

THE UNCONVENTIONALS

Captain: **Pam Hegarty**

I learned to play bridge by attending evening classes about forty years ago and played mostly social bridge until I joined the league. Following my retirement from IBM, I began playing in the league with **Andrew's Aces**, formerly Shell, following the death of their captain Andrew Larsen. Andrew taught me how to play at a higher level and suggested I attend Michelle Brunner's classes, This is when I truly learned the fascination of the game. Mark Gomme who is a member of Bowdon, joined the team after we had lost two of our members. Mark and I eventually joined up with two former members of East Cheshire Acolites - Peter Harrison and Tony Skinner. Peter came up with the idea of naming our team.

Mark Gomme

I learnt to play bridge by watching my parents play with neighbours on a Sunday evening - I was about 15 - no TV in those days! I played for many years in the USA and played in a couple of national conventions. Eight years ago I attended an EBU teaching seminar in Brighton and have successfully taught a number of beginners and improvers.

Peter Harrison

I began playing bridge at University, taught initially by the Reader in Physics who had been professor at Grahamstown university in SA . A highly intelligent man he began with the Blackwood slam convention and then moved on to simple things!

We used to play goulash, three handed gambling bridge, at a penny a hundred points. I did not play again until I started playing golf at Stockport.

High point, up to now, was getting two tops at Manchester congress playing with Raj Gupta against Michelle Brunner. Two flukes!

Been playing in MCBA League for ten years before this year without demotion or promotion.

Tony Shortell

I learnt my bridge on a building site playing each lunchtime.

The guys on the building site taught me, I couldn't play at all. They needed someone to make up a four. So I filled in and gradually learnt.



Pam & Mark