



## LORDS V COMMONS BRIDGE MATCH

The 38th match between the House of Commons and the House of Lords was held at the Houses of Parliament last Thursday. It was a hard fought match, but eventually the House of Lords beat the House of Commons by 1900 points in the annual teams-of-eight bridge match.

The House of Lords win sees them increase their lead in the series to 21-17.

Congratulations to the House of Lords team: Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Harrison, Baroness Billingham, Baroness Henig (captain), Susie Allfrey, John Deech, the Earl of Caithness and Lord Kalms.

The captain for the Commons, Bob Blackman (MP for Harrow East) won the Jack Perry Trophy for the best played hand, presented by Stephen Perry of London Export Limited, the event sponsors.

Photos of the winning team and Bob Blackman are available here: <https://picasaweb.google.com/englishbridgeunion/LordsVCommons2012>

### ***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>