



# 51st Summer Meeting

4th - 13th August 2017

Winter Garden, Eastbourne

Includes:

**The Really Easy Congress    The Seniors Congress**

Tournament Director in charge: **Robin Barker**

Congress Manager: **Nick Doe**

EBU General Manager: **Gordon Rainsford**



**Players' Handbook**

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We have Speedball games each Friday and Saturday. They start at 11:30pm and are light-hearted events for which there is no entry fee, prize money or master points. They do not count for the NGS.

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2017 EBU Summer Meeting, the 51<sup>st</sup> such summer congress and the second one in Eastbourne, which has also for many years been our popular venue for the Summer Seniors Congress. We hope you have a really great time here!

We have our usual comprehensive range of events including the 14th Really Easy Congress and the Seniors Congress. This year we again have 'One-day events' - Swiss Pairs, one on each day on the second weekend. The 'Early Bird' sessions, which have proved popular the last few years, will again be available for the midweek GCH Fox Pairs Championship and the Mixed Pairs Championship events, though not this year for the PWTE pairs on Monday. Once again they will start at 6:45pm, to help with return journeys. The Under 26s Pairs Championship will now be of two extended sessions on Monday and Tuesday; the Point-a-Board teams will be on the afternoon of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

The Floral Hall is provided as a meeting and rest area. The bar will be open from 10:30am each morning serving tea, coffee and sandwiches as well as cold drinks until the end of the evening. It will of course stay open later when we have the Late Night Speedball on both Fridays and Saturdays, which start at 11:30pm. During the congress you will be able to browse the Bridge Warehouse as well as our regular stand from Brian Senior Books, and Gordon Bickley will be there with his vintage books and bridge ephemera. We will have some information available about Eastbourne.

We welcome your comments about this congress and you will find questionnaires at the main EBU reception desk in the Floral Hall. We do hope that you enjoy your holiday in Eastbourne. A smart casual dress code applies for both afternoons and evenings at this congress. That means that tailored shorts are permitted at any time, but beach shorts are not.

**Please note that next year due to major refurbishment of the Eastbourne venue there will be a one-off Summer Festival of Bridge, with the main events held at the Royal National Hotel in London and a selection of mid-week events at a variety of venues across the country during 3<sup>rd</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018.**

### ***EBU Congress Desk***

This is located in the Floral Hall – the central area of the venue. The congress staff will help you with any queries regarding the congress itself. Telephone enquiries can be made between 10:30am and 1:00pm on 07948 268731/4. Alternatively, you can email us at [comps@ebu.co.uk](mailto:comps@ebu.co.uk).

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### ***Tournament Host***

If you need any help in non-bridge-related matters, or wish to discuss any aspect of the tournament, the Tournament Host should be available at EBU reception at the start and end of sessions. The host will be Stewart Macfarlane for the weekend competitions, and Peter Stockdale for the weekday competitions.

### ***System Cards***

You are required to have a pair of identical completed system cards and you should exchange them with your opponents at the start of each round. **If you do not have two completed system cards, you will be provided with blank ones to fill out before play may continue, receiving a score of average minus for any boards unplayed due to the time lost in doing this.** Since old-style EBU 20A cards are no longer authorised, we would urge all players who are filling out new cards to do so on the more recent EBU 20B card. **WBF system cards are not permitted** in any of the competitions in this congress. Visitors from abroad are asked to take particular care to comply with this.

### ***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!

### ***Bridgemates***

North (or South) is responsible for entering the contract and result into the Bridgemate, and East (or West) must 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.

Failure to enter results causes great inconvenience and both pairs should ensure that an “End of Session/Round” message appears before they leave the table.

**It is an offence to attempt to access the TD screen or change a score in the Bridgemate without calling the TD.**

***Bridgemate UK is the EBU’s “Official Wireless Scoring Provider”***

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### ***Telephones and electronic devices***

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. You may not use any electronic communications devices in the playing area, nor may you use electronic cigarettes.

### ***Prizes***

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 are subject to alteration should the actual entry differ significantly from that originally envisaged.

### ***Split Tie Procedures***

A tie for first place will be split in accordance with standard EBU procedures if necessary. Tied places share any prize awards equally, except where stated otherwise, even though the tie may be split for other purposes.

### ***Special Circumstances***

General EBU regulations apply in relation to any matter not detailed in these conditions (eg protest time). However, any conditions, whether general or specific to the Summer Meeting as set out in this programme, may be varied by the Tournament Director in charge in order to accommodate any unforeseen circumstance and to facilitate the smooth running of the congress.

### ***Issue of Master Points and Ranking Lists***

All Master Points will be awarded by direct credit and will appear on your record within a month of the end of the congress. Ranking lists are available from our website at [www.ebu.co.uk](http://www.ebu.co.uk) and results will be automatically emailed to anyone registered with Pianola under EBU Events. If you are not currently registered and would like to be, please email [robin@ebu.co.uk](mailto:robin@ebu.co.uk).

### ***The Summer Meeting Hub***

Once again we will report results, information and assignments on the Summer Meeting Hub at [www.ebu.co.uk/summer-meeting](http://www.ebu.co.uk/summer-meeting) along with a series of articles by Brian Senior and Michael Byrne. We would be interested in any exciting hands or amusing stories that would be suitable for the Summer Meeting Hub. Please contact Brian Senior via the EBU Congress Desk or the Communications Officer Peter Stockdale [peter.stockdale@ebu.co.uk](mailto:peter.stockdale@ebu.co.uk).

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### **Appeals Consultants**

Should the need arise, if you wish to speak to an appeals consultant, they are:

#### **First Weekend**

Jeffrey Allerton  
Frances Hinden

#### **Midweek**

Brian Senior

#### **Second Weekend**

Malcolm Pryor  
Neil Rosen

### **Results**

Results for each match within each sub-field of the main Swiss events will be posted in the relevant playing area. In addition, results of the last match of each session will be posted on the main notice board.

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### **SWISS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP for the Harold Poster Trophy**

**Holders: Andrew Robson & Alexander Allfrey**

**Friday 7:45pm; Saturday 1:00pm and 7:45pm; Sunday 12:30pm**

Pairs will play 14 matches of 8-boards per match. Scoring will be by match points (the normal pairs scoring system) within each sub-field, converted to Victory Points on a 20 to 0 scale. The Victory Point scale will graduate from 10–10 for scoring between 49.35% and 50.65% of the available match points over 8 boards, to 20–0 for scoring more than 68.35%.

Assignments will be made on a 'current-round' basis within each sub-field. The field will be regrouped into sub-fields, according to cumulative score, at the end of each session.

### **Starting arrangements: session 1**

Please draw for a starting position from the Floral Hall. Positions may be drawn from 6:00pm onwards on Friday evening.

Please fill in your names on the name-slip, and have the slip ready for collection from your table at 7:45pm.

### **Restarting arrangements: sessions 2–4**

The event as a whole will be divided into three sub-fields of up to 48 tables per sub-field. Thus, the area in which you play for session two onwards will depend upon your score at the end of the previous session. Starting positions for session

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two onwards will be posted on the main notice board. A further copy of the assignments for any given sub-field will also be posted in the room in which that particular sub-field will be located, and they will also be displayed on our website. We recommend that you arrive in good time for each session if you need to view the printed lists to find your starting position, so as to avoid undue congestion just prior to the start of the new session.

### **Master Point awards (see also Stratification)**

To reflect the status of this event within our calendar, enhanced awards of 0.42 Green Point will be awarded for each match won (0.21 for a draw), plus bonus ranking awards to the top third of the field.

1st 16, last award receiving position 0.50. Awards for intermediate places will be in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

### **Prizes (see also Stratification)**

Prizes to 20<sup>th</sup> place, quoted in terms of £ per pair as follows:

1st	£360	8th	£150	15th	£80
2nd	£320	9th	£140	16th	£60
3rd	£280	10th	£130	17th to 18th	£50
4th	£240	11th	£120	19th to 20th	£40
5th	£200	12th	£110		
6th	£180	13th	£100		
7th	£160	14th	£ 90		

Tied positions share equally any prize awards due, even if the tie has been split for some other purpose (eg to determine a trophy winner). In the case of a 2- or 3-way tie for the last prize position, all such contestants shall receive the full prize due: should four or more pairs be involved in the tie, then all such pairs shall receive an equal share of £120 (ie 3 x the basic minimum).

A further 6 stratified prizes as follows:

'B' + 'C' stratification: 4 prizes

1st £120, 2nd £80, 3rd £60, 4th £40.

'C' stratification: 2 prizes

1st £60, 2nd £40.

Additionally the *Brighton Plate* will be awarded to the leading 'C' stratification pair.

***Brighton Plate Holders: Alex Lawton & James Green***

*OPEN PAIRS will be played on the first Sunday evening (starting at 7:45pm), as well as Monday to Friday afternoons (see page 11).*

*OPEN TEAMS is also available on the first Sunday evening, when the choice of event is yours.*

*Entry to the Sunday evening event is free of charge to any player who has been playing in the main Swiss Pairs tournament. This also applies to the Friday afternoon Open Pairs event and the Friday afternoon Point-a-Board Teams, which are free to those playing in the Swiss Teams on the second weekend.*

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### THE SENIORS CONGRESS

#### CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

*for the Mercian Bridge Travel Trophy*

*- Holders: John Short & Charles Chisnall*

#### SWISS TEAMS

*for the John Carter Trophy - Holders: Brian Crack, Shirley Goldwin,*

*Diana Avis & Colin Wilson*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:45pm</b>	Championship Pairs qualifier
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>	Championship Pairs semi-finals
	<b>7:45pm</b>	Championship Pairs finals and Consolation event
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	Swiss Teams, session 1: 4 x 8-board matches
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	Swiss Teams, session 2: 4 x 8-board matches

Seniors players must have been born in or before 1957.

The total anticipated entry for both the pairs and the teams is about 34 tables.

#### Format of the pairs event (*Mercian Bridge Travel Trophy*)

The Pairs Championship comprises a qualifying round, a semi-final and a final. A generous proportion of the field (approximately 60%; certainly greater than 50%) will qualify from the qualifying round into the semi-final. There will be a carry-over into the semi-final session equivalent in weight to one-half of a session (ie half the qualifying round percentage will be added to the percentage scored in the semi-

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final). The top 16 pairs will then qualify from the main semi-final into the 'A' final. There will then be a further carry-over into the final – again, the equivalent of one-half of the total semi-final score (so the actual carry-over into the final is half the semi-final percentage plus a quarter of the qualifying round percentage). The next 10 pairs (positions 17th-26th in the semi-final) will qualify for the 'B' final. There is no carry-over into the 'B' final. This example is based on an anticipated entry of about 34 tables and may be altered when final numbers are known.

Pairs who do not qualify for the main semi-final will play in the consolation semi-final, with no carry-forward score. From here the top 2 pairs overall will qualify for the main 'A' final, thus making an 18 pair 'A' final. Their carry-over into the 'A' final shall be two-thirds of their session two percentage (ie of their consolation semi-final percentage), subject to this not being greater than the carry-over of the 9th placed pair in the main semi-finals and not less than what would have been the carry-over of the 17th placed pair in the main semi-final. The next 8 pairs (positions 3rd-10th) from the consolation semi-final will qualify for the 'B' final, thus also making an 18 pair 'B' final. There will be no carry-over into the 'B' final.

There will be a consolation event on Tuesday evening for all non-qualifiers, namely for positions 27th or below from the main semi-final, and positions 11th or below from the consolation semi-final.

### **Format of the teams event (John Carter Trophy)**

This is a straightforward Swiss Teams event with Australian assignments, which means that teams all keep their home table and all NS pairs are stationary.

It comprises 8 x 8-board matches; four matches on each of two days.

### **Master Point awards**

#### **Pairs**

*Qualifying round:* Not applicable.

*Semi-final:* Blue Points on the regional scale (36+ boards) based on the total original entry [awards to the equivalent of the top half of the original entry].

*Consolation semi-final:* Blue Points to the top third of the field on the standard regional scale (18-35 boards).

*'A' final:* 1st 5 Green Points, 18th 0.50. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula

*'B' final:* Half the 'A' final awards above.

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*Consolation event:* Awards to the top quarter of the field. 1st 1.25, last award receiving position 0.25.

Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

### Teams

0.28 Green Point per match won (0.14 for a draw), with bonus awards to the top quarter of the field. 1st 3.50, last award receiving position 0.25. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

### Prizes

All prizes are quoted in terms of £ per pair or £ per team as appropriate.

#### Pairs

'A' final: prizes to 5th place: 1st £120; 2nd £100; 3rd £80; 4th £60;  
5th £40.

'B' final: prizes to 2nd place: 1st £60; 2nd £40.

*Consolation event:* winners only: 1st £40.

#### Teams

Prizes to the top four teams: 1st £200; 2nd £160; 3rd £120; 4<sup>th</sup> £80.

## THE REALLY EASY CONGRESS

The Really Easy Congress starts with a free day on Monday for those in need of assistance or reassurance, featuring supervised play in the afternoon after an introduction and then a lesson in the evening. On Tuesday – Wednesday there will be lessons in the mornings and play sessions in the afternoon and evenings (teams on Wednesday evening). Thursday will see two sessions of Swiss Pairs.

The congress is aimed at all levels of 'less experienced' players, but since there are no lessons for those starting completely from scratch, you should have an understanding of the rudiments of the game and the mechanics of playing. In some sessions, however, assistance can be provided to novice players.

At the upper end of the spectrum, we would expect that the stronger players would still be 'inexperienced', with little/no experience of green-point events, and they should be below the rank of Master and lower than a Jack on the NGS. **Players who are too experienced may be asked to play in the main congress instead.**

The sessions will all begin in the Gold Room upstairs and will be run by Christine Macfarlane.

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### OPEN PAIRS

**First Sunday Evening 7:45pm (also Open Teams)**

**Monday to Thursday 2:00pm; Friday 1:00pm (Point-a-Board Teams also available on Friday 1:00pm – see p17)**

Pairs events will be arrow-switched and match-pointed across the field, and a comparable prize scale will be devised for each tournament based upon the size of the field. For example, with approximately 15 tables (30 pairs): 1<sup>st</sup> £30 (per pair), 2<sup>nd</sup> £20.

In teams events, prizes of £40 per team will be awarded to all section winners in a 2-board round multiple teams event, £30 for 3-board round events.

Master Point awards are Blue Points on the National Congress Scale (club awards x 4).

### MID-WEEK AFTERNOON TEAMS

Due to steadily declining numbers, this event has been discontinued.

### MORNING SEMINARS

#### **DISCUSS IT WITH AN EXPERT**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>    Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>    Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>    Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

Come along at 11:00am to discuss the previous day's hands with a panel of experts (speakers TBC at the time of going to print).

#### **ADVANCED SEMINAR**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Brian Senior 11:00am

Brian will run an advanced seminar on a specific topic (topic TBC)

#### **MORNING SEMINAR**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> – 10:45am *please note the earlier start*

(Topic & speaker TBC - may depend on who reaches the Four Stars finals)

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## First weekend

<b>Friday</b>	7:45pm	Swiss Pairs, session 1 (3 matches)
<b>4th</b>	11:30pm	Late-night Speedball Pairs
<b>Saturday</b>	11:00am	Discuss it with an expert
<b>5th</b>	1:00pm	Swiss Pairs, session 2 (4 matches)
	7:45pm	Swiss Pairs, session 3 (3 matches)
	11:30pm	Late-night Speedball Teams
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00am	Discuss it with an expert
<b>6th</b>	12:30pm	Swiss Pairs, session 4 (4 matches)
	7:45pm	Open Pairs and Open Teams

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<b>Monday</b>	10:30am	TD training -Essentials & Book Rulings
<b>7th</b>	2:00pm	Open Pairs
	2:00pm	Under 26s Pairs Championship, session 1
	2:30pm	Really Easy Congress, introductory day – play
	7:30pm	Really Easy Congress, introductory day - lesson
	7:45pm	Seniors Pairs qualifier
	7:45pm	Play With The Experts (PWTE) Pairs
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30am	Really Easy Congress, lesson 1
<b>8th</b>	10:30am	TD training -Judgement Rulings
	10:30am	Fast-track Bridge – Introduction - EBED
	2:00pm	Seniors Pairs semi-finals
	2:00pm	Open Pairs
	2:00pm	Under 26s Pairs Championship, session 2
	2:30pm	Really Easy Congress, play session 1
	6:45pm	Early Bird Session (Tuesday Pairs)
	7:30pm	Really Easy Congress, play session 2
	7:45pm	Seniors Pairs finals and consolation event
	7:45pm	Tuesday Pairs Championship

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## Midweek (continued)

<b>Wednesday</b> <b>9th</b>	10:30am	EBUScore: Beginners course
	10:30am	Really Easy Congress, lesson 2
	11:00am	Discuss it with an expert
	1:00pm	Seniors Swiss Teams, session 1
	2:00pm	Open Pairs
	2:30pm	EBUScore: Next Step course
	2:30pm	Really Easy Congress, play session 3
	7:30pm	Really Easy Congress, play session 4
	7:45pm	Mixed Pivot Teams Championship
<b>Thursday</b> <b>10th</b>	10:30am	Really Easy Congress, Swiss Pairs (2 sessions)
	10:30am	TD training - Assessment
	1:00pm	Seniors Swiss Teams, session 2
	2:00pm	Open Pairs
	6:45pm	Early Bird Session (Mixed Pairs)
	7:45pm	Mixed Pairs Championship

## Second weekend

<b>Friday</b> <b>11th</b>	10:30am	New Laws seminar for TDs & players
	11:00am	Advanced Seminar – Brian Senior
	1:00pm	Open Pairs and Point-a-Board Teams
	11:30pm	Late-night Speedball Pairs
	7:45pm	Swiss Teams, session 1 (3 matches)
<b>Saturday</b> <b>12th</b>	11:00am	Discuss it with an expert
	12 noon	One-Day Stratified Swiss Pairs, session 1 (3 matches)
	1:00pm	Swiss Teams, session 2 (4 matches)
	3:30pm	One-Day Stratified Swiss Pairs, session 2 (3 matches)
	7:45pm	Swiss Teams, session 3 (3 matches)
	11:30pm	Late-night Speedball Teams
<b>Sunday</b> <b>13rd</b>	10:45am	Morning Seminar – topic/speaker TBC
	11:00am	Four Stars Finals, session 1 (3 matches)
	12 noon	One-Day Stratified Swiss Pairs, session 1 (3 matches)
	12 noon	Swiss Teams, session 4 (4 matches)
	2:50pm	Four Stars Finals, session 2 (4 matches)
	3:30pm	One-Day Stratified Swiss Pairs, session 2 (3 matches)

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### PLAY WITH THE EXPERTS

*for the Fraser Cup - Holders: Tom Townsend & Alex Hydes*

**Monday 7:45pm (no Early Bird session for this event)**

A pairs event, employing teams-type scoring. At the end of the event the N/S pairs will be given the original score-card as obtained by a pair of experts playing E/W in the original competition. They will 'imp' their own scores with those of their expert teammates. Similarly, all the E/W pairs will receive an identical expert N/S score-card.

The trophy and the first prize will be awarded to the overall winners, which will be established by calculating the average imp score obtained by all pairs in each direction and comparing the actual scores of the leading N/S and E/W pairs with this average. The overall winners will be the pair furthest ahead of the average score in their direction. The leading pair in the other direction will be deemed to be the overall runners-up.

The overall winners will not necessarily be the pair with the largest net plus score. The leading pair from the other direction could have a higher score in terms of the final method of scoring (ie after comparison with the average score in that direction).

Note that your 'expert teammates' score-card may not guarantee you a large plus score. Note also that for the purpose of the NGS this event will be re-scored by Cross-IMPs.

#### ***Master Point awards (see also Stratification)***

Blue Points to the top third of the field on the National Congress Scale (club awards x 4).

#### ***Prizes (see also Stratification)***

Prizes to the leading pair in each direction (N/S and E/W) of £40 per pair, plus an additional £30 to the overall winner, thus making £70 in total.

Leading 'B' + 'C' stratified pair in each direction: £20. Leading 'C' stratified pair in each direction: £20.

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### UNDER 26s PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

**Holders: Oliver Powell & Jonathan Derrick**

**Monday and Tuesday 2:00pm**

An extended two-session pairs event, scored by Cross IMPs. The finishing time will be about 6:00pm each day so that those who wish to play in the evening events can do so.

Players must not have reached their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday by 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2016 and to be eligible for the Under 21 prize must not have reached their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by that date.

#### **Master Point awards**

*Green Points to the top half of the field:*

1st 4, last award receiving position 0.25. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

#### **Prizes**

Prizes to 3rd place of £80, £40 and £20 per pair, respectively.

One prize for the highest ranking Under 21 pair outside the main prize list: £20.

The winning pair will, if both players are eligible to represent England, be offered a place on an England team during the following 12 months.

### TUESDAY GCH FOX PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

**Holders: Sarah O'Connor & Ben Norton**

**Tuesday 7:45pm (6:45pm Early Bird session)**

A straightforward Pairs event, match-pointed across the field.

#### **Master Point awards (see also Stratification)**

Blue Points to the top third of the field on the National Congress Scale (club awards x 4).

#### **Prizes (see also Stratification)**

Prizes to 3rd place of £60, £40 and £30 per pair, respectively.

Leading 'B' + 'C' stratified pair: £30.

Leading 'C' stratified pair: £30.

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### MIXED PIVOT TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

*for the Middlesex Cup - Holders: Diana Nettleton, Peter Griffin,  
Bill Gardner & Matthew Covill*

**Wednesday 7:45pm (no Early Bird session for this event)**

A teams-of-four competition, in which you will play 3 rounds of 3-boards per round with each of your teammates in turn as your partner (a 27-board competition). All teams must include at least one man and at least one woman.

Scoring is by net imps. All matches are played 'head-on', in order that a barometer style score-board can be maintained. Should an odd number of teams take part, some teams will be required to sit out one match, and their final score will be factored by 27/24 (all fractions included) to take account of this.

#### ***Master Point awards***

Blue Points to the top third of the field on the National Congress Scale (club awards x 4).

#### **Prizes**

Prizes to 3<sup>rd</sup> place of £120, £80 and £60 per team, respectively.

### MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

*for the London Duplicate Club Cup - Holders: Susan Deacon & Jim Deacon*

**Thursday 7:45pm (6:45pm Early Bird session)**

A straightforward Pairs event for mixed pairs, match-pointed across the field.

#### ***Master Point awards (see also Stratification)***

Blue Points to the top third of the field on the National Congress Scale (club awards x 4).

#### ***Prizes (see also Stratification)***

Prizes to 4th place of £80, £60, £50 and £30 per pair, respectively.

Leading 'B' + 'C' stratified pair: £30. Leading 'C' stratified pair: £30.

## TD & SCORING COURSES

### TD Training (all start at 10:30am):

Monday - Essentials & Book Rulings

Tuesday - Judgement Rulings

Thursday - Assessment

### EBUScore Courses

Wednesday: Morning (10:30am) – Beginners; Afternoon (2:30pm) – Next step

**Please note:** These courses will take place in the International Lawn Tennis Centre, a short walk from the Winter Garden. Please see page 20 for a map.

An introduction to English Bridge Education & Development's new teaching programme, Fast Track Bridge, will take place in the Winter Garden on Tuesday, starting at 10:30am.

## SECOND WEEKEND

### POINT-A-BOARD TEAMS

#### Friday 1:00pm

As an alternative to the Open Pairs, this one-session event offers a scoring method only recently used in this country, and will provide an ideal practice for the National Point-a-Board Teams Congress in London next January ([www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/pab-teams](http://www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/pab-teams)).

Please note that Point-a-Board events are not included in the NGS.

# Card Game Books

Gordon Bickley will have a range of bridge books, magazines and ephemera available throughout the weekend. Please feel free to browse, stop for a chat, or even buy something. If you missed him, but would like a future catalogue, please email [gordonarf@aol.com](mailto:gordonarf@aol.com).

## SECOND WEEKEND

### CHAMPIONSHIP SWISS TEAMS

**Four Stars Holders:** *Barbara Travis, Fiona Brown, Gary Hyett & Howard Melbourne*

**Mayors Cup ('B' Final) Holders:** *Iain Sime, John Murdoch, Ian Draper & Jeremy Willans*

**Brighton Bowl Holders:** *Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton & Peter Lee*

**Friday 7:45pm; Saturday 1:00pm and 7:45pm; Sunday 12 noon ("A" & "B" finals start at 11:00am)**

### **Starting arrangements: session 1**

Please draw an assignment card from the Floral Hall. Positions may be drawn from 6:00pm onwards on Friday evening. Please fill in your names on the name-slip on your table, including any special categories that may apply (see below), and have the slip ready for collection from your table at 7:45pm.

### **Restarting arrangements: sessions 2–4**

Teams will be re-assigned to the appropriate sub-field based upon their running score at the end of the previous session.

Teams will retain their home table for the whole of each session, and will always be assigned to play against teams in the same sub-field as themselves. At the start of each session they will be re-assigned a new table, which may be in a different sub-field. Notices will be displayed on the main notice board, as well as on our website, to advise you of the scores in each sub-field, and showing your assignments for each new session.

### **Format**

The tournament is a straightforward Swiss Teams event, playing 8-board matches, but at the end of the tenth match on Saturday evening, the top 16 teams at that stage will cease to play Swiss Teams and will go forward into one of the all-play-all Four Stars finals. The leading 8 teams will go into the 'A' final and the next 8 teams will go into the 'B' final. Any tie within the top 16 places at the end of Saturday will be split as explained below. There is no carry-forward score into the finals.

The format of each final is a full round-robin of 7 x 8-board matches. The timetable is as follows: **11:00am – 2:20pm, 3 matches; and 2:50pm – 7:10pm, 4 matches**

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As a rule of thumb, experience shows that a ten match score in the high 130s is needed to reach the 'A' final, and a score in the low 130s is needed for the 'B' final. All other teams continue to play in the Swiss Teams, for the Brighton Bowl.

### **Master Point awards**

To reflect the status of this event within our calendar, enhanced awards of 0.42 Green Point will be awarded for each match won in the Swiss or Four Stars final (0.21 for a draw), plus bonus ranking awards as follows:

- i) The Four Stars 'A' final: 1st 12 Green Points, 8th 4. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.
- ii) The Four Stars 'B' final: 1st 6 Green Points, 8th 2. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.
- iii) The Brighton Bowl Swiss Teams: awards to the top third of the field, including the 16 teams playing in the two finals. Example: an original entry of 132 teams equates to 44 ranking awards, so awards to 28th place in the Swiss. 1st 3 Green Points, last award receiving position 0.50. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

### **Prizes** (quoted in terms of £ per team)

Prizes will be awarded to all teams in the two finals, and to the top 4 teams in the Brighton Bowl as follows:

'A' FINAL		'B' FINAL		SWISS	
1st	£480	1st	£240	1st	£200
2nd	£400	2nd	£200	2nd	£160
3rd	£340	3rd	£170	3rd	£120
4th	£300	4th	£150	4th	£ 80
5th	£260	5th	£130		
6th	£220	6th	£110		
7th	£160	7th	£ 80		
8th	£120	8th	£ 60		

In addition, prizes will be awarded in each of two special categories to teams finishing outside the main prize list. The special categories are:

(N) **Non-expert** The leading two non-expert teams finishing outside the main prize list will receive a prize. A non-expert team is defined as a team no member of which holds the rank of Premier Regional Master or above based upon points earned (regardless of whether registered or not) as on the first day of the Swiss Teams. No

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player presently or previously based overseas for any substantial period of time can be eligible within this category, and neither can a player who has represented his/her country at any level (including Under 26 or Under 21 level) in any British, European or World Championship.

(J) **Junior** The leading two junior teams finishing outside the main prize list, but still scoring above average, will receive a prize. A junior team is defined as a team no member of which had reached their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday by 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2016.

No team may win more than one special category prize. Should a team be eligible for two such prizes, then the prizes will be allocated in the way which causes the higher placed other teams to receive such a prize.

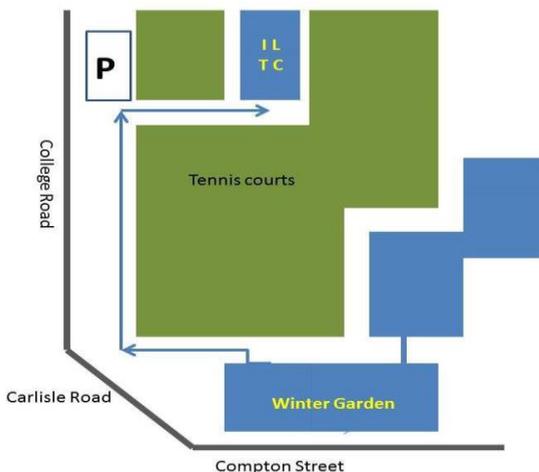
Category prizes are £120 per team for the genuine winners (ie including teams finishing in the main prize list and including teams reaching either of the finals) and £80 per team for other places. A genuine winner finishing in the main prize list will receive either the main prize or the £120 prize, whichever is the higher, but two prizes of £80 per team will still be awarded to teams outside the main prize list.

Tied positions share equally any prize awards due, even if the tie has been split for some other purpose (eg to determine a trophy winner). In the case of a 2-way tie for the last prize receiving position in the Swiss, both teams shall receive the full prize due: should three or more teams be involved in the tie, then all such teams shall receive an equal share of £160 (ie 2 x the basic minimum).

### Venue for the Four Stars Finals

**Please note:**

The Four Stars Finals will take place in the International Lawn Tennis Centre (ILTC).



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### ***Scoring with Bridgemates and assigning by computer***

The Swiss Teams will be scored with Bridgemates and assigned by computer as follows:

- i) Your team will be given a Swiss Teams assignment card with your team number on it, before play commences. You should complete it accurately throughout the weekend so as to resolve any scoring queries, and use it to record your assignments, but you will not usually have to hand it in.
- ii) Your initial home table will correspond to your team number. Tables will be numbered so that odd numbered tables are on one side of the room and even numbered tables on the other. Tables 1-48 will be in the far Devonshire Hall, and Tables 49 upwards in the nearer Devonshire Hall.
- iii) Your first match in each session will be against the team at the corresponding adjacent-numbered table (eg 3 v 4, 57 v 58, 124 v 123).
- iv) At the conclusion of each match, ensure that you agree with your opponents that the correct scores have been entered in the Bridgemate. Your assignment for the next match will be displayed on the Bridgemate at your home table. When it is announced that the assignments have been made, you should press the OK button once on your Bridgemate and you will see the table number of your new opponents displayed, where your EW pair will go to play.
- v) You are then ready to start your next match.
- vi) Teams will be allocated new home tables at the start of each session. Please refer to the lists on the wall, or check on the EBU website, to find your new home table. Again, your first match in each new session will be against the team at the corresponding adjacent-numbered table (eg 3 v 4, 57 v 58, 124 v 123).
- vii) You will retain this new home table for the entire session, and the assignments displayed on the Bridgemates will refer to your opponents' home tables rather than their team numbers. The procedure is actually much simpler than it might sound – you will soon get into the swing of things, and we very much hope that you enjoy the Swiss Teams.

## VIII ONE-DAY GREEN-POINTED WEEKEND EVENTS

### SECOND WEEKEND ONE-DAY STRATIFIED SWISS PAIRS EVENTS

#### Saturday and Sunday 12 noon

Two separate Swiss Pairs events, each comprising six matches of seven boards, scored by matchpoints converted to VPs. Assignments will be on a 'current-round' basis. On each day there will be a break of about half an hour half-way through, so as to give a finishing time of 6:30pm.

#### ***Master Point awards (see also Stratification)***

0.25 Green Point per match won (0.13 for a draw), plus bonus ranking awards to the top quarter of the field.

Minimum overall bonus ranking award of 0.25. The top award depends on the size of the field, but typically 3 Green Points for a 15 table (30 pairs) event. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

#### ***Prizes (see also Stratification)***

Prize awards depend on the size of the field, but typically with 15 tables (30 pairs): 1<sup>st</sup> £80, 2<sup>nd</sup> £60, 3<sup>rd</sup> £40 (per pair). Leading 'B' + 'C' stratification pair £40. Leading 'C' stratification pair £40.

One additional prize of £60 for the pair with the best combined score over the two one-day events and an additional Green Point award of 0.50.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

### ***Protest time (Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams)***

Protest time in respect of any match expires at the times shown below. Once protest time has expired, no subsequent request for a ruling, nor any appeal of a ruling already received, will be entertained. Furthermore, no score corrections will then be made even if the published score is subsequently found to be incorrect.

- ◆ In respect of the first match of any session, or in respect of the second match of a four match session: ½ hour after the conclusion of the session.
- ◆ In respect of the penultimate match of a session: upon the commencement of the next session (or one hour after the conclusion of the tournament if this is the final session).

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- ◆ In respect of the final match of a session: upon the commencement of the second match of the following session (or as below for match 14, in the final session).
- ◆ For appeals, the time limits above refer to the session in which the ruling was given, which may be later than the session in which it was first sought.
- ◆ *Exception:* for teams in contention for either the 'A' or 'B' final on Sunday morning, protest time for matches 9 & 10 expires at 12:15 am (ie just after midnight).
- ◆ In respect of the final match of the tournament (match 14), protest time expires at 7:45pm on the Sunday evening of the weekend in question (it follows that the final results of the tournament become official at that time), save that any blatant scoring errors which do not affect the final prize list may be corrected up until the Tuesday after the end of the entire congress.

### Supplementary regulation

#### **Swiss Teams**

Any tie which exists within the first sixteen places at the end of the third session will be split as outlined below, as will a tie for first place overall in any of the three events, although any prize awards or Master Points due will be divided equally.

The first test is the result of the head-on match between the tied contestants, provided that all the tied contestants have played against each other.

Failing that, matches won will decide (a draw in Victory Points is a half-win).

Failing that, 'Tie-break Points' will decide in respect of a tie arising in a Swiss event (ie something other than an all-play-all event). Tie-break Points are the sum of the final scores obtained by each of any given team's set of opponents. For example, team A has played against X, Y and Z. Team X has a final score of 50, team Y has 40 and team Z has 30: team A has a Tie-break Point score of 120. The team with the largest Tie-break Point total would win the tie on this basis (if the results of the previous tests are inconclusive). Failing all that, details of all further methods of splitting a tie are available on request.

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### Stratification

The following pairs events will all be stratified:

- The first weekend main Swiss Pairs event
- Monday evening 'Play with the Experts'
- Tuesday evening 'Pairs Championship'
- Thursday evening 'Mixed Pairs'
- The one-day 'Swiss Pairs' events on the second weekend.

Stratification levels are as follows:

'A': at least one member of the partnership is a Premier Life Master or above

'B': at least one member of the partnership is a Premier Regional Master or above and neither is a Premier Life Master or above.

'C': neither member of the partnership is a Premier Regional Master or above.

[Ranks are based on points earned, regardless of whether registered or not, as on the first day of play. Overseas visitors with Master Point records held outside the UK are normally obliged to be category 'A' players].

### **Master Point awards.**

Master Point awards are quoted within for the overall 'A' + 'B' + 'C' stratification ranking list only. The top award and minimum award on the 'B' + 'C' list is 50%, and the 'C' list is 25% of that quoted for the overall list.

### **Prizes**

Pairs are limited to one prize per pair, which shall be the highest one available to them. Any prize so released will be awarded to the next pair in line in the appropriate category. Therefore, the number of prizes quoted will always be awarded to the leading 'B' + 'C' and 'C' ranked pairs who finish outside the main prize list.



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