



MATCH THE PRO'S

BEN NORTON hosts two sessions at County Bridge Club, on England's progress in the 2022 Bermuda Bowl



Good news! Ben, our very own Leicestershire player and a member of the 6-man England Team, invites you to play and discuss selected hands from last month's Bermuda Bowl (the Bridge World Championship).

Test your skill and judgment against the world's top players.

DETAILS:

- **Sponsored by the LCBA and the County Bridge Club (CBC), these two stand-alone sessions will:**
 - let you play selected hands from the Championships
 - hear from Ben about how they were, and could have been, played by the internationals
 - offer you insights which may improve your game
 - entertain you
- **Both sessions are designed for a wide range of players, from students to experts**
- **If you come alone, a partner is guaranteed**
- **Open to players from all Leicestershire Bridge Clubs, you and your partner are welcome to attend one or both sessions**

WHERE AND WHEN:

- **29 June 2022 and 6 July 2022, at CBC, from 7.00pm - 9.30pm**
- **Cost: £5.00 per person per session, payable on the night by credit card**

PROGRAMME:

- **7.00pm Welcome, Introductions**
- **7.10pm Play 8 deals specially selected by Ben**
- **8.10pm Score up, take a break, and look through the handout for the deals plus commentaries**

- **8.35pm** **Discussion, debrief, questions**
- **9.25pm** **Results and concluding comments**

For more information about Ben please go to the County Bridge Club website

More about Ben Norton

Ben is 25 years old. Loughborough Grammar School cultivated his love for the game and from there he progressed to Loughborough Bridge Club. Before long, he was playing for Leicestershire and benefiting from the EBU's scheme to develop young players

Since then, Ben has played in a range of international events including the Junior World Championships and the Junior European Championships. He has been presented with the Young Player of the Year Award on two occasions and, more recently, was selected for the Camrose Trophy, the UK's Home International teams event.

Last year, Ben, partnering Mike Bell, was selected to play for England in the European Championships with team mates Michael Byrne, Kieran Dyke, Tom Townsend and David Bakhshi. Success followed: England qualified for the Bermuda Bowl, Bridge's World Championship Teams event, recently held in Italy from 27 March - 10 April 2022. The team finished fifth out of 24 in the all-play-all first round, thus qualifying for the quarter-finals. There, drawn against Switzerland, an experienced team of world experts, a gruelling match of 96 boards proved a little too much for England. Switzerland went on to win the World Championships; so, not surprisingly, our England team, including Ben, have high hopes for more success in the future

We're sure that many of you would like to meet Ben, hear about the highs and lows of the Bermuda Bowl and get to know him better. The good news is that he has agreed to share some of his recent experiences with us on 29 June and 6 July 2022, from 7.00pm - 9.30pm at the County Bridge Club. Over two sessions, playing hands selected from this year's Bermuda Bowl, you and your partner will compare your scores with those of England and other top teams. It offers a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Leicestershire's very own world class player.

For details of the Seminars, please go to the County Bridge Club website <https://www.bridgewebs.com/cbc/>