

Bridie Power d 2008

Lady Milne 1981-1999, 4 series, Vi Outred; Maida Grant; Liz McGowan; Eileen Caldwell

Bridie's first bridge games were with her husband Jimmy and two friends who had been taught Bridge during a two-week holiday. They played at home, with dummy taking on the role of 'baby minder'. The two men tried out at Fakirk Bridge Club, but were steered towards ICI (less challenging!) by John McMonagle, who gave them a lot of help. When Bridie joined Falkirk in 1980 she formed a partnership with Vi Mitchell (now Outred). Bridie's proudest moment was in 1983 when she won the Women's Cup with Vi, Eileen Caldwell and Toby Fineman - four 'rookies' who started their campaign by beating Joyce

Benson, Barbara Kay, Morag Malcolm and Pam Kissen 20-0 and led throughout to win. Her worst moment was playing in the Open Room with Liz in the Lady Milne. On the first board they had a fine auction to 7D, watched benevolently by Captain Bill Mitchell. When Bridie converted to 7NT — it counts more, after all - Bill stormed out: he could see that Liz had a singleton ace and six diamonds to the eight. The singleton ace was duly removed at trick one, but Bridie's diamonds were AKQJ7, so all was well! Bridie became a Grandmaster in 2005.