



NATIONAL POINT-A-BOARD TEAMS CONGRESS

YOUNG CHELSEA BRIDGE CLUB

25th – 26th January 2020

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PROGRAMME

Saturday 2:00pm – 10:15pm Round Robin Day 1 *
(with a dinner break of 60 to 90 minutes)

Sunday 11:00am – 5:45pm Round Robin Day 2
(with a short break at about 1:45pm)

* The precise timings is subject to final numbers.

POINT-A-BOARD TEAMS *for the Geoffrey Fell Trophy*

2019 winners: Kieran Dyke, Michael Byrne, Neil Rosen & Mike Bell

A warm welcome to the National Point-a-Board Teams Congress: a standalone event, separate from the National Swiss Teams Congress, which is later in the year at the West Midlands Bridge Club.

The format of the congress will depend on the number of teams entered.

The format as played before last year comprised two distinct stages: the qualification stage, in which the field was divided into two groups, using NGS to balance the strengths of the groups, with each group playing a complete round-robin on the Saturday; then an eight team all-play-all final of 7 x 7-board matches on the Sunday for the top four teams from each group, with a consolation final for all the remaining teams. There was a carry-forward from the first day of 50% of their scores (factored according to number of boards played, rounded to 1dp) for those teams in the main final, but no carry-forward to the consolation final.

The expected format this year is the same of last year: a complete (all-play-all) round robin played over both days, with no separate consolation event.

PRIZES

If there is no consolation event, prizes in the overall event go to 4th place:

1st £280, 2nd £140, 3rd £100, 4th £80

All prizes are per team, whether for a team of four, five or six players. Tied places share equally any prize award due, including a tie for first place, even though such a tie will be broken in accordance with standard EBU regulations (full details are available on request) for the purpose of determining the trophy winner. Prizes will be credited automatically to the member's EBU account (to the captain in the case of teams of five or six players), and may be claimed at any time on application to the EBU.

MASTER POINT AWARDS

All awards are quoted in terms of Green Points per player. Awards for matches won in the PaB teams' qualifier and final are enhanced by 50% as follows:

- 0.21 Green Point per four-board match won (0.11 for a draw),
- 0.26 Green Point per five-board match won (0.13 for a draw),
- 0.32 Green Point per six-board match won (0.16 for a draw),
- 0.38 Green Point per seven-board match won (0.19 for a draw),
- 0.42 Green Point per eight-board match won (0.21 for a draw).

Bonus ranking awards to half-way overall (or to all teams in the main final):

First place: 5.00; last place: 0.50.

For the consolation final, if played, to the top four teams:

First place: 2.50; fourth place: 0.50.

Awards for intermediate places as per the standard EBU Green Point Competition formula.

Catering arrangements

The club will be offering a light lunch on both days in the bar.

Alternatively, you may choose to find somewhere to eat nearby in Shepherds Bush.

Notes about Scoring, Rulings and Administration

System Cards: You are required to have a pair of identical completed system cards (EBU20B or WBF) 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.

This is an EBU Level 5 event and so WBF convention cards **are permitted**.

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) verify the entry 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.

Results should be entered before the next board is played, 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.

Bridgemate UK is the EBU's "Official Wireless Scoring Provider".

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. 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.

Prizes: 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 should this eventuality arise.

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

Issue of Master Points and Ranking Lists: All master points are awarded by direct credit and will show on your record within one month. Ranking lists are available from our web site at www.ebu.co.uk.

NGS: This competition will be graded for NGS, based on match-point scoring across the field. (For this purpose, the qualifying sessions count as one event, and the final and consolation final as two separate events, if relevant.)

Tournament Host: Although no tournament host has been appointed for this event, if you need any help in non-bridge-related matters, or wish to discuss any aspect of the tournament, either TD will be happy to speak to you, or to introduce you to a member of the Tournament Committee.

Appeals Advisors: There is no appeals advisor 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 an appropriate person.

Special scoring regulations for Point-a-Board teams

Point a Board Scoring: 2 points are awarded for a win, 1 for a draw, 0 for a loss. A difference of 10 or more aggregate points between a team's two scores constitutes a win/loss.

The "standard amount" for artificial scores is 0.5 points (i.e. 25% of a win). See **Artificial Scores** below.

The "standard penalty" (minimum procedural penalty) is 1 point, and the minimum disciplinary penalty is 2 points.

The minimum unit of scoring is 0.1 points. Exact multiples of 0.05 are rounded in favour of any team that has an above-average score on the board.

Assigned Scores: If an assigned adjusted score is awarded, it is used for scoring in the usual way. If split scores are awarded, the points awarded to the two teams need not total 2.

Artificial Scores: When a score is unable to be obtained at either table, a score of AVE/AVE+/AVE- is awarded according to fault in the usual way, with AVE = 1 point, AVE+ = 1.5 points and AVE- = 0.5 points – average plus or minus the “standard amount”. In the event of a team having an overall score for the whole stage of the event greater than 75%, their artificial score will be adjusted upwards accordingly.

Weighted Scores: If weighted scores are awarded, the points deriving from each score are calculated and then weighted. Example:

NS score	EW score	Points
+120	20% of -110	20% of 2 = 0.4
+120	40% of -120	40% of 1 = 0.4
+120	40% of -140	40% of 0 = 0.0
Total		= 0.8

Unplayable Boards: Where possible, a substitute board will be played rather than scrapping a board. If this is not possible, and neither table has played the board, it will be scored as AVE/AVE+/AVE- in the usual fashion.

If one table has played a board and the other cannot, the valid score is match-pointed against all the other tables that have played the board. This match-point score (in percentage) is added to an artificial score assigned to the other table of the same match (40%/50%/60% according to blame in the usual manner), and this total is converted back into points, rounded to one decimal place. So if a team was directly at fault at a table that couldn't play the board, and their team-mates scored better than any other table on the same board, they would get $100\% + 40\% = 1.4$ points.

Fouled Boards: If a board is played in two different forms at the two tables, including if it is played arrow-switched at one table, each score is match-pointed against all results obtained from all the other tables that played the board in the same form. These two scores, converted to percentages, are added together and once again converted back into points, rounded to one decimal place.



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