

Report of the Brunel Trophy Contract Bridge competition 2015

This year's Brunel Trophy competition was held on 2 October 2015 in the Palmer Room at the Institution of Civil Engineers. This was 25 years after the competition was first held in 1990. A total of eleven teams entered and the Bridge was, as always, both friendly and competitive.

At the original event in 1990 there were seven teams and of the 28 players that day six played in 2015- Robert Balchin, John Beamish, Anil Bhandari, Tim Pelling, Peter Richardson and John Walker.

The winners with 142 VP's were the All In team led by Gitte Hecht-Johansen and included Terry Hewett, Mary Gordon-Smith and Szczepan Smoczynski. Runners up with 123 VP's were the Waltham Forest team comprising Ken Barnett, John Stimson, Martin Baker and Peter Richardson. Congratulations are due to the winners and also to all the other players who contributed to the day. For the full results list see below.

It was most appropriate that Robin Wilson presented the Brunel Trophy cut glass rose bowl to the winners, together with a glass tumbler to each member of the winning team. His firm Travers Morgan donated the trophy to the Club when he was also the Club Chairman and he had presented the trophy at the inaugural event in 1990.

A photo of the winners with Robin Wilson and other photos taken during the day are shown below.

Thanks are also due to Nicole Cook the Tournament Director who was in charge of proceedings throughout. 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 Soho. There were 23 diners including friends as well. The restaurant has a wide selection and always makes us welcome. We have dined at Bistrol in recent years and again everyone enjoyed the meal.

Next year's event will be held on Friday 21 October 2016 at the Institution of Civil Engineers, 1 Great George St, SW1P 3AA. If you are interested in playing please contact me even if you don't have a team or a partner- if you let me know early enough I can usually find others to make up a team.

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Brunel Trophy Final Results, 2 October 2015

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| 1 | All In M Gordon-Smith, S Smoczynski, G Hecht-Johansen, T Hewett | 142 |
| 2 | Waltham Forest P Richardson, M Baker, K Barnett, J Stimson | 123 |
| 3 | Civilians N Stuttard, J Bernard, G Horscroft, M Bull | 107 |
| 4 | Beamish Boys C Gray, J Beamish, A Clery, R Balchin | 105 |
| 5 | Grey Diamond R Goad, N Cook, G Weston, P Thornton | 96 |
| 6= | Mushrooms T Pelling, N Cohen, M Skelly, M Etkin | 93 |
| 6= | All in Pink G Srinivas, Y Dickinson, G Cunningham, A Bhandari | 93 |
| 8 | The Stones R Sissons, J Kendall, J , A Gibb, J Walker | 92 |
| 9 | Putney Bride Club N Paul, J Balson, J Pearson, I Snowden | 90 |
| 10 | The Lemmings S Sethia, A Agarwal, J Walker, T Wilkinson | 89 |
| 11 | New Chiswick G Duncan, H Kronsten, O Buckley, S Chamberlain | 70 |



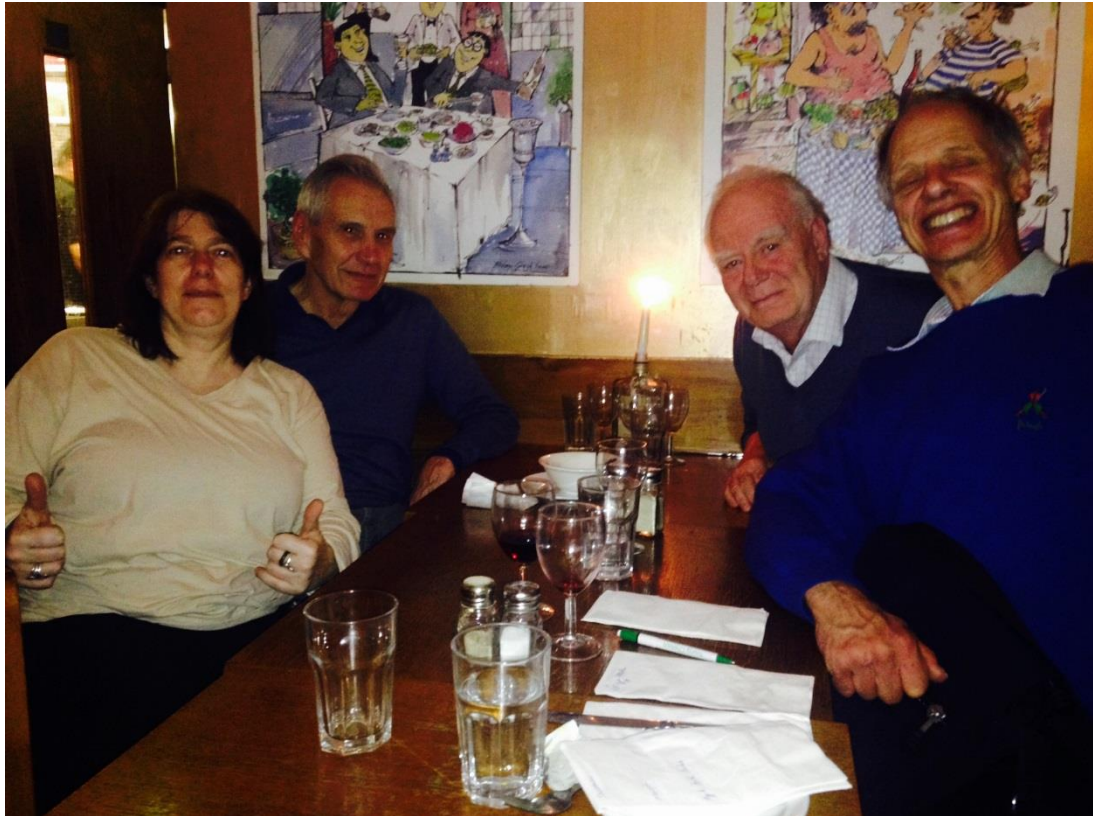
Robin Wilson presenting the Brunel Trophy to the winning All In team. From left to right: Terry Hewett, Szczepan Smoczynski, Robin Wilson and Gitte Hecht-Johansen. (Mary Gordon-Smith had left early).



Left to right: Ivor Snowden, Maxine Etkin, Andrew Clery, Martin Baker, Naomi Cohen and Tim Pelling



Left to right: Trevor Wilkinson, Jacqui Wilkinson, Helen Walker, John Walker and Robin Wilson



Left to right: Maxine Etkin, John Balson, Paul Thornton and Gerry Weston



Left to right: the Beamish Boys team of Christopher Gray, Andrew Clery, John Beamish and Robert Balchin



Left to right: the Civilians team of Mike Bull, John Bernard, Graham Horscroft and Nigel Stuttard



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