

## Brighthouse D versus Bradford E Won 14 - 6

11<sup>th</sup>. February 2018

Having lost the last two matches team members were eager for a win in the final home match of the season.

| Pair                | Boards 1-8  | Boards 9-16 | Boards 17-24 | Boards 25-32 | Totals      |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1.Barbara & Kevin   | 760         | 1830        | -650         | 130          | 2070        |
| 2.Deanna & Eric     | -920        | -550        | 730          | 430          | -310        |
| 3 Doreen & Geoff    | 410         | 1430        | -540         | -1360        | -60         |
| 4.Barbara & Maurice | -1000       | -1260       | 1560         | 850          | 150         |
| <b>Totals</b>       | <b>-750</b> | <b>1450</b> | <b>1100</b>  | <b>50</b>    | <b>1850</b> |

In the first eight boards both pairs one and three, playing East West, achieved game scores in some hands. Pair 3 bid a slam on board 3 but went down by one trick. Pair one who bid 4 spades on this board made the same number of tricks. In relation to board three the opponents of pairs two and four (playing North South) both bid game and made extra tricks. All other boards were part scores. At the end of these boards Brighthouse were 20 IMPs down which it was thought was recoverable.

By contrast boards 9 to 16 were mainly played in game contracts. Barbara and Kevin successfully defended the games bid by their opponents on three occasions including when they doubled 5 diamonds which went down by two tricks. Doreen and Geoff made two game scores including a hand which was vulnerable. Eric and Deanna were running neck and neck with their opponents, each gaining two game scores in the first few hands but were overtaken by their opponents successful bid of 5 clubs. Maurice and Barbara's opponents appeared to take over the bidding in these boards with mainly No Trump contracts. On these eight boards Brighthouse pulled back 26 IMPs to lead into the interval by 6 IMPs.

Generally the team felt that the meal of lasagne took up too much time and that a lighter "snack" e.g. sandwiches and scones would have been preferable

Pairs one and three appeared to have the least good hands on boards 17 to 24 though both made game on board 20. Barbara and Maurice did particularly well on this set of boards improving their score thanks largely to a double of 3 hearts which went down by 3 tricks. The result on these 8 boards was in favour of Brighthouse by 16 IMPs which gave an end of round cumulative score of 22 IMPs to Brighthouse.

Barbara and Kevin's score for the final eight boards was enhanced by their double of their opponents 4 spade contract which went down by 4 tricks. Doreen and Geoff's opponents were successful in making three game contracts making extra tricks on each occasion. Both pairs two and four were successful in their NT bid on board 28 and pair four, Barbara and Maurice, went on to increase their positive score making 12 tricks on a 4 spade contract. On this set of boards Brighthouse had a 7 IMP advantage to give a cumulative score of plus 29 IMPs and an overall victory by 14 - 6.