



ENGLAND JUNIORS WIN SILVER IN BRIDGE WORLD CHAMPIONS

England Juniors have won Silver in this years World Bridge Championship in Philadelphia – after getting in to the event at the 11th hour.

The six man side, saw off the challenges of 15 other countries during the seven day event in Philadelphia and lost to Poland during a gruelling 64 board final on Saturday 16 October. The bridge world championships are held quadrennially, and see countries from all over the world competing to win Gold, Silver and Bronze.

Sally Bugden, Chairman of the English Bridge Union, said: “Our team in Philadelphia have once again thrust English bridge to the forefront of the world game. We are thrilled and proud that our players have done so well in this important world event.”

The silver medal heroes of the England team are:

Tom Paske
Graeme Robertson
Shivam Shah
James Paul
Tom Rainforth
Dan McIntosh
Michael Byrne (Captain)
Alan Shillitoe (Coach)

The Coach, Alan Shillitoe, said: “Both Michael Byrne and I would like to say how proud we are of the team, the effort they put in and the performance they produced. For Dan McIntosh and Tom Paske it was a second disappointment in a world final after Beijing. For Shivam Shah, Tom Rainforth, Graeme Robertson and James Paul, this was their first international medal and surely not their last.”

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