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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EBU TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL ON WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2009**

Present:	Andrew Petrie	Chairman
	Brian Crack	Vice-Chairman
	Max Bavin	Chief Tournament Director
	Sally Bugden	EBU Chairman
	Barry Capal	EBU General Manager
	Margaret Curtis	
	Paul Hackett	
	Mike Hill	EBU Treasurer
	Philip Mason	
	Alan Nelson	
	Addis Page	
	Peter Jordan	Secretary

1. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2009/10

Andrew Petrie was proposed for Chairman by Brian Crack and seconded by Alan Nelson. There being no other nominations for Chairman, Andrew Petrie was duly elected.

2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2009/10

Brain Crack was proposed by Alan Nelson and seconded by Paul Hackett. There being no other nominations, Brian Crack was duly elected.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: none.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (29TH MAY 2008)

4.1 Accuracy - ok

4.2 Matters arising – on agenda

5. TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Max Bavin gave a verbal report of tournaments, which included the 'Scorecard Rating System' from June through October.

5.1 National Women's Teams. Paul Hackett reported that the Ladies Committee that worked on the event were keen to continue for another year. They had some suggestion regarding format and timings and these would be sent to Max Bavin.

It was agreed that the 2010 event would be the Lady Milne qualifier; because of this there may be a request from the selection committee to move the event to January.

The Committee asked for its thanks to the Ladies Committee to be recorded.

6. NEW EVENTS following UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP

The new EBU Club Pairs was discussed. The Committee was in general agreement of the views of the Club Committee and set the entry fee at £2 per player.

The Club Committee also showed considerable enthusiasm for the concept of stratified play in clubs. Barry Capal said that the software would be available in 2010 at no cost to the clubs.

Andrew Petrie also reported that discussions were ongoing for the development of Improvers Weekends and the Really Easy Congresses. There were no plans at the moment to revive the National Newcomers Pairs.

7. MASTER POINT SCHEME from APRIL 2010

Andrew Petrie reported that there was insufficient support for any major change at present.

There was a discussion about the structural aspect of the higher awards and this was followed by vote of 7-2 against any change.

A proposal document for the new Recognition and Award Scheme was being worked on by Andrew Petrie, Brian Crack and Addis Page and would be ready in about two weeks time.

8. EBU CONGRESS MP Awards

Max Bavin presented his paper. This was approved by the Committee and will act as the reference document from 1st September 2010. The paper is attached to these minutes.

9. RANKED MASTERS PAIRS

It was decided to keep unchanged the discount award scheme that was instituted for the 2009 event.

10. CALENDAR of EVENTS

A request from Merseyside/Cheshire to move their one-day Green Point Event from Saturday May 22nd 2010 to the Sunday (23rd) was approved.

11. ISSUES RAISED by MEMBERS

The chairman presented a report on constructive comments that had been sent in by members. A long discussion followed on the many and varied topics. Many referred to items that are already under discussion and there were a number of suggestions that had merit but were either unworkable or had been tried in the past without success.

It was decided to refer the concern about one-level opening transfer bids to the Laws and Ethics committee and also not to include single sex pairs in the Mixed pairs tournament at Brighton.

Andrew Petrie said that he would invite the 'Northern Counties' to consider running a future event along the lines of the recently stopped Great Northern Swiss pairs.

An extension to the Brighton programme would be looked at in order to accommodate those that are becoming too good for the Really Easy but not quite ready for the open events.

The Committee would like to thank Chris Close, Jeremy Dhondy, Richard Fleet, Emma Jackson, Chris Jagger, Mike Minton, Kath Nelson, Malcolm Oliver, Stewart Pye and Sue Taylor for their contributions.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 There had been an approach from a club asking for the EBU sims to be reinstated on a Friday. This was not taken up as the new EBU Club Pairs would be taking place on a Friday.

12.2 A letter had been received from Dan Crofts offering to donate a trophy and prize in memory of his brother Peter Crofts who had recently died. Max Bavin was asked to reply to Dan Crofts and thank him for his kind offer and to outline the policy regarding new trophies, prizes and any donations that may be offered to the EBU.

13. Dates of the meetings for 2010

The dates were set as Wednesday 10th March, Tuesday 6th July and Wednesday 27th October.

From: Max Bavin
To: Andrew Petrie

EBU National Tournament Green Point Review

1. Background

Green Point awards for national tournaments have always been specially devised by the EBU Tournament Committee, taking various considerations into account. Whilst the awards for any given new event might well be modelled around those of an already existing comparable event, there is not a set formula for calculating either the top award or for calculating subsequent (2nd place downwards) awards.

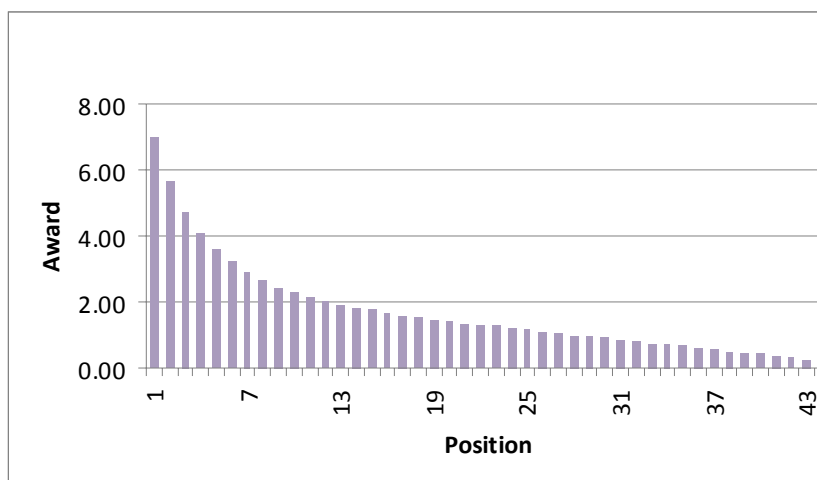
There are from time to time general reviews of these awards, the last major one being on the inception of the Gold Point Scheme (e.g. an analysis of which positions in which tournaments merit the ‘magical’ 5 Green Point award).

Some recent correspondence from a member arising from the Year End Congresses with the headline “North/South divide?” suggested that the awards for the Blackpool and London Year End Congresses might be out of step with one another (to the detriment of the northern event), and it is this correspondence which prompted this particular review.

2. Proposal

I recommend that we should utilise an objective formula which determines not only the top award, but also the subsequent awards. The intent of the formula should be that we follow, by and large, what we already do, but that the whole method be specified on a basis which can be explained to those of our members who might have an interest in such things.

I have now devised such a formula, the effects of which can be seen below in the example of the Swiss Pairs at the Northern Summer Festival. The formulae themselves are contained in Appendix 1 (most readers should ignore this section entirely!).



3. General

- i) Because we are dealing only in terms of ‘numbers of tables’, teams tournaments are automatically enhanced compared to pairs tournaments e.g. the top award for a 50 team event is the same as for a 100 pair event (all other factors being equal).
- ii) Where there are awards for matches won, the number of awards given and minimum award should remain much as at present. Namely:-

	<u>1 full day</u>	<u>1½ day events</u>	<u>2 full days</u>
Regional events	1/6 of field: min = 0.25	1/5 of field: min = 0.25	1/4 of field: min = 0.50
National events	1/5 of field: min = 0.25	1/4 of field: min = 0.50	1/3 of field: min = 0.50

- iii) Where there are no awards for matches won, the number of awards is always to ½ of the field regardless, and the minimum award is 4 times those quoted above (i.e. 1.00 to 2.00 Greens).
- iv) One of the key parameters in the formulae is the grade of the tournament on a scale of 1 to 4. The grades are determined as follows
- Grade 1= Restricted entry (e.g. Seniors) AND Regional/Holiday-style event
 - Grade 2= Restricted entry OR Regional/Holiday-style event
 - Grade 3= National event (unrestricted entry)
 - Grade 4= Highly prestigious national event (unrestricted entry)

The impact of these guidelines on EBU events is shown in Appendix 2.

4. Recommendations

- a) We should adopt these principles in full from September 2010, with the proviso that if they result in a significant change to the awards for an event this change is introduced progressively over 2 or 3 years.
- b) These changes will have a fairly minor impact on most people. They are more a “tidying up” exercise than anything else. There should therefore be a fairly low key communications process
- In the new Master Point & Licensing Handbook to be published early next year.
 - On the website and in Tournament Focus around June 2010 (i.e. before the diaries come out).
- c) We maintain on the website full details of the system including a matrix of top awards as a function of number of boards and number of tables for each grade of event (Appendix 3)
- d) The top award and proportion of awards are set and published in advance in the event programme based on the anticipated entry (see also (a) above). Top awards to be expressed to the nearest whole number, with 0.50 moving upwards.
- e) We advertise the place awards at the event itself

- f) Match winning awards will be Boards/30 rounded up to the next the higher 0.01. Ties will share the match award.

- g) We retain the current policy for match-winning awards i.e. all 2+ session teams events excluding the Pachabo and all 2+ session pairs events featuring 6+ board rounds (i.e. Swiss Pairs). No green-points ever for 1-session events, except Brighton midweek (very modest awards)

Appendix 1 – The formulae

Purely for the record (most readers should skip this entire section!), the formulae are as follows:-

i) for calculating the top award

$$TA = f \sqrt{\frac{T \times B}{100}}$$

where T = the number of tables
and B = the number of boards

f is a special function unique to that event, and is:

$$f = 2^{(g+a-4)/4}$$

where g is the grade of the event (usually 1-4)
and a is whether there are awards for matches won (yes = 0; no = 2).

Most EBU events have a grade of 3, but this can be increased to 4 if it is especially prestigious, or decreased to 2 or 1 if it has a restricted entry (e.g. Seniors events) or a local/holiday type market (e.g. overseas holidays) – or both.

ii) for calculating the subsequent awards for any given position, (p)

$$Award = \frac{(TA - LA) \times (\sqrt{\frac{N}{2}} - 1)}{p + \sqrt{\frac{N}{2}} - 2} + LA$$

where TA = the top award
and LA = the lowest award
and N = the number of awards

Exception: once the gradient of the curve created by the above is equal to the gradient of the straight line which can replace it to arrive at the Lowest Award position, then the straight line takes precedence. This occurs at approximately the point at which the Top Award has been halved.

Appendix 2 – Proposed grading of events

Event	Pairs	Grade
Autumn	Quali-final	4
Blackpool Year End	Swiss	3
Brighton	Swiss	4
Brighton Seniors	Quali-final	2
Eastbourne Seniors	Quali-final	2
Guernsey	Swiss	2
Guernsey Seniors	All play thru'	1
Harrogate	Swiss	3
Jersey	Swiss	2
Jersey Seniors	All play thru'	1
London Easter (Main)	All play thru'	4
London Easter (Swiss)	Flighted Swiss	4
London Year End	Swiss	3
Northern Easter	Quali-final	3
Overseas Congress	Swiss	2
Scarborough	Swiss	3
Seniors Congress	Quali-final	2
Spring Bank	Quali-final	3
Torquay	Swiss	3

Event	Teams	Grade
Autumn	Quali-final	4
Blackpool Year End	Swiss	3
Brighton	Swiss-final	4
Brighton Seniors	Swiss	2
Eastbourne Seniors	Swiss	2
Guernsey	Swiss	2
Guernsey Seniors	Multiple	1
Harrogate	Swiss	3
Jersey	Swiss	2
Jersey Seniors	Multiple	1
London Easter	Flighted Swiss	4
London Year End	Flighted Swiss	3
Northern Easter	Swiss	3
Overseas Congress	Swiss	2
Scarborough	Quali-final	3
Seniors Congress	Swiss	2
Spring Bank	Flighted Swiss	3
Swiss Teams Congress	Swiss	3
Torquay	Swiss	3

Appendix 3 – The Top Awards (TA)

Additional awards for matches won

Grade 1

TABLES(T)		BOARDS(B)				
		20	40	60	80	100
20		1.19	1.68	2.06	2.38	2.66
40		1.68	2.38	2.91	3.36	3.76
60		2.06	2.91	3.57	4.12	4.61
80		2.38	3.36	4.12	4.76	5.32
100		2.66	3.76	4.61	5.32	5.95

Grade 2

TABLES(T)		BOARDS(B)				
		20	40	60	80	100
20		1.41	2.00	2.45	2.83	3.16
40		2.00	2.83	3.46	4.00	4.47
60		2.45	3.46	4.24	4.90	5.48
80		2.83	4.00	4.90	5.66	6.32
100		3.16	4.47	5.48	6.32	7.07

Grade 3

TABLES(T)		BOARDS(B)				
		20	40	60	80	100
20		1.68	2.38	2.91	3.36	3.76
40		2.38	3.36	4.12	4.76	5.32
60		2.91	4.12	5.05	5.83	6.51
80		3.36	4.76	5.83	6.73	7.52
100		3.76	5.32	6.51	7.52	8.41

Grade 4

TABLES(T)		BOARDS(B)				
		20	40	60	80	100
20		2.00	2.83	3.46	4.00	4.47
40		2.83	4.00	4.90	5.66	6.32
60		3.46	4.90	6.00	6.93	7.75
80		4.00	5.66	6.93	8.00	8.94
100		4.47	6.32	7.75	8.94	10.00

NO Additional awards for matches won

Grade 1

TABLES(T)		BOARDS(B)				
		20	40	60	80	100
20		1.68	2.38	2.91	3.36	3.76
40		2.38	3.36	4.12	4.76	5.32
60		2.91	4.12	5.05	5.83	6.51
80		3.36	4.76	5.83	6.73	7.52
100		3.76	5.32	6.51	7.52	8.41

Grade 2

TABLES(T)		BOARDS(B)				
		20	40	60	80	100
20		2.00	2.83	3.46	4.00	4.47
40		2.83	4.00	4.90	5.66	6.32
60		3.46	4.90	6.00	6.93	7.75
80		4.00	5.66	6.93	8.00	8.94
100		4.47	6.32	7.75	8.94	10.00

Grade 3

TABLES(T)		BOARDS(B)				
		20	40	60	80	100
20		2.38	3.36	4.12	4.76	5.32
40		3.36	4.76	5.83	6.73	7.52
60		4.12	5.83	7.14	8.24	9.21
80		4.76	6.73	8.24	9.51	10.64
100		5.32	7.52	9.21	10.64	11.89

Grade 4

TABLES(T)		BOARDS(B)				
		20	40	60	80	100
20		2.83	4.00	4.90	5.66	6.32
40		4.00	5.66	6.93	8.00	8.94
60		4.90	6.93	8.49	9.80	10.95
80		5.66	8.00	9.80	11.31	12.65
100		6.32	8.94	10.95	12.65	14.14