



BRIDGE INTERNATIONAL WINS SUNDAY TELEGRAPH SALVER

International England bridge player John Holland has won the 2012 Sunday Telegraph Salver for most Masterpoints earned during the year. His score of 32,376 is well ahead of Steve Auchterlonie in second (25,719) and last year's winner Ed Scerri in third (24,114).

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.

For a number of years John has been a member of the England Seniors team. In 2009 his team won the Gold Medal in the prestigious senior Bermuda Bowl.

In addition to the Sunday Telegraph Salver, **David Gold** leads the Gold Point list, with 98.44. The previous leader John Holland is close behind in second (95.67) and Chris Jagger is third (79.28). David's total for the year is the highest since the 18 month long 2007 season.

The prizes for all the Club Champions have also been drawn. **Robbie Kingston** (winner at Chipping Campden bridge club) was first and has won £400, **Maggie Neal** (Pinchbeck bridge club) was second and won £200, and **David Willson** (Stowmarket bridge club) was third with a £100 prize.

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>