

Brighthouse "A" vs Beauchief "A" home

24/1/16 Win 11-9

A mild day saw us hosting the fixture against our nearest rivals in the division. The first 8 Hands only had 1 big swing when J&S unluckily chose a NT slam instead of a spade slam and went off when they failed to pick up the QX of diamonds, missing 5 cards. -15 on the hand for a loss of 14IMPs on the session.

They bounced back on the second session playing 4C, N/S whilst others were failing in 4S by E/S! Hand 15 was fascinating. M&B bid to an unstoppable 6H, immediately overcalled 7C* by Graham Jepson. -5 tricks for +1100. This would seem to be a big score, but should have been 1400 at each table. One pair preferred to double 5C for +300 whilst their pairs both just bid games. +1 IMP on the hand! Graham later suggested that in Div 1 **all** pairs would have bid slam and most overcalled 7C. M&B then doubled Graham, who was "sacrificing" in 5C, making! -750 +1 IMP on the session for -13 at the break.

Very good tea, well done to the caterers. Several small + scores saw us pull ahead. M&B got 1NT down, making 7 or 8 tricks at other tables. J&S played in 2D making 10 tricks whilst all others were going off in games in NTs or Ds. +16 IMPs on the session for +3 carried forward.

The last session saw big swings on several hands almost cancel each other out. Unfortunately, on her last hand in a noisy room, Lynda went down in a **possible** 6S when they were the only ones to bid it. Most others made 11 tricks but did not need 12. N&D's opponents made 4S V when it went off at other tables. Their opponents failed to bid a minor game, making 11 tricks at all tables, when bid. +5 IMPs for an overall +8 and a victory of 11-9.

The opposition were very generous in defeat. This should go down as a very decent result. Well done, team! Still top and undefeated, although our next opponents, Wakefield, had a 20-0 win against Hull.

Players/Hands	1-8	9-16	17-24	25-32	Totals
Mick & Brian	620	-800	120	220	160
Joan & Shirley	-1770	540	460	1080	310
Lynda & Tony	30	10	-230	-1960	-2150
Neil & Derek	0	-270	330	530	590

