

SHEFFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

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Sheffield successes at outside events

Ann and Toby Wall won the Swiss Pairs at the EBU overseas congress at Turkey from a field of 44 pairs over 3 sessions.

Sandy Davies and her team won the Swiss Teams at the EBU Womens' Teams weekend, having won the Nottinghamshire Swiss Teams two months earlier. One week later, Sandy won the Isle of Mann Swiss Teams with Tom Gisborne, David Waxman and Richard Pike. Two weeks later, Sandy and Tom were second in the Derbyshire Swiss Teams with Richard Pike and Dave Robinson and a further week later they won the Great Northern Swiss Pairs in a field of 114 pairs with David Musson 5th and Dave Robinson 9th. Sandy and Tom started this year with 5th place out of 66 in the EBU Swiss Teams Congress, 19th out of 50 in the National Pairs final and 16th out of 366 in the Portland Pairs.

Dave Robinson and Richard Pike were third out of 90 teams at the EBU Harrogate Congress, so nearly, but not quite, retained the trophy. Richard Pike won the Yorkshire Pairs with David Waxman and they qualify for the Corwen together with David Fletcher and Roger Taylor (who were 4th) and Dave Robinson (who was 5th with Phil Godfrey). Frank Littlewood and Graham Jepson won the Doncaster Swiss Teams with David Fletcher and Roger Taylor, and Gill Woodcock and Pat Powell close behind in 2nd and 4th places respectively. David Musson's team won the Yorkshire Seniors Knockout. Dave Robinson won the West Yorkshire Open Swiss Teams ahead of Sandy Davies, Tom Gisborne and David Waxman in 2nd place and Richard Pike in 3th place. Four Sheffield Pairs finished in the top 7 in the Yorkshire Grade 1 Masters Butler Pairs

After another good season generally for our Yorkshire League teams, our A team won Division 1 and represented Yorkshire in the Garden Cities Trophy.

The Yorkshire Knockout for the Waddington Shield was won by our team of Tom Gisborne, Sandy Davies, Mike Pomfrey, David Banks, Keith Cornish and Arthur Hughes, who will represent Yorkshire in the Pachabo, the EBU inter-County teams event.

Tom Rainforth wins World Silver Medal!

Recent member Tom Rainforth was part of the England Under 21 team that won Silver in the World Championships in Philadelphia, US, in October. More news on the Juniors' success is on the EBU web site.

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Barrie Partridge (temporary editor), 23 May 2011

Meanwhile, back at the club

Sandy Davies and Tom Gisborne won the Lord Mayor's Swiss Pairs. It was not until the final round that they overtook John Woodman and Ron Muse who had started with three 20-0 wins in the first half of the event.

John Woodman and Ron Muse took no prisoners though in the Easter Swiss Pairs as they stormed through to an impressive win.

At the New Year Swiss Pairs on Sunday 3 January, the club's first event to be oversubscribed in many years, Simon and Robert Woolham won the trophy with 85 VPs. The other father/son pairing, Glyn and Alex Foley, were close in second place with 83 VPs.

Sandy Scott and Mags Bye won the Ladies Pairs and Rob Turner and Rod Hose won the Men's Pairs, and soon after, Pat and Frank Littlewood won the club's Mixed Pairs, and Margaret Johnson won the Mather Individual.

Recent teams winners have been Rod Hose, John Edwards, Roger Taylor and Mary Whyms (Vice Chairman's), Tom Gisborne, Sandy Davies, Martin Cantor and Baz Caygill (Laura Hadfield), and Dave Robinson, David Waxman, Sandy Davies and Tom Gisborne (Rodger Mixed Pivot)

Sadly, on 12th April, Barry Cruddis passed away. He had been a well respected member of SBC for 45 years and his name can be seen on many of the trophy winners' lists. He was Chairman from 1971-1974 and a Trustee from 1984 onwards.

Brighton 2010

by Tom Gisborne

♠ 9 4			
♥ 6 5 2			
♦ A J 7 4			
♣ 10 7 5 3			
♠ A 8 7 3 2		♠ J 10 5	
♥ 10 3		♥ Q 8 7 4	
♦ 8 6 5		♦ 10 9 3	
♣ 9 6 4		♣ K J 2	
	♠ K Q 6		
	♥ A K J 9		Pairs
	♦ K Q 2		EW Vul
	♣ A Q 8		Dealer N

The Hideous Hog, in a Mollo bridge story, once explained how in duplicate he held much better cards than other players because his twos and threes were much stronger than other players. To some extent this was shown by some declarers this year.

W	N	E	S
	No	No	2♣
No	2♦	No	2NT
No	3NT	No	No
No			

West led ♠3. Those players who played ♠4 at the first trick and then played ♥A, ♦K, ♦Q and overtook with the ♦A to play a heart to ♥J, dropping ♥10 from West could go back to dummy in diamonds, leaving the position shown left

♠ 9			
♥ 6			
♦ 7			
♣ 10 7 5 3			
♠ A 8 7 2		♠ J 5	
♥ --		♥ Q 8	
♦ --		♦ --	
♣ 9 6 4		♣ K J 2	
	♠ K 6		
	♥ K 9		
	♦ --		
	♣ A Q 8		

Now the last diamond squeezes East out of a spade so that the ♠9 in dummy provides protection from a spade lead by East. Ten tricks is now easy and the very brave, or foolish, can make eleven by playing East for both club honours. At our table declarer played the ♠9 at trick one and could never recover.

Match Point Scores: 3NT= 30%
3NT+1 70%
3NT+2 95%

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