



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

## **Election to the Executive Committee of the European Bridge League**

Antalya – June 2007

### **Candidate: Bill Pencharz (England)**

#### **Family and Professional**

Born 1945. Married with three adult children.  
Partner in a large firm of London Solicitors. Specialises in personal tax.

#### **Summary of Bridge Activities**

Until the pressure of a young family made him take playing less seriously Bill Pencharz was a top bridge player with victories in the British and English Teams Championships and six “caps” for England in the Camrose Trophy (with the proud record of winning every match).

He captained the British Open Team in the 1979 European Championship and the 1980 Olympiad, and the British Ladies in the 1983 European Championship.

Bill Pencharz still plays bridge at a good level as testified by a bronze medal in the 2005 European Open Senior Teams Championship.

During his active playing career Bill Pencharz had a regular column in two English bridge magazines. He remains a member of the International Bridge Press Association and is the General Counsel of the Association.

Bill Pencharz was first elected to the Board of the English Bridge Union in 1976 and rose to be Chairman in 1984. He is a Vice President (an honorary position) of the EBU.

Bill Pencharz has worked for the European Bridge League, in an elected or appointed position, continuously since 1981:

1981 – 1987	Executive Committee member
1987 – 1995	Second Vice President
1995 – 1999	President
1999 – date	General Counsel

During these 26 years he has been involved with all aspects of the League’s affairs and has specialised in legal matters, Appeals and Championship organisation. The 1999 Malta event, organised under Bill Pencharz’s presidency, was the largest and most profitable European Teams Championships ever staged by the EBL.

