



Naomi Sinclair

Naomi Sinclair, who died in July 2000, was the Secretary of Richmond Bridge Club for over 20 years. Naomi was the secretary of Richmond Bridge Club at the outset and, together with her husband Martin Sinclair (who was the Chairman) and Ken Craigie (Treasurer) ushered in the start of the club as we know it today. Bridge in those days was played only in the "small" playing room, the main one being all but derelict.

Naomi started playing bridge regularly with her husband, Martin, in the 1960s (Martin was the Surrey CBA President at one point). The pair won the first congress that they entered, the National Seniors event and came 3rd in the National Seniors teams with John Samuels & Maureen Dennison. Partnering Antonia Flood, Naomi won the first ever National Women's Pairs in 1977. She and Ken Craigie also represented both Richmond and Surrey on many occasions. Naomi was a very popular bridge teacher, and with Martin, acted as the hosts on many bridge cruises. While a formidable player at the bridge table, her ready smile and gentle and courteous manner gained her many friends.

Louis Alexandrou

The Alexandrou Pairs cup is named after Louis Alexandrou, who used to play bridge at the club. Louis worked with his parents in their Greek Cypriot restaurant for a while and then became a businessman. He died years ago from a mountaineering accident in Spain. He was a very close friend of Tony Pigou, the late Tony Richards and Cliff Lambe. Liz Cocking was good friends of them all and presented a cup on their behalf.