

## Report of the Brunel Trophy Contract Bridge competition 2018

The Brunel Trophy competition as organised by the Civil Engineers' Club was held on 5 October 2018 in the Palmer Room at the Institution of Civil Engineers. The trophy has been contested every year since 1990. A total of ten teams entered and the Bridge was, as always, both friendly and competitive.

In a close-run finish, the winners were the Wooden Berries team with 106 VP's (58.9%). They comprised Rob Corrie, Andrew Conway, John Stimson and Ben Hackenbroch. Close behind in second place with 102 VP's (56.7%) were Greensted comprising Paul Hickson, Ian Yeats, Cathy Macnaughton and Maureen Walker. Third with 100 VP's (55.6%) were the Civilians team of Mike Bull, Graham Horscroft, Nigel Stuttard and John Bernard. For a summary of the results see below.

For the full results visit the website "Bridge Events in London" at:

[http://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwom/bw.cgi?club=eventsinlondon&pid=display\\_home&sessid=176069779208477](http://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwom/bw.cgi?club=eventsinlondon&pid=display_home&sessid=176069779208477)

and then click on "Results"

The Civil Engineers' Club Vice Angus McAvooy presented the Brunel Trophy cut glass rose bowl to the winners Wooden Berries, together with a glass tumbler to each member of the winning team.

Thanks yet again are due to Nicole Cook the Tournament Director who oversaw proceedings throughout. She performed her task with her customary efficiency and good humour and kept the event going smoothly and to time.

Thanks are due also to all the players- everyone contributed to the day, playing as always in a friendly fashion throughout.

In the evening a dinner was taken in the nearby Bistrol restaurant in Soho. There were 14 diners including friends as well. The restaurant has a wide selection and always makes us welcome. We have dined at Bistrol in recent years and again everyone enjoyed the meal.

Next year's event will be held on Friday 4 October 2019 again at the Institution of Civil Engineers, 1 Great George St, SW1P 3AA. If you are interested in playing, please contact me nearer the day even if you don't have a team or a partner- if you let me know early enough I can usually find others to make up a team.

Photos of the winning team and other photos taken during the day are shown below.

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Brunel Trophy results, 5 October 2018

Position	Team	Players	VP's
1	Wooden Berries	Rob Corrie & Andrew Conway John Stimson & Ben Hackenbroch	106
2	Greensted	Paul Hickson & Ian Yeats Cathy Macnaughton & Maureen Walker	102
3	Civilians	Mike Bull & Graham Horscroft Nigel Stuttard & John Bernard	100
4	Mushrooms	Naomi Cohen & Tim Pelling Bill Linton & Chris Carew	95
5	Mass Debaters	Nicole Barclay & Gopal Srinivas Anil Bhandari & Roy Cooper	93
6	Hollywood	Peter Rogers & Peter Richardson Trevor Wilkinson & John Walker	88
7	Serial Bridge Starters	Ned Paul & Kath Stynes Kit Jackson & Brian Appleyard	87
8	Trump Winners	Gitte Hecht-Johansen & Terry Hewett Mary Gordon-Smith & Szczepan Smoczynski	86
9	Jabberwocky	Ivan Helmer & Robert Balchin Chris Gray & John Beamish	77
10	Maxine's Late	Shelley Shieff & Stefanie Rohan Maxine Etkin & Sati McKenzie	66



**The Brunel Trophy**



**The winning team Wooden Berries from left to right: Rob Corrie, Andrew Conway, (Angus McAvoy, Vice Chair), John Stimson and Ben Hackenbroch.**



**Three members of the runners up team Greensted from left to right: Cathy Macnaughton, Maureen Powell and Ian Yeats.**



**The third team was Civilians comprising, from left to right: Mike Bull, Nigel Stuttard, John Bernard and Graham Horscroft**



**The evergreen Mushroom team who came 4th, from left to right: Chris Carew, Naomi Cohen, Bill Linton and Tim Pelling**



**Happy diners afterwards, from left to right: Helen Walker, John Walker, Jacqui Wilkinson, Trevor Wilkinson and Angus McAvoy**



**More happy diners, from left to right: Tim Pelling, Shelley Shieff, Sati McKenzie, Bill Linton, Andrew Clery, Chris Carew and Naomi Cohen.**



**Bill Linton (left) and Chris Carew at the restaurant**