



## **What is the EBU?**

The English Bridge Union is the game's national governing body. It is owned by, answerable to and exists in order to serve its members. It is non-profit making. Much of the work is carried out by unpaid volunteers including the Directors of the Board and the members of all the committees – National Club Committee, Tournament, Laws and Ethics, Selection.

## **The EBU provides**

- The infrastructure for the game, ensuring that fairness operates at every level, so you know you will be playing by the same rules in any affiliated club, local or national tournament.
- Tournament director training.
- Teacher training to encourage more people to learn, improve and take part in the game.
- Development of education programmes for schoolchildren, students and adults.
- Selection, support, training and practice at all levels for our international teams.

## **The EBU is at the forefront of publicising and promoting bridge nationally**

- It provides press releases to all the national media.
- It places articles on Bridge in magazines and newspapers.
- It has recently completed a pilot TV Bridge programme which it is hoped will lead to a series comparable to *Countdown*.
- It has recently sent successful teams of bridge players to national TV quiz shows, which helps promote the game.

## **The EBU is currently**

- Working towards attaining charitable status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It will advise clubs on the advantages and disadvantages of charitable status when the new legislation comes in.
- Developing an awareness of the social benefits of bridge at national government level through its All Party Parliamentary Group for the Development of Bridge.
- Co-operating with other agencies in the scientific investigation and publicising of the health benefits of playing Bridge: increased mental fitness, reduced risk of developing Alzheimer's Disease, enhanced immune system, benefits associated with a healthy social life, etc.
- Developing a National Grading System – very popular in other countries.

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EBU MEMBERS AND EBU CLUBS