

# **History of the Berwick-upon-Tweed Bridge Club**

1972-2023

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## Timeline

16 March 1972	Inaugural club meeting in the Berwick Community Centre.
13 September 1972	Inaugural Annual General Meeting. Dr Douglas McDonald was elected first President. Enrolment fee set at £1. Annual membership set at £1. Table money set at 20p.
13 May 1975	Tom Woodman was elected as the first Life Member of the club. Table money increased to 25p. Annual membership increased to £2.
September 1975	Team entered Division Five of the SBU East District League.
September 1976	League team was promoted to Division Four.
September 1978	A second league team is started and enters Division Five of the SBU East District League.
8 May 1979	Wilf White elected as the second President.
September 1980	League team was promoted to Division Three.
September 1981	League team was promoted to Division Two.
25 April 1982	First Berwick Bridge Club Congress held at the Headland Ballroom.
4 May 1982	Mrs Mary Calder was elected as the third President. Annual membership increased to £4. Table money increased to 50p.
September 1982	League team was promoted to Division One.
September 1984	Berwick B team was renamed the Berwick Bandits.
May 1985	Berwick Bandits promoted to Division Three. Berwick joins the Borders Association of Bridge Clubs. Summer bridge started.
May 1987	Table money increased to 60p.
September 1987	Club relocated to the Cobbled Yard Hotel.
May 1988	Table money increased to 75p and annual subscription raised from £5 to £6. Summer bridge ceased due to poor support in 1987.
September 1988	Club relocated to the Kings Arms Hotel. Computer scoring demonstration.

April 1989	Computer scoring used at the Congress for the first time.
July 1989	Marguerite Robson was appointed as the first Partner's Secretary.
November 1989	Six bidding boxes were purchased for league and other matches.
September 1990	A 'no-smoking for the first hour policy' introduced. Four more sets of bidding boxes were purchased and used for two club events.
May 1992	Table money raised to £1, while annual subscription remained at £6. No smoking in the club before 9pm policy was introduced.
August 1995	Annual subscription raised to £10. Table money is now £1.
August 1996	Table money raised to £1.25.
November 1996	Total ban on smoking at the club when playing upstairs in the Kings Arms Hotel.
April 1997	Congress entry fee was £10 per pair.
August 1997	Despite the impending club move, the annual subscription was set at £4 + £2 SBU levy. Table money reduced to £1 with a 40p charge for coffee/tea and 20p for cordials.
September 1997	The club moved to the Parish Church Meeting Room on 2 September 1997.
April 2000	Congress moves to Marshall Meadows Country House Hotel.
May 2000	Summer bridge formally dropped. Table money increased to £1.50 but would include free tea and coffee.
May 2003	Reported at the AGM that Betty Kelly and Marguerite Robson defeated Zia Mahmood's three no trump contract by four tricks at the Peebles Autumn Congress.
July 2005	Table money fixed at £1.50 and annual subscription set at £2 + SBU annual subscription.
May 2007	Annual subscription set at £5 + SBU annual subscription.
May 2008	Annual subscription reduced to £1 + SBU annual subscription and table money increased to £2.
July 2009	BridgeWebs was first used as the club's results service.
May 2011	Marguerite Robson retired after 22 years as Partnership Secretary.

September 2012	Bridgemates were first used at the club for wireless scoring.
June 2015	Summer bridge restarted on Thursdays by Jean Mole and Janet Beattie.
September 2015	Pianola was adopted for membership management and results service <a href="https://berwickbridgeclub.co.uk/">https://berwickbridgeclub.co.uk/</a> established as the club website.
May 2016	New club constitution was agreed (based on the EBU Model Club constitution).  Summer bridge restarted by Janet Beattie and Jean Mole.
May 2018	Paul Gipson was appointed as the club's first Data Protection Officer.
September 2019	Diana Drysdale runs an Intermediate Plus course.
January 2020	Jean Mole runs the Beginner Plus course.
March 2020	Club bridge suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic.
April 2020	The club starts playing team matches and some pairs tournaments on Bridge Base Online.
May 2020	The club has 100 members (94 of whom have played more than three times in the past 12 months). The AGM is cancelled.
September 2020	A Special General Meeting is held on Zoom to elect a new committee.
November 2020	The Berwick Virtual Club held its first tournament on Bridge Base Online and a full online program was started.
December 2020	Angela Hutchinson wins the Lindsay Trophy, the first club trophy to be awarded for an online event.
April 2021	The 38th Berwick Congress is held on BBO.
May 2021	The first virtual AGM is held.
September 2022	50th anniversary celebration
September 2022	Thursday evening bridge recommences at the Parish Centre after the coronavirus pandemic.  Tuesday evenings remain on Bridge Base Online.
September 2023	Monday afternoon bridge session started.

## Formation of the club

The local Round Table organisation in Berwick-upon-Tweed met in the Waterloo Hotel, where Boots is today, and after the meetings several members played brag. This became too expensive, presumably just for some, so they tried their hand at bridge (*"no money involved"*, says Colin Edney).

Around this time Tom Woodman arrived in Berwick from south-west Scotland as the manager of the Castlegate branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland. He joined the Round Table and met the bridge players. He had already played duplicate bridge in clubs and suggested a club was started in Berwick. Brian Thomas and David Elder agreed with Tom to give it a go.

A notice was put in the local paper and the first meeting was held on 16 March 1972 in the Community Centre.

Dr Douglas McDonald was elected President and held this position for seven years.

Mr Tom Woodman was appointed Secretary and de facto competition secretary.

Mr Wilf White was appointed treasurer. He was an obvious choice because he was Borough Treasurer. He held this position for seven years before becoming President. He was responsible for keeping the club on a sound financial footing during the early years.

A Committee was elected: Mrs E Hamilton, who was James Coats' mother-in-law and had played in some Glasgow clubs; Mr Sandy Duncan, who lived in Ness Street and was a senior accounts clerk; and Mr Brian Thomas and Mr David Elder who still play at the club.

It was felt that the Committee should include one other lady member but none of those present was willing to fill the vacancy and the position was left open to see if Mrs Rodger would oblige. It transpired that she would not, but a sign that the club was ahead of the times by wishing to have a balanced Committee even though the main posts were held by men.

It was pointed out that initial expenditure on stationery, boards, and playing cards would be about £50 and, on the proposal of James Coats and seconded by Ken Forrest, it was unanimously agreed that anyone joining the club, either as founder members, or at a later date, would pay an enrolment fee of £1.

An annual subscription of an amount to be decided at the next general meeting would also be levied once it was ascertained how the club was running.

Refreshments and table money to defray the hire of suitable premises would be paid by those members playing on any night.

After various suggestions as to a suitable venue, Miss Kerr kindly agreed to approach the proprietor of the Waterloo Hotel, to see if the necessary accommodation would be provided there.

It was agreed to play on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

## Founder members

The term founder member was generally used by the Committee to mean those members who joined the club prior to the first Annual General Meeting.

Mrs Judy Brunskill	Mrs Landels
Mr David Calder	Mr Jim Lindsay <sup>2</sup>
Mrs Mary Calder	Mrs Daphne Little
Miss Clark	Mr Bill McCreath
Mr James Coats	Dr Douglas McDonald
Mrs Eileen Crawhall	Mrs McLaughlin
Mr Edward Daley	Mr Jim Morrison
Mrs Margo Davies	Mrs Ros Patterson <sup>2</sup>
Miss Betty Dixon	Mrs P Paxton
Mr A Duncan <sup>1</sup>	Mrs Katy Rae
Mrs Christine Elder	Mrs Ethel Ramsay
Mr David Elder <sup>2</sup>	Mr R Ramsay
Mr Mike Esther	Mr Malcolm Reed <sup>2</sup>
Mr Fairbairn	Dr David Rodger
Mrs Fairbairn	Mrs Liz Rodger
Mr Ken Forrest <sup>2</sup>	Mrs Rita Ross <sup>2,3</sup>
Mrs Ethel Forster	Mr Simpson
Mr John Forsyth	Mr Brian Thomas <sup>2</sup>
Mr Alan French <sup>2</sup>	Mr Jim Watt
Mrs Hamilton	Mr Wilf White
Ms Elsie Hayward	Mr J K Wilson
Miss Doris Holmes	Mr Tom Woodman
Miss Kerr	

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<sup>1</sup> Sandy Duncan lived in Ness Street, Berwick, and was a senior accounts clerk at G S Fleming & Wood Chartered Accountants who practised at 2 Ravensdowne. He died in 1988.

<sup>2</sup> Still a member of the club in 2017-18

<sup>3</sup> Rita passed away on Sunday, 24 March 2019

## Early days

Brian Thomas and David Elder were largely responsible for the playing side of the club in the early days. All the bridge was aggregate scoring and a continuous competition was run over multiple Thursday evenings.

Players came from a variety of backgrounds. The largest group was from the Round Table and they would be joined by several wives, of whom Pam and Valerie still play. There were some men from the Spittal Bowling Club, many small groups of 'kitchen' bridge players who were used to playing rubber bridge at home, and factions from some local golf clubs.

The common factor was that few had played duplicate bridge before and many were used to being the star in their little group. This caused a few misunderstandings and failures of etiquette.

A key couple at this time were David and Mary Calder, who were members of the Carlton Club<sup>4</sup> in Edinburgh and were the perfect role models for the new club. They were fine players and helped Brian and David keep the playing side on an even keel. They showed everyone how to behave and were never short of a friendly 'well done' or 'hard luck'. They encouraged others, including Brian and David, to participate in congresses that were run throughout Scotland.

Table money at this time was 20p and there was an interval for coffee. Smoking at the table was the norm.

Dr Douglas McDonald was a forceful character and, like many doctors of the time, maintained a God-like presence. This attitude manifested itself at the club with an intolerance for latecomers, with players being told to leave if they arrived just five minutes late.

At the first meeting Miss Kerr was charged to see if the Waterloo Hotel would be an agreeable venue. Presumably this was not successful as Brian and David subsequently searched the local area and eventually chose the Tweed View hotel on Tweed Street. The hotel was originally St Mary's Convent<sup>5</sup> and is now a residence home<sup>6</sup> but at that time it was owned by the Scott brothers. The hotel obviously liked the bridge players as it later donated the Anthony Scott Cup, with prize money, to the club.

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<sup>4</sup> Peter Calder says that the Melville Club was his parents' premier Edinburgh club

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.lts.org.uk/alumni/alu-stmarys/>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.tweedviewcarehome.co.uk/location.php>

## The first Annual General Meeting

The inaugural Annual General Meeting was held on 13 September 1972 with President Dr Douglas McDonald in the chair.

The minutes of the first meeting of the club were presented and unanimously adopted on the proposal of Brian Thomas and seconded by Jim Lindsay. The financial report was given by the treasurer who pointed out that the working deficit of £13 had been incurred over the fourteen evenings' play, but it was his feeling that the light summer evenings meant that less people were inclined to play at the club at that time of the year. This was probably the catalyst for the bridge season being between September and May.

Forty-four members belonged to the club, each paying an enrolment fee of £1 leaving the club with a bank balance of some £30.

Following the treasurer's report a proposal was made by Ken Forrest that the joining fee of £1 be retained: that the annual subscription be fixed for the following year at £1; and that table money is 20p per evening should be levied. This was accepted.

There was a discussion about the venue but the majority of people were in favour of staying at the Tweed View Hotel. The continuous tournament was changed to Tuesday evenings rather than Thursday as originally planned. It was also felt that much benefit could be gained by experimenting with matchpointing on an occasional Thursday evening.

A notice was inserted in the local paper informing members and any interested parties about the commencement of play at the club.

## Committee matters

The Committee set the date for the next AGM to be 22 May 1973 and agreed that the continuous competition would run until 8 May. Dr McDonald informed the meeting that he was presenting the club with a Rose Bowl as a permanent trophy for this annual competition.

David Elder raised the point of insufficient encouragement being given to beginners and it was agreed that Committee members who were able to play on Thursday evenings should give as much assistance as possible to inexperienced players. This practice still continues today.

The Committee had also arranged the Club's first local match against the Hawick club. It was agreed that each player would pay for both his own and his opponent's tea although it seems that both clubs struggled to find eight pairs to play.

Later in the year the Committee agreed that the winners of the continuous competition would not only receive the McDonald Rose Bowl but also inscribed ashtrays and book tokens to the value of £10. Even without considering inflation this compares very favourably with today's prizes, although ashtrays are no longer considered appropriate.

The AGM was arranged to coincide with a buffet supper at the Tweed View Hotel where the club bore the expenses of 30p per head and each member in attendance paid 20p per head. This is a tradition that has sadly been lost, as have buffet suppers for 50p a head (the cost of the buffet supper would rise to 60p by 1977).

## The second AGM

The second AGM was held on 22 May 1973 and subsequently AGMs were always held in May at the end of the season.

There was a general feeling that the club was going well and that the Committee was doing a good job.

The club's constitution was proposed and after much discussion was accepted, albeit with a few amendments.

There was a tentative suggestion at the AGM that a handicap competition should be held on Thursday evenings: this found little support at this time but the decision would be constantly revisited.

Other subjects brought up at the AGM will be familiar to existing members: arguments for and against penalties at aggregate scoring being limited; the difficult subject of slow play; and half tables.

On the proposal of Brian Thomas the Secretary was requested to write to both the English Bridge Union and the Scottish Bridge Union with a view to joining one of them. It was felt this would enable the club to fix up matches with local clubs and perhaps gain membership of a convenient league.

Although Berwick-upon-Tweed was in England, members were from both sides of the border and the local football team had set the precedent of being in England but belonging to the Scottish authority.

There appears to have been no response from the EBU, perhaps because they were in the midst of organising their move to Stuart Staveley's house at the High Street, Thame, Oxfordshire, at that time.

The SBU were far more responsive, with a Scottish selector even suggesting that a team of four expert players could visit the club for a demonstration and teaching session. It is unclear whether this was ever actually arranged, but the enthusiasm for joining the SBU was clear.

It cost £4 per annum to affiliate.

## Club development

At the first Committee meeting in February 1974 Dr McDonald presented to the Committee the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup that had been donated by Tom Woodman's employer. It was unanimously decided to present this to the winners of the matchpoint competition, still the preserve of the trophy today.

This was a reflection that the bridge was becoming more competitive at the club, with a variety of competitions becoming established.

Competitions would dominate Committee meetings throughout the decade. New events were needed in order to meet the demands of an increasing number of trophies and aggregate scoring was being surpassed in 'serious' competitions by matchpointing.

Aggregate events were normally scored on the night but checked the following day by David Elder and Tom Woodman: matchpointing required more effort and three or four players (including David and Tom) would remain behind to score the boards with Brian Thomas summing the totals. Unsurprisingly Brian was the club's auditor for many years.

The number and format of the events, and their position on the Tuesday and Thursday calendar, seemed to change constantly. This, together with the SBU Master Point System, became too much work for the Secretary and an assistant was appointed. This role has evolved into the Competition Secretary that we have today and the advent of personal computers, electronic master point submission, and results on websites has made life easier, but not easy!

The Committee also appointed a member as a representative to the Scottish Bridge Union, a role that seemed to expand and require two members. David Elder and Brian Thomas typically represented the club at the SBU AGM and also at East District meetings and it was through their efforts that a league team was accepted. Brian Thomas was elected as the team captain unanimously by the Committee.

At the AGM in 1974 the President congratulated the members who had played in various congresses with a generous measure of success in both Edinburgh and Aviemore. It was also announced that the proprietors of the Tweed View Hotel wished to donate a trophy and a prize to the club.

Other matters discussed included slow play, ventilation, and master points.

At the 1975 AGM Tom Woodman was presented with a landscape painting paid for by the members as he was moving to Galashiels having been promoted in the bank. He had made a great contribution to the club during the early years and was elected the first Life Member of the club.

The annual subscription was increased to £2. Other business discussed including breaking ties in the competitions, team selection for local matches, slow play, and the donation of the Calder trophy.

It was in 1975 that the club agreed to a team participating in the fifth division of the East District league. The Committee was keen to point out that team members should be responsible for their expenses and not the club!

By September 1975 the club had 70 members and was in a healthy financial state.

At the 1976 AGM there was considerable discussion about using the Tweed View Hotel as the charge for the room was to be increased from £3 to £4 a night, together with an increase in the charge for coffee from 10p to 15p. The club wanted to stay at the hotel and the members agreed to play without coffee in the following season!

Concern was also raised about bridge etiquette and good behaviour at the club - little has changed.

Misboarding, slow play, and format of the competitions dominated Committee meetings as they do to the present day.

In 1976-77 the Committee first introduced teams of four competitions and discussed the use of the STOP rule.

At the 1982 AGM, increasing hotel costs and planned equipment expenditure by the club led to the annual subscription increasing to £4 and table money to 50p.

There were many items that were continually discussed at the AGMs.

- People smoking - the club even offered to pay the hotel to install an extractor fan.
- The heating in the club room - it was either too hot, too cold, or too stuffy.
- People talking too loudly about the hands.
- Slow play.
- Penalties for misboarding.
- Format of the competitions.

The club's use of aggregate scoring seems a Scottish tradition that is largely unknown in the rest of the United Kingdom. In England all clubs played matchpoints and scoring would typically be done overnight. The advantage of aggregate scoring is that the players could participate in the scoring themselves and the results would be known at the end of the evening. In England the only use of aggregate scoring was in the Hubert Phillips Bowl, the national mixed pivot teams competition, where it was regarded as quaint.

George Martin adds, "I think that I joined the Club in 1974/5. Val joined the Club before me and said that I should go to David Elder's bridge classes, which I would enjoy, which I did! In those early days we played a lot of friendly bridge at different houses on the weekend. Also many members went to the Aviemore Congress. I was the member who first directed the Individual Competition of the Club for the Lindsay Trophy. The scoring of this was a nightmare, doing it manually! I took the Advanced Directors Course and ran the No Fear at Peebles for many years."

## The middle years (1983 - 1993)

Committee meetings in 1983 continued to be dominated by the same subjects: handicaps, slow play, competition formats, and the suitability of the Tweed Hotel as the club venue especially with respect to the provision of coffee!

In late 1983 Alan French proposed that a junior section of the club should be established for players who had recently learned the game. This would be run on Thursday evenings by a Committee member on a rota: the Committee agreed with this proposal.

At the Committee meeting in April 1985, increasing the number of members was discussed alongside a concern that Thursday evenings were becoming too competitive!

There was also a discussion about commencing bridge over the summer. Summer bridge was started but would only last two years, with support for it dwindling.

At the AGM in May 1985 Jim Lindsay, treasurer, reported that membership was stable (at 68 members) but this hid the turnover, with nine people joining and seven leaving. He lamented that the club could not seem to keep its members and that the average table count was 7.6 tables per night: this was just profitable and he left the annual subscription and table money unchanged.

The club also joined the newly formed Borders Association of Bridge Clubs and immediately started dominating its competitions. BABC had applied to the SBU to become a District: this was turned down but it was given Area status so it could award master points on a higher scale.

Amongst all the achievements of club members, the outstanding one was from the President, Mrs Mary Calder, who was the overall winner of Bridge Magazine Double Dummy Solver, beating all its international readership.

Brian Thomas and Robin Pearson were congratulated as they joined Mary Calder in achieving the rank of Scottish Master (*Editor: even in 2019 there are only eight club members, including Brian, with a higher rank than this despite master point inflation*).

In the summer of 1987 the club moved to the Cobbled Yard Hotel. This move is not mentioned in the Committee minutes, but complaints about the Tweed View Hotel cease and commence about the Cobbled Yard Hotel!

The new venue was not really big enough for the club, there were many complaints about the heating, and rising costs, so the club decided to move to the Kings Arms Hotel from September 1988.

At the Committee meeting in September 1988 Alan French demonstrated a computer scoring program. It was seen principally as useful for speeding up the scoring at the Congress, rather than being used at the club.

In February 1989 the Committee discussed the normal matters (handicaps, slow play, competition formats) but also discussed whether complex conventions, like the Multi

Two Diamonds, should be permitted on Thursdays. This would be put to the Thursday players themselves, who voted 50-50 and so their use was allowed to continue.

In July 1989 Marguerite Robson agreed to become the first Partner's Secretary. Marguerite wrote: "I had just retired so volunteered to do it. I must admit I enjoyed it. I knew everybody from the day they joined the club and when they were going on holiday, going into hospital or had fallen out with their partner. It was fun. I can only think of one time when I couldn't find a partner for someone. Twenty two years later I retired from the role but still enjoy filling in for her [Christine] when she goes on holiday. My husband didn't play bridge but was often left with a message to tell someone who their partner was going to be."

In November 1989 six bidding boxes were purchased at a cost of £90 for league and other matches.

During the 1990 AGM the lack of use of the bidding boxes was questioned. The Committee's response was to buy more bidding boxes and they would start to be used during club evenings, initially for two of the club trophies: by October this was extended to all Tuesday evenings.

A 'no-smoking for the first hour' policy was also passed at the AGM.

In late 1990 the Committee recorded two unrelated disciplinary issues for the first time. One was a case of aggressive behaviour at the club, which was dealt with by two Committee members having a quiet word.

The second was a cheating accusation and subsequent beer-throwing incident, about which the Committee commented, "it is the Committee's unanimous view that no-one should respond to provocation by throwing beer into anyone's face".

The Committee spent an extraordinary amount of time on this incident. Liz McGowan recalled that the East District sent Mr Gordon Wellington to mediate in the affair. The cheating allegation was not proven and thought to be unfounded, but eventually it suspended the beer thrower until he apologised. The first apology was thought insufficient, so after some arm wringing hands were shaken and the incident was closed.

*[Ed: it appears to have been a very stressful time, especially for the Committee, not helped by a lack of process to deal with such an incident. It is interesting that both parties were Berwick A players]*



*1990-91 prize winners, photo courtesy of Marietta Fenty*

At the 1991 AGM there was a move to increase the number of matchpointed club events. The Committee had discussed changing all the aggregate evenings on Thursdays to matchpoints, but this was never put to the AGM as planned, for some reason.

Slow play was discussed at every AGM and every Committee meeting. In September 1991, it was decided to have a bell to warn everyone that they should have started the final board. George Martin was asked to find a 'bigger bell'.



*1991-92 prize winners, photo courtesy of Marietta Fenty*

Prior to the 1992 AGM, the Committee noted that the President was elected for three years and not as written in the Club Constitution: the Committee seemed unfazed by this difference. They also decided that a randomiser should be used to deal the boards and there is the first mention of someone writing a history of the club.

### **1993 - 2003**

The age of personal computers arrived and the Committee minutes became legible.

In March 1993 Mrs Woodman approached the Committee wishing to donate a trophy in memory of her husband. This would become the Tom Woodman Trophy that is still competed for today.

In April 1993 the Leukaemia Research Fund were promoting a National Bridge Week and the club made a contribution of £77, representing the table money from two evenings in the month.

The club continued to meet at the Kings Arms Hotel on Hide Hill.

The club purchased an EBU Movement Manual and investigated a number of scoring programs that could be run on Colin Edney's personal computer. In the end they purchased a program from Andrew Barnes (Bristol) for £99.

Slow play, table etiquette, competition handicaps, and coffee at club nights remained constant items on the Committee's agenda.

Two interesting developments occurred early in 1994. First the concept of a Vice President was mooted and this change occurred at the AGM later that year, with the corresponding changes to the club's constitution to support it.

Secondly, there was consideration of the Berwick A team forming its own club for the purposes of playing in the East District leagues. Surprisingly the Committee did not object to this happening.

The Committee also agreed to provide a trophy for the Border Swiss Teams Championship, at a cost around £80.



*AGM prize winners probably from 1997  
Colin Edney, Pam Mackie, Irene Jinks, Alan French, Marietta Fenty, Robin Pearson,  
Stella Roberts, Val Martin, George Bell, Margaret Patterson, Ros French*

At the 1993 AGM Reg Drysdale presented the B team report, which included a team outing to the Maltings to see the play 'The 12.51 from York to Berwick' which included Majorie McDonald, David Robson, and Bill McCreath in the cast. (*Editor: Google denies all knowledge of this play!*)

After the 1995 Congress the Committee had to deal with a number of complaints, both verbal and written, about the conduct of a non-club member at the event. The Committee wrote to the player, albeit at the wrong address initially, expressing concern at their behaviour and seeking assurances that it would not be repeated. The Committee also wrote to the player's partner, who was a popular member of the club.

The player responded, upset that the allegations were not made at the time and denied causing any upset at the event. "I am seeking legal advice" was the closing paragraph of the response.

Strangely little more seems to come of the matter.

Prior to the start of the 1995 season, the club considered starting a C team and eventually did so. Presumably the threat of the better players starting their own club had disappeared, probably in the paperwork needed to run a team.

It seems that the annual subscription was raised to £10 while leaving the table money at £1, but this decision was taken by the Committee and not at the AGM as usual.

Committee meetings continued to be dominated by arrangements for the Congress and the format of various club competitions, including handicaps.

At the start of the 1996 season the Committee considered moving away from the Kings Arms Hotel due to the increasing costs during the season. For the first time the Parish Church Meeting Room was mentioned. Eventually they decided to remain where they were but increased table money to £1.25.

The club hosted the NEBA v East District for the first time on 26 September 1996 at the Kings Arms Hotel.

Following the 1997 AGM there was a postal ballot of all members on whether to change the club premises. Over 91% of the members voted:

- 38 - Parish Church Meeting Room
- 29 - Kings Arms Hotel
- 2 - abstained

So the club restarted the 1997-98 season at the Parish Church Meeting Room on Tuesday, 2 September 1997.

However the club still ran some events at the Kings Arms. Not only the congress, but the heats of the Bobby Allan for some reason. Despite the threat of the Kings Arms closing in early 1998, it was still able to host that year's congress.

It seems that the summer bridge faded during the 1990s at some point.

The 27th AGM was held on 12 May 1998 and featured topics that are still discussed today:

- concern was expressed over the charge for coffee on club nights
- over-aggressive bidding on Thursday nights and the subject of psyches
- club directors to be more forceful and ensure a prompt finish
- changing the format of some club competitions
- suggesting players played in more National events to improve the general standard of play

At the start of the 1998-99 season the Committee addressed one of the perennial problems of aggregate scoring: should penalties be limited. The Committee decided to continue with the rules used since the formation of the club: limiting the score to 600 for the doubler when non-vulnerable and 800 when vulnerable (*Editor: this looks archaic to modern eyes*).



1998 AGM prize winners

George Martin, Colin Edney, Betty Kelly, Marguerite Robson, Cathy Campbell, Robin Pearson, Diana Drysdale, Brian Thomas, Irene Jinks, Peter Calder, Marjorie McDonald, Alan French, Peter Carlisle

Summer Lodge,  
Beaulieu,  
Ayrton,  
5/5/99

30/99

The President and members of  
Beaulieu Bridge Club,  
and Friends,

Thank you all for the support  
and comfort you have given me  
in the weeks since Robin's death.  
It has meant a great deal to  
receive so many letters and cards,  
and also that so many attended  
the funeral in spite of the distance  
involved.

Beaulieu Bridge Club is not  
just a bridge playing machine, it  
has a heart. Long may it continue  
in this way.

I hope to see you soon,  
Sheila.

The Committee also discontinued the practice of an overzealous director who fined people for scoring mistakes, saying "it was not in the best spirit of club bridge". And continued to massage the handicaps.

The AGM in 1999 was a sad occasion due to the death of Robin Pearson, the immediate Past President. As a Senior Life Master Robin was one of the strongest players at the club and well liked. Sheila, his widow, offered a trophy in his memory that is still played for today.

Sheila's letter to the club is included here with her express permission.

This AGM is the first one for which accounts have been preserved and the club had a cash reserve of just over £4,000 and broke even for the year.

At the 1999 AGM there was yet further discussion about slow play.

George Martin's President's Report at the 2000 AGM spoke about the spectre of drug testing in bridge, following newspaper reports of this happening in Italy. He concluded that it was unlikely to affect the club.

Summer bridge was formally dropped due to lack of interest, despite the Committee being willing to invest £300 in it during the previous year.

In early 2000 the Committee discussed another perennial problem: club attendance at Simultaneous Pairs events run at the club. They sent a questionnaire to club members (56) and received 26 replies: the main complaint was that these evenings finished too late and just got in the way of club events.

The treasurer proposed raising the table money to £1.25 in 2000, but the AGM decided to raise it to £1.50 but provide free tea and coffee to members. It is clear what motivated the bridge players!

There was another member survey to change the starting time, from 7.30pm to 7.15pm. This was supported by 85% of the membership.

Sadly the Berwick B team withdrew from the league at the end of 2000 due to the difficulty in getting a team for matches. At the same time the Committee decided to pay the entry fees for the remaining teams, rather than expecting the team members to pay.

During 2001 George Martin started a website for the club on his own personal account. He was congratulated at the AGM on his initiative and everyone agreed that it was an asset to the club. The Committee supported his efforts so long as just results and factual information were posted: they did not want personal opinions or comments published without prior agreement.

The Committee refused entry to the 2001 Congress from the Edinburgh player who had generated multiple complaints about their conduct at the 1995 Congress. The fact that the player had never responded to the Committee's letters at the time was the major factor in this decision.

Another random incident for the Committee to deal with occurred at a C Team (now the Berwick Bears) match: their opponents accused them of goulashing three deals! The Committee let the President remind club members in the annual letter that this is an unlawful practice! This proved insufficient and the President had to actually speak to the member concerned.

The importance of coffee to the bridge club was enshrined in 2001 when a coffee convener was appointed: Catherine McConnachie and Marjorie McDonald jointly took on the task.

In 2002 Diane Drysdale persuaded the club to move to the ScoreBridge program that is still used today. I believe it was the first sale to a club affiliated to the SBU. Diana

The Scottish Bridge Union National Congress at Peebles was enriched this year by the presence of Zia Mahmood, the player whose name is synonymous with charisma. Mahmood plays for the USA with expatriate Scot Michael Rosenberg, but has recently married and come to live in Britain.

This hand from the Pairs Qualifying saw him emerge with egg on his face, though his was not the only partnership to look rather silly. East opened a weak 2S, passed round to North. At pairs it hardly seems right to let them play peacefully in 2S, so what action do you take? A takeout double is one possibility, but you fear that may lead to a contract of 4H on a 4-3 fit. As it happens on this occasion South will pass, and careful defence beats 2S by one trick.

But many Norths decided to bid 3C. Normally this shows a good 6-card club suit with one or two big cards on the side. So South envisaged six club tricks, two spades and another trick

from somewhere and bid 3NT.

This did not play at all well! Mrs Kelly and Mrs Robson from Berwick were not sufficiently overawed by their superstar opponent to misdefend. They restricted Mahmood to two spades, two hearts and a club, so that he, like all the other declarers in 3NT, had to settle for an ignominious four down.

At which point he set an example for us all, and made this Congress forever memorable for his opponents by charmingly congratulating them on their fine score.

LIZ MCGOWAN

NS Game, Dealer East

♠ 3  
♥ AQ9  
♦ J94  
♣ AB6432

♠ J2  
♥ K642  
♦ AQ2  
♣ KJ109

♠ K9854  
♥ J10  
♦ K875  
♣ 5

♠ AQ107  
♥ 8753  
♦ 1063  
♣ Q7

West	North	East	South
Pass	3C	2S	Pass
Pass		Pass	3NT

worked with Stephen Bligh, the author, to incorporate features that were common in Scotland but not England, such as aggregate scoring.

ScoreBridge is still the main scoring program used by the club, save at the congress, so Diana's instinct to use it has proved beneficial to the club.

## 2003 - 2013

At the 2003 AGM Betty Kelly proposed that some of the profit from the Congress should be donated to charity and this has been the case since the 2004 Congress.

The Competition Secretary's report to the 2004 AGM focused on different scoring methods of the various competitions, seeking to change them to reflect 'fairness', followed by proposing a 'naughty book' for those who play slowly. On a more positive note, there were 15 different names out of 22 on the ten club trophies.

George Martin started running the summer bridge at the U3A at The Maltings in 2005. The club supported this effort by loaning bridge tables and bidding boxes.

Jean Mole started running beginner lessons in the summer of 2006 and the club purchased a flipchart.

At the AGM in May 2006, the Committee asked the club whether it should acquire a Duplimate dealing machine (at a cost of approximately £3,000). The decision was deferred until October as the alternative of utilising Bridgemates was investigated.

This became a heated topic of debate, with some members believing that the Bridgemate scoring system would be more beneficial to the club. The Committee finally decided to purchase a dealing machine which has been in constant use since its arrival, save for some servicing every few years. Although many members first complained about the 'excessively wild' computer-dealt hands, they soon got used to them. The Autodealer cost £876.

The 2007 AGM saw the annual membership raised to £5.

The Nessie Dickinson Trophy had been presented to the club and the Committee decided to award it to the top Berwick pair at the Congress that was not in the prizes. In future years this would be changed to just the top Berwick pair, whether they were in the prizes or not.

Jean Mole reported that she had 18 beginners in her class and ran a 'pro-am' in August 2007 to give them a flavour of club bridge. September 2007 also saw the new SBU Alerting Procedure come into force and Paul Gipson introduced the first two open pairs of the season with a brief synopsis of the changes.

The 2008 AGM saw the annual membership fee reduced to £1 but table money increased to £2. Reg Drysdale was appointed as the club's delegate to the Borders Association of Bridge Clubs.

In July 2008 the Committee discussed the composition of the league teams. Despite the A team remaining in Division One a number of the players were tired of the travelling during the winter months that playing in the event entailed and were looking to retire. The Committee discussed using non-club members in the region (*Ed: I don't believe this actually happened*) and also forming a new East Lothian club.

In July 2009 Diana Drysdale introduced the club's website on BridgeWebs. This would become the primary repository of results for the next few years. Marguerite Robson also took over the role of Press Officer from George Martin.

In July 2010 the club invested in some bridge books and Jo Rowley was appointed librarian. The Committee also decided to subsidise the League A and B teams, covering the entry fee (as it always did), table money and providing a small contribution to travel costs.

The start time for club evenings from September 2010 was also brought forward by fifteen minutes to 7.15pm, to allow for an earlier finish.

At the 2011 AGM Marguerite Robson retired as Partnership Secretary after 22 years.

At the 2012 AGM there was a small celebration of the 40th anniversary of the club and cake was consumed. Diana reported that master points would now be submitted electronically to the SBU for club evenings and paper master point certificates would only be needed for bonus awards for the two principal competitions (Royal Bank and Scott Cup).

In July 2012 the Committee considered investing in Bridgemates, a wireless scoring system and subsequently spent £3000 for the start of the season in September.

## **2013 - 2019**

The 2104 AGM closed with special thanks to Diana and Reg Drysdale who were moving nearer to Edinburgh and would no longer be involved in the club's running. For the past twenty years both invested considerable time and effort into the club in a variety of roles and their names probably do not appear often enough in this history.

In April 2015 Paul Gipson proposed to the Committee that Pianola should be adopted for the club's website and results platform. The Committee decided to utilise both Pianola and BridgeWebs for the following season.



*2015 AGM prize winners*

*George Martin, Brian Thomas, Alan French, Marion Mead, Nigel Marlow, Janet Beattie, Louis Moore, Penny Davidson, Jean Mole, Brian Griffiths, Morven Stone, Tony Houghton, Jo Rowley, Terry Harris, Marilyn Hodgson, David Elder, Christine McCreath, Colin Edney*

At the 2016 AGM the club adopted a new constitution based on the EBU Model Club Constitution. The original club constitution was old, inappropriate, and in places did not reflect how the club was run. The EBU permitted the club to use its standard club constitution as the basis for a new one and Paul Gipson modified it to reflect standard club practices, where appropriate. A major driver for the new constitution was a robust disciplinary process, given the cheating scandals in world bridge, that would protect the club in the unlikely event of a problem.

The Committee also decided to change all events scored by aggregate points to cross imping. This remains a bone of contention at the club, largely due to the lack of familiarity with the concept of cross imping. The main reason for the change was that Pianola does not support aggregate scoring and competitions.

The Committee also decided to start publishing its minutes on the club's website.

Eleven members had successfully attended a one-day Club Directors course.

Janet Beattie announced at the AGM that, together with Jean Mole, they would be restarting Summer Bridge. It would provide a host, so individuals could just turn up and get a game, and be intended for beginners and less experienced players. At the next Committee meeting it was reported the summer bridge was going very well, making a profit, and there were four potential club members attending.

The Committee also agreed to turn off the showing of travellers on Bridgemates to see if this improved the speed of play. This experiment was very successful and has continued to the present day.

In early 2017 the Committee decided to keep Pianola as its primary results platform and club website and no longer keep its BridgeWebs presence.

At the 2017 AGM the Committee responded to member pressure and proposed changing all cross imping events to matchpoints: there was a feeling on the Committee that the cross imping events were unpopular as members did not know how to score well. This proposal failed, primarily due to very eloquent speech from Terry Harris who promoted the variety that cross imping produced and explained the difference from matchpoints.

From 2015 the membership started growing. The summer bridge was a catalyst for many people joining the club and some bridge players retired or moved to the area. This was in stark contrast to many clubs who were struggling with an aging membership. The general friendliness and welcome at the club, the spirit of all the volunteers who help out at summer and winter bridge, and the work of the partnership secretary all contributed.



*2019 AGM prize winners*

*Brian Thomas, Garneth Ellis, Jean Mole, Helen Gipson, Penny Davidson, Christopher Smith, Marguerite Robson, Louis Moore, Marilyn Hodgson, Sandy Moor, Ros French, Brian Griffiths, Janet Beattie, George Martin, Colin Edney*

At the 2019 AGM it was agreed to move the start time for all evenings to 7pm. The club also purchased a 15th Bridgemate, as one evening had 14 tables and one more could be accommodated.

## **2019-20 season**

The 2019-20 season started normally and was progressing without problems until March 2020. The coronavirus pandemic took its hold; the club congress was cancelled on 14 March 2020 and club bridge was suspended on 15 March 2020.

As the UK went into lockdown it was clear that club bridge would not be returning for some time, as the bridge community is one of the high-risk segments of the population due to its age.

Paul Gipson immediately started working to help club members play online bridge on Bridge Base Online (BBO). He produced a section of the website dedicated to playing on BBO and produced thirty short videos. He also started running tournaments and team matches to get members involved.

Within a couple of weeks 57 club members were regularly playing tournaments and team matches on BBO. Paul's contacts in the BBO community also led to several matches against other clubs and a monthly match against the South African provinces. These matches were enhanced with a Zoom video review afterwards, for which thanks are due to Eric and Sue Price for hosting.

The Committee suspended the 2019-20 season and the AGM was cancelled, since it could not be held in lockdown. The Committee decided to suspend the competitions and not award any prizes and it is currently unclear when these will be completed.

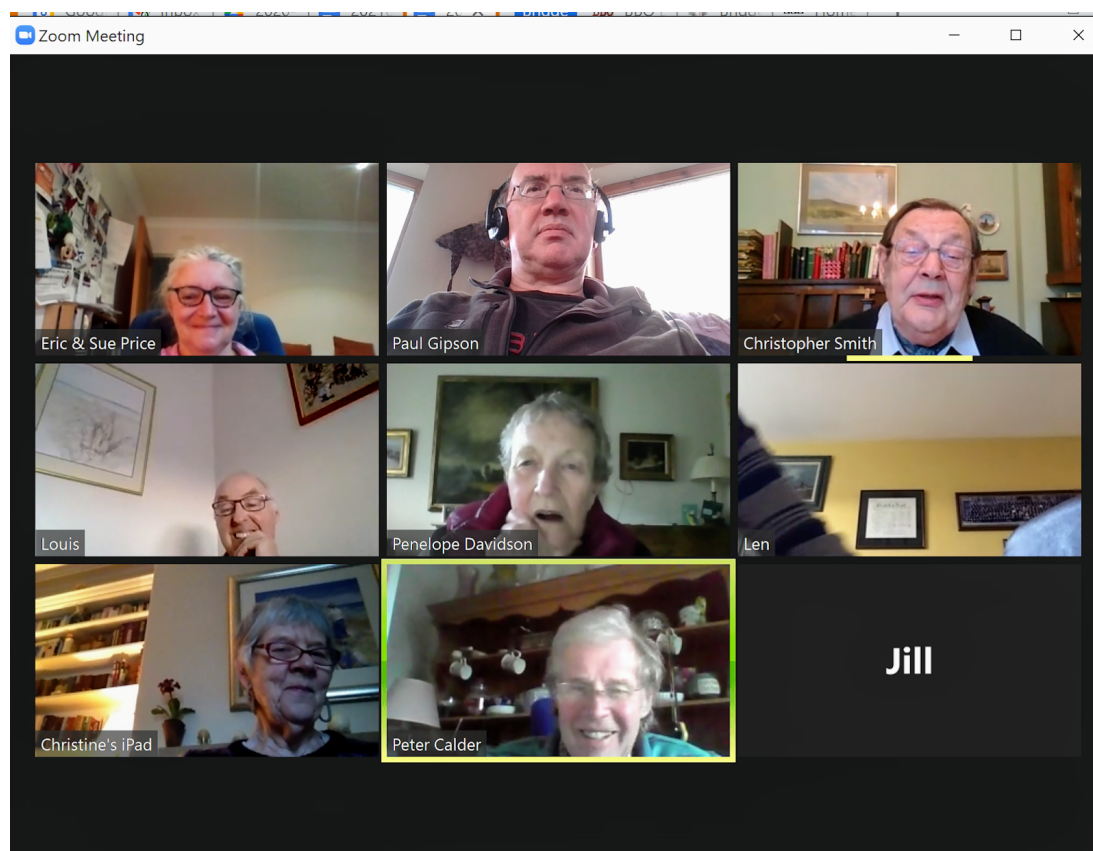
The East District Teams of Eight League was also suspended with many matches still to be played. Berwick Bears would have been promoted if they won their final two matches and Berwick A needed points or help to avoid relegation. It is not known when or how the season will be completed.

The first Special General Meeting of the club was held on 1 September 2020. The Committee convened the meeting to elect a new committee to deal with club matters as the coronavirus outbreak continued.

## **2020-21 season**

It was clear early in September that the chances of club bridge at the Parish Centre in 2020 were non-existent and that early 2021 did not look promising. Even if the UK and Scottish parliaments were to allow such gatherings, the high-risk profile of bridge players meant that few would be interested until a vaccine was widely available.

It was decided to create the Berwick Virtual Club on Bridge Base Online. This would allow the club to run regular tournaments, issue master points and run competitions on the online platform. Naturally Paul led the effort, but he was supported by numerous club members who volunteered to direct events and run matches.



*Committee meetings took on a new form in the pandemic*

The Berwick Virtual Club ran its first event on Tuesday, 3 November 2020: a 14-board open matchpointed pairs tournament. Twenty-two pairs entered and Christine McCreath and Jane Smithson won with 63.6%, winning 0.9 BBO master points and 24 SBU local points.

The Lindsay Trophy was the first club trophy to be awarded for an online event. It was won by Angela Hutchinson.

Although some members did not wish to play online and left the club, hopefully temporarily, numbers were swelled by new members who were keen to play in the club tournaments. These included Eileen Carmichael, one of the first club members and a Committee member until she moved nearer Edinburgh. The club could now boast three Grand Masters.

The Committee was very busy over the year as it tried to address the problems associated with the coronavirus pandemic and met frequently on Zoom. The support of Sue and Eric Price, who provided the club with unlimited access to Zoom meetings, was appreciated by all.

As the online season bedded down, the Committee started to return to more traditional matters. There were complaints about slow play (on BBO); the future of league teams was discussed; and the Congress needed arranging!



Apparently there is a tradition at the club where you receive flowers or whisky when you reach your ninetieth birthday. It's unclear how many members have received this in the past, even though Mary Birtwhistle, Hannah Cuthbert, Wilf White, Jill Harris, Nessie Dickinson and Betty Kelly were probably eligible, but Sheila Pearson, Marguerite Robson and Marion Mead have been recent recipients.

The AGM was held on Zoom on 25 May 2021. The club was on a sound financial footing and the small loss could be attributed to paying out prizes for the Congress whilst entry fee income was delayed by a month and would appear in next year's accounts.

With the vaccine rollout moving along, there was optimism about a return to the Parish Centre in September.

## 2021-22 season

Despite the vaccine rollout going well, the committee decided that caution should prevail and a return to the Parish Centre was delayed until January 2022.

The calendar was reorganised into two sections, so that events that started in September would be completed by the end of December. Events in the new year could then be run online, offline or in a hybrid mode.

There was very sad news at the start of the season that George Martin died on Tuesday, 28 September, just a month after his 90th birthday.

For all my time at the club, and I expect for most of his time there, George was a fearsome competitor. His desire to win was never diminished by age or by his worsening hearing, as everyone in the club could attest whenever his partner did anything that he did not agree with.

The omicron variant of coronavirus meant that returning to the Parish Centre was delayed and the season was completed online.

## **2022-23 season**

The AGM in May 2022 was held face-to-face, the first time most of the club had met for over two years. Thirty-one people attended, one third of the club, showing that people did wish to return.

The AGM focused on bridge in the future. Face-to-face bridge would restart on Thursday, 23 June. Thanks to Janet Beattie's persistence, the club is continuing a host system and bridge will be free for members over the summer.

There was a lot of debate about bridge from September and the committee surveyed the membership's wishes.

Eventually the committee decided that the season would be split between online and face-to-face bridge: BBO on Tuesday evenings and the Parish Centre on Thursday evenings.

The season started with the 50th anniversary celebration.

## **50th anniversary celebration**

The club held a small 50th anniversary celebration on Thursday, 1 September 2022 at the Parish Centre. The event was hosted by Peter Calder, President, and the club was toasted by Colin Edney.

Jean Mole coordinated members in providing some delicious nibbles and Peter, with assistance from Penny Davidson, produced some champagne and other drinks.

Approximately 50 club members attended, including founder members Jim Lindsay, Ken Forrest and Brian Thomas. Other founder members, Ros French, Malcolm Reed and Alan French sent their apologies due to family commitments.

Colin paid tribute to David and Mary Calder, Peter's parents, who were founder members and provided a lot of mentoring in the early years: they would have been very proud that their son was president at the 50th anniversary. Colin also thanked Paul Gipson, who had probably saved the club during the coronavirus pandemic with his online skills.

Peter paid tribute to George Martin and Pam Thomas who passed away during the last year, long-term members who made a significant difference to the club.

Floral table decorations were provided by Gwynneth Guthrie and they would be donated to Val Martin, Marguerite Robson and David Elder who were not well enough to attend.

The celebrations were followed by bridge run by Louis Moore.

## 2023-24 season

The number of club members increased as existing SBU members decided to join the club in order to play in our online Tuesday games. It is not a big expense for these people, as our membership is only £1, and we've welcomed small groups from Glasgow, Arran and Fife.

The club also started a trial of playing bridge on Monday afternoons at the Parish Centre.

## Berwick Congress

In September 1981 George Martin proposed holding a mini-congress in Berwick. It was held on 25 April 1982 and 38 pairs participated at the Headland Ballroom. The format was a qualifying pairs followed by pairs final, secondary final, and open aggregate pairs for non-qualifiers.

The event was won by F. E. Short and J. A. F. MacGregor from Edinburgh, with Brian Thomas and George Martin finishing second.

George Martin continued to be the main force behind the Congress and the Committee agreed to run a second one-day event on 24 April 1983 (there was also discussion about a weekend event and the Headland Ballroom proposed full board accommodation, from Friday night to Monday morning, for £39.50+VAT per person). This was known as the first Open Congress of the club.

George Martin writes, "I was the member of the Club who proposed and directed the very first Berwick Bridge Congress. We had to manually score up from the travelling score sheets from 3 sections.

"I can remember that certain members took on the task of scoring each section and then pulling them all together! If they didn't balance we had to go over them again!"

The second Congress was held at Berwick Holiday Centre on 25 March 1984 with 57 pairs participating.

The third Congress was held at Longridge Towers School on 28 April 1985 with Eileen Carmichael helping George Martin with all the arrangements.

### **Berwick Bridge Club hold first congress**

The Berwick Bridge Club held its first Congress last Sunday in the Headland Ballroom at Berwick Holiday Centre. Thirty-eight pairs took part coming from Birtley, Morpeth, Seahouses, Hawick, Jedburgh, Kelso, North Berwick, Haddington, Longniddry and Edinburgh.

The Qualifying round was split into three sections with four pairs from each section qualifying for the final, the next four qualifying for the Consolation Final and the remainder for the Open Pairs. Section A was won by B. Thomas and G. Martin, of Berwick; Section B by Mr. and Mrs. Calder, of Berwick; and Section C by Mrs. Crawhall and Mrs. Carmichael, also of Berwick.

The Congress Pairs Final was won by F. Short and J. A. F. McGregor, of Edinburgh, second was B. Thomas and G. Martin, of Berwick, third Mr. Lamarra and Mr. Pressburger, of Edinburgh. The Consolation Final was won by Mr. Weir and Mr. Tait of Jedburgh, second was Mr. and Mrs. Robertson of Edinburgh and third Mrs. Cadell and Mrs. Hay of Berwick. The open pairs was won N/S by Dr. and Mrs. Phillips, of Berwick and E/W by Mrs. Archbold and T. Oates of Berwick.

The Club results are as follows: Tuesday, April 9: Match Pointed Pairs: 1 N/S A. E. French and C. C. M. Edney; 2 D. and Mrs. Wilson; 3 Mrs. and Mrs. McCreath; E/W: 1 B. Thomas and G. Martin; 2 Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Carmichael; 3 E. Daly and Mrs. Martin.

Tuesday, April 13 — President's trophy—N/S: 1 W. H. White and J. A. Lindsay; 2 C. C. M. Edney and A. French; 3 G. Martin and Mrs. Robson; E/W: 1 Mr. and Mrs. Calder; 2 Mrs. French and Mrs. Carmichael; 3 Mrs. White and Mrs. Dickinson. The A.G.M. of the Club will be held next Tuesday in the Tweed View Hotel at 7.30 p.m.

The fourth Congress was held at the Headlands Ballroom on 27 April 1986. The entry fee was £6 per pair and the winners would receive £60.

The fifth Congress was held at the Headlands Ballroom on 26 April 1987. The entry fee was increased to £7 per pair to cover the increase in room hire. 49 pairs played.

The sixth Congress was held at the Headlands Ballroom in April 1988. At least 55 pairs played. John Spencer and Betty Kelly were formally thanked for their work in running the Congress at the club's AGM.

The seventh Congress was held at the Headlands Ballroom on 16 April 1989 and computer scoring was used for the first time. There were 73 pairs. The club donated £100 from the Congress Fund to the Berwick Infirmary League of Friends.

The eighth Congress was held at the Headlands Ballroom on 8 April 1990. It did not run smoothly. Firstly the venue tried to cancel a week before the congress: there was much scurrying around, plans to run it at Haggerston Castle (which was owned by the same leisure group), but eventually some persuasion caused the congress to go ahead, as planned, at the Headlands Ballroom. On the day, there was a major issue with the computer scoring as the Howell computer movement was not the same as the Howell movement cards put out.

The ninth Congress was held at the Kings Arms Hotel in April 1991. The Committee put a lot of work into making it a success following the problems in the previous year and it all ran smoothly. Betty Kelly, Marguerite Robson, and John Spencer were singled out for praise by the President [*Paul: although I think many more involved*].

The tenth Congress was held at the Kings Arms Hotel on 5 April 1992. Ros French had proposed that the format be changed to matchpointed pairs in the afternoon and Swiss Teams in the evening, primarily to avoid the damage of scoring errors in the break: previously it had been a pairs qualifier in the afternoon with pairs finals in the evening. The club invited D Perry from Edinburgh to assist in the running of this new-fangled Swiss Teams event.

Entries were limited to 64 pairs, due to space, and the entry fee was increased from £7 to £8 per pair.

The eleventh Congress was held at the Kings Arms Hotel on 4 April 1993 with the same format as the previous year. An external Tournament Director, Mr Bailey from Morpeth, was retained as well as help with the computer scoring of the pairs. The entry fee was £8 per pair with meals available for £5.50.

The twelfth Congress was held on 10 April 1994 at the Kings Arms Hotel. A donation of £100 was made to the Berwick Bridges Trust.

The thirteenth Congress was held on 2 April 1995 at the Kings Arms Hotel. A profit of £1.02 was made!

The fourteenth Congress was held on 31 March 1996. Ian Ross was the director for the first time, the start of a long relationship with the event.

The fifteenth Congress was held in April 1997 and realised a profit of over £100.

Despite the threat of closure a few months earlier, the sixteenth Congress was held on 29 March 1998 at the Kings Arms Hotel. The entry fee was £10 per pair with meals available for £7.25.

The seventeenth Congress was held on 28 March 1999 at the Kings Arms Hotel. The costs were the same as the previous year and there was a profit of £81.



In 2000 the Congress moved from the Kings Arms Hotel to Marshall Meadows Country House Hotel; there had been complaints mainly about the heating and meals at the traditional venue. The eighteenth Congress was held on Sunday, 9 April 2000.

The nineteenth Congress was also held at the Marshall Meadows Country House Hotel on Sunday, 8 April 2001.

The 20th Congress was held at the Marshall Meadows Country House Hotel on Sunday, 7 April 2002. The entry fee was £14 per pair and meals were available for £9.

The 21st Congress was held on Sunday, 6 April 2003 at the Kings Arms Hotel. The main reasons for the return to the traditional venue were the quality of the food and the reluctance of Marshall Meadows to prove a quotation in a timely manner. A profit of £264 was made. This congress was sponsored by "Union of the Crown 400", with engraved goblets and tankards being given to the winners. The tradition of giving all entrants an inscribed pen began.

The 22nd Congress was held at the Kings Arms Hotel on Sunday, 4 April 2004. The profit of £70 was donated to the local RNLI.

The 23rd Congress was held at the Kings Arms Hotel on Sunday, 3 April 2005. A limit of 24 tables was established, solely due to space. The profit of £71 was donated to Berwick Infirmary for equipment for cancer sufferers.

The 24th Congress was held at the Marshall Meadows Country House Hotel on Sunday, 2 April 2006. The food costs were the primary reason for the venue change. There was a profit of £176: £100 was donated to the Tall Ship Venture (promoted by Morven Stone) and the remainder to the Air Ambulance.

The 25th Congress was held at the Berwick Rugby Club for the first time. The £230 profit was distributed with £100 going to Speakability, a charity helping stroke victims, and the remaining to improve the facilities at the Rugby Club itself. The club was also unwilling to hold the Congress during the rugby season in future years, which is why the Congress moved to the first weekend in May.

The 26th Congress in 2008 was held at the Berwick Rugby Club with the profits going to the Mayoress's charity towards a chemotherapy unit at Berwick.

The 27th Congress was held on 3 May 2009 at the Berwick Rugby Club. The profits, after repairing the pairs trophy, were donated to 'Children - Victims of Domestic Violence', the Mayoress's charity for the year and to the mini section of the rugby club.

The 28th Congress was held on 2 May 2010 at the Berwick Rugby Club. Profits were donated to Hospice Care, Berwick and to the mini section of the rugby club.

The 29th Congress was held in May 2011 at the Berwick Rugby Club. Profits were donated to Hospice Care, Berwick, Action Medical Research (Berwick Committee) and to the mini section of the rugby club.

The 30th Congress was held in May 2012 at the Berwick Rugby Club. Profits were donated to Margaret Kerr Unit, Borders General Hospital, a purpose-built specialist palliative care unit, and to the junior section of the rugby club.

The 31st Congress was held on 5 May 2013 at the Berwick Rugby Club. Profits were donated to Hospice Care, Berwick.

The 32nd Congress was held in May 2014 at the Berwick Rugby Club. Profits were donated to Hospice Care, Berwick.

The 33rd Congress was held on 3 May 2015 at the Berwick Rugby Club. Profits were donated to The League Of Friends Of The Berwick Hospitals towards the physio department.

The 34th Congress was held on 1 May 2016 at the Berwick Rugby Club. £330 was donated to Berwick & District Cancer Care to assist with 'Cancer Cars'.

The 35th Congress was held on 7 May 2017 at the Berwick Rugby Club. A donation of £450 was made to The North East Air Ambulance.

The 36th Congress was held on 29 April 2018 at the Berwick Rugby Club. £500 was donated to The Grove School, a state special school for children who have complex learning needs.

The 37th Congress was held on 28 April 2019 at the Berwick Rugby Club. £400 was donated to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, which has lifeboat stations at Berwick-upon-Tweed, Eyemouth, and Dunbar locally.

The 38th Congress was originally scheduled for April 2020 but was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. On 25 April 2021 the congress was held on Bridge Base Online, the first time that the event was held online. The event had the same format, with pairs in the afternoon and Swiss teams in the evening and, interestingly, almost the same number of attendees as previous years. £100 was donated to the Samaritans (<https://www.lner.co.uk/news/lner-joins-forces-with-samaritans-in-new-partnership-set-to-benefit-berwick-and-the-borders/>).

The 39th Congress was held on Bridge Base Online on Sunday, 24 April 2022.

The 40th Congress was held, face-to-face, at the Berwick Rugby Club on Sunday, 23 April 2023. Sixteen teams played and seventeen tables in the pairs. The government tested everyone's patience with its mobile phone emergency alarm in the middle of the pairs, but the players were used to the seven-minute warnings by that point.

## Congress Trophy winners

1982	F. E. Short and J. A. F. MacGregor
1983	Mr Sutherland and Mr McVeigh
1984	Brian Thomas and Alan French
1985	Bron and John McWhinney
1986	Georgia Ray and Pat Barton
1987	Malcolm and Kathy Copley
1988	Mrs P Hemmings and Miss I Foggett
1989	Grant Dowie and Shelagh Lorimer
1990	John Hamilton and Keith Youngs
1991	Mr and Mrs J O'Connor
1992	Norman and Marjorie Brydon
1993	Mrs H Cuthbert and Marguerite Robson
1994	John Hamilton and Moira McVeigh
1995	Derrick Peden and Malcolm McCardle
1996	John Cowan and S Gowlands
1997	Jimmy Allen and Patrick Home
1998	R Bladen and Tony Oates
1999	Mike Young and Kenny Watson
2000	Eileen Carmichael and Marjorie Brydon
2001	Bett and Norman Morrison
2002	Mrs B Boast and W Sadler
2003	Bett and Norman Morrison
2004	Eileen Carmichael and Diana Drysdale
2005	Kathy and Malcolm Copley
2006	Helen and Paul Gipson
2007	Robin & Jan Sharp
2008	John O'Connor and Keith Youngs
2009	P Stewart and Simon Muir
2010	Derrick Peden and Malcolm McCardle
2011	Mrs A Ronald and D Swanson
2012	George Martin and Brian Thomas
2013	Peter and Martin Stephens
2014	Veronica Guy and Moray Jeffrey
2015	Brian Thomas and George Martin

2016	Fiona Greenwood and Veronica Guy
2017	Margaret and Jimmy Phin
2018	Joan and Tom Dowie
2019	George Martin and Brian Thomas
2020	Cancelled
2021	Derek McLachlan and Steven Henderson
2022	Laura Middleton and Ying Piper
2023	Liz Barr and Gill Colston

## Congress Teams Salver winners

1992	Robin Pearson, Brian Thomas, Derrick Peden, Malcolm McCardle
1993	Robin Pearson, Brian Thomas, Derrick Peden, Malcolm McCardle
1994	John P Hamilton, MD McVeigh, MW Reeves, Mike J Young
1995	FE Short, Mrs Lawson, A McGregor, Mrs Reid
1996	Marietta Fenty, Diana Drysdale, Colin Edney, Alan French
1997	Mike Smith, I Hamilton, Jimmy Allen, Patrick Home
1998	Mrs Campbell, I Hamilton, Jimmy Allen, Patrick Home
1999	Mike Young, Kenny Watson, Derrick Peden, Malcolm McCardle
2000	Reg Drysdale, Marietta Fenty, Grant Dowie, Shelagh Lorimer
2001	Jean Mole, Terry Harris, David Elder, George Martin
2002	Eileen Carmichael, Mrs M Brydon, Judith Louch, Mrs H Henry
2003	Eileen Carmichael, D Sharp, Judith Louch, Pam Mackie
2004	Eileen Carmichael, Diana Drysdale, Judith Louch, Pam Mackie
2005	Malcolm Copley, Kathy Copley, Jimmy Allen, Ross Woodburn
2006	George Martin, Brian Thomas, Derrick Peden, Malcolm McCardle
2007	George Martin, Brian Thomas, Derrick Peden, Malcolm McCardle
2008	Margaret Pemble, Robert Pemble, Margaret Ross, Ian Ross
2009	Pam Stewart, Simon Muir, John P Hamilton, Mike Smith
2010	Reg Drysdale, Jean Mole, Ros French, Diana Drysdale
2011	George Martin, Brian Thomas, Derrick Peden, Malcolm McCardle
2012	Reg Drysdale, Jean Mole, Ros French, Diana Drysdale
2013	Catriona Gardiner, Jane Harper, Elizabeth Peckham, Jane Miller
2014	Reg Drysdale, Jean Mole, Ros French, Diana Drysdale
2015	Reg Drysdale, Jean Mole, Ros French, Diana Drysdale
2016	George Martin, Brian Thomas, Derrick Peden, Malcolm McCardle

2017	Liz Barr, Ritchie Thompson, Norman and Bett Morrison
2018	Shona and David Anderson, Tom Bagnall, Andrew Harborow
2019	Sandy Moor, Garneth Ellis, Brian Griffiths, Louis Moore
2020	Cancelled
2021	Jim Hay, Jake Milne, Dikken Sargent, David Sargent
2022	Tom Robertson, Trina Rogerson, Ritchie Thompson, Rodger Urquhart
2023	Pam and Archie Leith, John Hamilton, Willie Clemie

## Observations by the editor

There is little doubt that the Berwick Bridge Club has been a successful bridge club since its inception in 1972 and it remains a thriving club with its membership breaking 100 in 2019-20. At a time when the number of people playing bridge is dropping and national bridge organisations are worrying about their finances, the club is bucking the trend.

I feel that one reason for this is that the club is primarily a social club. It has attracted and developed strong players who have participated in district and national events, but they have rarely let these competitive beasts upset the general tone of the club and have provided a friendly environment that has appealed to a wide audience.

Berwick does have the reputation of being a strong Borders club: when Berwick A was in the first division, some of its Borders neighbours described them as “the Rottweilers of Berwick”. But those days have gone as the stronger players have aged and bridge itself is less tolerant of poor behaviour.

It is remarkable how many founder members still play at the club.

The club's success is largely down to a handful of people who have been in the right place at the right time, willing to devote an extraordinary amount of time to the club and keep it going in the right direction. As key people have moved on, the club has been fortunate to have someone waiting in the wings to take over.

Many debates have raged since the start of the club and continue to this day: slow play, handicaps, competition formats and scoring, coffee, simultaneous pairs, start times.

Other problems are in the dim and distant past and now we wonder what the fuss was about: dealing machines, bidding boxes, Bridgmates, websites.

The club faces challenges in the future:

- how does the club get more young people playing
- who will run lessons
- what will the club do if it gets to 16 tables
- how will the club cope if someone donates another trophy

The good news is that the new generation running the club are as keen on the game as their predecessors. I think the club is in good hands.

## Club trophies

Dr Douglas McDonald was the first President of the Club and, like most early presidents, he donated a trophy to the club, the McDonald Cup (actually a rose bowl). It was originally known as "The Presidents Cup" and is inscribed as such and shows it was presented by him in 1972. It must have morphed in the McDonald Cup at a later date.

Tom Woodman, the first Secretary of the club, was a branch bank manager and persuaded the bank to give the club a trophy: the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup is still the premier club trophy. After a promotion he moved back to the west of Scotland but sadly died a relatively young man. His widow returned to live in Berwick-upon-Tweed and presented the club with the Tom Woodman Trophy in his memory in 1993. The inscription on the trophy reads "presented by Mrs Hazel Woodman in memory of her late husband who was founder secretary in 1972".

Wilf White was the second President and he donated a trophy.

The club initially met at the Tweed View Hotel in Tweed Street owned by the Scott brothers. They gave the club a trophy, the Antony Scott Cup.

The Calder, Martin, and Lindsay trophies were donated after these members had been President. The Grindon trophy came from Brian Thomas and, being the modest man he is, decided to name it after where he lived.

Robin Pearson joined the club in the 1980s and was one of the best players we have ever had. His untimely death was a shock to us all and Sheila bought a trophy in his memory.



*Sheila Pearson<sup>7</sup> winning the trophy she donated for the first time, in 2018, with Kate Mole, presented by President Garneth Ellis.*

The Nessie Dickinson trophy was donated in her memory by her nephew James Armstrong. Nessie did not win any events but she was one of the best attenders and loved her bridge.

The George Martin Trophy was donated by George Martin in 2017-18 for the leading master point scorer at the club. This would have been dominated by George, Brian Thomas, Colin Edney, Alan French and Robin Pearson over the years.

The Betty Kelly Trophy was donated in memory of Betty and the Committee decided to award it to the leading master point scorer who was ranked below District Master. This meant that about half the club was eligible and most would score their points on Thursday evenings.

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<sup>7</sup> Sheila passed away in June 2021

## Office bearers and Committee members

### President

March 1972	Dr Douglas McDonald
May 1979	Wilf White
May 1982	Mrs Mary Calder
May 1985	Brian Thomas
May 1988	Jim Lindsay
May 1991	Rita McCreath
May 1994	Alan French
May 1996	Robin Pearson
May 1998	George Martin
May 2000	Bill McCreath
May 2002	Colin Edney
May 2004	Marguerite Robson
May 2006	Terry Harris
May 2008	Ros French
May 2010	Marjorie McDonald
May 2012	Gerald Sandwith
May 2014	Jean Mole
May 2016	Garneth Ellis
May 2018	Christine McCreath
Sept 2020	Canon Christopher Smith
May 2022	Peter Calder

### Honorary Secretary

March 1972	Tom Woodman
May 1975	David Elder
May 1977	Alan French
May 1982	Alan French/George Martin <sup>8</sup>
May 1985	Bill McCreath
May 1986	Robin Pearson
May 1990	John Spencer
May 1992	Colin Edney
May 1998	Reg Drysdale
May 2000	Diana Drysdale
May 2007	Trish Frew
Sept 2020	Paul Gipson

### Honorary Treasurer

March 1972	Wilf White
May 1979	Mr R Ramsey
May 1982	Jim Lindsay
May 1986	Eileen Carmichael

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<sup>8</sup> Position was shared

May 1987	Mrs Pam Thomas
May 1990	Robin Pearson
May 1996	Diana Drysdale
May 1999	Jean Mole
May 2013	Jane Smithson
Sept 2020	Tony Reed-Jones

## Honorary Match Secretary/Competition Secretary

May 1974	Dr D Rodger
May 1977	Brian Thomas
May 1980	George Martin
May 1984	Alan French
May 1986	Alan French
May 1993	Reg Drysdale
May 1994	Terry Harris
May 1996	Terry Harris
May 2000	Reg Drysdale
May 2007	Diana Drysdale
May 2016	Louis Moore

## Master Point Secretary

There is no good record of people holding this position, but Doug McMath, Margaret Patterson, David Elder, and Pat McQueen are among those who have been Master Point Secretary for the club.

## Committee members

Mar 1972	Mrs E Hamilton, A Duncan, Brian Thomas, David Elder
Sep 1972	Mrs E Hamilton, A Duncan, Brian Thomas, David Elder, Mrs Mary Calder,
May 1973	Mrs Wilson, Mrs Hamilton, Brian Thomas, David Elder, Mrs Mary Calder, Eileen Crawhall
May 1974	Dr D Rodger, Mrs Hamilton, Brian Thomas, David Calder, Mrs Mary Calder, Eileen Crawhall
May 1975	Dr D Rodger, Eileen Carmichael, Bill McCreath, David Calder, Mrs Mary Calder, Eileen Crawhall
Sep 1975	Dr D Rodger, Eileen Carmichael, Alan French, David Calder, Mrs Mary Calder, Eileen Crawhall
May 1976	Dr D Rodger, Eileen Carmichael, Alan French, David Calder, Mr Bligh, Jim Lindsay
May 1977	Mr R Ramsey, Eileen Carmichael, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Mary Calder, Mr Bligh, Jim Lindsay
May 1978	Mr R Ramsey, Mrs Eileen Crawhall, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Mary Calder, Mr I Hamilton, Jim Lindsay
May 1979	George Martin, Dr D Rodger, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Mary Calder, Mr I Hamilton, Mr Leigh
May 1980	Margaret Davies, Dr D Rodger, Bill McCreath, Jim Lindsay, , Mr Leigh
May 1981	Dr D Rodger, Bill McCreath, Jim Lindsay, Mrs Ros French, Mr Leigh
May 1982	Eileen Crawhall, David Elder, Bill McCreath, Mrs Pam Mackie, Mrs Ros French, Mrs D Wilson

May 1983	Eileen Crawhall, David Elder, Bill McCreath, Mrs Pam Mackie, Robin Pearson, John Craigie
May 1985	Pat Paxton, Wilf White, Rita McCreath, Dr J Phillips, Robin Pearson, John Craigie
May 1986	Pat Paxton, Wilf White, Rita McCreath, Dr J Phillips, George Bell, Colin Edney
May 1987	Betty Kelly, Wilf White, David Elder, J Spencer, George Bell, Colin Edney
May 1988	Betty Kelly, Tom Woodman, David Elder, J Spencer, George Bell, Colin Edney
May 1989	Betty Kelly, Tom Woodman, David Elder, J Spencer, Pam Mackie, Marguerite Robson
May 1990	Reg Drysdale, Tom Woodman, George Martin, Marietta Fenty, Pam Mackie, Marguerite Robson
May 1991	Reg Drysdale, Jean Mole, George Martin, Marietta Fenty, Pam Mackie, Marguerite Robson
May 1992	Reg Drysdale, Jean Mole, George Martin, Marietta Fenty, David Robson, Eileen Carmichael
May 1993	Terry Harris, Jean Mole, Pat Paxton, Christine McCreath, David Robson, Eileen Carmichael
May 1994	D McMath, Gerald Sandwith, Pat Paxton, Christine McCreath, Margaret Patterson, Eileen Carmichael
May 1995	Margaret Patterson, Gerald Sandwith, Pat Paxton, Christine McCreath, George Martin, Mrs I Jinks
May 1996	Mike Rowell, Gerald Sandwith, Kate Mole, Margaret Patterson, George Martin, Mrs I Jinks
May 1997	John Gregson, Mike Rowell, Kate Mole, Christine McCreath, George Martin, Mrs I Jinks
May 1998	John Gregson, Mike Rowell, Kate Mole, Christine McCreath, Alan French, Peter Calder
May 1999	Margaret Patterson, Gerald Sandwith, Marjorie McDonald, Christine McCreath, Alan French, Peter Calder
May 2000	Margaret Patterson, Gerald Sandwith, Marjorie McDonald, Catherine McConnachie, Alan French, Peter Calder
May 2001	Margaret Patterson, Gerald Sandwith, Marjorie McDonald, Catherine McConnachie, David Elder, Garneth Ellis
May 2002	Terry Harris, Pat McQueen, Betty Kelly, Catherine McConnachie, David Elder, Garneth Ellis
May 2003	Garneth Ellis, Pat McQueen, Betty Kelly, David Elder, Christine McCreath, Gerald Sandwith
May 2004	Penny Davidson, Pat McQueen, Betty Kelly, Jim Dougal, Christine McCreath, Gerald Sandwith
May 2005	Penny Davidson, Morven Stone, Joan Tait, Jim Dougal, Christine McCreath, Gerald Sandwith
May 2006	Penny Davidson, Morven Stone, Joan Tait, Jim Dougal, Trish Frew, Ros French
May 2007	Alan French, Morven Stone, Joan Tait, Margaret Patterson, Christine McCreath, Kate Mole
May 2008	Alan French, Marguerite Robson, Roger Smith, Margaret Patterson, Christine McCreath, Kate Mole
May 2009	Alan French, Marguerite Robson, Roger Smith, Margaret Patterson, Christine McCreath, Kate Mole
May 2010	Kelvin Butler, Marguerite Robson, Roger Smith, Tony Houghton, Jo Rowley, Louis Moore
May 2011	Kelvin Butler, Kitty Home Robertson, Ann Ross, Tony Houghton, Jo Rowley, Louis Moore
May 2012	Jane Smithson, Kitty Home Robertson, Ann Ross, Marion Mead, Jo Rowley, Louis Moore

May 2013	John Smithson, Kitty Home Robertson, Ann Ross, Marion Mead, Christopher Smith, Brian Griffiths
May 2014	John Smithson, Marion Mead, Perry Vassie, Marilyn Hodgson, Christopher Smith, Brian Griffiths
May 2015	Morven Stone, Dorothy Moore, Perry Vassie, Marilyn Hodgson, Christopher Smith, Brian Griffiths
May 2016	Morven Stone, Dorothy Moore, Perry Vassie, Marilyn Hodgson, John Smithson, Paul Gipson
May 2017	Morven Stone, Dorothy Moore, Nicola Corbyn, Kate Mole, John Smithson, Paul Gipson
May 2018	Len Hutton, Peter Calder, Nicola Corbyn, Kate Mole, John Smithson, Paul Gipson
May 2019	Len Hutton, Peter Calder, Nicola Corbyn, Kate Mole, Jill Connor, Jo Rowley
Sept 2020	Len Hutton, Peter Calder, Sue Price, Penny Davidson, Jill Connor, Jo Rowley, Chris Orchard <sup>9</sup>
May 2021	Chris Orchard, Kitty Home Robertson, Sue Price <sup>10</sup> , Penny Davidson, Jill Connor, Jean Mole <sup>11</sup>
May 2022	Chris Orchard, Kitty Home Robertson, Penny Davidson, Angela Hutchinson, Linda Warcup, Jean Mole <sup>12</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Chris Orchard was co-opted after Jo Rowley's resignation

<sup>10</sup> Resigned in August 2021

<sup>11</sup> Jean Mole was co-opted for one year

<sup>12</sup> One year team

## Club trophy winners

### Royal Bank of Scotland Cup

1973-74	Mr D F Calder & Mrs D F Calder
1974-75	Mr D F Calder & Mrs D F Calder
1975-76	Brian Thomas & David Elder
1976-77	Colin Edney & Alan French
1977-78	Colin Edney & Alan French
1978-79	Brian Thomas & David Elder
1979-80	Mr D F Calder & Mrs D F Calder
1980-81	Mr D F Calder & Mrs D F Calder
1981-82	Mrs F J McLean & Mrs M P Davies
1982-83	Colin Edney & Alan French
1983-84	Mrs R Wilson & D Wilson (son)
1984-85	J Phillips & Robin Pearson
1985-86	Brian Thomas & Alan French
1986-87	Brian Thomas & Alan French
1987-88	Brian Thomas & D Wilson
1988-89	Brian Thomas & D Wilson
1989-90	David Elder & George Martin
1990-91	Ros French & Mrs P Paxton
1991-92	Colin Edney & Alan French
1992-93	Brian Thomas & Robin Pearson
1993-94	Ros French & Robin Pearson
1994-95	Brian Thomas & Robin Pearson
1995-96	Ros French & Mrs P Paxton
1996-97	Pam Mackie & Eileen Carmichael
1997-98	Colin Edney & Alan French
1998-99	Pam Mackie & Robin Pearson
1999-00	Brian Thomas & George Martin
2000-01	Colin Edney & Alan French
2001-02	Kathy Copley & Malcolm Copley
2002-03	Brian Thomas & George Martin
2003-04	Brian Thomas & George Martin
2004-05	Brian Thomas & George Martin
2005-06	Kathy Copley & Malcolm Copley

2006-07	Reg Drysdale & Paul Gipson
2007-08	Reg Drysdale & Paul Gipson
2008-09	Brian Thomas & George Martin
2009-10	Brian Thomas & George Martin
2010-11	Helen Gipson & Paul Gipson
2011-12	Brian Thomas & George Martin
2012-13	Colin Edney & Alan French
2013-14	Brian Thomas & George Martin
2014-15	Colin Edney & Alan French
2015-16	Brian Thomas & George Martin
2016-17	Brian Thomas & George Martin
2017-18	Ros French & Colin Edney
2018-19	Ros French & Colin Edney
2019-20	Cancelled
2020-21	Ros French & Colin Edney
2021-22	Helen & Paul Gipson
2022-23	Helen & Paul Gipson

## Anthony Scott Cup

1974-75	Eileen Carmichael, M Simpson, Mrs A Dickinson & Miss D Holmes
1975-76	Mrs H McDougal, H Bligh, Mrs M Davies & Mrs J Wilson
1976-77	Wilf White & Jim Lindsay
1977-78	Brian Thomas, I Hamilton, Alan French & Colin Edney
1978-79	D Calder, Mrs M Calder, Mrs E Hamilton & J Coats
1979-80	Alan French, Colin Edney, George Martin & Brian Thomas
1980-81	D Calder, Mrs M Calder, Mrs E Hamilton & J Coats
1981-82	Alan French, Colin Edney, George Martin & Brian Thomas
1982-83	Robin Pearson, J Phillips, Wilf White & Jim Lindsay
1983-84	Eileen Carmichael, Pam Mackie, Mrs P Paxton & Ros French
1984-85	George Martin, David Elder, Brian Thomas & Alan French
1985-86	Mrs P Paxton, Ros French, Alan French & Colin Edney
1986-87	George Martin, David Elder, Brian Thomas & Pam Mackie
1987-88	Wilf White, Jim Lindsay, Sheila Pearson & T Attridge
1988-89	George Martin, David Elder, Brian Thomas & I Hamilton
1989-90	M Calder, M McLean, Pam Mackie & Eileen Carmichael
1990-91	Brian Thomas, Robin Pearson, Jim Lindsay & Alan French
1991-92	George Martin, David Elder, J Gregson & Terry Harris
1992-93	Brian Thomas, P Paxton, Ros French & Alan French
1993-94	Linda Douglas, Margaret Patterson, D McMath & C Ollie
1994-95	Brian Thomas, Robin Pearson, Ros French & Alan French
1995-96	Brian Thomas, Robin Pearson, Ros French & Alan French
1996-97	Brian Thomas, Robin Pearson, Ros French & Alan French
1997-98	Brian Thomas, Robin Pearson, Ros French & Alan French
1998-99	Reg Drysdale, Jean Mole, Diana Drysdale & Eileen Carmichael
1999-00	Reg Drysdale, Jean Mole, Diana Drysdale & Eileen Carmichael
2000-01	Colin Edney, Ros French, Marietta Fenty & Marjorie McDonald
2001-02	Alan French, David Elder, Terry Harris & Pam Mackie
2002-03	Reg Drysdale, Jean Mole, Diana Drysdale & Eileen Carmichael
2003-04	Kathy Copley, Malcolm Copley, Brian Thomas & George Martin
2004-05	Kathy Copley, Malcolm Copley, Brian Thomas & George Martin
2005-06	Alan French, David Elder, Catherine McConnachie & Terry Harris
2006-07	Kathy Copley, Malcolm Copley, Brian Thomas & George Martin
2007-08	Colin Edney, Marjorie McDonald, Sheila Pearson & Tony Houghton

2008-09	Reg Drysdale, Malcolm Copley, Brian Thomas & George Martin
2009-10	Reg Drysdale, Malcolm Copley, Brian Thomas & George Martin
2010-11	Reg Drysdale, Malcolm Copley, Brian Thomas & George Martin
2011-12	Reg Drysdale, Malcolm Copley, Brian Thomas & George Martin
2012-13	Reg Drysdale, Malcolm Copley, Brian Thomas & George Martin
2013-14	Diana Drysdale, Ros French, Helen Gipson & Paul Gipson
2014-15	Penny Davidson, Jean Mole, Brian Thomas & George Martin
2015-16	Janet Beattie, Ros French, Helen Gipson & Paul Gipson
2016-17	Janet Beattie, Ros French, Helen Gipson & Paul Gipson
2017-18	Janet Beattie, Ros French, Helen Gipson & Paul Gipson
2018-19	Janet Beattie, Ros French, Helen Gipson & Paul Gipson
2019-20	Cancelled
2020-21	Diana Drysdale, Ros French, Helen Gipson & Paul Gipson
2021-22	Diana Drysdale, Ros French, Helen Gipson & Paul Gipson
2022-23	Chris Orchard, Tony Reed-Jones, Helen Gipson & Paul Gipson

## McDonald Rose Bowl

1972-73	David Calder & Mary Calder
1973-74	David Elder & Brian Thomas
1974-75	David Calder & Mary Calder
1975-76	Mrs. E. J. Hamilton & J. Coats
1976-77	Colin Edney & Alan French
1977-78	David Elder & Brian Thomas
1978-79	Mrs. E. Crawhall & Ros French
1979-80	Colin Edney & Alan French
1980-81	Ros French & Pam Mackie
1981-82	Colin Edney & Alan French
1982-83	Val Martin & E. Daly
1983-84	Eileen Carmichael & Pam Mackie
1984-85	Alan French & Brian Thomas
1985-86	Dr J. Phillips & Dr D. J. Rodger
1986-87	Mrs. P. Paxton & Dr. J. Phillips
1987-88	Ros French & Eileen Carmichael
1988-89	J. Evans & J. Spencer
1989-90	Colin Edney & Alan French
1990-91	Colin Edney & Alan French
1991-92	Jean Mole & Eileen Carmichael
1992-93	George Martin & David Elder
1993-94	Jim Lindsay & Pam Mackie
1994-95	Terry Harris & J. Gregson
1995-96	G. Bell & Marjorie McDonald
1996-97	George Martin & David Elder
1997-98	Jill Robson & Linda Douglas
1998-99	Reg Drysdale & Diana Drysdale
1999-00	Colin Edney & Alan French
2000-01	Colin Edney & Pam Mackie
2001-02	Peter Calder & Sarah Davidson
2002-03	D. Brenchley & J. Gregson
2003-04	Ros French & Betty Kelly
2004-05	Reg Drysdale & Diana Drysdale
2005-06	Jean Mole & Penny Davidson

2006-07	Reg Drysdale & Diana Drysdale
2007-08	Alan French & David Elder
2008-09	George Martin & Brian Thomas
2009-10	Reg Drysdale & Jean Mole
2010-11	Garneth Ellis & Sandy Moor
2011-12	Reg Drysdale & Jean Mole
2012-13	Reg Drysdale & Jean Mole
2013-14	Kitty Home Robertson & Christopher Smith
2014-15	Tony Houghton & Terry Harris
2015-16	Tony Houghton & Terry Harris
2016-17	Penny Davidson & Colin Edney
2017-18	Penny Davidson & Colin Edney
2018-19	Penny Davidson & Colin Edney
2019-20	Cancelled
2020-21	Ros French & George Martin
2021-22	Helen & Paul Gipson
2022-23	Ros French and Reg Drysdale

## Tom Woodman Trophy

1993-94	Linda Douglas and Jill Robson
1994-95	George Martin
1995-96	S Harrison, Jo Archbold, Diana Drysdale & Robin Pearson
1996-97	Colin Edney, Reg Drysdale, Val Martin & S Roberts
1997-98	Marguerite Robson, Betty Kelly, J Gregson & I Jinks
1998-99	Sheila Pearson, S Roberts, George Martin & Val Martin
1999-00	Marguerite Robson, Betty Kelly, Christine McCreath & Kitty Home Robertson
2000-01	Reg Drysdale, Colin Edney, T Morgan & D Sample
2001-02	Pat McQueen, J Dougal, Terry Harris & J Gregson
2002-03	Terry Harris, Margaret Patterson, Ann Ross & Marjorie McDonald
2003-04	Colin Edney, Reg Drysdale, R Smith & Kitty Home Robertson
2004-05	Sheila Pearson, Joan Tait, B Atkinson & Christine McCreath
2005-06	Margaret Patterson, Terry Harris, Kelvin Butler & Perry Vassie
2006-07	Mike Rowell, Patricia Frew, Kitty Home Robertson & R Smith
2007-08	Colin Edney, Reg Drysdale, Ann Ross & J Dougal
2008-09	Mike Rowell, Patricia Frew, Joan Tait & Sheila Pearson
2009-10	Margaret Patterson, Terry Harris, Marion Mead & Perry Vassie
2010-11	Perry Vassie, Marion Mead, Jean Mole & Christine Rowell
2011-12	Marion Mead, Perry Vassie, Pat McQueen & Kelvin Butler
2012-13	Pam Thomas, Andrew Plenderleith, Marjorie McDonald & Tony Oates
2013-14	Brian Thomas, George Martin, Morven Stone & Jane Smithson
2014-15	David Elder, Jean Mole, Janet Beattie & Brian Griffiths
2015-16	Christine McCreath, Rita McCreath, Marion Mead & Andrew Plenderleith
2016-17	Ros French, Colin Edney, Ian Guthrie & Louis Moore
2017-18	Ros French, Colin Edney, Kitty Home Robertson & Susan Smith
2018-19	Marilyn Hodgson, Jo Rowley, George Martin & Brian Thomas
2019-20	Cancelled
2020-21	Jean Mole, Reg Drysdale, Jane Davey & Tony Oates
2021-22	Jane Smithson, Morven Stone, Louis Moore & Ian Guthrie
2022-23	Trish Frew, Christopher Smith, Eric Price & Tony Oates

## Wilf White Trophy

1980-81	George Martin & Brian Thomas
1981-82	Alan French & Colin Edney
1982-83	J Phillips & Robin Pearson
1983-84	Ros French & Mrs P Paxton
1984-85	Mrs F J McLean & Mrs M P Davies
1985-86	Brian Thomas & Robin Pearson
1986-87	Ros French & Mrs M P Davies
1987-88	Ros French & Mrs M P Davies
1988-89	Pam Mackie & Colin Edney
1989-90	Pam Mackie & Colin Edney
1990-91	Eileen Carmichael & D Wilson
1991-92	Ros French & Alan French
1992-93	Diana Drysdale & Eileen Carmichael
1993-94	J Gregson & Terry Harris
1994-95	Rita McCreath & D Robson
1995-96	Mary Calder & David Calder
1996-97	Pam Mackie & Colin Edney
1997-98	Pam Mackie & Colin Edney
1998-99	Pam Mackie & Colin Edney
1999-00	Brian Thomas & Alan French
2000-01	Eileen Carmichael & Reg Drysdale
2001-02	David Elder & George Martin
2002-03	Marietta Fenty & Terry Harris
2003-04	Brian Thomas & Alan French
2004-05	Brian Thomas & Alan French
2005-06	Penny Davidson & George Martin
2006-07	Diana Drysdale & Terry Harris
2007-08	Reg Drysdale & Malcolm Copley
2008-09	Brian Thomas & Alan French
2009-10	Reg Drysdale & Malcolm Copley
2010-11	Brian Thomas & Alan French
2011-12	Garneth Ellis & Sandy Moor
2012-13	Diana Drysdale & Terry Harris
2013-14	Diana Drysdale & Terry Harris

2014-15	Christine McCreath & Colin Edney
2015-16	Penny Davidson & George Martin
2016-17	Penny Davidson & George Martin
2017-18	Penny Davidson & George Martin
2018-19	Ros French & Jean Mole
2019-20	Cancelled
2020-21	Eileen Carmichael & Reg Drysdale
2021-22	Colin Edney & Christine McCreath
2022-23	Ros French and Jean Mole

## Robin Pearson Pot

1999-00	B Bladen & Tony Oates
2000-01	Diana Drysdale & George Martin
2001-02	Ros French & George Martin
2002-03	Brian Thomas & Terry Harris
2003-04	Brian Thomas & Terry Harris
2004-05	Brian Thomas & Terry Harris
2005-06	Gerald Sandwith & Colin Edney
2006-07	Brian Thomas & Terry Harris
2007-08	Gerald Sandwith & Colin Edney
2008-09	Jean Mole & Alan French
2009-10	Brian Thomas & Terry Harris
2010-11	Christine Rowell & Tony Oates
2011-12	Brian Griffiths & Andrew Plenderleith
2012-13	Sandy Moor & George Martin
2013-14	Jane Smithson & John Smithson
2014-15	Louis Moore & Marion Mead
2015-16	Sandy Moor & George Martin
2016-17	Janet Beattie & Morven Stone
2017-18	Kate Mole & Sheila Pearson
2018-19	Marilyn Hodgson & Marguerite Robson
2019-20	Cancelled
2020-21	Len Hutton & John Smithson
2021-22	Colin Edney & Nigel Marlow
2022-23	Trish Frew and Jane Smithson

## Martin Trophy

1979-80	David Elder & B.P. Whitehead
1980-81	Mrs J.B. Wilson & Mrs M.P. Davies
1981-82	W.H. White & W.L.A McCreath
1982-83	E. Daly & Mrs P. Paxton
1983-84	E. Daly & Mrs P. Paxton
1984-85	Brian Thomas & Robin Pearson
1985-86	Brian Thomas & Robin Pearson
1986-87	G. Bell & Mrs M. McDonald
1987-88	E. Daly & Mrs P. Paxton
1988-89	G. Bell & Marjorie McDonald
1989-90	Robin Pearson & Brian Thomas
1990-91	Robin Pearson & Brian Thomas
1991-92	Terry Harris & Brian Thomas
1992-93	G. Bell & Marjorie McDonald
1993-94	Alan French and Ros French
1994-95	George Martin & Reg Drysdale
1995-96	Marietta Fenty & Colin Edney
1996-97	Alan French & George Martin
1997-98	E. Daly & Mrs P. Paxton
1998-99	Alan French & George Martin
1999-00	Brian Thomas & Reg Drysdale
2000-01	Gerald Sandwith & Christine McCreath
2001-02	D. Brenchley & Ros French
2002-03	George Martin & Ros French
2003-04	George Martin & Ros French
2004-05	George Martin & Ros French
2005-06	Gerald Sandwith & Christine McCreath
2006-07	George Martin & Ros French
2007-08	Jean Mole & Terry Harris
2008-09	Reg Drysdale & Brian Thomas
2009-10	Ros French & George Martin
2010-11	Ros French & George Martin
2011-12	Penny Davidson & George Martin
2012-13	R. Smith & K. Butler

2013-14	Terry Harris & Jo Rowley
2014-15	Penny Davidson & Brian Thomas
2015-16	Margaret Patterson & Terry Harris
2016-17	Jane Smithson & Christopher Smith
2017-18	Colin Edney & Ian McCreath
2018-19	Jean Mole & George Martin
2019-20	Cancelled
2020-21	Jean Mole and George Martin
2021-22	Jill Connor & Tony Reed-Jones
2022-23	Dr David King and Nigel Marlow

### Calder Trophy

1975-76	Mrs D Little & Mrs M Davies
1976-77	Mr & Mrs Jim Lindsay
1977-78	Brian Thomas & Wilf White
1978-79	David Elder & B Whitehead
1979-80	Mrs M Bremner & Mr E Daly
1980-81	J Graigie & Gerald Sandwith G Murrey & K Smith
1981-82	Mrs Jo Archbold & Tony Oates
1982-83	Mrs E Elder & S Marek
1983-84	Nessie Dickinson & Betty Kelly
1984-85	Nessie Dickinson & Betty Kelly
1985-86	Marguerite Robson & Mrs A Cuthbert
1986-87	Marguerite Robson & Diana Drysdale Mrs J Blackhall & Mrs I Gant
1987-88	G Bell & Majorie McDonald
1988-89	G Bell & Majorie McDonald
1989-90	Robin Pearson & Brian Thomas
1990-91	Alan French & Marietta Fenty
1991-92	Alan French & Marietta Fenty
1992-93	Mr & Mrs R Forgan
1993-94	Nessie Dickinson & Betty Kelly
1994-95	Marietta Fenty & Colin Edney
1995-96	Bob Bladen & Tony Oates

1996-97	Bob Bladen & Tony Oates
1997-98	Mike Rowell & Kate Mole
1998-99	Diana Drysdale & Margaret Patterson
1999-00	Brian Thomas & Reg Drysdale
2000-01	Mrs E Forgan & J Sutherland
2001-02	David Brenchley & Ros French
2002-03	Margaret Anne Barr & Trish Frew
2003-04	Margaret Anne Barr & Trish Frew
2004-05	Majorie McDonald & Catherine McConnachie
2005-06	Gerald Sandwith & Christine McCreath
2006-07	R Smith & Joan Tait
2007-08	John & Jane Smithson
2008-09	Perry Vassie & Louis Moore
2009-10	Ros French & George Martin
2010-11	Ian Guthrie & Linda Warcup
2011-12	John & Jane Smithson
2012-13	Marilyn Hodgson & David Elder
2013-14	Terry Harris & Jo Rowley
2014-15	Marilyn Hodgson & Jo Rowley
2015-16	Margaret Patterson & Terry Harris
2016-17	Jane Smithson & Christopher Smith
2017-18	Tony Houghton & Rita McCreath
2018-19	Jean Mole & George Martin
2019-20	Cancelled
2020-21	Jean Mole and George Martin
2021-22	Linda Warcup & Ian Guthrie
2022-23	Dr David King and Nigel Marlow

## Grindon Trophy

1987-88	Mrs I McAlpine	2019-20	Cancelled
1988-89	David Calder	2020-21	Jill Connor
1989-90	Diana Drysdale	2021-22	Louis Moore
1990-91	Diana Drysdale	2022-23	Colin Edney
1991-92	Tony Oates		
1992-93			
1993-94	Betty Kelly		
1994-95	Kate Mole		
1995-96	J Blackhall		
1996-97	Bob Bladen		
1997-98	Peter Calder		
1998-99	Bob Bladen		
1999-00	Bob Bladen		
2000-01	Val Martin		
2001-02	Reg Drysdale		
2002-03	Morven Stone		
2003-04	R. Smith		
2004-05	Rita McCreath		
2005-06	Reg Drysdale		
2006-07	Val Martin		
2007-08	Trish Frew		
2008-09	Marion Mead		
2009-10	Marion Mead		
2010-11	Jane Smithson		
2011-12	Pat McQueen		
2012-13	Marguerita Robson		
2013-14	Marjorie McDonald		
2014-15	Nigel Marlow		
2015-16	Nigel Marlow		
2016-17	Nigel Marlow		
2017-18	Terry Harris		
2018-19	Christopher Smith		

## Lindsay Trophy

1990-91	Robin Pearson
1991-92	Brian Thomas
1992-93	D M Robson
1993-94	D Frenchley
1994-95	Colin Edney
1995-96	Bill McCreath
1996-97	Margaret Patterson
1997-98	Ann Ross
1998-99	Marietta Fenty
1999-00	Margaret Patterson
2000-01	Tony Oates
2001-02	Tony Oates
2002-03	Peter Calder Diana Drysdale
2003-04	Marguerite Robson
2004-05	Jean Mole
2005-06	Tony Houghton
2006-07	B Atkinson
2007-08	Tony Houghton
2008-09	Kitty Home Robertson
2009-10	Joan Tait
2010-11	Brian Thomas
2011-12	Sandy Moor
2014-15	Morven Stone
2015-16	David Elder
2016-17	Val Martin
2017-18	George Martin
2018-19	Brian Griffiths
2019-20	Sue Price
2020-21	Angela Hutchinson
2021-22	Nigel Marlow
2022-23	Peter Ross

## Nessie Dickinson Trophy

2007-08	Diana Drysdale & Ros French
2008-09	Trish Frew & Roger Smith
2009-10	David Elder & Terry Harris
2010-11	Jean Mole & Reg Drysdale
2011-12	Penny Davidson & Helen Gipson
2012-13	Garneth Ellis & Sandy Moor
2013-14	Catherine McConnachie & Marjorie McDonald
2014-15	Diana Drysdale & Ros French
2015-16	Garneth Ellis & Sandy Moor
2016-17	Marguerite Robson & Marilyn Hodgson
2017-18	George Martin & Brian Thomas
2018-19	George Martin & Brian Thomas
2019-20	Cancelled
2020-21	Jean Mole & Reg Drysdale
2021-22	Diana Drysdale & Ros French
2022-23	Penny Davidson & Brian Thomas

## George Martin Trophy

2017-18	Colin Edney
2018-19	George Martin
2019-20	Cancelled
2020-21	Ros French
2021-22	Colin Edney
2022-23	Colin Edney

## Betty Kelly Trophy

2017-18	Tony Houghton
2018-19	Marilyn Hodgson
2019-20	Cancelled
2020-21	Tony Reed-Jones
2021-22	Nigel Marlow
2022-23	Chris Orchard

## League teams

This table reflects the performance of the teams reported at the AGM. Occasionally a team might finish in a promotion or relegation spot in a division, but may play the following season in the same division depending on the number of teams registered for the league, teams withdrawing, or divisions being expanded.

It is not always clear who the team captain was, so the table occasionally reflects who delivered the team report at the AGM.

### Berwick A team

Year	Captain	Performance
1975-79	Brian Thomas	
1979-80	Mrs Crawhall	Won Division 4
1980-81	George Martin	Won Division 3
1981-82	George Martin	Won Division 2
1982-83	George Martin	Relegated from Division 1
1983-84	David Wilson	Division 2
1984-85	Robin Pearson	Division 2
1985-86	Robin Pearson	Promoted from Division 2
1986-87	Ros French	Relegated from Division 1
1987-88	Eileen Carmichael	Relegated from Division 1
1988-89	Brian Thomas	Promoted from Division 2
1989-90	Eileen Carmichael	Won Division 2
1990-91		Division 1
1991-92	Robin Pearson	Relegated from Division 1
1992-93		Won Division 2
1993-94		
1994-95		
1995-96		
1996-97		
1997-98	Terry Harris	Won Division 2
1998-99	Terry Harris	
1999-00	Terry Harris	
2000-01	Terry Harris	
2001-02		
2002-03		Division 1
2003-04	Reg Drysdale	Relegated from Division 1
2004-05	Reg Drysdale	Won Division 2
2005-06	Reg Drysdale	Relegated from Division 1
2006-07	Reg Drysdale	Won Division 2
2007-08	Reg Drysdale	Division 1
2008-09	Reg Drysdale	Relegated from Division 1

2009-10	Reg Drysdale	Division 2
2010-11	Helen Gipson	Division 2
2011-12	Helen Gipson	Promoted from Division 2
2012-13	Helen Gipson	Division 1
2013-14	Reg Drysdale	Relegated from Division 1
2014-15	Jean Mole	Division 2
2015-16	Jean Mole	Relegated from Division 2
2016-17	Garneth Ellis	Division 3
2017-18	Garneth Ellis	Division 3
2018-19	Garneth Ellis	Division 3
2019-20	Garneth Ellis	Division 3

## Berwick B, Berwick Bandits, Berwick Bears

Year	Captain	Performance
1978-80	George Martin	
1980-81	Dr D Rodger	
1981-82	Bill McCreath	
1982-83	Bill McCreath	Division 4
1983-84	Bill McCreath	Division 4
Berwick B team name changed to Berwick Bandits for the start of the 1984-85 season		
1984-85	Bill McCreath	Won Division 4 Lost in semifinal of KO Cup to Craigleith
1985-86	Bill McCreath	Division 3
1986-87	George Bell	Relegated from Division 3
1987-88	George Bell	Relegated from Division 3
1988-89	Betty Kelly	Division 4
1989-90	Betty Kelly	Division 4
1990-91		Division 5
1991-92	Marjorie McDonald	Division 5
1992-93		Division 5
1993-94		Won Division 5
1994-95		
1995-96		
1996-97		
1997-98	Jean Mole	Won Division 4
1998-99	Reg Drysdale	Relegated from Division 3
1999-00	Bob Bladen	
The Berwick B team withdrew from the league due to the difficulty in getting members to play.		
Berwick C team name changed to Berwick Bears for the start of the 2005-06 season		
2005-06	Margaret Patterson	Won Division 5
2006-07		Division 4
2007-08		Division 4
2008-09		Division 4
2009-10		Division 4
2010-11	Christine McCreath	Division 4
2011-12	Christine McCreath	Division 4
2012-13	Christine McCreath	Relegated from Division 4
2013-14	Christine McCreath	Relegated from Division 4
2014-15	Christine McCreath	Won Division 5
2015-16	Trish Frew	Division 4
2016-17	Trish Frew	Division 4

2017-18	Trish Frew	Division 4
2018-19	Trish Frew	Division 4
2019-20	Trish Frew	

## Berwick C team

Year	Captain	Performance
1997-98	Margaret Patterson	Won Division 6
1998-99	Gerald Sandwith	Won Division 5
1999-00	Gerald Sandwith	
2000-01	Gerald Sandwith	
2001-02	Gerald Sandwith	
2002-03	Gerald Sandwith	Promoted to Division 4
2003-04	Gerald Sandwith	
2004-05	Gerald Sandwith	Relegated from Division 4
2005-06	Team becomes the Berwick Bears	

## Online teams

The coronavirus pandemic forced bridge into the online world and the club supported teams in the Scottish Online League and SBU Bronze League to help players and partnerships maintain their competitiveness as we all waited for the East District League to resume.

### Scottish Online League

Year	Captain	Performance
2021 - SOL5	Ros French	Eighth - Division 6
2022 - SOL6	Penny Davidson	Division 6

### SBU Bronze League

Year	Captain	Performance
2021 - BL7	Berwick - Julian Bales	Third - Division 8
2021 - BL7	Berwickers - Tony Houghton	Winners - Division 8
2021 - BL7	Quaranteam - Jane Smithson	Second - Division 8
2021 - BL8	Berwickers - Nigel Marlow	Third - Division 5
2021 - BL8	Quaranteam - Trish Frew	Second - Division 5
2022 - BL9	Berwickers - Nigel Marlow	Division 4
2022 - BL9	Quaranteam - Trish Frew	Division 4