

MINUTES OF THE 30TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH MAY 2001.

1. **Present:** Mr W McCreath, President, and 32 members.
2. **Apologies:** L Macaskill, A Ross, E Carmichael, T Tyler, B Thomas, M Copley, K Copley,
3. P Mackie, M Patterson, M Rowell, J Harris, M Stone, M McDonald, and K Home Robertson.
3. The minutes of the 29th AGM were read, approved and signed.
4. **President's report:** Mr McCreath submitted his report to the meeting, and it was adopted. (Copy on file).
5. **Treasurer's report:** Mrs Mole submitted the audited accounts to the meeting. The surplus for the year was £110, an improvement on last year. The membership stood at 69, down from 73 last year. The accounts were adopted. (Copy on file) Mrs Mole recommended that the subscription and the table money remain the same.
6. **Competition Secretary's report:** Mr Drysdale reported a successful year. He felt that the earlier start had been a success. He commented that the scoring on aggregate nights remained a problem, as there were always a lot of mistakes, and it could take up to 4 hours to balance. He suggested a fine of 200 points be imposed for mistakes. A new scoring method had been used for the Pivot Teams (details on file), and he suggested this could be adopted for all competitions.

Mr Drysdale's suggestions were then discussed:

1. Fine on mistakes on score cards – this was not approved.
 2. New scoring method – the members thought it a good idea for teams, but agreed to leave the committee to make the final decision
7. **Team Captains' reports:** These reports were given by T Harris for the A Team, and G Sandwith for the C Team, and adopted. (Copies on file)
 8. **Election of Officebearers:** The following were elected:

President:	WLA McCreath
Vice President	CCM Edney
Secretary	Mrs D Drysdale
Competition Secretary	RN Drysdale
Treasurer	Mrs J Mole
Committee	D Elder G Ellis

9. **Appointment of qualified auditor:** Greaves, West & Ayre
10. **SBU Delegates:** Treasurer and the two secretaries
11. **Committee recommendations for 1999/2000:**

1. The subscription and table money to remain unchanged

12. **Points for discussion:**

Travel expenses for league teams – the meeting decided that team members should continue to pay their own expenses, with passengers paying a contribution to the drivers.

Club starting time – after much discussion it was decided to revert to 7.30 next season, as some members had great difficulty in getting there for 7.15. A French made a plea for directors to keep tables moving. Mrs P Thomas reminded the meeting that a previous AGM had recommended playing a maximum of 24 boards on Thursday nights.

12. **Any Other Competent business:**
Mrs McConnachie asked if it would be possible to distribute a list of members with telephone numbers at the beginning of the season. This was approved.
14. The meeting concluded with the presentation of prizes (copy on file), followed by bridge.



President's Report for the Year 2000/2001

The Club has had another successful year and, I hope, and enjoyable year for all its members. This has been due in no small measure to the hard work put in by your officials, Diana Drysdale as Secretary, Jean Mole as Treasurer and Reg Drysdale as Competitions Secretary. They get on with their duties with quiet efficiency which conceals all the hard work they do. We have also had excellent Ordinary Members of Committee. The officials and other committee members have made the job of being President a very easy one. My thanks go out to all of them. Special thanks to Alan French and ~~Alan French~~ ^{Peter Calder} who retire by rotation.

The Club and Bramhamians Pairs Competitions went well, and a degree of a high standard was played by a wide range of members. Our thanks go to the directors for running the competitions, working out the results by computer and supplying some to our press secretary George Martin, who must also be thanked for supplying the results to the local press every week.

The Club members' successes in outside competitions included the following :-

1. East District Ladies Teams - won by Pam Mackie with three Edinburgh ladies
2. Border Teams - won by Malcolm & Kathy Copley with Reg & Diana Drysdale
3. Border Pairs - won by David Elder & Terry Harris
4. Berwick Congress Teams - won by George Martin, David Elder, Jean Mole & Terry Harris

Congratulations to them all!

The Club's 19th Open ~~At~~ Congress was held at Marshall Meadows Hotel on 8th April and was a

great success. Fifty-four pairs entered the Pairs
Championship and ~~most of them~~ ^{of whom} ~~played~~ ^{four} stayed on to play in
the Swiss Teams in the evening. There were
players from China, New Zealand, Aberdeen, Cardiff
Edinburgh, Newcastle &c. as well as a good
turn out from Berwick and other local clubs.

Mr. & Mrs Norman Morrison from Dumbarton Bridge Club
won the Pairs Championship (congratulations to them),
a Berwick team winning the Swiss Teams as
previously mentioned. Our thanks go out to all
members who contributed to the success of this
event, including particularly Convenor Terry Harris,
and Secretaries Reg and Diana Drysdale who also
brought and set up tables as did George Martin and
Gerald Sandwith.

The Congress Director was again
Ian Ross from ~~Edinburgh~~ ^{Edinburgh}. Next year's Congress has
been booked ~~at~~ at the same venue for 7th April.

Our senior member Messrs Dickenson
attained the age of 90 one week ago. As usual
she played bridge of a high standard last evening, and
I was proud to present her with a congratulatory
card and a bouquet of roses on behalf of the Club.

That concludes my report except to
say how much I have enjoyed being President of
this fine Club during the past year. This is
largely due to the courtesy and help I have received
from ~~the~~ so many members throughout the year. Thank
you all.

W. L. A. MCCREATH
PRESIDENT.

Competition Secretaries Report 2000/2001

We have had ⁶⁹~~76~~ members playing in 70 Club nights this season and generally Club nights have been well supported. We have played in 11 different competitions and produced 20 different names on the trophies, which indicates that members are competing well and no one individual is dominating the winners enclosure except possibly in the teams competitions when Glen Emery was in all 3 winning teams.

- My thanks go to all the directors and scorers of competitions. This is not the easiest of jobs and it can be taken a bit for granted. Aggregate scoring continues to be a tiresome job often taking a long time to balance. I would ask that more attention is paid to recording the scores and agreeing with your partner and opponents. I still believe that a penalty of 200 per mistake on an aggregate night would help to minimize these errors and provided you agree we could try it for next season.

There has been less complaints about club play which I partly put down to the 7.15 pm start. I know that a number of people wish to force this matter but I would remind you that in March 2000 a survey of members resulted in over 90% favouring the earlier start.

Simultaneous pairs have been fairly well supported and those that played seemed to enjoy them and both Bridge Unions and Charities benefitted from us taking part. A notable success in one

of the 'The Bobby Allow' was our President Bill McCreath and
Marguerite Robson 38th out of a field of 669 pairs.

I put an notice on the board in November last year
which I have photocopied and will hand out to you. I
shall now read it through.

I suggest we go ahead with this on Tuesday evenings next
Season but leave Thursdays as there are.

Finally handicaps. The new system basing handicaps on
two months played on Thursday evenings has been largely
successful and in the last eight years we have seen
an increase from 37% to 63% the number of people
funchy in the 45% - 55% Range. This would indicate that
handicaps are better matched to how people have actually played.
However there is a downside which was pointed out to me
recently that some low handicap players may become over
aggressive on Thursday evenings, this discourages new members
and I therefore remind you that Thursday night's enjoyment
is more important than necessarily winning. It is the only
way we will encourage new members and thereby ensure the
future of the club.

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C. TEAM REPORT

We had an interesting year with a lack of good results. Unfortunately we missed out by 1 point in staying in the same division. This depended on the last game which we could only gain a losing draw.

I would like to thank all members for their efforts and work as a team which was strengthened by Mrs Robson, Muskeley at the time of the demise of the 'B' Team.

We had a change of venue for our matches at Haddington. Matches played at Bonwick were hosted by the Castle Hotel.

A Team report

T. Harris reported that the A Team had managed to stay in the 1st division, finishing in 7th place out of 10. He thanked team members for their support.

BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB - CONGRESS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL, 2001

2000

Income

530	Entry Money	627.00
<u>705</u>	Congress Meal Money	<u>752.00</u>
1235		1379.00

Expenditure

32	Licence and Master Points	30.50
87	Printing, Postage and Stationery	119.61
760	Cost of Meals	816.00
160	Prize Money	242.35
50	Congress Directors Fees	50.00
8	Engraving	14.25
<u>60</u>	Sundries	<u>50.00</u>
1157		<u>1322.71</u>

<u>78</u>	<u>Profit for the Year</u>	<u>56.29</u>
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BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL, 2001

<u>2000</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2001</u>
416	Subscriptions	390.00	2150	Room Hire	1725.00
2521	Table Money	3063.00	76	Competitions	--
78	Profit on Congress Account	56.29	478	Prizes and Engraving	535.92
7	Bank Interest	10.11	284	Master Points and Affiliation Fees	396.00
145	Coffee Money	17.70	158	Equipment Purchases	51.77
			98	Printing, Postage and Stationery	126.86
			102	Party Expenses	296.55
			100	Berwick Parish Church Trust	--
			5	Sundries	72.99
			-	Tea, Coffee and Juice	183.07
3167		<u>3537.10</u>	3451		<u>3388.16</u>
820	<u>Balance B/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</u>	536.32	536	<u>Balance C/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</u>	646.26
				<u>Balance C/ Fwd - Cash in Hand</u>	<u>39.00</u>
3987		<u>4073.42</u>	3987		<u>4073.42</u>

RESERVE ACCOUNT - UNIVERSAL BUILDING SOCIETY

3510	<u>Balance Brought Forward</u>	3621.84	3622	<u>Balance Carried Forward</u>	3743.65
112	Interest	121.81			
3622		<u>3743.65</u>	3622		<u>3743.65</u>

We have prepared the above Income and Expenditure Account dated 15th April, 2001 from your books, accounts, vouchers and information and explanations given to us and the above is in accordance therewith.

GREAVES WEST & AYRE
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
BERWICK UPON TWEED

26TH APRIL, 2001