

Ranked Masters Pairs

25th – 26th February 2023

online on RealBridge



Featuring the:

PREMIER GRAND MASTERS PAIRS

GRAND MASTERS PAIRS

PREMIER LIFE MASTERS PAIRS

LIFE MASTERS PAIRS

NATIONAL MASTERS PAIRS

REGIONAL MASTERS PAIRS

Programme

FINAL – 2023-02-25 11:00

1 TIMES OF PLAY

(subject to change if numbers vary)

1.1 (12 tables) National Master/Regional Masters

Saturday	11:00	–	13:55	Session 1: 6 x 4-boards
	14:40	–	17:35	Session 2: 6 x 4-boards
Sunday	11:00	–	13:30	Session 3: 5 x 4-boards
	14:15	–	17:10	Session 4: 6 x 4-boards

1.2 (7 tables) Premier Grand Masters; Premier Life/Life Masters

Saturday	11:00	–	13:55	Session 1: 3 x 8-boards
	14:40	–	18:25	Session 2: 4 x 8-boards
Sunday	11:00	–	13:55	Session 3: 3 x 8-boards
	14:40	–	17:30	Session 4: 3 x 8-boards

1.3 (6 tables) Grand Masters Pairs;

Saturday	11:00	–	14:15	Session 1: 3 x 9-boards
	15:00	–	18:10	Session 2: 3 x 9-boards
Sunday	11:00	–	13:10	Session 3: 2 x 9-boards
	13:50	–	17:00	Session 4: 3 x 9-boards

2 INTRODUCTION

The estimated entry for the six events taking place this weekend is as follows:

Premier Grand Masters	13 pairs
Grand Masters Pairs	12 pairs
Premier Life Masters	7 pairs
Life Masters Pairs	8 pairs
National Masters Pairs	13 pairs
Regional Masters Pairs	10 pairs
Total entry overall	32 tables

* Pairs will be promoted to higher events to avoid half tables.

3 GREEN POINTS FOR ROUNDS WON

Fractional Green Points will be awarded in all events for matches/rounds won/drawn.

4-board rounds: 0.14	(0.07 for a draw)
5-board rounds: 0.18	(0.09 for a draw)
6-board rounds: 0.21	(0.11 for a draw)
7-board rounds: 0.25	(0.13 for a draw)
8-board rounds: 0.28	(0.14 for a draw)
9-board rounds: 0.32	(0.16 for a draw)
11-board rounds: 0.38	(0.19 for a draw)

Note that, for events with mixed numbers of boards, some manual adjustment may need to be made after the event to the fractional Green Points displayed on the ranking lists. Additional Green Points will be awarded to the top third of the field in each event.

4 BOARDS

On RealBridge, all events will be playing different boards – ‘dealt’ at the start of each day, by the platform.

5 MISCELLANEOUS

Final results will appear on the EBU Results pages as possible after the end of play.

The results on RealBridge will be missing capping of cross imps (see below) and adjusted scores that cannot be done on RealBridge – the official results are the results on the website. It must be noted that scoring corrections affecting the final results are still possible after the results are posted.

Starting positions will be pre-assigned for all tournaments. Please log in to RealBridge with your name and EBU number and you will be sat at your assigned seat. This should happen automatically in subsequent sessions.

6 GENERAL CONDITIONS & REGULATIONS

- a) All events are played on RealBridge: [EBU RealBridge Instructions](#)
- b) Premier Grand, Grand, Premier Life and Life Masters pairs are 'EBU Level 5' for the purpose of systems and conventions. The National and Regional Masters pairs are 'EBU Level 4'.

You are required to have on online system cards and you should provide a link (in table chat) to your opponents at the start of each round. WBF system cards are not permitted in the EBU Level 4 events.

You can use any existing link to your system card. Otherwise, system cards can be uploaded to My EBU > Utilities > System Cards – and that will provide a link.

- c) Mobile phones and other electronic communication devices may not be used during play, except in an emergency.
- d) General EBU conditions as contained in the Competitions Diary and the White Book apply to all competitions (e.g. split ties, protest time etc.).
- e) Special arrangements may be announced by the Tournament Director in charge should any unforeseen circumstance arise. In particular, arrangements will need to be made should the final entry to any event be not as anticipated. The Tournament Director in charge is specifically authorised to promote one or more willing pairs from one event to the next in order to facilitate the smooth running of the overall tournament and minimise the necessity for sit-outs.

- f) 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!
- g) 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 assume a certain level of entry, and are subject to alteration should the actual entry be significantly different from that originally envisaged. A notice of revised prizes would be posted on the results page should this eventuality arise.
- h) Issue of master points and ranking lists - all master points will be awarded by direct credit. Ranking lists are available from the web site at www.ebu.co.uk/results/1117

7 CROSS-IMP SCORING

All events will be scored by the 'Cross-IMPs' method, which is similar to normal teams [IMP] scoring.

Your match score card is impeded with all the other pairs sitting in the opposite direction to you in your particular tournament. The resulting number is then divided by the number of comparisons made (e.g. with 10 tables, there will be 9 comparisons) and expressed correct to two decimal places.

It follows that your tactics in a tournament of this nature should be as though you are playing in a teams [IMP] type tournament; for example, overtricks are vastly less important than they might be in a normal match-pointed pairs tournament.

IMPORTANT NOTE: there is a maximum limit to the number of IMPs which can be won in any given round using this form of scoring. This is:

- 25 IMPs in the tournaments of 10+ tables
- 30 IMPs in the tournaments of 7-9 tables
- 35 IMPs in the tournaments of 6 tables (9-board rounds)
- 40 IMPs in the tournaments of 5 tables (11-board rounds)

However, there is no corresponding lower limit to the number of IMPs which can be lost in any given round.

8 PREMIER GRAND MASTERS PAIRS

(Premier Grand Masters Cup) Holders – Harry Anoyrkatis & Stefan Lindfors

The total anticipated entry is 14 pairs (7 tables), which will be played as a full round-robin comprising 13 rounds 8 boards per round giving a total of 104 boards.

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the field.

1st 12.00, last award receiving position 4.00. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula.

Prizes: 1st £120

9 GRAND MASTERS PAIRS

(Harrison-Gray Salver) Holders – Ollie Burgess & Diana Nettleton

The total anticipated entry is 12 pairs (6 tables), which will be played as a full round-robin comprising 11 rounds 9 boards per round giving a total of 99 boards.

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the field.

1st 10.50, last award receiving position 3.50. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula.

Prizes: 1st £120

10 PREMIER LIFE MASTERS PAIRS

(the Premier Life trophy) Holders – Giles Ip & Gabriel Ip

The event will be merged with the Life Master Pairs. The trophy and prizes will be awarded to those pairs who entered the Premier Life Masters Pairs.

Total anticipated entry for the combined event is 14 pairs (7 tables), which will be played as a full round-robin comprising 13 rounds 8 boards per round giving a total of 104 boards.

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the combined field.

1st 9.00, last award receiving position 3.00. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula. The winner of the Premier Life Pairs is guaranteed a bonus award of 7.50.

Prizes: First prize of the combined event £100, and £60 to the other trophy winners.

11 LIFE MASTERS PAIRS

(Maurice Blank Trophy) Holders – Szczepan Smoczyński & Franklin To

The event will be merged with the Premier Life Master Pairs (see above), with separate prizes and Master Point awards – based on the pairs' performance in the combined event.

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the field, treating this field as a stratified subfield of the combined event.

1st 7.50, last award receiving position 2.50. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula.

Prizes: see above

12 NATIONAL MASTERS PAIRS

(Bridge Magazine Cup) Holders – Dan Cardnell & Jonathan Lillycrop

This event will be merged with the Regional Masters Pairs. The trophy will be awarded to pairs who entered the National Masters Pairs.

The total combined anticipated entry is 24 pairs (12 tables), which will be played as a full round-robin comprising 23 rounds 4 boards per round giving a total of 92 boards.

Bonus ranking points: Green Points per player to the top third of the combined field.

1st 6.00, last award receiving position 2.00. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula. The winner of the National Pairs is guaranteed a bonus ranking award of 4.50.

Prizes: First prize of the combined event £120, and £80 to the other trophy winners.

13 REGIONAL MASTERS PAIRS

(St Dunstan Plate) Holders – Oliver Tiemann & Alan Woof

The event will be merged with the National Master Pairs (see above), with separate Master Point awards – based on the pairs' performance in the combined event.

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Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the field, treating this field as a stratified subfield of the combined event.

1st 4.50, last award receiving position 1.50. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula.

Prizes: see above

14 ENTRIES

A: Premier Grand Masters	David Stevenson	Liz Commins
A: Premier Grand Masters	Kathleen Nelson	Steve Auchterlonie
A: Premier Grand Masters	Roger Gibbons	Jeremy Dhondy
A: Premier Grand Masters	Stefan Lindfors	Rob Lawy
A: Premier Grand Masters	Paddy Murphy	Mark Roderick
A: Premier Grand Masters	Tracy Sherman	Rhona Goldenfield
A: Premier Grand Masters	Warner Solomon	Ian Walsh
A: Premier Grand Masters	Janet Barnes	David Barnes
A: Premier Grand Masters	Derek Oram	Celia Oram
A: Premier Grand Masters	Malcolm Pryor	David Kendrick
A: Premier Grand Masters	Clive Owen	John Sansom
A: Premier Grand Masters	Jackie Davies	Derek Maggs
A: Premier Grand Masters	Rob Cliffe	Trevor Ward
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Nigel Wolfendale	Dick Davey

B: Grand Masters Pairs	John Hampson	Bob Pitts
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Mike Rawlins	Naomi Gibbs
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Graham Pollack	Andrew Whittome
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Martyn Harris	Alan Wearmouth
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Tom Dessain	Tugrul Kaban
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Steve Jarvis	Nick Forrest
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Steve Allerston	Nick Forward
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Nadia Stelmashenko	Victor Milman
B: Grand Masters Pairs	David Beavon	Paul Cutler

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B: Grand Masters Pairs	Tim Smith	David Willis
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Dennis Talbot	Kathy Talbot
C: Premier Life Masters	John Rolph	Sandy Fulton

C: Premier Life Masters	Lin Birch	Ron Birch
C: Premier Life Masters	Christopher Wilson	Matthew Covill
C: Premier Life Masters	Peter Griffin	Colin Dean
C: Premier Life Masters	Alan Wilson	Janet Smith
C: Premier Life Masters	Alan Hobden	James Hobden
C: Premier Life Masters	Ian Grant	Julie Grant
D: Life Masters Pairs	David Adams	Rod Hose
D: Life Masters Pairs	Chris Bickerdike	Glyn Meredith
D: Life Masters Pairs	John Fairhurst	Nick Browne
D: Life Masters Pairs	Jacqui Bellinger	Malcolm Burch
D: Life Masters Pairs	Claire Robinson	Imogen La Chapelle
D: Life Masters Pairs	Gerard Thompson	Simon Mostyn
D: Life Masters Pairs	Sara Barnett	Paul King
D: Life Masters Pairs	Arun Nanda	Kanwar Rahim

E: National Masters Pairs	Mark Mortimer	Angela Treen
E: National Masters Pairs	Kostadin Vasilev	Anton Mauve
E: National Masters Pairs	Andy Baruch	Graham Cope
E: National Masters Pairs	Oliver Tiemann	Alan Woof
E: National Masters Pairs	Rita Evans	Mike Nunn
E: National Masters Pairs	David Stern	Susan Parkins
E: National Masters Pairs	Roger Pratt	Henryk Klocek
E: National Masters Pairs	Julian Hemsted	Neil Gayner
E: National Masters Pairs	Robin Griffiths	Bob Parker
E: National Masters Pairs	Christine Child	Keith Joules
E: National Masters Pairs	Matthew May	Niel Pimblett
E: National Masters Pairs	Liz Kelly	Andy Elliott

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E: National Masters Pairs	Bob Brown	Pravin Tailor
F: Regional Masters Pairs	Clair Sirkis	Marc Rivoira
F: Regional Masters Pairs	David Emerson	Andrew Hones
F: Regional Masters Pairs	Jim Downes	Tomasz Serkowski
F: Regional Masters Pairs	John Adams	Laszlo Kellner
F: Regional Masters Pairs	Tina Cottee	Sriram Chari
F: Regional Masters Pairs	Rhonda Collins	Richard Collins
F: Regional Masters Pairs	Amr El-Kashef	Martin Illingworth
F: Regional Masters Pairs	Joe Walsh	Maria Whelan
F: Regional Masters Pairs	Marianne Tudor-Craig	Mark Simpson
F: Regional Masters Pairs	Bridget Rampton	Allison Green
Stand by	Mark Wiggins	Georgina Wooler



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