



USA beat Europe 109 - 89 in the 3rd Warren Buffett Cup match

The USA beat Europe 109-89 in the 3rd Warren Buffett Cup bridge match that ended on the evening of Thursday 16 September.

The Buffett Cup is similar in format to the Ryder Cup golf match, with two teams of 12 players and a non-playing captain. In Dublin 2006 the bridge match was won by the USA and the golf match by Europe. In Louisville 2008 Europe won the bridge match and the golf match went to the USA. So maybe.... the win by the USA last week in the bridge match augurs well for Europe in the Ryder Cup in a weeks time.

The two bridge teams were the best ever to compete on British soil. Team USA contained the current world champions including the world number one pair. Team Europe contained the previous world champions from Italy, including the current world number one player. Team Europe also had the current World Transnational (open to all) holders from Norway.

The match lasted four days at the Miskin Manor Country Hotel near Cardiff. Over the four days many thousands of bridge fans around the world watched the match shown live on the internet.

Further information

The Buffett Cup is a bridge trophy which is awarded biennially in an event between teams from Europe and the United States. The tournament is modelled on the Ryder Cup golf competition and is held in the week preceding the golf event at a nearby location. The competition was first held in 2006 and is named after its sponsor, American businessman Warren Buffett. Teams are selected by invitation and must contain at least two female players. The competition format is a mixture of team of four, pairs and individual sessions with point-a-board scoring throughout.

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Who plays bridge?

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates, tennis legend Martina Navratilova, actor Omar Sharif and the world's top investor, Warren Buffett...to name just four. In this country an estimated 150,000 people play bridge regularly in hundreds of clubs in cities, towns and villages up and down the land.

What is bridge?

Bridge is a trick-taking card game of skill and chance. It is played by four players who form two partnerships (sides); the partners sit opposite each other at a table. The game consists of the auction (often called bidding) and play, after which the hand is scored. Further information on the EBU and bridge can be found on the Media section of our website, please view www.ebu.co.uk/media

About the English Bridge Union

The English Bridge Union was formed on 23 May 1936 and is a non-profit making membership-funded organisation committed to promoting the game of duplicate bridge. It is also a National Bridge Organisation in its own right affiliated to the European Bridge League and the World Bridge Federation. New players are the lifeblood of the game and the EBU are keen to encourage them. For more information on the English Bridge Union please visit: www.ebu.co.uk/media