

Dr J G Shearer d. 1968

The sudden death of Galloway Shearer has caused a widespread feeling of loss, and not only in bridge circles. He was the ideal type of family doctor, greatly loved by all his patients. In Scottish bridge circles he was recognised as one of the very best card players in the game-particularly in defence. His defensive bidding also was to many a revelation, as these notes on pre-emptive bidding show. One of his precepts was to "make life as difficult as possible for the opposition". Believe me, he did just that. In a team game he felt it as important to "bring points in" as to "avoid chucks". His "tactical major" convention designed for this reason was this year granted an 'A' licence.

With his partner Dr J R Allan his name appears on almost all the major Scottish bridge trophies. He played against England, Ireland and Wales in Camrose matches, and this spring played against Iceland in the inaugural annual match for the Icelandair Trophy.

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