



PRESS RELEASE

The British Gold cup – Great Britain's most prestigious bridge competition

The Gold Cup is the most prestigious bridge Open Teams event in Britain and is organised by Bridge Great Britain (formerly by the British Bridge League). It is knock-out throughout, and, prior to the finals, all matches were played privately.

On the weekend of 8 – 9 December 2007 the semi finals and finals took place in Peebles, Scotland and saw excellent bridge by some of the world's best players. The winning team was captained by Alexander Allfrey, who together with Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester and David Bakhshi, beat Nick Stevens (captain), Paul Bowyer, Jim Mason, Duncan Happer, Ben Green and Dick Pathan by over 100 IMPs.

Many of the players in the semi finals and finals play bridge internationally, and have been successful in the Bermuda Bowl, European Championships, as well as winning previous British Gold Cups.

The Gold Cup is awarded to the winners of the British Bridge Teams Championship, one of the oldest bridge tournaments in the world and was first played in 1931, with the first final in 1932. 170 men and 10 women have won the Gold Cup since then.

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About Bridge

Bridge is one of the most enduring and popular games in the world; for over 100 years, people of all types and from all walks of life have been fascinated by the game. It is one of the most popular leisure activities in Britain, with around 300,000 people playing on a regular basis. 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. Please click [here](#) for more information on bridge.

About the English Bridge Union

The English Bridge Union Limited (EBU) is a 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

