



ENGLISH TEAM WIN THE PRESTIGIOUS GOLD CUP

At the weekend an English bridge team were celebrating a victory at one of the most prestigious bridge events in the UK.

The five man side, which includes a professional bridge teacher and a bridge journalist, saw off the challenges of many other top playing teams at the Gold Cup.

The winning team was captained by Alexander Allfrey, who together with Andrew Robson, Peter Crouch, Tony Forrester and David Bakhshi, beat Patrick Collins (captain), Derek Patterson, Gerald and Stuart Tredinnick) by 160 IMPs to 138.

The Gold Cup is the most prestigious bridge Open Teams event in Britain. It is a knock-out throughout, and, prior to the finals, all matches are played privately. It is one of the oldest bridge tournaments in the world and was first played in 1931. Over 170 men and 10 women have won the Gold Cup since then. Each year the competition sees some of the world's best players playing against each other.

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

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