New Disciplinary Convictions

December 9, 2021



An EBU Disciplinary Committee recently considered the following charges against Linda Greenland (deri31) & Ken Richardson (ruff dog) at a hearing in early November.

- That when they played in online games on the Bridgebase Online ("BBO") platform, organised by the Leeds Bridge Club and the Oliver Cowan BC, they had knowledge of some aspects of each other's hands obtained by illicit communication with each other.
- That they took advantage of this information to make calls and plays which they were unlikely to have made had they not known the layout of the hands, to the benefit of their bridge scores in those sessions.

The defendants denied the charges. A disciplinary hearing was held. The Disciplinary Committee found the charges proved to their comfortable satisfaction, and that the defendants' conduct constituted an offence under paragraph 3.2(iv) of the EBU Disciplinary Rules, being unfair or dishonest play.

The Committee imposed a sanction of suspension of EBU membership for a period of 3 years.