



*Summer  
Seniors  
Congress*

**Winter Gardens, Eastbourne  
5<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

incorporating the  
**Edith Kaplan Memorial Award**

**PROGRAMME**

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Welcome to the Eastbourne Winter Gardens and to the EBU **Summer Seniors Congress**, supported by the Edith Kaplan Memorial Trust. Paul Hackett has been appointed as a Tournament Host for this event. If you need any help in non-bridge-related matters, or wish to discuss any aspect of the tournament, he will be happy to speak to you, and should be available at EBU reception at the start and end of sessions.

## Programme

In response to feedback from players, we have adjusted playing times to ensure that all sections break for meals at about the same time, and that meal breaks are scheduled for fairly civilised hours. The result of this is a shorter than usual session on Saturday night.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
2:30pm – 6:00pm **Championship Pairs** qualifier, session 1  
7:30pm – 11:00pm **Championship Pairs** qualifier, session 2

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
1:00pm – 3:20pm **Pairs Finals** session 1 (6 x 3-board rounds)  
1:00pm – 6:45pm **Swiss Pairs** (5 x 8-board matches) with a short break after three matches  
3:40pm – 6:45pm **Pairs Finals** session 2 (8 x 3-board rounds)  
8:30pm – 10:30pm **Swiss Pairs** (2 x 8-board matches)  
8:30pm – 10:30pm **Pairs Finals** session 3 (5 x 3-board rounds)

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
11:30am – 7:30pm **Swiss Teams** (7 x 7-board matches) with short breaks after the second and fourth matches.  
Match 3 will start at 2.15pm

## Bridgemates

North (or South) is responsible for entering the contract & result into the Bridgemate, and East (or West) must be shown it to verify its accuracy by pressing the Accept button.

It is best to enter the contract, declarer and lead at the end of the auction – this saves time, reduces the risk of entering the wrong board number, and ensures the lead is fresh in your mind.

Entering the lead accurately not only provides extra information of interest to players, but can also assist the scorer in resolving errors of data-entry.

Bridgemate UK is the EBU's "Official Wireless Scoring Provider".

## **Format**

### **a) Championship Pairs Qualifier**

The estimated total original entry is 45 tables. Friday is a two-session 'all-play-through' multiple pairs qualifying event, with a movement of lines after the first session. The two qualifying sessions will be of approximately 26 boards each.

The top 20 pairs after session two will qualify for the 'A' final of the Championship Pairs, with the next 20 pairs qualifying for the 'B' final. These events will be played on Saturday. There is also a Swiss Pairs event on Saturday for non-qualifiers and for new pairs joining the congress on this day. There will be no carry-forward score into either final.

### **b) Championship Pairs Finals**

There will be a 10 table 'A' final and a 10 table 'B' final.

Each final will comprise a 10-table 'Endless' Howell movement playing 19 3-board rounds. 13 rounds will be played during the afternoon session and 6 rounds during the evening. The events will be 'barometer' scored with ranking lists after every round.

### **c) Swiss Pairs**

The estimated total original entry is 55 tables (this in addition to the two 10-table pairs finals). This is a standard Swiss Pairs event, with assignments being made on a current round basis. The event comprises seven matches of eight boards per match; five matches before dinner and two after dinner.

### **d) Swiss Teams**

The estimated total original entry is 70 teams. The event comprises seven matches of seven boards per match, and will be played with only short breaks after two matches and after four matches. Assignments will be via a modified Australian method, whereby teams will maintain their home tables for the first four matches, and will only be assigned in their own room during that time, but will be assigned a new table for the final three rounds.

## **Master Points**

### **i) Championship Pairs Qualifying Rounds**

600 Blue Points for 1<sup>st</sup>, with constant reductions to half the field (minimum award of 24) — this based on the cumulative scores for the two sessions.

### **ii) Championship Pairs 'A' Final**

Green Points for all pairs in the final: assuming a 10-table final:-

1<sup>st</sup> 8.00; 20<sup>th</sup> 2.00: awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

### **iii) Championship Pairs 'B' Final**

Green Points for all pairs in the final: assuming a 10-table final:-

One-half the 'A' final awards above (from 4.00 ranging down to 1.00).

### **iii) Swiss Pairs**

0.28 Green Point per match won (0.14 for a draw). Bonus ranking awards to the top one-sixth of the field as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> 2.00; last award receiving position 0.25: awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

### **vi) Swiss Teams**

0.25 Green Point per match won (0.13 for a draw). Bonus ranking awards to the top one-fifth of the field as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> 4; last award receiving position 0.25: awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

## **Prizes**

The Pairs Championship will be played for the Grant Cup donated by the Essex County Bridge Association. The Teams Championship will be played for the Edith Kaplan Trophy, plus the Edith Kaplan prize of £500 for the team.

All prizes will automatically be credited to the member's EBU account and may be claimed at any time or used as a credit for future events upon application to the EBU.

### **i) Championship Pairs Qualifying Rounds**

£50 per pair for the best session 1 score, the best session 2 score and the best cumulative score which has not already won a session prize. .

### **ii) Championship Pairs 'A' Final**

Prizes to 10th place overall as follows (prizes per pair):

1st £250, 2nd £160, 3rd £130, 4th £110, 5th £100, 6th £90, 7th £80, 8th £70, 9th £60, 10th £50.

### **iii) Championship Pairs 'B' Final**

Prizes to 5th place overall as follows (prizes per pair):

1st £150, 2nd £110, 3rd £80, 4th £60, 5th £50.

**iv) Swiss Pairs**

Prizes to 10th place overall as follows (prizes per pair):

1st £125, 2nd £105, 3rd £90, 4th £80, 5th £75, 6th £70, 7th £65, 8th £60, 9th £55, 10th £50.

**v) Special Category prizes in the Pairs Championship**

Two Veterans Prizes of £50 per pair will be awarded in the Pairs Championship to the leading pairs outside of the main prize list (both members of the partnership being at least 70 years of age). For this purpose pairs in the 'A' final will be ranked 1-20, pairs in the 'B' final 21-40 and pairs in the Swiss 41+. At least one prize will be awarded in the Swiss, which may require one additional prize to be made available.

**vi) Swiss Teams**

Prizes to 7th place overall as follows (prizes per team):

1st £500, 2nd £260, 3rd £200, 4th £160, 5th £140, 6th £120, 7th £100.

Also, a special category prize of £100 to the leading Veterans team outside of the main prize list (all members of the team being at least 70 years of age).

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Date: July 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 2014

Venue: Winter Gardens, Eastbourne

## **Special Regulations**

- a) You are required to have a pair of identical completed convention cards and you should exchange them with your opponents at the start of each round. If you do not have two completed convention cards, you may be provided with an EBU Simple System card and required to play it. WBF convention cards are only permitted in EBU Level 5 events. Since all competitions in this event are Level 4 you may not use WBF convention cards.
- b) Ties will be split where necessary in accordance with standard EBU procedures to determine the winners of any particular tournament, and in order to determine the last qualifying place at any particular stage of the tournament. Please note, however, that tied places share equally any Master Point or prize award due, even if the tie has been split for some other purpose.
- c) Pairs who need team mates for Sunday should register their names on the notice-board by 6:30pm on Saturday. Whilst every effort will be made to match pairs together, we regret that absolutely no guarantee can be given in this regard. If, having registered yourselves as requiring team mates, you subsequently manage to make your own arrangements, it is essential that you remove your names from the list (again, before 6:30pm on Saturday).
- d) All prizes will be automatically credited to the member's EBU account, and may be redeemed at any time on application to the EBU. The prize values quoted assume a certain level of entry, and are subject to alteration should the actual entry be significantly different from that originally envisaged. An appropriate announcement would be made before the half-way stage of the tournament in question should this eventuality arise.
- e) The terms and conditions of contest outlined in this programme may be varied upon the express instructions of the Chief Tournament Director in order to facilitate the smooth running of the congress should any unforeseen circumstances arise. Specifically, the Chief Tournament Director is authorised to determine the size of the two pairs finals once the total original entry in each event is known.
- f) Please switch off your mobile phone. If you must have it on for emergencies, switch it to silent and leave the playing area before answering it.

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g) Best Behaviour at Bridge - Please be nice to your partner, be pleasant to your opponents and be polite to the Tournament Directors. Otherwise you may well be given a Disciplinary Penalty!

h) All master points will be awarded by direct credit. Ranking lists are available from our web site at [www.ebu.co.uk](http://www.ebu.co.uk).

i) If you are considering an appeal and would like to discuss it with someone, please consult the Chief Tournament Director, who will explain the procedure to you and introduce you to one of the official appeals advisors, who are Jeremy Dhondy and Brian Senior.

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