

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BRIDGE CLUB

MINUTES of the 27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at The Parish Church Meeting Room
on 12 May 1998

1. Present:- Mr. Robin Pearson (President) & 31 members
2. Apologies:- T. Oates B. Bladen L. McAskill A. Ross T. Tyler J. Lindsay
P. Mackie G. Sandwith R. Drysdale J. Gregson D. Elder B. McCreath
R. French P. Thomas
3. The Minutes of the 26th A.G.M. were read approved and signed.
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Pearson submitted his report to meeting which was adopted. Copy on file.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT - Mrs. Drysdale submitted the audited accounts to the meeting. The Accounts were adopted. Copies of the account on file. Mrs. Drysdale recommended that the Subscription and Table money for next year remain unchanged. This was agreed.
6. COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT - Mr. Harris reported that all club competitions had been well supported except for the Pivot. The National/District events again attracted a poor entry but would be continued.
7. TEAM CAPTAIN'S REPORTS:- These reports were given by Terry Harris ("A" Team) Jean Mole ("B" Team) & Margaret Patterson ("C" Team) & adopted.
8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS - The following were elected -

PRESIDENT:-	Mr. George Martin
SECRETARY:-	Mr. Reg Drysdale
COMPETITION SECRETARY:-	Mr. Terry Harris
TREASURER:-	Mrs. Diana Drysdale
COMMITTEE:-	Mr. Peter Calder & Mr. Alan French
AUDITOR:-	Mr. Jim Coats

 S.B.U. Delegates:- The Treasurer & the Two Secretaries
9. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1998/99
 - 9.1 The venue remain unchanged.
 - 9.2 The Pivot Team dates be spread through the programme.
 - 9.3 The season to start on 1 September 1998
These three recommendations were accepted.
- 10.1. Concern was expressed at the charge for coffee on club nights. The matter to be referred to the committee for consideration.
- 10.2 A lengthy discussion took place over psyches and over aggressive bidding on a Thursday. The Secretary reminded the meeting that a previous A.G.M. had banned psyches on Thursdays. All this was part of a desire to make a Thursday more welcoming to beginners. Mr. Martin undertook that the Committee would have regard to the views expressed, possibly including a statement in the fixture card.
- 10.3 A plea was made for the Club Directors to be more forceful and to ensure a prompt finish.
- 10.4 A suggestion by Mrs. Drysdale to alter the financial year end to 15 April and to hold the A.G.M. on a Thursday was agreed.

11. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the retiring President followed by the presentation of prizes with social bridge thereafter.

Genea Martin 13/5/99.

PRESIDENT's REPORT

This past year has been a good one for the Club, but which has been tinged with sadness at losing one of our best members, Robin Pearson.

If I can mention Robin first. A senior Life Master, Robin was a strong competitor every year in most of the National Competitions and was usually highly placed. I'm pleased to say also that Robin has won the Club Championship this year, playing with Pam Mackie. As Immediate Past President he still kept a fatherly eye on the Berwick Club and was always available to give advice. He will most certainly be sadly missed. I have received two letters from Sheila, and I would like to read both of them.

With regard to the second letter I suggest that we leave the decision to your very able committee, although, under *Any Other Business*, I am prepared to accept suggestions.

With regard to the Club itself I am pleased to say that membership has increased, and most Club Competitions have been well attended. I would like to see more members taking part in National Competitions because that is the one way to improve your playing standards.

I do not want to go into too much detail and pinch the thunder from the other reports but I would like to congratulate the 'A' and especially 'C' teams for their performance in the League. The 'C' team, of course, won the 5th Division Cup. Two individual performances should be mentioned. Our hard working secretary, Reg Drysdale, won the Faie Trophy for the individual Championship of the Eastern District. The other was the winning of the Borders Pairs Championship by Brian Thomas and myself. Several members took part in various Congresses through the year and were highly placed, keeping Berwick Bridge Club's name to the fore.

I must thank my committee for all their hard work on your behalf during the year, especially Secretary Reg Drysdale, Match Secretary Terry Harris, Treasurer Diana Drysdale, and not forgetting Marguerite Robson who is a tower of strength behind the scenes in getting us partners. I would also like to mention Terry's wife, Josephine, for all her work in making up the prepared hands and would like Terry to give her a Gardening Token on our behalf. *Peter Colles.*

In conclusion may I thank all of you for your support during the season.

12th May 93 A.M.

Welcome to 27th ACM.

Another year, what has happened?

Most notably, moved house -
overheard someone saying, graveyard
LAST very handy. Soft
however, quiet, pleasant &
quite comfortable on a warm night.
~~perhaps not unexpected, E is a place~~
~~on its own.~~

Achievements - Max Lydell
Need not dwell up 10th in R. Bank. -
A Team. 1st Div Cup - 1 year ago
won ED 2nd Div Cup -
B Team. won 4th Div Cup
C Team. won 6th Div Cup
C Team - Finalists in KO final.
Beaten narrowly by NDMAD.

Edwin/George 2nd Bedwick 2's - won by Tony + Bob. Think
3rd time they won.
Reg + Diana - won ED Match.

Scottish Women's Teams
Team - 3rd
Eileen - 6th or 7th?

Lastly, modestly almost forbids,
thumb nail clap, I was
sent to diamond in 4th.
Apologies if analysis.

Edwin 2nd 40
George 2nd 40
SBO 2nd 20
Reg 2nd 20
Diana 2nd 20
Tony 2nd 20
Bob 2nd 20

1. What of future?

3 teams in 1st, 3rd, 5th Divs. Will have to work harder for glory.

On Saturday note, G. Bell died this year

Had young blood in club - ~~we have abundant~~ hono. octo - septa - generation.

We need ^{also} a generation of perhaps teenagers. So parents, also fine - recruiting done.

Thanks committee

A.B. Helen - efficient like a well oiled machine
Terry - ^{managing} competitions well.
Diana - ^{philosophical} well.
Margaret - ~~found~~ ^{found} partner with ^{great} patience, ~~of~~ ^{great understanding}.

Enjoyed my 2 years & know time to hand over to younger man. (Doesn't look it?) He's worked hard for club & many years. - deserves well the honour. Sure he will be a good loss. You will always hear what he has to say - ~~but~~ ^{at times} a) times can be a bit dry on his alphabet.

LTC, Thank you.

BERWICK BRIDGE CLUB

'B' TEAM REPORT 1997/8

MOTTO 'STEADY'

The 'B' team have had a successful season winning 8 of their 9 matches, gaining 24 points from a possible 27, and winning Division 4.

All the team members have contributed to this success.

I would like to mention one match, in November 1997 against Robbers. The average E/W score was minus 2000 and I was anxiously waiting for George and Marjorie's E/W score at table 4. It was minus 300, giving us a comfortable victory. Sadly, George Bell died in January 1998 and I would like to record our debt to him, for his effort and support of the team.

Next season the team will be in Division 3 and I have already arranged 10 players, welcoming back John Gregson. To prepare us for what will be a bigger challenge I have arranged coaching sessions for the team with Pam Mackie. These will be early in the season, and on specific topics, such as 'Opening Leads' or other identified weaknesses.

Finally, I would like to thank the team for their effort, the spirit with which they have played, and for their ability to support each other when losing as well as winning. This augurs well for next season.

RN Drysdale
12th May 1998

BERWICK UPON TWEED BRIDGE CLUB - CONGRESS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1998

1997

Income

540.00	Entry Money	415.00
<u>249.75</u>	Congress Meal Money	<u>188.50</u>
789.75		603.50

Expenditure

110.00	Room Hire	80.00
30.00	Licence and Master Points	25.50
58.55	Printing, Postage and Stationery	69.13
256.50	Cost of Meals	195.75
175.00	Prize Money	115.00
45.00	Congress Directors Fees	50.00
14.53	Engraving	4.95
<u>23.40</u>	Sundry	<u>14.40</u>
<u>712.98</u>		<u>554.73</u>

76.77 Profit for the Year

48.77

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1998

<u>1997</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>1998</u>
726	Subscriptions	442.00	288	Playing Cards and Score Cards	--
3198	Table Money	2497.60	2655	Hotel and Hall Charges	2110.00
77	Profit on Congress Account	48.77	484	Prizes and Engraving	535.81
34	Bank Interest (Net)	38.23	65	Master Points Certificate and Licence	131.00
311	Coffee Money	271.29	40	Scottish Bridge Union Affiliation Fee	146.00
			89	Printing, Postage and Stationery	121.15
			-	Repairs	20.00
			29	Corporation Tax	17.40
			-	Competitions	55.00
			-	Transfer to Building Society Account	1000.00
			70	Sundries	123.46
<u>4346</u>		<u>3297.89</u>	<u>3720</u>		<u>4259.82</u>
1688	Balance B/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland	2313.97	2314	Balance C/Fwd - Royal Bank of Scotland	1352.04
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RESERVE ACCOUNT - UNIVERSAL BUILDING SOCIETY

1675	Balance Brought Forward	1748.35	1748	Balance Carried Forward	2860.87
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