

James Jones Cup, 2022

After a three year gap because of the Coronavirus pandemic, the James Jones Cup Contract Bridge competition was finally held again on Saturday 30 July 2022. This was at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, London. There were ten pairs and the event was run as Multiple Pairs.

In a keenly fought contest, the leaders changed place many times throughout the day. The first three pairs all scored 60% or more. At the end the worthy winners were Gitte Hecht-Johansen and Szczepan Smoczynski with 67.8%. In winning Gitta retained the trophy as she was the last pre-lockdown winner. She and Szczepan are shown with the trophy in the photos below. Alex Hannon and Martin Baker were second with 65.0% and Ken Barnett and Roy Cooper third with 60.0%

The winners also received medals.

As the organiser I would like to thank our Director Nicole Cook and the Young Chelsea Bridge Club for ensuring that the day went smoothly. Finally, a big thank you to all those who took part and helped my day go well.

The full results are shown on the following link:

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/brian/>

Below is a summary.

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Position	Players	Total VP's	%
1	Gitte Hecht-Johansen & Szczepan Smoczynski	122	67.8%
2	Martin Baker & Alex Hannon	117	65.0%
3	Ken Barnett & Roy Cooper	108	60.0%
4	Ryan Tan & Peter Richardson	95	52.8%
5	Nicole Cook & Robot	88	48.9%
6	Chris Duckworth & Brian Callahan	85	47.2%
7=	Chris Gray & Sally Relton	81	45.0%
7=	Andrew Clery & Eve Brenner	81	45.0%
9	Paul Hickson & Ian Yates	75	41.7%
10	Andrew Ward & Claus Werner	48	26.7%



Winners Gitte Hecht-Johansen and
Szczepan Smoczynski



Runners-up Alex Hannon and
Martin Baker



From left: Roy Cooper, Sally Relton and Chris Gray