

Report of the Brunel Trophy Contract Bridge competition 2013

The competition was held during the day on 11 October 2013 in the Palmer Room at the ICE. Twelve teams entered and the Bridge was, as always, both friendly and competitive.

The result was a close win for the Wooden Tops team over Grey Diamond, by 141 to 140 Victory points. The winners were Paul Lamford, Stefanie Rohan, Andrew Clery and Nigel Freake. The runners-up were Rex Goad, Catherine Rice-Evans, Paul Thornton and Gerry Weston.

At the end of the afternoon session the club Chairman Peter Hansford presented the trophy together with glass tumblers to the winners. Congratulations are due to them and also to all the other players who contributed to the day. Thanks are also due to Nicole Cook the Tournament Director who was in charge of proceedings. She performed her task with her customary efficiency and good humour and kept the event going smoothly and to time. The final results are summarised below.

In the evening a dinner was taken in the nearby Bistrol restaurant in Covent Garden. There were over 25 diners which included friends as well. We dined there the previous year and again everyone enjoyed the meal.

Photos of the winners with Peter Hansford and other photos taken during the day are shown below.

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Brunel Trophy Final Results, 11 October 2013

Place	Team	Players	VP
1	Wooden Tops:	Paul Lamford & Stefanie Rohan	141
		Andrew Clery & Nigel Freake	
2	Grey Diamond:	Rex Goad & Catherine Rice-Evans	140
		Paul Thornton & Gerry Weston	
3	Isambard:	John Beamish & Peter Richardson	131
		Martin Baker & John Stimson	
4	The Internationals:	Szczepan Smoczynski & Mary Gordon-Smith	127
		Terry Hewett & Gitte Hecht-Johansen	
5	Queen of the South:	Naomi Cohen & Jennie George	121
		Roland Gronau & Diane Richmond	
6	Shambu:	Sampat Sethia & Manju Sethia	116
		Inder Sethia & Abhdy Agarrwal	
7	The Bridge Builders:	Ned Paul & Claire Robinson	112
		Stephen Foster & Barrie Gilbert	
8	Joanna:	Anil Bhandari & Joanna Bugeja	97
		Gopal Srinivas & Asim Chughtai	
9	The Wanderers:	Philip Watson & Rita Desmarais	96
		Chris Elliott & Sylvia Finnimore	
10	Mushrooms:	Bill Linton & Tim Pelling	95
		Robert Balchin & Ron Harris	
11	Lemmings:	John Walker & Trevor Wilkinson	77
		John Walker & Alex Gibb	
12	Sheila's Team:	Sheila Fitzlonen & Russell Calderwood	67
		Juanita Escudezo & David Rumens	



The winning Wooden Tops team from left to right: Paul Lamford, Nigel Freake, Andrew Clery, Stefanie Rohan and Civil Engineers' Club Chairman Peter Hansford



Manju Sethia and Anshu Agarwal from the Shambu team



Gitte Hecht-Johansen, Szczepan Smoczynski and Terry Hewett from the Internationals team



General view of players in the Palmer Room