

Bridge club plays its cards right



CUP WINNERS: Exeter Bridge Club has won a trophy it competes for against players in Florida. From left, Alan Sinden, Isca Centre manager Jeff Merrett, Jean Whitlam and Terry Collier from Play Bridge UK
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BRIDGE players from the city have scooped a trophy after competing in a hi-tech contest with a similar club in America.

Exeter Bridge Club members are delighted after winning the Hands Across the Pond Trophy at the Isca Centre in the city.

The club plays against the Bridge Ace club in Ford Lauderdale, Florida, via the internet.

Club chairman Jean Whitlam said it brings a new dimension to the popular card game and the American bridge players are equally as enthusiastic.

"We regard ourselves as the best bridge club in Devon," she said.

"We have 200 enthusiastic members and we're looking for youngsters to join us — helped by this modern way of playing using a website on

both sides of the Atlantic." She added that the inter-club competition was a novel way of playing bridge with players thousands of miles away.

When it was first launched last year the city bridge players were the first in England to use the new technology.

Terry Collier, from Play Bridge UK, presented Mrs Whitlam and Alan Sinden of the winning team with the trophy at the Isca Centre.