



The 58th EBU Summer Meeting Eastbourne

a festival of bridge for all



Floral Hall, Winter Garden, Eastbourne

Thursday 8th – Sunday 11th August 2024

PROGRAMME

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| Thursday | 19:30 – 22:30 | Mixed Pairs and Open Pairs |
| Friday | 11:00 – 13:45 | Swiss Teams – 3 x 7-board matches |
| | 14:45 – 18:30 | Swiss Teams – 4 x 7-board matches |
| | 20:00 – 22:00 | Friday Evening Serious Fast Pairs |
| Saturday | 10:00 – 10:45 | Discuss it with an Expert |
| | 11:00 – 14:15 | Swiss Pairs Session 1, 3 x 8-board matches |
| | 15:15 – 18:30 | Swiss Pairs Session 2, 3 x 8-board matches |
| | 12:00 – 14:15 | Swiss Pairs Lite S1, 2 x 8-board matches |
| | 15:15 – 17:20 | Swiss Pairs Lite S2, 2 x 8-board matches |
| | 20:00 – 22:00 | Saturday Evening Serious Fast Pairs |
| Sunday | 11:00 – 14:15 | Swiss Pairs Session 3, 3 x 8-board matches |
| | 15:15 – 18:30 | Swiss Pairs Session 4, 3 x 8-board matches |
| | 12:00 – 14:15 | Swiss Pairs Lite S1, 2 x 8-board matches |
| | 15:15 – 17:20 | Swiss Pairs Lite S2, 2 x 8-board matches |

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Summer Meeting at Eastbourne – a festival of bridge, for all.

The Terrace Bar & Cafe in the Welcome Building will be open each morning serving tea, coffee and sandwiches as well as cold drinks. The bar in the Bistro will be open on Thursday evening, and from Friday free tea and coffee will be available from the Bistro Cafe next to the playing area, during the afternoon – see notices for details.

Throughout the congress you will be able to browse the Bridge Warehouse as well as our regular stand from Card Game Books (Gordon Bickley). We will have some information available about Eastbourne on the information desk.

We welcome your comments about this congress and you will be sent questionnaires by email after the event. We do hope that you enjoy your holiday in Eastbourne. A smart casual dress code applies for both afternoons and evenings at this congress. That means that tailored shorts are permitted at any time, but beach shorts are not.

EBU Congress Desk

Sam Kelly and Jonathan Lillycrop will be available to help you with any queries regarding the congress itself. Telephone enquiries can be made between 10:30am and 1:00pm on 01296 317215. Alternatively, you can email us at comps@ebu.co.uk.

Tournament Host

Gordon Rainsford is the Director in-charge and Tournament Host. If you need any help in non-bridge-related matters, or wish to discuss any aspect of the tournament, he should be available at EBU reception at the start and end of sessions.

System Cards

You are required to have a pair of identical completed EBU 20B system cards and you should exchange them with your opponents at the start of each round. Note that this also applies to visitors from other countries.

If you do not have two completed system cards, you will be provided with blank ones 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.

WBF system cards are not permitted in any of the competitions in this congress. Visitors from abroad are asked to take particular care to comply with this.

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 electronic 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 communications devices in the playing area, nor may you use electronic cigarettes.

Bridgemates

North (or South) is responsible for entering the contract and result into the Bridgemate, and showing it to East (or West) to verify the entry before it is agreed 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 check 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"

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 the Summer Meeting as set out in this programme, may be varied by the Tournament Director in-charge in order to accommodate any unforeseen circumstance and to facilitate the smooth running of the congress.

The Summer Meeting Hub

We will report results, information and assignments on the Summer Meeting Hub at www.ebu.co.uk/summer-meeting. We would be interested in any exciting hands or amusing stories that would be suitable for the Summer Meeting Hub. Please contact the EBU Congress Desk or the Communications Officer Sam Kelly sam@ebu.co.uk.

Issue of Master points and Ranking Lists

All Master Points will be awarded by direct credit and will appear on your record within a month of the end of the congress. Ranking lists are available from our website at <https://www.ebu.co.uk/results/1448>. Results will be automatically emailed to anyone registered with Pianola under EBU Events. If you are not currently registered and would like to be, please email robin@ebu.co.uk.

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. Prizes are awarded to at most the top three contestants, and for contestants in 'B' and 'C' stratification levels.

The number and size of prizes is subject to change when entries are known.

Appeals Consultants

Should the need arise, if you wish to speak to an appeals consultant a tournament director will be able to introduce you to someone suitable.

DISCUSS IT WITH AN EXPERT

Come along at 10:00am Saturday morning.

Discuss the previous days' hands with Ben Norton and Stefano Tommasini - last year's winners of the Harold Poster Trophy, fresh from playing in the England Open Team at the European Championships

THURSDAY (EVENING)

Mixed Pairs Championship

for the London Duplicate Club Cup. Holders (2023): *Eric Cummings & Ceri Pierce*

Open Pairs Championship

GCH Fox Championship for the Potters Resort trophy.

Holders (2023): *Croz Croswell & Ravi Athwal*

Thursday 19:30

Two straightforward pairs events for mixed pairs or open pairs (respectively), match-pointed across the field.

Master Point awards

Blue Points to the top third of the field on the National Scale (club awards x 4).

Prizes

Mixed Pairs: first £100, second £40. Open Pairs: first £80, second £40.

LIVE RESULTS – NO MORE PAPER CHECK SLIPS

Detailed live results of all Swiss events will be available online – this will show IMPs and Pairs Cross-IMPs (for the Swiss Teams) and match point scores (Swiss Pairs).

We expect that the online live results will make check slips unnecessary and we will not be printing paper check slips.

If players have queries about their scores during the event and cannot access the online scores, they should ask a TD or the scorer.

FRIDAY

SWISS TEAMS

For the Brighton Bowl. Holders (2023):

Thomas Paske, Diana Nettleton, Andrew McIntosh, Sara Moran

Edith Kaplan trophy for the leading senior team. Holders (2023):

Celia Oram, Derek Oram, Dee Lindon, Peter Lindon

Friday 11:00

A one-day Swiss Teams competition, playing seven 7-board rounds, with a break.

Please draw an assignment card from reception from 10:30am onwards.

Master Point awards

To reflect the status of this event within our calendar, enhanced awards of 0.38 Green Point will be awarded for each match won (0.19 for a draw), plus bonus ranking awards as follows: awards to quarter of the field, top award 4 Green Points, last position receiving and award 0.50. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

Prizes

Overall: first £240, second £100, third £60.

Combined B & C list: first £100, second £60.

Leading C stratification team: £60.

The Edith Kaplan Memorial Award: a prize of £100 for the leading senior team.

Serious Fast Pairs

Friday and Saturday at 20:00

After the main events on Friday and Saturday, we offer Serious Fast Pairs, played at the speed of our online fast game: 10-minutes for 2-board rounds – up to 24 boards in 2 hours. By contrast with the former 'speedball' events, these events will award master points and will count for the NGS.

Master points: Blue Points at National Scale (club awards x 4). Prize £40.

SWISS PAIRS

Swiss Pairs Championship

for the Harold Poster Trophy. Holders (2023): *Stefano Tommasini & Ben Norton*

Mercian Bridge Trophy Travel for the leading senior pair.

Holders (2023): *John Noonan & Maria Whelan*

Brighton Plate for the leading 'C' stratification pair.

Holders (2023): *Grzegorz Blicharz & Maks Blicharz*

Saturday and Sunday, starting at 11:00

Pairs will play 12 matches of 8-boards per match. Scoring will be by match points, converted to Victory Points on a 20-0 scale. Assignments will be made on a 'current-round' basis.

Pairs draw for starting positions from 10am. Starting positions for subsequent sessions will be posted on the main notice board but you are encouraged to access this information from the results page on the website.

Master Point awards (see also Stratification)

To reflect the status of this event within our calendar, enhanced awards of 0.42 Green Point will be awarded for each match won (0.21 for a draw), plus bonus ranking awards to the top third of the field.

Top award 8 Green Points, last award receiving position 0.50; awards for intermediate places will be in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

Prizes

Overall: first £600, second £300, third £100.

B+C list: first £300, second £100.

Leading 'C' stratification pair: first £100.

One-Day Swiss Pairs 'Lite' Events

Winners of the combined competition (2023): *Evelyne Thomas & Stephen Martin*

Saturday and Sunday 12:00 noon

Two separate Swiss Pairs events, each comprising four matches of 8 boards, scored by match points converted to VPs. Assignments will be on a 'current-round' basis. Pairs will play the same boards as the main Swiss Pairs events, and may be assigned within the main Championship event, but there will be a separate ranking list for 'Lite' pairs – separate ranking lists for each day and one overall for the two days.

Master Point awards (see also Stratification)

0.28 Green Point per match won (0.14 for a draw), plus bonus ranking awards to the top quarter of the field.

Minimum overall bonus ranking award of 0.25. The top award depends on the size of the field, but typically 2 Green Points for a 10 table (20 pairs) event. Awards for intermediate places in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

Prizes

Saturday and Sunday: winners £40.

Combined competition: winners £40.

STRATIFICATION

The following pairs events will all be stratified: Swiss Teams, Swiss Pairs Championship and the one-day Swiss Pairs Lite events.

Stratification levels of individual players are as follows:

'A': a Premier Life Master or above

'B': a Premier Regional Master or above and not a Premier Life Master or above.

'C': not a Premier Regional Master or above.

Overseas visitors with Master Point records held outside the UK are normally obliged to be category 'A' players

The stratification level of a pair is the higher of the level of the two players.

The stratification level of a team is the highest of all but one of the players.

But there are further exceptions, see

<https://www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/stratifications>

<https://www.ebu.co.uk/documents/official-documents/stratification.pdf>

Master Point awards

Master Point awards are quoted within for the overall 'A' + 'B' + 'C' stratification ranking list only. The top award and minimum award on the 'B' + 'C' list is 50%, and the 'C' list is 25% of that quoted for the overall list.

Prizes

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



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