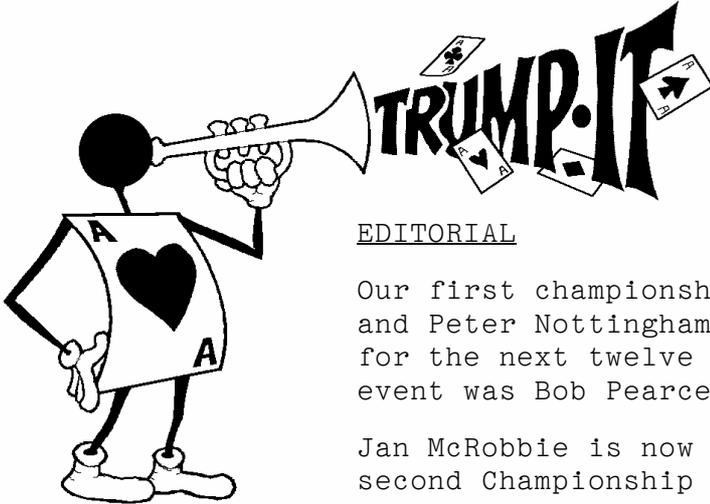


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EDITORIAL

Our first championship for the year has now been completed and Peter Nottingham has the title of Individual Champion for the next twelve months. The Handicap winner of this event was Bob Pearce. Congratulations to both winners.

Jan McRobbie is now distributing nomination forms for our second Championship event for 1988 - Teams of 4 Championship. Although this event is as its title says - teams of 4 (because only - 4 members of the team play at the one time) - 5 or 6 players may constitute a team.

There are no strict partnerships in a team of 4 event and members of the team may be rotated in any order of partnership that the captain of the team wishes.

A fifth or sixth member may be added to the team even after the first night of the championship, but only at the discretion of the Director. This would be acceptable in the case of illness or any reasonable unforeseeable difficulty that may arise. If there is some doubt that one member of your team may not be able to play on the three specified nights, I suggest you enter a 5-man team. Unless there is an acceptable reason, permission to add a fifth man after the event is in progress may not be granted.

The Championship commences on the 6th July and provision has been made for this event to be conducted over three consecutive nights, however, the numbers entering will dictate whether all or part of the third night will be needed.

The event will be run as a Round Robin - each team meeting all other teams once only. Once again numbers will influence the number of boards to be played each match, and this can only be determined after entries close, however, a maximum number for time permitting, will be in pay.

Entries close Friday night at 5 p.m. on the 1st July. Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Director (that's me!!!)

Judy Valentine

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- THANKS - to Alan Wright who was responsible for the printing of our club name tags.
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - due to an oversight on our part, Mary Smillie's nomination as a Committee Member was not put forward at the Annual General Meeting. Mary has been on the committee of our Club since its beginning. Firstly as Club Treasurer and then Committee Member. At the first committee meeting Mary was co-opted onboard again.
- GAME VOUCHERS - we apologise for the delay in distributing the free game vouchers to winners. However, this has now been rectified and all winners should have received vouchers.
- PRESIDENT'S ABSENCE Our President is taking a holiday (wish it was me). In her absence, Vice President Philip Smith will be at the helm.

Last Tuesday, I decided to give the beginners class a taste of Duplicate Bridge and what Club play is all about. This gave me time to look at the library cards to assess our Club's needs in this area. I was disappointed to find that one of the best books in our library, in my opinion, has not been taken out. For this reason I am doing a Book Review.

"The Golden Years of Bridge" - Classic hands from the past - by J.N.R. Griffiths. For anyone wishing to improve their play or defensive skills, I suggest you read this book. John Griffiths, with the help of his friends, has put together a book showing brilliance and ineptitude on the part of the great players of yesterday and today. Every story in this collection is entertaining and instructive, whether it be concerned with a dazzling coup or a comedy of errors. The following is one of the hands from this gem of a book.

"THEY NEVER TASTE WHO ALWAYS DRINK;
THEY ALWAYS TALK WHO NEVER THINK"

- Matthew Prior, Upon this passage in the Scaligeriana.

Nothing is more surprising than the confidence shown in post mortems at bridge. A declarer who has just demonstrated categorically that he cannot add up to thirteen, will express the greatest assurance as to what would have happened if the hand had been played in a different declaration. In actual fact many hands are so difficult that even double dummy problems have taken the world's best players hours to solve.

After the following hand was played by England against Italy in the 1964 Olympiad we can feel sure that no one anticipated the result when replayed in the other room.

63	<u>Contract</u>	4H by South
A1086	<u>Lead</u>	King of Spades
AK		(Underleading)
AQ1096		
AK105	QJ9	
Q9	754	
876	QJ10432	
8742	5	
8742		
KJ32		
95		
KJ3		

In both rooms South played Four Hearts. The Italian West led the king of Spades, then played ace of spades and switched to a diamond. Declarer then played ace of hearts and ran the ten, making four. It is hard to see how an appreciable swing could occur.

In the other room Reese, West, led the king of spades but Schapiro played the queen, won the second round with the knave and led a third round, ruffed in dummy. When Forquet now played ace of hearts and ran the ten (not the best play) Reese won and led a fourth round of spades!!! Dummy ruffed with the eight, but Schapiro discarded his singleton club and declarer could not leave the dummy without allowing East a club ruff.

Truly a magnificent defence by the great English pair.