



# YEAR END CONGRESS 2011

**Royal National Hotel  
LONDON**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

featuring:

*the Swiss Pairs Championship for the Philip Broke Trophy*  
*the Mixed Pairs Championship for the Durran-Weissberger Trophy*  
*the Open Pairs for the Sandra Landy Trophy*  
*the Swiss Teams Championship for the Grattan Endicott Trophy*

# THE PROGRAMME

Welcome to the Year End Congress in London – we hope you have a most enjoyable Congress.

Your Congress host for this event is John Vos; please feel free to speak to him at any time in between sessions about any non-bridge related matters involving this Congress.

## *Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>*

3:30pm – 7:45pm      **Swiss Pairs**, session 1  
(4 x 8-board matches)

## *Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>*

11:30am – 3:45pm      **Swiss Pairs**, session 2  
(4 x 8-board matches)

4:45pm – 8:00pm      **Swiss Pairs**, session 3  
(3 x 8-board matches)

## *Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>*

11:30am – 3:00pm      **Mixed & Open Pairs**  
session 1

4:00pm – 7:30pm      **Mixed & Open Pairs**  
session 2

## *Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>*

11:30am – 3:40pm      **Stratified Swiss Teams**  
session 1 (4 x 7-board matches)

4:45pm – 8:00pm      **Stratified Swiss Teams**  
session 2 (3 x 7-board matches)

# SWISS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

*for the Philip Broke Trophy*

A three-session Swiss event, with current round assignments. Session 1 (on Monday) comprises 4 matches of 8 boards, session 2 (the afternoon session) comprises 4 x 8-board matches, and the final session (session 3 of the event) comprises 3 x 8-board matches.

## ***Starting instructions:***

Please draw for a starting position from the Tournament Director just outside the main playing area from 2:30pm onwards.

## ***Prizes:***

Prizes to the leading 20 pairs (£ per pair).

1<sup>st</sup> £280, 2<sup>nd</sup> £230, 3<sup>rd</sup> £200, 4<sup>th</sup> £180, 5<sup>th</sup> £170, 6<sup>th</sup> £160, 7<sup>th</sup> £150, 8<sup>th</sup> £140, 9<sup>th</sup> £130, 10<sup>th</sup> £120, 11<sup>th</sup> £110, 12<sup>th</sup> £100, 13<sup>th</sup> £90, 14<sup>th</sup> £80, 15<sup>th</sup> £70, 16<sup>th</sup> £60, 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> £50, 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> £40.

Leading two non-expert pairs finishing outside the main prize list - £40 per pair. A non-expert pair is defined as a pair neither member of which holds the rank of Regional Master or above, based on points earned (regardless of whether registered or not) on the first day of the event in question. No player presently or previously based overseas for any substantial period of time during their bridge playing career can be eligible within this category, and neither can a player who has represented his/her country at any level (including Under 25 or Under 20 level) in any British, European or World Championship.

## ***Master Point awards (Swiss Pairs):***

0.28 Green Point per match won (0.14 for a draw). Bonus awards based on final ranking to the top quarter of the field. 1<sup>st</sup> place 8.00 Green Points, last award receiving position 0.50; awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU competition formula.

# MIXED PAIRS

*for the Durrant-Weissberger Trophy*

A match-pointed pairs event, scored across the mixed field, comprising two sessions of 24–27 boards per session.

### ***Starting instructions:***

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

### ***Session 2:***

The “lines” will be moved in accordance with the Tournament Director’s instructions.

### ***Prizes:***

To the leading 8 pairs: £180, £130, £100, £80, £70, £60, £50 and £40 (£ per pair).

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

Green Point awards to the top half of the field. 1<sup>st</sup> place 5.00 Green Points, last award receiving position 1.00; awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU competition formula.

## **OPEN PAIRS** ***for the Sandra Landy Trophy***

A match-pointed pairs event, scored across the field comprising two sessions of 24-27 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.

### ***Session 2:***

The “lines” will be moved in accordance with the Tournament Director’s instructions.

### ***Prizes:***

To the leading 5 pairs: 1<sup>st</sup> £180, 2<sup>nd</sup> £130, 3<sup>rd</sup> £90, 4<sup>th</sup> £60 and 5<sup>th</sup> £40 (per pair). The leading Men’s Pair and leading Women’s Pair are guaranteed a minimum of £100. However prizes are not cumulative.

### ***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 Trophy*

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

A] at least two members of the team are Life Masters or above.

B] at least two members of the team are Regional/National Masters (including Premier Regional/Premier National) and no more than one is a Life Master or above. Alternatively, any team which contains precisely one Life Master or above, regardless of the rank of the other players.

C] no more than one player is of the rank Regional/National Master (including Premier Regional/Premier National), and in any case no single player is a Life Master or above.

Overseas players, whose record is held outside this country, are normally treated as though they are at least a Life Master as is any player who has represented his/her country in an official capacity at any level. Ranking of players for this purpose is based on points earned rather than points registered.

Four matches of 7 boards will be played in the first session. Three 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) [8 prizes]

1st £460, 2nd £340, 3rd £260, 4th £200, 5th £160, 6th £120, 7th £80, 8th £80.

'B' and 'C' list combined [3 prizes]

1st £200, 2nd £120, 3rd £80.

'C' list only [1 prize]

1st £100.

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 (all three categories combined): a top award of 6.00 Green Points, with a minimum of 0.50.

Category 'B' and 'C' combined: a top award of 3.00 Green Points with a minimum of 0.25.

Category 'C' only: a top award of 1.50 Green Points, with a minimum of 0.13.

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

Teams which feature in the ranking awards on two or three of the lists take the highest award available to them (i.e. awards are not cumulative).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### ***A 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.

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

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.

### ***C Master Points***

All Master Points will be awarded by direct credit (please allow at least one month before claiming such points). There is no longer any need to fill out Master Point cards. Ranking lists are available from our web site at [www.ebu.co.uk](http://www.ebu.co.uk).

## ***D Results***

No results will be posted to competitors unless they expressly request such a service. If you would like to receive a copy of the results from this Congress, please collect an adhesive label from EBU reception, write on it your name and address and place it in the appropriate box at EBU reception. Alternatively, please visit our website at [www.ebu.co.uk](http://www.ebu.co.uk).

## ***E 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. Notwithstanding the above, 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.

## ***F Special circumstances***

General EBU regulations apply in relation to any matter not detailed in these conditions (eg 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 Chief Tournament Director in order to accommodate any unforeseen circumstance and in order to facilitate the smooth running of this Congress.

## ***G 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 (ie is contemplating lodging an appeal), is encouraged to consult a neutral adviser on the subject before proceeding with the appeal.

The fact that this service is available does not mean that you are in any way obliged to take advantage of it before electing to lodge an appeal. Neither does it mean that you are under any obligation to take heed of any advice which you may be given (and an Appeals Committee will not enquire whether such advice has been sought, or, if it has been, what it was). It follows that advice to the effect that you should lodge an appeal is in no way a suggestion that your appeal will be successful.

The purpose of the service is to offer genuine assistance to any player who requires advice on how the Laws of the game operate (or are supposed to operate).

By way of return, Appeals Committees have been instructed to keep deposits should they determine that an appeal has no foundation, or it is frivolous.

Heather Dhondy and Brian Senior are the Appeals Advisors for this event. If you are considering an appeal and would like to discuss it with someone first, ask a tournament director to introduce you to one of them.

## ***H 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!

## ***I 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 OK 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".

## ***J Telephones***

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.

**To contact EBU Staff at an event please use the Tournament Mobile:  
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