

A HISTORY OF THE LEDERER

The Lederer Trophy was presented as a tribute to Richard Lederer, who was a leading international player who ran his own club and contributed greatly to the development of English bridge in its formative years. The cartoon of him on the front cover is taken from his book *Lederer Bids Two Clubs*, written when he was Bridge Editor of *The Sunday Referee*. The name of Richard's son, Tony, who was the first President of the LCCBA (the former name of the LMSA) 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.

The Lederer was originally a challenge event between the capital's Bridge Clubs. During the 1970's, teams from outside the capital were often invited as guests and in 1977 a strong Glasgow contingent won the competition. This led to a change the following year to the Lederer becoming 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, most of the Scandinavian countries, the Netherlands and this year for the first time, all the way from Australia. An Irish team has become a permanent and very welcome fixture.

You will find a complete list of the trophy winners displayed at the venue this year. It is hard to think of a single star of the English bridge scene since the last war whose name does not appear somewhere in the list.

The Lederer is now the most prestigious invitation event held in England. The Vu-Graph room was introduced for the first time in 1990 and has become a regular attraction and in 1999 a new feature was the posting of photos and results, as they happened, on the Internet. This has been continued so do try visiting the site, accessed via 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 YCBC, and to the many enthusiastic 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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RECENT WINNERS

1995	President's Team	Bernard Teltscher, Willie Coyle, Tony Friday, Victor Silverstone, David Edwin
1996	London	David Price, Peter Czerniewski, Glyn Liggins, Joo Fawcett, David Burn, Brian Callaghan
1997	President's Team	Bernard Teltscher, Willie Coyle, Tony Friday, Victor Silverstone, David Edwin, Geoffrey Breskal
1998	All Stars	Zia Mahmood, Andrew Robson, Gunnar Halberg, Colin Simpson
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2002 COMPETITORS

1. ALL STARS (HOLDERS)

Zia Mahmood, Andrew Robson
Colin Simpson, Robert Sheehan



Well, what can we say about this team, who seem at present to have a stranglehold on the trophy? They are looking to make it five in a row this year, having won last year even without their captain, Zia. He is back this year playing throughout, but Gunnar Halberg, a regular member of the team is not able to be with us this time.

Zia currently splits his time between England and New York, but the other members of the team are firmly London-based. Andrew runs the very successful Andrew Robson Bridge Club in Person's Green, which has done so much to transform bridge into an activity for London's young and trendy "in-crowd". He does still find time to travel the world competing in many international events, these days mostly back in partnership with Tony Forester.

Robert Sheehan, a former bridge correspondent of the Times newspaper, and Colin Simpson have both been at the top of the game for a long period, as rubber bridge and duplicate players, and both first won the Lederer in the early 1970s. Away from the table, Colin has pursued a career within the police force, the highlight of which was his shooting of the Abu Nidal terrorist who tried to assassinate the Israel Ambassador in Park Lane in 1982.

2. PRESIDENT'S TEAM

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



Bernard Teltscher, President of the LMSA came to the UK as a boy in 1953 and after degrees from University College London and Trinity College Cambridge, 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 70 years and has won almost all English competitions with the notable exception of the Gold Cup.

Tony Friday is one of the most illustrious British bridge players today. A major in the army during the war, Tony thereafter entered the family wood importing business. He has won every notable English event a number of times and played internationally from 1960-1986, for many years as automatic choice for the British Teams. He again represented England in 2001 – just to prove he still could!

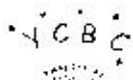
Geoffrey Breskal was also in the army during the war then joined the family business – this time piano making. He then moved into betting, eventually owning three betting shops of his own. Between 1976 and 1996, he owned and ran with David Edwin the St Johns Wood Bridge Club. He has won all major English competitions. He is completely relaxed at bridge perhaps because of being battle-hardened by playing in a number of events including Camrose matches with John Collins.

David Edwin took up bridge in his early 70s and was a bridge host and teacher before co-owning and running St Johns Wood Bridge Club with Geoffrey Breskal. He has also won all national events and played in a number of Camrose events.

Willie Coyle, started learning bridge at age 22 - mainly from books - and within a year he was playing for Scotland. He has won virtually every competition in the UK and represented Scotland and Great Britain with different partners on a number of occasions. He was in the team from Glasgow that won the Lederer in 1977, the first from outside London.

Dr John Matheson was born in Edinburgh in 1945, qualifying in 1970. He took up bridge on entering university and from 1988 to today has played in 40 Cairnrose matches with a number of different partners. He is a skilled and exciting player, which can be gleaned by the fact of being on the receiving and giving end of 2800 on several occasions. He and Wile join us this year fresh from a convincing win in the Scottish trials.

3. YOUNG CHELSEA **Graham Horscroft, Mike Fletcher,
Richard Creamer, Mike Bull**



The team who won this year's Young Chelsea Cup Knock-Out caused quite a stir. Whilst everyone knew them to be solid players, they were unseeded and defeated all comers to win the event in fine style.

Mike Fletcher is a familiar face on the tournament bridge circuit and plays with several different partners. A statistician by profession, he uses his skill with numbers to good effect at the bridge table and regularly finishes with a prize, if not the trophy. For many years, Mike has worked hard on behalf of Civil Service bridge and is currently Chairman of the Civil Service Contract Bridge Association. In this team he is playing with Graham Horscroft, a partnership that has existed off and on for over 25 years with fluctuating success. Graham is also active in Civil Service bridge and runs the Civil Service London League. He has been a Young Chelsea regular for 30 years, playing with a variety of partners, and is known for a conservative bidding style.

Mike Bull and Richard Creamer are also leading lights in Civil Service bridge but are much less well known on the wider scene. In Mike's case this is partly because he has a young family but mainly because he spends too much time playing poker. At the bridge table it's impossible to know when he's in trouble, as he always maintains a deadpan face. In a rare outing, they won the Pairs Championship at the Croydon Congress three years ago. Richard is an IT Manager and at the bridge table enjoys managing the cards in risky contracts.

4. IRELAND **Tom Hanlon, Hugh McGann,
Pat Walshe, Rory Boland**



Everyone's favourite team, we have four regulars representing Ireland this year. Tom and Hugh are one of the most successful Irish partnerships ever, despite the fact that Tom lives in Dublin and Hugh is a Yorkshire-based doctor.

Pat is the son or learn member, and has won more than 30 national titles and represented Ireland more times than he can count – though he is still only in his forties. Rory is one of his regular partners and they played together on the one occasion that Ireland has won this event in 1991. They are always a team that is in contention for the title and will be one to watch this weekend.

5. WALES **Gary Jones, Dafydd Jones,
Adam Dunn, Peter Goodman,
Adrian Thomas, Paul Denning**



The Welsh had a superb achievement in winning the silver medal in this year's Commonwealth Nations Cup in Manchester with a young team, though the players have plenty of experience of international bridge between them. The senior team member is Gary Jones, who learnt to play bridge at Imperial College, London in the 1960s and later came

under the tutelage of Joe Amstbury. He subsequently won a number of national titles and with his son Dafydd became the first father and son to represent Wales in the Cairnrose in 2001. Dafydd first learnt to play bridge at the age of ten. He played for St Paul's school, winning the London Schools' League and the Schools' Cup in his final year. He played for the Welsh Under 20s from the age of 15 and subsequently the Welsh Under 25s. Dafydd represented Great Britain Under 20s in the European Championships in Austria in 1998 and the Wales Under 25s in Turkey 2000. He first played for the Welsh Open team in the Cairnrose in 2001 at the age of 21, becoming the youngest player to represent Wales in the home internationals.

Adam Dunn is 27 years old and works as a recruitment consultant in London. He also started playing for the Welsh Juniors when he was 15 and made the step up to the Open team with Peter Goodman last year. Adam's bridge highlights have all come over the last year, these including three Cairnrose appearances, fourth position in the Born Nations Cup and, of course, silver at the Commonwealth Nations Championship in Manchester 2002. The part of the season he enjoys most, however, is captaining the Junior Cairnrose team which includes both Dafydd and his brother Jake. Adam is renowned for his uncanny ability to be in the wrong place at the wrong time and is acknowledged as having the worst memory of any living bridge player. He plays with Peter Goodman who has been a regular member of the Welsh team for over 15 years. He has played in many European and World events including the Olympiad and European teams. His British titles over the last 10 years include wins of all the major events – the Tollemache (twice), Crockfords, the Spring Foursomes and the Brighton teams, amongst others.

The silver medal-winning quartet are joined this weekend by two more stalwarts of Welsh bridge. Paul Denning has been playing bridge for thirty years and played in his first full Cairnrose match for Wales at the age of 22 in 1978. Paul, a computer support engineer for British Energy, has partnered Adrian Thomas for three years and in ten Cairnrose matches. Adrian was at school with Paul in Croesycafallog, South Wales but they only started playing together thirty years later! Adrian has played in 41 Cairnrose matches and in recent years the pair have represented Wales in the Maastricht Olympiad in 2000 and the European Championships in Tenerife (2001) and Salsomaggiore (2002). Adrian works as a local government Youth Training Officer in Newport, South Wales.

6. AUSTRALIA **Peter Gill, Anthony Silver,
Ian Cassellon, Jason Pitt**



We are delighted to welcome a team all the way from Australia this year. Team captain Peter Gill has won 18 National Championships in Australia and has represented Australia in the Bermuda Bowl, the Olympiad and various other events. His outstanding bridge achievement is to have won the largest amount of money ever won by a pair playing duplicate bridge in the 1997 Cavendish. This is an auction event and Peter and his partner came 5th but, as a comparatively unranked pair, they were able to buy back almost all of the action on themselves!

Ian (in 1992) and Jason (from 1995 to 1997) played in the Australian Junior Team. Jason won the Australian Pairs Championship as a teenager, the youngest ever to do so. Jason, Anthony and Ian prefer living and working (mainly in computing) in London rather than their origins of Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, not that those places are that bad to live in. Ian has the good excuse of having met his wife in Ireland and settling on the outskirts of London.

7. JUNIORS

Michael Byrne, Alex Morris,
Ed Levy, Andrew Woodcock



This quartet of players from the England Under-25 squad have done really well over the last year or so. Michael and Alex formed their partnership only about two years ago, but they have already won a major English open event and played with great success in junior events. With Andrew and Ed, though, they have done terrifically well in the English Open trials. Last year they were sixth in the first stages but this year they went one better by coming fourth, thus earning a place in the final stage, competed by just eight national teams.

The team are all based in Manchester, where Michael is at university whilst Alex, aged only 17 and the son of Manchester Bridge Club proprietor Jeff Morris, is still at school.

B. LONDON

David Burn, Brian Callaghan,
Tom Townsend, David Gold



David Gold is one of the youngest players ever to represent England at Camrose level, and almost certainly the youngest ever to manage the St Johns Wood bridge club. He has a few years yet to achieve another record, that of being the youngest (indeed, the only) player ever to manage

Tom Townsend, former world junior champion and current England international, Tom is a prognosticator by profession, but he is not so foolhardy as to attempt the task of forecasting what will be done in the other room by ...

Brian Callaghan, a former world junior, now rapidly approaching the status of a world senior, Brian has after years of toil found the role in life for which he is best qualified, that of not doing anything at all. He sits, or rather slumps, opposite ...

David Burn, who is believed never to have been a junior, finding himself unable even to do nothing, he now does something, though nobody quite knows what. He and Brian have won the Lederer before, but only by mistake.

LEDERER 2002 OFFICIALS

Tournament Director:	Chris Barrable, David Martin		
Referee:	Richard Fleet		
Vu-Graph Commentary:	Richard Fleet, David Bird, Simon Cochrane		
Tournament Manager:	Chris Duckworth		
Team Arrangements:	Su King <i>(with congrats to her and PFI on their recent marriage)</i>		
Hand Analysts:	Peter Burrows	Steve Eginton	Mike Graham
Internet reportage:	Ian Payne		
Monitors, Scorers,	Keith Bennett	Angel Bird	Norrie Buxton
Vu-Graph, Helpers:	Kathryn Cearns	Rob Cliffe	Simon Cochrane
	Maxine Etkin	Angel Freake	Tim Gauld
	Pam Hadfield	Gerald James	Margaret James
	Paul Martin	Brian McGuire	Mike McHugh
	Sat McKenzie	Brian McMillan	Dave Miller
	Ashwin Patel	Sally Sheringham	James Smith
	Ryan Stephenson	Ned Treaby	Carmel Wood

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

ORDER OF PLAY

First Session - Saturday 9th November 2002 - 2.00pm

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

Second Session - Saturday 9th November 2002 - 8.00pm

THREE	Vu-Graph	Young Chelsea	Wales	---
	2	Juniors	London	
	3	President's Team	Ireland	---
	4	Wales	Young Chelsea	---
	5	London	Juniors	---
	6	Ireland	President's Team	---
	7	All Stars	Australia	---
	8	Australia	All Stars	
FOUR	Vu-Graph	Ireland	Juniors	---
	2	Australia	London	---
	3	All Stars	Wales	---
	4	Juniors	Ireland	---
	5	London	Australia	
	6	Wales	All Stars	
	7	President's Team	Young Chelsea	---
	8	Young Chelsea	President's Team	---

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Third Session - Sunday 10th November 2002 - 1.00pm

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

* 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 Harley 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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Don't forget to visit our website at

www.ycbc.co.uk/lederer_2002.htm

for all the latest results.