



2011 London Trophy Winners, Reform Tuesday/
(Chris Dunabin, John Reid, Richard Pollitzer and Sos Green)



2011 Della-Porta Plate Winners, Cheeky Chaps
(John Cox, Ricky Choudhuri, James Palmer, Simon Scanlan)



The London Metropolitan Bridge Association presents the 2011/12:

London Trophy & Della-Porta Plate

The friendly inter-club knock-out teams-of-four
bridge competition that is now

OPEN TO EVERYONE

Teams may be of four to six players from any sort of club –
a bridge club, or a “non-bridge” club – sports, social, business,
you name it, you can play!

And clubs may have any number of teams.

It's sociable!

Teams are restricted in experience –
not more than one National Master in any team.
Systems and conventions are restricted to allow only
commonly-played and easily understood methods.
Matches may be played in homes or clubs.

Teams play 24-board matches against other teams.

Early stages drawn in geographical zones to minimize travel.

Everyone guaranteed at least two matches, the first-round losers
entering the Della-Porta Plate secondary event.

Hosted finals at the Royal Automobile Club in Pall Mall in May 2012.

Entry fee: £20 per team due by 1.9.2011

The London Trophy is a prestigious event that has been running since 1978, with teams from London and the Home Counties competing for a trophy donated by Terence Reese, then President of what is now the London Metropolitan Bridge Association. For first round losers, there is a secondary competition for the Della-Porta Plate, named after Freddie Della-Porta who founded the event. The finals of the London Trophy and the Della-Porta Plate, together with the play-off for third place, have been hosted by the Royal Automobile Club for the past five years. Master points are awarded and there are generous prizes for both the Trophy and the Plate competitions.

The competition is now open to teams from all types of clubs, including bridge clubs, and clubs may enter any number of teams. Players should be bona-fide club members but need not be members of the EBU. It is an ideal event for players who wish to experience playing teams in a friendly atmosphere without having to worry about coming up against complex conventions. Teams continue to be limited to only one player ranked at national master or above, with no pairs of regular high-level tournament players allowed.

Previously, tight restrictions permitted only "natural" systems to be played. Now these restrictions have been relaxed, bringing the event roughly into line with other 'simple system' events. Full details of what is allowed will be supplied to all participants and will be accessible on the LMBA website at www.metrobridge.co.uk.

As an extra bonus, all team members are eligible to compete in the free **London Trophy Pairs Championship**. This is a single-session pairs competition to be held on the afternoon of Sunday 25th March 2012 at the Royal Automobile Club. Full details will be supplied to participants.

Any questions should be directed to the Competition Organiser, (Mrs) Chris Duckworth by email at chris.duckworth@lineone.net or by calling 020 7385 3534.

LMBA London Trophy



Entry Form 2011/12

Entries are due by 1st September 2011, but every effort will be made to accept later entries if possible. Entries may be by copy of this form or by letter/email if the information below is supplied.

Name of Club:

Team name:

Captain's name:

email address:

Tel no (day): (eve):

Postal address:

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Player names (if known):

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If possible, we would prefer to play early round(s) in the
afternoon evening either (please tick one box)

Cheques for the entry fee of £20 per team should be made payable to LMBA. Please send with your entry to:

Chris Duckworth, Competition Organiser,
201 Greyhound Road, London W14 9S