

Below are some of the people who helped lay the foundations to make the club what it is today.

PRE SADBA

Frank Cottingham
Les & Dolly Jackson
Gladys Tracey
George Marshall
Flip Bainton
Frank Dlugajczyk
Ria Newstead
Grace Peters
Brian Knowler

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Brian & Joyce Freeman
Mick & Majorie Mitchell
Alan & Barbara Mugleston
Mrs Spikings
Keith Richardson
Dennis Watson
Paul Davison
Phoebe Wilson
Stan Message

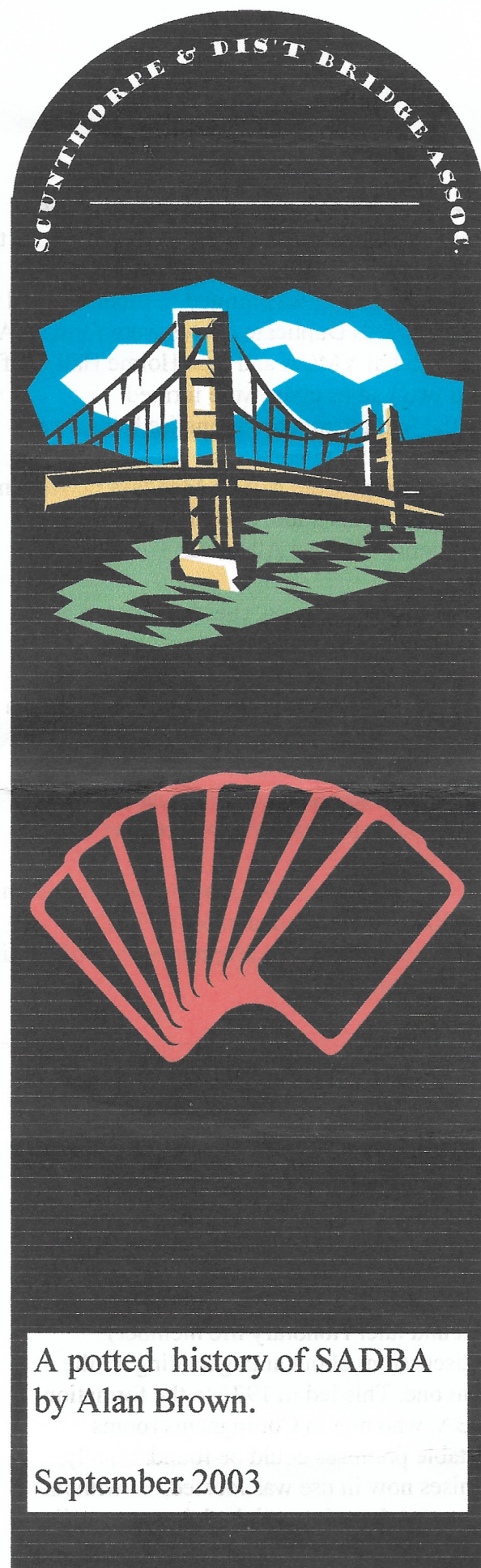
Apologies for anyone not included in the above, but time has eroded some memories. Everyone who helped will always be greatly appreciated.

PRESIDENTS

1973 - 1979	WH PARKER
1979 - 1982	BW FREEMAN
1982 - 1983	RJ MITCHELL
1983 - 1988	HS WATSON
1988 - 1993	RJ MITCHELL
1994 - 2001	VE LLEWELLYN
2001 -	GR ELWICK

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A few words first about bridge in Scunthorpe prior to SADBA.

During the war bridge was limited to rubber played in homes, afterwards Duplicate circles were formed. A mens club met at YMCA and then Holme Hall Golf Club and two Ladies clubs were formed.

In 1959 the first attempt to rationalise bridge was made with the following results.

Scunthorpe Bridge Club met on Mondays playing in Cottinghams Rooms (above what is now JD Whetherspool). Michael Allen was Treasurer and Secretary.

Ladies Bridge Club met on Tuesday evening at the same venue.

Lincoln Gardens Bridge Club played Wednesday evenings. This club was started in the 1960s by Len Hodson, (assisted by his wife Joyce), who was employed by the Council to promote the new Community Centres that were opening then.

App-Frod had their own club for members on a Thursday.

Ladies 30 Club formed 1946 moving to Cottinghams in the 1950s. They moved later to the SADBA premises playing Thursday afternoons and still retain their laissez fair.

In 1962 a Bridge Column was started in the Evening Telegraph, which is still going strong.

As players tended to be members of at least two clubs, a few forward looking people led by Walter Parker (who became SADBA's first president and later Honorary life member) started discussions about amalgamating all the clubs into one. This led in 1973 to the formation of SADBA, who met in Cottinghams rooms until suitable premises could be found. Finally, the premises now in use was located, — without the house next door. It was joked that eventually we would own the whole block!

The mortgage was covered by the members holding a block(s) of £200 surity which the bank would call in if the venture failed. Many volunteers, led by Derek Spicer, did the alterations to what you now see and it officially opened on 8/9/79. Of the original committee only Staurt Watson (1st treasurer) and Alan Brown (1st secretary) still remain Scunthorpe players.

As well as playing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, beginners and improvers classes were started on a Thursday evening under the leadership of Dorothy Crabtree ably assisted by Alec and helped by numerous committee members. An additional income was the selling of hampers.

With the success of Thursday nights, room became a problem and those who had regularly attended Thursdays for 2 or 3 years were requested to come on a Friday. Originally Fridays were limited to those progressing from Thursday, with some invited members to give them an insight into club bridge. Following the club's success a decision was made in February 1984 to purchase 95 West St.(next door) which was ready in Oct 1985 for play. Mortgages were cleared in 1994 and to celebrate Honour boards were purchased showing the winners of competitions since 1980/1. In Sept 1997 there was an opportunity to purchase 97 West Street (next door) but this was declined.