

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BRIDGE CLUB

MINUTES of the 22nd. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. PRESENT: Mrs. R. McCreath (President) and 37 members
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mrs. E. Carmichael Mrs. M. Patterson
Mr. & Mrs. D. Calder and Messrs. A. French & T. Oates
3. MINUTES OF THE 21st. A.G.M.: These were read by the Hon.
Secretary approved by those present and signed by the
President. There were no matters arising.
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mrs. R. McCreath read her report to the
meeting (copy attached)
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. R. Pearson submitted the audited
accounts for the financial year and recommended that
subscriptions and table money should remain the same for
the ensuing year. This was agreed and the accounts
approved. Mr. Pearson confirmed that he was already
looking into the question of the interest earned on on the
deposit account.
6. MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary indicated that Mr.
French had a nil report other than to recommend that the
job description be changed to that of Competition
Secretary. This was agreed.
7. TEAM CAPTAINS' REPORT: The report for the "A" Team was read
by the Secretary on behalf of Mrs. Carmichael and Mr.
Drysdale submitted the report on behalf the "B" Team
(copies attached).
8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: The following were elected.

PRESIDENT: Mrs. R. McCreath
HON. SECRETARY: Mr. C.C.M. Edney
HON. TREASURER: Mr. R. Pearson
COMPETITION SECRETARY: Mr. R. Drysdale
COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mr. T. Harris Mrs. C.A. McCreath and
Mrs. P. Paxton
AUDITOR: Mr. J. Coats
S.B.U. DELEGATES: Mr.C.C.M. Edney Mr. R. Pearson & Mr. R.
Drysdale
9. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1993/1994
 - 9.1 The Secretary explained the terms under which The Kings
Arms Hotel was available and it was agreed that they
should continue to be the venue for club events.
The Committee, at the suggestion of Mrs. Martin agreed
to look at the feasibility of The Maltings as an
alternative venue for 1994/1995.

9.2 It was agreed to accept with pleasure the offer made by Mrs. Hazel Woodman on behalf of her late husband, who had the main instigator in the formation of the club in 1972, to present to the club The Tom Woodman Trophy to be played for within the club from 1993/94 onwards. Considerable discussion took place as to the format for this Trophy and it was eventually agreed that the final decision should be left to the Committee who would take into account all the suggestions made.

9.3 The Wilf White Trophy. After discussion it was agreed by 21 votes to 6 that it should remain as a Howell.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

10.1 Mr. Elder raised the the matter of the President being an appointment traditionally being for three years thus denying many worthy members of having the honour of holding this office. It was pointed out that the constitution did not provide for the position to be other than annual and any specific time restriction would require a change in that constitution. Various alternatives were put forward but after a show of hands leave matters unchanged.

10.2 Concern was expressed as to the lack of etiquette that had arisen recently. It was agreed that this should be watched by the Director on the night.

10.3 It was agreed to continue the Christmas Party night.

10.4 It was agreed to approach The Kings Arms to provide an electric urn for use on club evenings.

10.5 The committee was asked to consider the possibility of providing a floating player to partner someone who might wish to play but did not have a partner. Members were reminded that Mrs. Robson fulfilled that role as partnership secretary but it was agreed that the committee would look again at the position.

11. There being no other business the meeting was closed and followed by the presentation of the club trophies and other prizes and the evening concluded with social bridge.

This is my second year as President of B.B.C. & I am still enjoying being in office. I think that is mainly because I work with such a helpful & enthusiastic committee.

I was sorry to lose John as secretary & I'd like to thank him for all the work he has done for the club & wish him well in his new post.

We have been extremely fortunate, though, in getting Colin to step into the breach & already, in a few short weeks, he has proved to be an invaluable asset to the B.B.C.

To all of you who direct, score, write reports, hand out master points & generally help in the running of the club - a very big thank-you.

We lose Marietta, Alan & George from committee this year & I'd like on behalf of you all to thank them for their help during the past three years. George fortunately, has agreed to continue as Press Secy & for that I am most grateful as we all look forward to his weekly reports in the Berwick Advertiser & occasionally the Berwickshire News. Marguerite has also agreed to carry on as Partner Secy for which service we are most appreciative.

On a much sadder note I'd like to say a few words about Tom Woodman who died this year. Most of us know Tom as a quiet, unassuming gentleman who loved his bridge. What some of our newer members

might not know is that he was one, if not the main instigator in forming this club way back in 1972. Our sympathies go to his widow Hazel who has offered the Bridge Club a cup in memory of Tom. As yet there has been no decision made as to the format of this competition although one or two suggestions have been put forward. These can be discussed, with any others forthcoming, later on in this meeting.

On a happier note I'd like to congratulate all the winners of the cups & trophies - local, district & national. They have certainly put B.B.C. on the map.

Eileen Carmichael & her partner Jimmy Olan (Edinburgh) won the McGregor Cup. Eileen is now a Life Master.

Pam Mackie, with 3 Edinburgh players, won the John Frame Charity Swiss Teams.

Ros & Allan French, Pat Pater & Colin Eckey won the teams event at the St Andrews Congress.

Brian Thomas & Robin Pearson won the Borch Pairs at Kelso & I think I am correct in stating that five couples from Berwick finished in the top six of that competition. Brian & Robin^{won} our own Congress Swiss Team Shield with their partners from Edinburgh Means Pecher & McCarroll.

Recently George Martin & Pat Pater won the

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Jesner Trophy which is the Master & Senior Master Pairs Cup for all of Scotland - A great win.

On the same week-end Jean Noble & Reg Drysdale won the Johnstone Trophy - the District Masters Pairs which is held at Perth.

Our A team were winners of the 2nd League & move up to the 1st - Another good effort. Our B team retain their position in the 5th League.

I have kept mentioning Mr Lulbert & Mr Polson's win of our Congress Pairs until last as I wish to apologise to you all for the delay in announcing the result. It was most unfortunate that the result was not forthcoming on the evening of the Congress, especially as the win was such a popular one. The committee acted in good faith & have it in hand - as far as it is humanly possible - that no such occurrence will happen again. In fact we have already asked Mr John Bayley to act as Director in 1984 & he has accepted. I think that all of you who were present at the Congress will agree that he managed the afternoon & evening sessions with a quiet, charming authority.

At present I feel that the club is going well & is in a healthy state & I think that is proved by the proposals & offers to be discussed later. This

shows an interest by club members in the running of the club & we, in committee appreciate this & will do our best to listen to & adopt any idea which will be beneficial to the B.B.C. If however, any of you feel that there is anything we are not doing now is the time to voice your dissent.

I'd like now to thank you all & especially the committee, for the support you have given me during the past year & wish you all pleasant & enjoyable budget in the coming year.

'A' Team Report.

I am delighted to report, that after a needle match to determine our placing in the 2nd division, we won our final match, and also the division, thus ensuring our promotion to the first division yet again. My thanks to the team: Paul Mackie, Robin Pearson, Brian Thomas, George Martin & David Alder, Ross Alan French Pat Paxton, Colin Edney, and also Jean Robb & Mary Calder.

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B TEAM REPORT 1992/93

The B Team had a moderate season in division 5 winning 4 matches, losing 3 and 2 losing draws. We finished sixth in a division of 10 teams with fourteen points. Fourteen players played for the B Team and it is noticeable that the team played better as a whole when regular partners played with each other. The results show that the three lost games were all with a team which had a pair that were not regular partners. It was not necessarily that pair, who played badly, but the remainder of the team did not perform as well on those nights..

Other than actually playing the cards the B Team had a number of good points.

Firstly, there were no recriminations and team spirit was excellent.

Secondly, I arranged that we played home and away with Longniddry, Haddington, Dunbar and North Berwick which resulted in us having three home matches at Berwick, which incidentally we won all three, This eased travelling, especially for members who live south of Berwick-Upon-Tweed and seemed to be quite acceptable to all concerned.

Thirdly, we had a 'B' Team outing to the Maltings and were excellently entertained during a most enjoyable evening by

Marjorie MacDonald, David Robson and Bill McCreath who were part of the cast in the play "The 12.⁵¹/~~52~~ From York To Berwick".

The B Team has been in the 5th Division for far too long and I now realise to be promoted we must win six games and we have already proved by beating Dunbar and Haddington that we are as good as any team in the league. To obtain promotion we must play steady bridge, bidding and making our games, cutting out silly mistakes such as showing a 2D reply to a 2C opener with a strong hand of diamonds and a slam possible or bidding a risky 7 NT when 6 is a adequate. I hope we have learned to wait for the other team to make mistakes rather than compete at the 4 level and be doubled and lose a good score.

If each pair uses this years experience to advantage, if Terry and John benefit from playing with Brian and Robin and we implement the changes I have referred to, and add one or two pairs to make a larger pool, provided you wish me to stay on as Captain I expect to report back in a years time that we have been promoted to Division 4. This would be good for the 'B' Team and also good for the Berwick Bridge Club.

Finally I would like to thank a number of people, the team for their effort, David and Jill Robson, Margaret Patterson, Kate Mole, Tony Oates and Diana for helping out at short notice when we needed extra players and also Jean for organising the supper at both Berwick and Haddington.

BERWICK BRIDGE CLUB - CONGRESS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1993

1992

Income

576.00	61 Entries at £8	488.00
<u>388.50</u>	Congress Meal Money	<u>390.50</u>
964.50		878.50

Expenditure

60.00	Room Hire	66.00
32.00	Licence	2.00
108.12	Printing, Postage and Stationery	130.65
406.80	Cost of Meals	396.00
20.50	Gift - Wine for Helpers (1992)	-.-
400.00	Prize Money	200.00
-.-	Congress Table Money	29.00
<u>4.00</u>	Sundries	<u>17.90</u>
<u>1031.42</u>		<u>841.55</u>
(<u>66.92</u>)	<u>Profit for Period (1992 Loss)</u>	<u>36.95</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1993

	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>1993</u>
Income				
395 Subscriptions		391.00	14 Playing Cards and Score Cards	60.18
2319 Table Money		2200.40	1533 Hotel Charges	1960.80
- Profit on Congress Account		36.95	449 Prizes and Engraving	419.88
- Christmas Party Takings		70.00	72 Master Points Certificate and Licence	142.00
- Bank Interest		27.51	18 Scottish Bridge Union Affiliation Fee	30.00
67 Transfer from Building Society Account		26.62	20 Competitions	35.00
232 Transfer from Congress Account (To Close) - 1992		--	38 Printing, Postage and Stationery	52.01
- Leukaemia Research - Table Money and Subscription		77.60	67 Loss on Congress Account (1992)	--
			5 Bank Charges (1992)	--
			35 Sundry Expenses	78.00
			- Donation to Leukaemia Research	77.60
3013 Balance Brought Forward - Current Account	2830.06			2855.47
371	1133.55			1108.16
3384	3963.63			3963.63

+ 5%

RESERVE ACCOUNT

1500 Balance Brought Forward	1500.00	1500.00
67 Interest	26.62	26.62
1567	1526.62	1526.62

Approved

AUDITED AND FOUND CORRECT

J. COATS

10TH MAY, 1993