

**MINUTES OF THE 31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2002.**

1. **Present:** Mr W McCreath, President, and 22 members.
2. **Apologies:** L Macaskill, E Carmichael, ~~R~~ B Thomas, T Frew, MA Barr, C McConnachie, C McCreath, M Patterson, M McDonald, C Elder, M Robson, J Davey, J & D Robson,
3. The minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 £630, an improvement on last year. The total for table money had increased, indicating that more members were playing regularly. The membership stood at 70. The accounts were adopted. (Copy on file) Mrs Mole recommended that the subscription and the table money remain the same.

**Competition Secretary's report:** R Drysdale reported a successful year. 17 different names had been engraved on the trophies for the year, indicating that no one individual is dominating the competitions. Simultaneous Pairs had been fairly well supported, and he recommended that they should continue to be included in the programme. The handicap system had been thoroughly discussed in committee, and the decision had been made to cut all handicaps in half next season, with a partnership using the total, instead of the average. This would make no difference to the final score, but would reduce the wide spread in handicaps. (Copy of report on file)

6. **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:	CCM Edney
Secretary	Mrs D Drysdale
Competition Secretary	RN Drysdale
Treasurer	Mrs J Mole
Committee	Mrs P McQueen Mrs E Kelly

9. **Appointment of qualified auditor:** Greaves, West & Ayre
10. **SBU Delegates:** Treasurer and the two secretaries

11. **Committee recommendations for 2002/2003:**

1. The subscription and table money to remain unchanged

12. **Points for discussion:**

Charitable donations - R Drysdale proposed that a donation be made to either the Parish Church or another local charity. He also suggested that the annual Congress be run in aid of a specified charity. This was discussed in depth, with several members disagreeing in principle. Another suggestion was made that the Parish Church Council be approached about installing a handrail and/or improved lighting at the entrance to the Hall, with the Bridge Club offering to make a sizeable contribution. This was agreed upon, and it was also agreed to hold a Special General Meeting to discuss the whole concept of charitable donations, and to formally propose at this meeting that the Congress in future be held in aid of a charity.

13. **Any Other Competent business:**

G Martin asked if the recently launched website met with the members' approval. The President thanked him for all his hard work, and those present agreed that the website was an asset to the club.

G Sandwith proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring President, WLA McCreath

14. The meeting concluded with the presentation of prizes (copy on file), followed by bridge.

*Leint Lacey 8<sup>th</sup> May 2002*

## **President's report - 9<sup>th</sup> May 2002**

The club has completed another successful and enjoyable year. Although we did not have all the successes in competitions outside the club achieved in the previous year, the standard of play within the club remains at a high level. All the various pairs and teams competitions, numbering 11 in all and played over 10, 7, 6, 3 or 1 evenings, some scratch and some handicap, were played in a good spirit and keenly contested. Some went right to the wire. My congratulations to all the winners and runners up.

Congratulations to the A team for maintaining its position in Division 1 of the Scottish Eastern District League and to our C team for maintaining its position in Division 5.

Our twentieth annual Congress held at Marshall Meadows in April was a great success, 104 players participating with entries from Falkirk, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Hawick and many other places. My thanks to all those members of our club who worked so hard to make it a success. Next year's Congress has been fixed for 6<sup>th</sup> April at the same venue.

Bridge is a wonderful game for stimulating the minds of young people, for keeping the brain active amongst retired people, and for helping to forget the stresses which life can sometimes bring, and I would like to see more people joining the Berwick Bridge Club for the season starting in September. The annual subscription is only £6 and one pays £1.50 per session which includes tea, coffee or a soft drink. The first few evenings involve no competitions so the opportunity arises for people who have not played much bridge to practice in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Any member of the club can be contacted for details of dates, venue etc.

It has been a great privilege for me to have been President of the club for the past two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience, my task having been made easy by having a loyal and hardworking set of officials and committee. May I thank them all for the hard work they have put in, particularly Gerald Sandwith and Marjorie McDonald, who retire tonight after three years on the committee, and Marguerite Robson, our partnership secretary.

WLA McCreath

Competition Secretary's Report 2001/2002

Club nights have been well attended slightly up on last year as the treasurer <sup>has already</sup> confirmed. We have played in 11 competitions and 17 different names have been engraved on the trophies which indicates that members are competing well and no one individual is dominating the winners enclosure! New names <sup>on trophies</sup> are Pat McQueen & J. Dargel in the Tom Woodman and Malcolm & Kelly Copley in the Royal Bank. Well done.

My thanks go to all directors and secretaries of competitions. 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. Diana's development of the 'spreadsheet method' scored on the computer off havelots seems much simpler and quicker and should be the way forward, but also means you do not get the result on the night which most seem to look forward to!

Emulative points have been fairly well supported and those that played seemed to enjoy them and both Bridge Unions are anxious to benefit from us taking part. I believe the programme for next year should continue to be similar to this year.

Finally handicaps. Records of Thursday evenings indicate how you have played as a partnership. They are not meant to say that one player is necessarily better than the other. The committee discussed a complaint on the speed of handicaps and found that the system was good, and to get round the <sup>but</sup> <sup>physical</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>large</sup> <sup>number</sup> of spread we have decided to half the handicaps and the 2 values be added together to give the partnership handicap instead of adding together and taking the mean. This will reduce the spread from 1000 to 500 to 1400 approximately although I hope you have enjoyed your Bridge year season.

The partnership will be the same

2001/2002

## Berwick 'C' Team Report

This year has been reasonably successful in that we won 6 games, drew 2 and lost 2. Sadly I feel we could also have been the League winners had we played better in the matches against the two top teams.

Whilst the League Table is incomplete I think that we will have ended the season in third place. However, if Two-To-One lost their last match we have an outside chance of being second.

In addition to our League performance we played in the Knockout and drew First Division Team DUNDAS who fielded at least 4 Scottish international players. We managed to beat them in an enjoyable match and had a respectable margin in our favour after taking Handicap into account. We were then comprehensively beaten by Pied Pipers from our own Division.

We played in four different venues during the season 2 at Haddington 1 at North Berwick and 1 at Kelso.

Unlike our 'friends' in the A Team we are all good friends and eight of us represented the Club at the Strathpeffer Congress where we did not win any silverware but did not disgrace ourselves. We are also meeting socially tomorrow night. When did the A Team last do that!!!!

May I thank everyone who represented the team and say that selection was not always easy as volunteers were never to seek until the last game when one of the team took ill at the last moment.

Our drivers were as usual very willing and always prompt giving me few worries, I am also grateful to our team Treasurer who made my life less stressful. I did however note 3 teams did use nonconventional dealing techniques against us but we were happy to beat them.

Our refreshment providers also did an excellent job.

Thank you team and thank you as a club for your support, we appreciate it and I hope that we will have been seen, to have been good ambassadors for Berwick Bridge Club.

Gerald Sandwith

Team Captain

**BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB**  
**CONGRESS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL, 2002**

**2001**

**Income**

1379	Entry and Meals	1592.50
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**Expenditure**

31	Licence and Master Points	30.50
120	Printing, Postage and Stationery	68.80
816	Cost of Meals	995.00
242	Prize Money	230.34
50	Congress Directors Fees	--
14	Engraving	24.80
50	Sundries	50.00
<u>1323</u>		<u>1399.44</u>
<u>56</u>	<b><u>Profit for the Year</u></b>	<u>193.06</u>

**BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL, 2002**

<u>2001</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2002</u>
390	Subscriptions	402.00	1725	Room Hire	1775.00
3063	Table Money	3261.00	536	Prizes and Engraving	512.32
56	Profit on Congress Account	193.06	396	Master Points and Affiliation Fees	328.00
10	Bank Interest	8.64	52	Equipment Purchases	50.92
18	Coffee Money	--	127	Printing, Postage and Stationery	94.53
			296	Party Expenses	153.95
			73	Sundries	107.24
			183	Tea, Coffee and Juice	188.61
			-	Competitions	24.00
<u>3537</u>		<u>3864.70</u>	<u>3388</u>		<u>3234.57</u>
536	<b>Balance B/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</b>	646.26	646	<b>Balance C/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland</b>	1276.39
-	<b>Balance B/Fwd - Cash in Hand</b>	<u>39.00</u>	<u>39</u>	<b>Balance C/Fwd - Cash in Hand</b>	<u>39.00</u>
<u>4073</u>		<u>4549.96</u>	<u>4073</u>		<u>4549.96</u>

**RESERVE ACCOUNT - YORKSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY**

(Transferred from Universal Building Society)

3622	<b>Balance Brought Forward</b>	3743.65	3744	<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	3811.16
122	Interest	67.51			
<u>3744</u>		<u>3811.16</u>	<u>3744</u>		<u>3811.16</u>

We have prepared the above Income and Expenditure Account dated 15th April, 2002 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**

24TH APRIL, 2002