



## WEATHER DOES NOT STOP PLAY IN EDINBURGH

Snow, ice and very cold temperatures have caused problems across the UK, with cancelled flights and trains, shops running low on supplies, and schools closing. However, against all these odds, the UK's top bridge home international series went ahead last weekend in Edinburgh, Scotland with all teams in attendance.

The home international bridge series, known as the Camrose, pitted all the home nations against one another: England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales in one of the bridge highlights of the year.

The Republic of Ireland ultimately came out on top with 100 VP, just one ahead of England, with the lead switching back and forth throughout the final matches. Third are Wales on 78, first weekend hosts Scotland on 72, Northern Ireland 57 and Northern Ireland Bridge Union 40.

Ireland won all their matches, England won 4, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales 2 each and the Northern Ireland Bridge Union 1.

The second and final weekend starts on 5 March 2010 in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

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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 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](http://www.ebu.co.uk/media/pressresources.htm)