

**YC Bridge Sub-Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009**  
**6.30 pm at YC**  
**Minutes**



1. **Present:** Brian McGuire, Audrey Hartley, Frances Liew, Luke Porter and Gordon Rainsford
2. **Apologies:** Jonathan Lillycrop
3. **Approval of Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were accepted.
4. **Items arising (not on the agenda):** There were no matters arising.
5. **YCKO 2008/2009:** The final of this competition is to be played on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010.
6. **YCKO 2009/2010:** 28 teams have entered this year. The closing date for entries is 20/12/09. The deadlines for each round are similar to last year with the date for the final fixed at 01/08/2010.
7. **Lederer review:** This went well, but it is a London event not a YC event.
8. **YC Teams review:** This event is a competition for the Peter Hecht-Johansen Trophy sponsored by Gitte Hecht-Johansen and Margaret James. It was postponed from September to 21/22 November. 9 teams took part in the qualifying rounds on the Saturday. 4 teams went into the final and the remaining teams were joined by 3 others to make 8 teams taking part in the Sunday Consolation event. The weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by all.
9. **Christmas Party review:** The party was great – one of the best. 102 players attended and lots of people helped with the preparation and organization, including some of our novice duplicate players. A discount was offered to players booking in advance and this worked well as it enabled the organizers to have a good idea as to numbers for catering purposes.
10. **Any Other Business:**
  - a) **Politeness:** Concern was expressed about bridge table manners. The novice duplicate players put longstanding members in the shade, greeting everyone at a new table with words of welcome. It was agreed that we should encourage all to follow their example.
  - b) **Championship Pairs:** This was no longer as strong an event as it was when it was started. It was suggested that we institute a change in the method of scoring to cross-IMPs. Gordon said he would sound out a number of the more senior players. *(Gordon spoke to a number of players that evening and no-one raised any objection to such a change. It was decided that we would implement the change.)*
  - c) **Ladder:** Last year there had been only one ladder where previously there had been two. It was decided to continue with one ladder to be held in the Autumn.
  - d) **Date for next year's Individual:** Gordon was asked to find a date next summer that avoided as many potential clashes as possible.
11. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 at 6.30 pm.