



RECENT GOLD MEDALLIST WINS SUNDAY TELEGRAPH SALVER

The 2009 Master Point ranking lists are now available to be viewed online. Congratulations to John Holland who has won the Sunday Telegraph Salver for the most points earned in the year. He finished ahead of 2007 winner Ron Davis and Frank Springett.

William John Holland was born in 1950 in Burnley, Lancashire. After a small stint as a programmer, he became a full time professional bridge player, playing nationally, internationally and in Manchester.

With his bridge and life partner, Michelle Brunner, John has reached the finals of the Hubert Phillips Bowl, the National Mixed Teams Knockout twelve times and won many of them. Other wins include the NICKO (1990 & 1993); Pachabo Trophy (1986); the Garden Cities Teams (1998 & 2000); the National Swiss Teams (1992) and the Crockfords Trophy (2000).

Last year, partnering Gunnar Hallberg, John won the Gold Medal in the Senior Bermuda Bowl together with the English team.

Full details of the ranking lists are available on the EBU website.

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.

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/media/pressresources.htm