

Gimson Trophy – Pairs Championship



Brief History

On 27 June 1946 thirteen bridge players met at the home of Sydney Josephs and set out to establish a 'Leicestershire Contract Bridge Association.' On 23 November 1947 our first chairman David Gimson offered to provide a trophy for annual competition. It was quickly decided it should be a pairs competition with a format of preliminary heats leading to an all-play-all final, with Match Point scoring. The salver he donated was presented for the first time to the winners of that final in February 1948.

Throughout the succeeding 50+ years the Gimson Trophy competition has remained the County Pairs Championship. Although increasing entries have led to the need of three qualifying rounds the basic format is unchanged.

The leading finalists represent the county in the EBU's Corwen Trophy.

1948	S Rivlin & S Josephs
1949	E F Bayden & Mrs M Cole
1950	G Franklin & H Crammer
1951	F Bayden & L G Cayless
1952	F T Mercer & P Mason
1953	H K Cooke & P G F Whitehouse
1954	K Ford & A Wilson

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1957	F T Mercer & Mrs M Hathaway
1958	G H F Broad & H Saxlund
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1961	D Smith & D Griffiths
1962	Mr & Mrs O Elias
1963	G H F Broad & L G Cayless
1964	J C Norton & G Taylor
1965	Mr & Mrs A B Hammersley
1966	G H F Broad & L G Cayless
1967	D Griffiths & Mrs K Woodier
1968	Mr & Mrs O Elias
1969	D Griffiths & Mrs K Woodier
1970	H Cairns & P B Johnson
1971	N S Wilde & M J Carmichael
1972	D Davis & P Orszak
1973	D F Griffiths & A N Odams
1974	T Downs & A E King
1975	D F Griffiths & A N Odams
1976	E N Wilde & A E Kitson
1977	R S Berry & Dr N K Shah
1978	R D Green & C S Gore
1979	D F Griffiths & A N Odams
1980	C S Gore & D A Ward
1981	J T Thompson & R C Berry
1982	P Bowyer & K Forsyth
1983	D Gilbertson & Mrs J Wightman
1984	A N Odams & P A Harvey
1985	P G Halford & W H Gray
1986	M Hamblin & Dr D Russell
1987	P A Bowyer & J M Mason
1988	I Rankin & B Gibson
1989	P A Bowyer & J M Mason
1990	S Sparrow & A Woodward
1991	K Forsyth & R Bentley
1992	Mr & Mrs A K Pathan
1993	A N Odams & Mrs I Y Krantz
1994	Mr & Mrs D M Starkings
1995	P A Bowyer & J M Mason
1996	H Cairns & G W Shaw
1997	Mr & Mrs D M Starkings
1998	B Gibson & M Osborne
1999	L Coe & B Deyal
2000	Mr & Mrs D M Starkings

2001	N J Stevens & P A Harvey
2002	D I Fletcher & Mrs J Wightman
2003	D Happer & N J Stevens
2004	T Glover & P G Neville
2005	A E Kitson & N J Stevens
2006	J M Mason & N J Stevens
2007	P A Bowyer & S Bowyer
2008	T Glover & P G Neville
2009	J M Mason & N J Stevens
2010	D Happer & K Nash
2011	S J Stokes & Y Haider
2012	J M Mason & N J Stevens
2013	A K & L C Pathan
2014	P A & S Bowyer
2015	A D Lord & J T Thompson
2016	C R Dean & N J Stevens
2017	A K & L C Pathan
2018	I R Bruce & M J Mahoney
2019	C R Dean & N J Stevens
2020	Not Played

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