

## Bridge Blog

### Teams Trophy- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm

The Roehampton Club Teams Trophy 2022 was convincingly won by Loulou Van Geuns' team of Arnold Tunbridge, Marion Tamblyn, and Paul Ambrose. Congratulations to them- 17imps clear of second place.

They were one of only two teams who bid the 6NT slam on the hand below.

**Paul Ambrose describes his and Marion's auction: -**  
(N/S passing throughout).

The auction started with 1NT from E whereupon W's blood pressure went up. Since E's 1NT specified the hand within narrow limits, W took charge of the auction by seeking information. It was important to get an idea of E's shape by 2C (Stayman). 2D response showed no 4-card major suggesting that E has at least 7 cards in the minors (with an increased chance for honours there). The problem was that anything W bids (over 2D) under game can be passed by E. West surmised that even with a minimum of 12 points in any combination in E's hand, it looked like 11 tricks were safe but if there were more than 12 points it is a cold 6NT. Over 4NT (RKCB) 5D gave the missing ace and out of the many permutations of the minimum 12 points, only a few, unlucky, 'hostile' ones would condemn 6NT. Given the leeway of one trick and the likelihood to squeeze a trick in the play, it would have been rather pessimistic not to bid 6NT.



North NV	
♠ Q J 10 7	
♥ 10 8 6	
♦ Q 6	
♣ Q J 10 5	
West V	East D V
♠ A K 9	♠ 6 4
♥ A 2	♥ K Q 5
♦ K J 10 9 2	♦ A 8 7 5 3
♣ A 6 2	♣ K 9 7
South NV	
♠ 8 5 3 2	
♥ J 9 7 4 3	
♦ 4	
♣ 8 4 3	
HCPs	
8	
19	12
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### LBHCBA (London Business Houses Contract Bridge Association)

#### Diamond Team report- Ralph Evers

I am delighted to confirm that our Diamonds team have finished top of Division Two in the London Business Houses Contract Bridge Association winter league. We had to play each of the other five teams in the division twice, and for this purpose we formed two squads each playing one match against all the other teams - the Red squad (Malcolm Bricknell, Peter Hardyment, Peter Bonner-Moris and myself) and the Violet squad (Viv Harris, Paul Ambrus and Danny and Sally Gesua) with Ron Wood and Philip Howard providing vital support as reserves. We won 9 of our 10 league matches (all played online on BBO) ending with 138 vps, well ahead of all the other 5 teams. A great achievement - well done to all our players.

One huge board for us in our last match (against Habeas Corpus who were lying second - so it was a key match) was the following –

S 2	S K7653
H K542	H Q76
D KQ98732	D 10
C A	C K753
S AQ1084	S J9
H AJ83	H 109
D J4	D A65
C Q2	C J109864

South dealt and the bidding with both sides vulnerable went -

Table 1 (Roehampton East/West) 3C -D-P- 4S; all pass. 4S made comfortably - +620 points

Table 2 (Roehampton North/South) P-1S-D-4S; P-P-5D- all pass. With the AH onside 5D again made comfortably - +600 points

So that was a double game swing, and +1,200 points (which translated into 15 imps) to our team. We now look forward to the challenges of division 1 next season.

### **Hearts team - Rita Gallinari- Jones**

Sadly, I must report a disappointing end to this season for Team Hearts. Although not all the teams in our division have completed their matches, the two promotion places are currently being fought for by the three teams ahead of us. Frustratingly we managed to incur more losses than wins albeit by very minor margins. A bad swing on just one board, an ill-chosen opening lead or a slam attempt which fails – all areas for improvement. Thank you to everyone in the team. Onwards and upwards to the next season.

Richard Armstrong, Julie Bacon, Lorna Bhasin, Kate Blake, Ellie Elliott, Myles Elliott, Loulou van Geuns, Verena Higgs, Claire Martin, Mikael Parker, Maria Wiehe.

### **Next Team Practice**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm- Bridge Room.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bridge board in reception.

### **Forthcoming match vs Queen's club**

We have a home match against Queens on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May (evening). There is a signup sheet on the board, or please contact Simon Lucas ( [simonhlucas@gmail.com](mailto:simonhlucas@gmail.com)).

### **Match Result vs AELTC**

The following team played the All England club on 7<sup>th</sup> April and unfortunately incurred a 27 imp loss. Commiserations to, Malcolm Bricknell, Peter Hardyment, Viv Harris, Sally Gesua, Paul Ambrus and Jeanette Reid. You can't win them all!

### **Bridge Summer Party - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

It's a way ahead but please do make a note of the date in your diary.

This is a change to the date scheduled in our printed calendar and is also a switch from the usual Thursday to a Saturday. We are trialling a Saturday this year as the club is less busy on the weekend evenings and this gives us more flexibility.

### **Julie Bacon, Bridge Chair**