



# YEAR END CONGRESS

## 2023

ILEC Conference Centre,  
West Brompton, London

27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023

featuring:

*the Swiss Pairs Championship for the Philip Broke Trophy*

*the Jack High Swiss Pairs*

*the Mixed Pairs Championship for the Durran-Weissberger Trophy*

*Open Pairs for the Rixi Marcus Trophy*

*the Swiss Teams Championship for the Grattan Endicott Bowl*

## THE PROGRAMME

WED 27	14:00	–	19:40	STRATIFIED SWISS PAIRS (5 x 8-Boards) Session 1 and Session 2 (with a break)
THU 28	11:30	–	14:45	STRATIFIED SWISS PAIRS (3 x 8-Boards) Session 3
	15:30	–	18:30	STRATIFIED SWISS PAIRS (3 x 8-Boards) Session 4
	11:30	–	14:15	JACK HIGH SWISS PAIRS 1 (3 x 6-Boards) Session 1
	15:15	–	18:00	JACK HIGH SWISS PAIRS 2 (3 x 6-Boards) Session 2
FRI 29	11:30	–	15:00	MIXED OR OPEN PAIRS, Session 1, 26/27 boards
	15:45	–	19:00	MIXED OR OPEN PAIRS, Session 2, 26/27 boards
SAT 30	11:30	–	14:20	STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (3 x 7-Boards) Session 1
	15:00	–	18:40	STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (4 x 7-Boards) Session 2

## SWISS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

*for the Philip Broke Trophy – 2022 winners: Luc Tijssen & Stefano Tommasini*

This three-session Swiss event is stratified into three categories:

‘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.

There are exceptions/exemptions, see <https://www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/stratifications> , in particular <https://www.ebu.co.uk/documents/official-documents/Stratification-2019.pdf>

### **Starting instructions**

Please draw for a starting position from the Tournament Director just outside the main playing area from 1:20pm onwards.

### **Prizes**

All prizes are quoted in terms of £ per pair.

Main prize list (all three categories combined) – 3 prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> £360, 2<sup>nd</sup> £180, 3<sup>rd</sup> £60

‘B’ and ‘C’ list combined - 2 prizes 1<sup>st</sup> £180, 2<sup>nd</sup> £60. ‘C’ list only – 1 prize: 1<sup>st</sup> £60

### **Master Point awards**

0.28 Green Point per match won (0.14 for a draw).

Bonus awards based on final ranking will be awarded to the top quarter of the field.

1<sup>st</sup> place 5.00 Green Points, last award receiving position 0.50;

In the B ranking, 1<sup>st</sup> place 2.50, last award 0.25;

In the C ranking, 1<sup>st</sup> place 1.25, last place 0.13;

Awards for intermediate places in each list in accordance with the standard EBU competition formula.

## **JACK HIGH SWISS PAIRS**

**2022 winners: Gillian Cavell & Jackie Taylor**

This event is aimed at club players who are interested in taking the first steps into congress bridge without jumping straight into a major congress event.

In order to qualify to play in this event, you must have an NGS of no higher than 'Jack' at the time of entering. We reserve the right to decline entries from those who may meet the NGS requirements, but have significant tournament experience and are not 'congress-novices'. The event will be stratified too so that there are extra Master Points available for pairs of players both ranked '9' or lower.

Only level 2 agreements are permitted.

The format will be six 6-board matches with a break after three matches.

### **Starting instructions**

Please draw for a starting position from outside the main playing area from 45 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the event.

### **Prizes**

First prize £40.

### **Master Points**

0.21 Green Point for each match won (0.11 for a draw), plus awards based on final ranking as follows:

Awards to the top quarter of the field overall: top award of 2.00, minimum award of 0.50.

Awards to the top one-sixth of the 'nine and below' pairs: top award of 1.00, minimum award of 0.25.

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

## **MIXED PAIRS**

*for the Durrant-Weissberger Trophy –  
2022 winners: Jon Cooke & Sarah Bell*

A match-pointed pairs, scored across the mixed field, comprising two sessions of about 26 boards per session.

### ***Starting instructions***

Please collect a starting position from the Tournament Director just outside the main playing area from 10:45am onwards.

### ***Prizes***

To the leading 2 pairs: 1<sup>st</sup> £240, 2<sup>nd</sup> £80 (per pair).

### ***Master point awards***

Green Point awards to the top half of the field. 1<sup>st</sup> place 4.00 Green Points, last award receiving position 1.00; awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU competition formula.

## **OPEN PAIRS**

*for the Rixi Marcus Trophy – 2022 winners: William Clennell & Dominic Cooke*

A match-pointed pairs event, scored across the field comprising two sessions of about 26 boards per session.

### ***Starting instructions***

Please collect a starting position from the Tournament Director from just outside the main playing area from 10:45 am onwards.

### ***Prizes***

To the leading 2 pairs: 1<sup>st</sup> £240, 2<sup>nd</sup> £80 (per pair).

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

Green Point awards to the top half of the field. 1<sup>st</sup> place 4.00 Green Points, last award receiving position 1.00; awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU competition formula.

## **SWISS TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP**

*for the Grattan Endicott Bowl – 2022 winners:*

*Paul Fegarty, Catherine Curtis, Richard Fedrick & Andrew Southwell*

This one-day event is stratified into three categories:

‘A’: at least two members of the team are Premier Life Masters, or any player is a Grand Master or above (or is in the Gold Point top 60, or has the NGS grade of ‘Ace’).

‘B’: at least two members of the team are Premier Regional/National/Premier National/Life Masters and no more than one is a Premier Life Master.

‘C’: no more than one player is of the rank Premier Regional / National / Premier National / Life Master, and in any case no single player is a Premier Life Master or above.

There are exceptions/exemptions, see the document links under ‘Swiss Pairs’.

Three matches of 7 boards will be played in the first session. Four matches of 7 boards will be played in the second session.

### ***Starting instructions***

Please collect a starting position from the Tournament Director just outside the main playing area from 10:45am onwards.

### ***Prizes***

All prizes are quoted in terms of £ per team.

Main prize list (all three categories combined) [3 prizes]: 1<sup>st</sup> £260, 2<sup>nd</sup> £120, 3<sup>rd</sup> £80.

‘B’ and ‘C’ list combined [1 prize] 1st £120. ‘C’ list only [1 prize] 1st £80.

Prizes are limited to one prize per team, which shall be the highest one available to them. Any prize so released will be awarded to the next team in line in the appropriate category.

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

0.25 Green Point per match won (0.13 for a draw), with bonus ranking awards as follows:

Main ranking list: a top award of 4.00 Green Points, with a minimum of 0.50.

Category ‘B’ and ‘C’: a top award of 2.00 Green Points with a minimum of 0.25.

Category ‘C’ only: a top award of 1.00 Green Points, with a minimum of 0.13.

Bonus ranking awards extend to one-fifth of the field on each such list. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### ***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. An appropriate announcement would be made before the half-way stage of the tournament in question should this eventuality arise.

### ***Permitted Systems and Conventions***

Level 4 agreements are permitted in all of the main congress events. You are required to have a pair of identical completed system cards (EBU 20B) 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 system cards 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.

Competitions in this event are at most Level 4, so you may only use EBU system cards; not WBF system cards, which are **only** permitted in Level 5 events.

### ***Split Ties***

A tie for first place will be split in accordance with standard EBU procedures solely in order to determine the published winners/trophy winners of a particular tournament. Any tied places share equally any Master Point or prize award which may be due, even if the tie has been split as outlined above.

### ***Appeals and protests***

Any player who has received a Tournament Director's ruling, and who believes that a review of that ruling should be considered (i.e. is contemplating lodging an appeal), is encouraged to consult a neutral adviser on the subject before proceeding with the appeal. Paul Hackett is the Appeals Advisors for this event: ask a tournament director to introduce you.

You are not obliged to take advantage of the Appeals Consultant service before lodging an appeal and nor do you have to follow any advice which you may be given. An Appeals Committee will not enquire whether such advice has been sought, or what it was. It follows that advice that leads you to lodge an appeal is in no way a suggestion that your appeal will be successful.

### ***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!

### ***Telephones and other electrical 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 equipment within the playing room for texting, emailing or otherwise communicating. You may not use electronic cigarettes in the playing room.

### ***Special circumstances***

General EBU regulations apply in relation to any matter not detailed in these conditions (e.g. protest time). However, any conditions, whether they be general or specific to this competition as set out in this programme, may be varied upon the special instruction of the Tournament Director in charge in order to accommodate any unforeseen circumstance and in order to facilitate the smooth running of this Congress.

## **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.

The results for each board should be entered and verified before starting the next board, East or West must be allowed to accept the result, and both sides should have the opportunity to review other scores.

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

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