

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BRIDGE CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 25TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at The Kings Arms Hotel on 14 May 1996

1. Present:- Mr. Alan French (President) & 38 members
2. Apologies for absence :- L.McAskill A. Ross T. & M. Tyler
P. Carlisle C. Campbell B. Thomas G. Sandwith A. Drysdale
E. Carmichael T. Oates B. Blayden
3. The minutes of the 24th AGM having been displayed on the notice board were taken as read and signed as a true record
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. French submitted his report to the meeting and this report was adopted.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT - Mrs. D. Drysdale submitted the 1995 Accounts as audited to the meeting which were adopted.
6. COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT - Mr. T. Harris reported that Club competitions had gone well but the qualifying events particularly those held on a Sunday had been poorly supported & a change was probably necessary. The Committee would consider this for next season. The Scott Cup to stay with 4 rounds out of 6 (not 5) counting.
7. TEAM CAPTAIN'S REPORTS -These were given by G. Martin ("A" Team) R. Drysdale ("B Team) & a written report from A. Drysdale ("C" Team) who had won the 6th Division Trophy. All three reports were adopted.
8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS - The following were elected -

PRESIDENT :-	Mr. Robin Pearson
SECRETARY :-	Mr. Colin C.M. Edney
COMPETITION SECRETARY :-	Mr. Terry A. Harris
TREASURER :-	Mrs. Diana Drysdale
COMMITTEE :-	Mrs. Kate Mole & Mr. Mike Rowell
AUDITOR :-	Mr. Jim Coats
S.B.U. DELEGATES :-	Mrs. Drysdale Mssrs. Edney & Harris
9. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1996/1997 :-
 - 9.1 Summer bridge to remain on an informal basis as before.
 - 9.2 The Christmas party to revert to a buffet meal.
 - 9.3 The Tom Woodman to be run as a handicap teams event.
 - 9.4 The Committee was asked to keep in touch with the proposals of the SBU whereby they would split from the 4 Home Unions for international events, particularly as to the financial implications involved.
10. The meeting was closed with a vote of thanks given by Mr. Robin Pearson to Mr. Alan French as outgoing president for his conduct of the meeting and his work over his two years as President. This was followed by Trophy presentations and some social bridge thereafter.

R Pearson
13.5.97.

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'B' TEAM REPORT

The 'B' Team would like to congratulate the 'A' Team on a successful season.

The 'B' Team has had a disappointing year, winning 3 of their 8 matches and finishing 6th in Division 4 of nine teams.

Nevertheless, there has been a few highlights:

Terry and John in 7S X missing 2 aces, I am thinking, without saying, since it destroys team spirit, that Terry and John with all these spades could make fairly good gardeners.

After another defeat, I was listening to Marguerite telling Betty about Jim painting their house in its new smart white colour. Enquiring what went wrong they guiltily explained they had doubled 4D which made. Very frustrated, I suggested she would be better painting.

However, on reflection Terry and John have changed from ordinary Blackwood to Roman Keycard Blackwood. No-one else in our Division plays RKCB. Marguerite and Betty realise the benefit of a +500 for 2 off in 4D X and only a small mistake in defence of this hand prevented the opposition from going 2 off. The team have obviously progressed in their bidding and play which augers well for next year. We hope to be promoted to Division 3.

Thank you to Jean, Terry, John, George, Marjorie, Betty, Marguerite, Diana, Marietta and Irene and also to Josophine who I am reliably informed will not have Terry in the garden and Jim who will definitely not allow Marguerite to paint the house. They both say "MONDAY NIGHT IS 'B' TEAM NIGHT".

"C" Team Report.

In its first year the "C" team has surpassed all expectations. Joining the leagues in the sixth division we hoped not to disgrace ourselves. By Christmas we were euphoric having won all four of our matches and with twelve points sitting top of our league. After the New Year we looked forward to the second half of our campaign with optimism.

Unfortunately we suffered two defeats and success and even promotion looked as if it was slipping away from us. However we won our last two matches which brought our points tally to eighteen, enough to win the league and secure promotion to the 5th division - a rare feat for a new team I'm told!!! Well done to all who played and many thanks for all the support which I have received. Good luck to the "C" Team and their new Captain Gerald in Division 5. Hopefully Division 4 in 1997!!

BERWICK BRIDGE CLUB - CONGRESS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1996

1995

Income

456.00	Entry Money	418.00
<u>287.50</u>	Congress Meal Money	<u>314.42</u>
743.50		732.42

Expenditure

70.00	Room Hire	70.00
30.00	Licence and Master Points	27.00
67.38	Printing, Postage and Stationery	54.85
293.75	Cost of Meals	312.50
175.00	Prize Money	175.00
66.70	Congress Directors Fees	45.00
17.03	Engraving (1995)	-.-
<u>22.62</u>	Sundry	<u>22.42</u>

742.48 706.77

1.02 Profit for the Year 25.65

