



SUFFOLK MAN WINS PRESTIGIOUS SERVICE AWARD FOR TEACHING BRIDGE

ALAN GREEN, age 63 from Manningtree, Essex has been awarded the Tom Bradley Award for services to the teaching of bridge in Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk by the English Bridge Union. The award was presented to Alan by the Chairman of the English Bridge Union, Sally Bugden.

Alan has worked extremely hard over the last couple of years in introducing bridge to various schools in the three counties, which is especially exceptional considering the wide geographical areas that he has reached.

He hasn't always taught bridge - for 35 years Alan was a senior manager for Transport for London in Operations, Health and Safety, and Purchasing.

However, Alan's love of bridge was ever apparent and he has been playing the game since the age of 28. His wife and son are also players. As a bridge player, he has seen two highlights - first, a few years ago he managed to beat a team full of England international players during a prestigious national competition called the Gold Cup; and his other highlight was when he coached his son to play for the England under 20's.

Alan has been teaching bridge for the last six years, and for three of those years was the Suffolk Education Officer for the English Bridge Union. In those six years, he has been very successful at introducing bridge throughout Suffolk, Essex, and Norfolk. In addition, he has been coach to the England under 19's team.

Sally Bugden, EBU chairman said: "Alan has a great skill in teaching all levels and ages of children, and in providing a well-rounded education of the game. He is an ideal recipient of the Tom Bradley Award, because of all his amazing work in the wide geographic expanse of East Anglia."

The Tom Bradley Award is assigned each year to a non-school teacher for services to the teaching of bridge in England.

What is Bridge?

Bridge is a trick-taking card game of skill and chance. It is played by four players who form two partnerships (sides); the partners sit opposite each other at a table. The game consists of the auction (often called bidding) and play, after which the hand is scored. Further information on the EBU and bridge can be found on the Media section of our website, please view: <http://tinyurl.com/cmyl52z>

Who Plays Bridge?

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates, tennis legend Martina Navratilova, actor Omar Sharif and the world's top investor, Warren Buffett...to name just four. In this country an estimated 300,000 people play bridge regularly in hundreds of clubs in cities, towns and villages up and down the land.

About the English Bridge Union

The English Bridge Union was formed on 23 May 1936 and is a non-profit making membership-funded organisation committed to promoting the game of duplicate bridge. It is also a National Bridge Organisation in its own right affiliated to the European Bridge League and the World Bridge Federation. New players are the lifeblood of the game and the EBU are keen to encourage them. For more information on the English Bridge Union please visit: <http://www.ebu.co.uk/media/pressresources.htm>