



ENGLAND TEAMS TO CELEBRATE ONE GOLD AND TWO SILVER IN BRIDGE OLYMPICS AT PARTY IN LONDON

IN OCTOBER 2008 ENGLAND bridge players achieved their best ever international result - winning a gold medal and two silver medals at the game's 'Olympics' staged in Beijing.

On **Friday 20 February**, the famous TGRs bridge club at the New Cavendish Club will be hosting a celebratory party for England's winning teams. The party will also include many of the great and the good from the English bridge world.

The outstanding performance was spearheaded by the Women's six strong team which beat the host nation, China, by the narrowest margin in a thrilling final to land the gold medal.

The six men in England's Open team created history by reaching the final of a global bridge competition for the first time and collected silver after losing out to the brilliant Italians.

The Under 21 side also took silver after meeting France in their final and, for good measure, the England senior's and U28's side reached the quarter finals.

Ninety five nations took part in the first World Mind Sports Games - formerly known as the Bridge Olympiad - but it was England's teams who surpassed all expectations.

TGRs and the English Bridge Union would like to invite the London and National Press to come along and meet these unique players at the party. Please contact **Matt Betts**, the EBU's communications officer, on **01296 317200** or email: **Matt@ebu.co.uk** for more information.

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TGRs bridge club is at: 44 Great Cumberland Place, London, W1H 7BS. A guest list for the party is available on request. Photos from Beijing can be seen [here](#).

Further information on the EBU and bridge can be found on the Media section of our website, please view [here](#).

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 two million people enjoy social bridge and around 300,000 play regularly in thousands of clubs in cities, towns and villages up and down the land.

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. Please click [here](#) for more information on bridge.

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: www.ebu.co.uk