within the police force.

2. NORTH OF ENGLAND

Michelle Brunner, John Holland,
John Hassett, Bill Hirst



This Manchester-based team has achieved great success in recent years. In addition to winning the premier English teams-of-four championship for the Crookford's Cup last year, 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 last 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 last 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.

3. YOUNG CHELSEA

David Martin, Brian Senior, Simon Cochemé,
Andrew McIntosh, Brian McGuire



Last year, the LMBA decided to recognise the importance of the Young Chelsea Bridge Club to the success of the Lederer by offering the winners of the Young Chelsea Knock-Out Championship a place in the field, representing London. This has been continued but, this year, the team plays under the YC name alongside a selected London team.

Tosh has played in the Lederer before in various partnerships. Last year he played with David Bakshi in the London team, in 1998 with Neil Rosen in the Spring Foursomes team and he has also played for Scotland in the event. He has now changed country of allegiance to play with Tony Forrester and the new partnership made its mark in the England trials last year.

Brian Senior has represented England on numerous occasions over the years and has also won just about every major event in England. Surprisingly, it was only three years ago that he won the Two Stars pairs for the first time - in partnership with David Martin. Simon Cochemé has been a member of the YC almost since its inception and has co-authored several bridge books with David Bird.

David, Simon and Brian McGuire are making their Lederer debut as players, though David has been heavily involved in the organisation of the event in the past. He has directed the Lederer for several years and now has overall responsibility for it as the newly elected Chairman of the LMBA.

4. IRELAND

Tom Hanlon, John Carroll,
Pat Walsh, Niall Tolbin,
Adam Mesbur, Nick Fitzgibbon



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 three of last year's

quartet who have formed the core of the national Irish team for some time together with a pair who have appeared here many times before and were part of the Irish team which won this event ten years ago. Pat Walsh, who was also part of that team, 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 Tolbin. 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.

Niall and Tom were members of the Irish team in Maastricht last 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. JUNIORS

Andrew Woodcock, Ed Levy
Michael Byrne, Alex Morris
Richard Probst, Ben Handley-Pritchard



For the first time this year, the LMBA has invited the England Junior International Squad to enter a team. All six players are in the Under-25 squad from which the team representing England in the 2002 Junior Europeans will eventually be picked. Andrew, Ed, Michael and Alex did extremely well in stage 1 of the Open Trials this year coming sixth. Michael and Alex also recently won the Great Northern Swiss pairs.

6. TOLLEMACHE

Malcolm Pryor, David Muller,
Martin Garvey, Jon Cooke,
Mike Scoltock, Paul Fegarty



Surrey won the Tollemache Cup, the English county championship, this year in one of the closest finishes in living memory, with five teams in contention almost up to the last board. Malcolm and David are a fairly new partnership with the Two Stars pairs last year being their major success together but they have had many successes in major tournaments with other partners in previous years, including the Two Stars (again!), the Pachabo and the Spring Fours. David, who only recently transferred his allegiance to Surrey from London is now involved in bridge full time, including the role of regional youth officer.

Martin Garvey is an enthusiastic systems designer - and plays his bridge in that manner whilst Jon Cooke splits his "table-time" away from his management consultancy between bridge and poker. Look out for the five-card endings! Paul Fegarty is another former London player and even played for London's Tollemache team in a past life. Rumour has it that he now spends some of his spare time exercising a golden retriever. Mike Scoltock, an accountant by profession (although you would never guess that from his bridge style), gets his exercise a different way - he has just qualified as a rugby referee.

7. PRESIDENT'S TEAM

Bernard Teltzcher, Tony Friday,
Willie Coyle, John Matheson,
David Edwin, Geoffrey Breskal



Bernard Teltzcher is the President of the LMBA and a major supporter of the Lederer Memorial Trophy, for which we are most grateful. His team is, he says, by far the oldest in the competition so, to make quite sure of surviving the event, they have added a physician

this year. They have won the event twice in the last six years although they were at the opposite end of the leader board last year. The team comes in three categories.

The seniors - Tony Friday is one of the most illustrious British bridge players today. Born in 1922 and educated at Winchester, he then reached the rank of major in the army before joining the family wood importing business. He has won every notable English event a number of times, including no less than seven Gold Cups, played internationally from 1960 to 1986 and has re-entered the trials for international honours this year, so far with great success. Tony is a Vice President of the English Bridge Union and for 36 years was the bridge correspondent of the Sunday Telegraph. Bernard Tetscher was born in 1923 and came to the UK in 1938. After gaining degrees from University College, London and Trinity College, Cambridge, he entered the family wine-importing business where his qualifications were not ideal for taking orders and typing invoices and letters. He has played bridge for seventy years and has won almost all English competitions with the notable exception of the Gold Cup. Geoffrey Breskal was born in London in 1926 and, in due course became a sergeant-major in the Gordon Highlanders (a qualification to play for Scotland?). After spells in the family piano-making business and running betting shops, he bought and ran for twenty years (with David Edwin) the St Johns Wood Bridge Club. He has won all major English competitions and represented England in Camrose matches, in partnership with John Collings.

The Juniors - Willie Coylo was born in 1937 into a deeply religious family which predestined him for the priesthood. However, an attack of polio changed his destiny and he took up bridge at the age of twenty-two, learning mainly from books - but so successfully that he was playing for Scotland within a year. This continued with a number of different partners over the years and he has won virtually every competition in the UK, including the Gold Cup four times. David Edwin, a Londoner all his life, was also born in 1937 and also took up bridge in his early twenties. He became a bridge host and teacher before joining Geoffrey Breskal at St Johns Wood. He has won all the major national events and represented England in Camrose matches.

The Baby - Dr. John (Gus) Matheson was born in Edinburgh in 1945 and qualified in 1970. He took up bridge at university. In over forty years since then, he has played in forty Camrose matches with a number of different partners. He is a skilled and exciting player who has been known to give and receive scores of 2800 from time to time.

8. LONDON

Brian Callaghan, Ian Gardiner,
Glyn Liggins, Joe Fawcett



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

Ian Gardiner manages to find some time for bridge in between spending time with his young family and his work, which often includes appearing as a spokesman on radio and television. He was part of the team that has won the London teams championship for four of the last five years. Glyn is a full-time bridge professional whilst Joe and Brian are both IT systems consultants.

ORDER OF PLAY

First Session - Saturday 10th November 2001 - 2.00pm

Match	Table	NS	EW	Result
ONE	Vu-Graph	All Stars	Tollemache	---
	2	Ireland	Young Chelsea	---
	3	President's Team	North of England	---
	4	Tollemache	All Stars	---
	5	Young Chelsea	Ireland	---
	6	North of England	President's Team	---
	7	London	Juniors	---
	8	Juniors	London	---
TWO	Vu-Graph	North of England	Tollemache	---
	2	Ireland	President's Team	---
	3	All Stars	London	---
	4	Tollemache	North of England	---
	5	President's Team	Ireland	---
	6	London	All Stars	---
	7	Young Chelsea	Juniors	---
	8	Juniors	Young Chelsea	---

Second Session - Saturday 10th November 2001 - 8.00pm

THREE	Vu-Graph	President's Team	London	---
	2	Young Chelsea	Tollemache	---
	3	All Stars	North of England	---
	4	London	President's Team	---
	5	Tollemache	Young Chelsea	---
	6	North of England	All Stars	---
	7	Ireland	Juniors	---
	8	Juniors	Ireland	---
FOUR	Vu-Graph	Young Chelsea	London	---
	2	Tollemache	President's Team	---
	3	Ireland	North of England	---
	4	London	Young Chelsea	---
	5	President's Team	Tollemache	---
	6	North of England	Ireland	---
	7	All Stars	Juniors	---
	8	Juniors	All Stars	---

ORDER OF PLAY

Third Session - Sunday 11th November 2001 - 1.00pm

Match	Table	NS	EW	Result
FIVE*	Vu-Graph	Tollemache	Juniors	---
	2	All Stars	President's Team	---
	3	North of England	Young Chelsea	---
	4	Juniors	Tollemache	---
	5	President's Team	All Stars	---
	6	Young Chelsea	North of England	---
	7	Ireland	London	---
	8	London	Ireland	---
SIX *	Vu-Graph	All Stars	Ireland	---
	2	North of England	Juniors	---
	3	London	Tollemache	---
	4	Ireland	All Stars	---
	5	Juniors	North of England	---
	6	Tollemache	London	---
	7	President's Team	Young Chelsea	---
	8	Young Chelsea	President's Team	---
SEVEN*	Vu-Graph	Young Chelsea	All Stars	---
	2	North of England	London	---
	3	Juniors	President's Team	---
	4	All Stars	Young Chelsea	---
	5	London	North of England	---
	6	President's Team	Juniors	---
	7	Tollemache	Ireland	---
	8	Ireland	Tollemache	---

* 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.

Don't forget to visit

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for all the latest results.