

SOBELL BRIDGE CLUB – 16TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

“FAMILIAR FACES AND MIRACLES”

The Annual Presentation of Awards Ceremony of Sobell Bridge Club took place on Sunday 10th May following the Annual General Meeting. Master of Ceremonies George Howlett said the event was an opportunity to honour our most successful players of the Year, to remember some of the stalwarts of years gone by whose names were on the various trophies and remember what they had done for the Club from inception. He advised that the audience would see the familiar faces of those who were previous winners but some new faces on the podium would show that the age of miracles was not yet over!

George reminded those present that to qualify for a prize a minimum of 25 appearances in an event was necessary but those who attended 6 or more times did appear on the final ladder.



The Club's array of Trophies

Monday Competition – The Broughton Trophy – presented to the Club by Ethel Broughton – member no. 1 – a founder member. Ethel was present but had asked that Dot Howlett present the awards: -

3rd - in the winner's enclosure for the first time – Valerie Weeks and Alan Wilkie 54.37%

2nd - twice previous winners and placed before – David Kilby and Stan Figiela 54.47%

Winners – for the second time



Mike Gentry and Catherine Stafford 59.08%

Friday Afternoon Individual Master Points Trophy – traditionally presented by Friday afternoon stalwart and organiser Daphne Santon who on this occasion was recuperating from illness in Spain. Trophies presented by former Club Treasurer and now Vice Chairman Ken Short: -

2nd – twice winner of the trophy – Martin Isham 600 MPs

Winner for the first time but on holiday Hazel Jessen 658 MPs

Friday Evening Competition – The Graham Trophy – presented to the Club by Doug Graham a past member sadly not well enough to attend. Awards presented by Chairman Doug Edmonds: -

2nd Audrey Mace and Chris Richmond 54.84%
Winners for a magnificent fifth year running



Mike Gentry and Catherine Stafford 59.29%

Thursday Competition - the L & R Trophy – presented to the Club by Brian Simmonds L & R being the initials of his children – presented by Brian himself: -

3rd – this was the miracle – Dot and George Howlett 54.31%
2nd - Brian Simmonds, three times a winner of his own trophy, and Len Bartlett 56.26%
Winners: -



Mike Gentry, winning for the first time & Catherine Stafford winning for the fourth time 58.13%

Weekends – Stanley Nicholls Memorial Trophy for teams – George made a ‘commercial’ for the Weekends at this stage and advised that during the year the Team trophy had been won by Lesley Snuggs and Sue Gil with Carl and Margaret Goldsmith and by Philomena and Rob Pyburn, Diana and John Finnermore, Shirley and Michael Tucker and Dot and George Howlett. George drew attention to the work done by Stan Nicholls for the Club.

Friday Afternoon Pairs Master point Competition – The Lucy Rees Trophy – Lucy being a regular attendee on Friday afternoon to her mid nineties and winner of competitions, this trophy also presented by Ken Short.

Stephanie Hughes and Sue Ganney 414 Imps

Winners – for the second year running



Hazel Jessen (on holiday) and Martin Isham 558 Imps

Tuesday Competition – the President's Trophy donated by the first President Charles Buzzard and presented by President Len Turner: -

3rd Brian Simmonds and Len Bartlett 55.27%

2nd Catherine Stafford, three times a winner and Audrey Mace 55.91%

Winners



Chris Richmond and Mike Gentry 58.13%

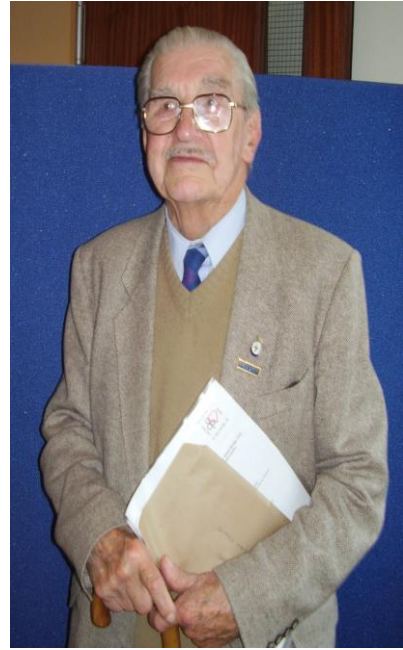
At the conclusion of the Prize giving a finger buffet followed by Bridge – 25 and one half tables present – were enjoyed by members



Finger Buffet



Bridge



President Len