

Brighthouse "A" vs Ripon "A" 29/1/17 AWAY Win 17-3

A nice sunny morning saw us setting off for a beautiful village near Ripon, to play the second team in the division.

The first session made us feel we weren't playing in the same division as the rest of the season. D&R bid and made a good slam on the opening Hand, missed by all others, by M&B due to a bidding card mistake by M. The rare occurrence of all tables bidding slam on Hand 4. Plenty of good hands when D&R made 3S* , making 5C but not bid on other tables. M&B got 3NT off on hand 7 making elsewhere sometimes with overtricks. Only 1 negative Hand with one of our pairs made a phantom sacrifice of 5C and were doubled. +34 IMPs. What a start!

The second session started with D&R pushing their opponents into 3S only making 8 tricks at all other tables. On Hand 11 a little competitive bidding kept L&T's opponents out of slam, bid and made at all other tables. Good effort. On Hand 14 S&J's opponents "sacrificed" with 4S over their 4H and paid the price with a well worked double – 4 off for +800 when their opponents were making a N-V game. Well done S&J. Similar happened on Hand 16 when D&R's opponents went 3 down doubled vulnerable in 4S, when part score was made elsewhere!(+800). +37 IMPs for a break time of +73----- where were we???

A great tea and we were warmed up!!(It was cool in the hall at the start) Small swings back and forth. D&R went off in 2S when 3NT was made with their hands on Hand 18. They also made 1NT by the opponents fail by one trick when 4S was available to them. They had more than made up for this on previous hands. On Hand 21 M&B bid and made a good game part scores or going off elsewhere. Hand 24 saw 4+ scores. S&J bid and made a great slam on Hand 31, always making but not bid elsewhere. Minus 3 and +1 on the last two sessions gave us 70+ IMPs for a 17-3 victory.

Players/Hands	1-8	9-16	17-24	25-32	Totals
Mick&Brian	-610	+630	+560	+790	+1370
Shirley&Joan	+1430	-130	-420	-830	+40
Derek&Ray	-340	+1900	-540	+10	+1030
Lynda&Tony	1180	-800	+510	-230	+660