

## CHRISTMAS DUPLICATE COMPETITION – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009

### **NEW WINNERS AT CHRISTMAS – BUT A HAT TRICK TOO!**

In what is fast becoming the tradition at Christmas, the third running of a Christmas Duplicate event for members only held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009 achieved a maximum attendance of 100 with all tickets sold two months in advance and a waiting list of eight (all but two of whom were eventually accommodated). By all accounts those attending were not disappointed. All sessions run by the Club were well represented and in welcoming all present to the event George, the organiser particularly welcomed members from the Friday afternoon meetings at Croxley Green, those who attend on Sunday evenings and, once again, the four Bournemouth members of the Club.

Having been welcomed with a glass of sherry or juice on arrival, at half time members enjoyed a superb finger buffet laid on by Liz together with a glass (or glasses) of wine. Before play recommenced for the second half Liz was thanked for her efforts – to warm applause – by Chairman Doug.

Bridge play was enjoyed in two sessions all members playing twenty four boards. A '2' Competition was held and tricks were taken with a '2' on twenty occasions during the evening, two players achieved this twice the last to do so being Ginny who received the prize from Doug. George then announced the first three pairs in each direction in both sessions and prizes were presented to the winners of each by Doug the star of the show being Catherine who for the third time won the 'B' session this time partnered by Michael (Wiles). Three of the winning pairs achieved over 65%.

To round of events the raffle was drawn the star prizes being a bottle of champagne (presented by President Len who sadly could not be with us) and a fine basket of fruit.

At the conclusion of the evening Doug thanked all those who had helped to make the event a success: -

Bridgemate operator Mike; Director 'B' Catherine; Ticket sellers Moira, Jacquie, Shirley and Neil; Raffle ticket sellers Margaret and Dot; Dennis for most ably running the bar; Christmas tree Liz and Calver; those who assisted Liz with catering John, Shirley, Cyril, and Gerald; and lastly the Director of 'A' and organiser of the event George.

The occasion is in effect the Christmas Party of the Club and is not regarded as a fund raising event, however due to excellent raffle ticket sales and the donation

of prizes for the raffle by Len, Dot, Sally, Margaret and Dennis, Lynne and Eve the event raised £317+ which will eventually go to our Charity.

Everybody went home happy.

## **WINNERS**

### **'A' Session**



1<sup>st</sup> N/S Ken and Daphne 58.33%



1<sup>st</sup> E/W Eve and Maria 66.29%

### **'B' Session**



1<sup>st</sup> N/S Catherine and Michael 65.53%



1<sup>st</sup> E/W Marion and Carina 66.29%