



EASTER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE

Featuring

**Championship Pairs
for the Guardian Trophy**

**Swiss Teams Championship
for the Rixi Markus Trophy**

Swiss Pairs Championship

**Marlborough Primary School, London
(near South Kensington tube station)**

29th March – 1st April 2024

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to South Kensington, and to the 2024 Easter Festival of Bridge. We would like to take this opportunity to extend a special welcome to our overseas visitors.

TIMES OF PLAY

Friday	13:00 – 17:45	Championship Pairs , sessions 1 & 2
Saturday	11:30 – 13:45	Championship Pairs , session 3
	14:30 – 19:15	Championship Pairs , sessions 4 & 5
Sunday	11:30 – 14:30	Swiss Teams session 1 (three x 7-board matches)
	15:30 – 19:30	Swiss Teams sessions 2 (four x 7-board matches)
Monday	11:30 – 14:30	Swiss Pairs session 1 (three x 7-board matches)
	15:30 – 19:30	Swiss Pairs session 2 (four x 7-board matches)

PARKING

There is no on-site parking at the school but there are several commercial car-parks within walking distance.

On-street parking is subject to [RBKC parking regulations](#) and you should note that [over Easter](#) normal arrangements apply on the Saturday, although there is no enforcement of permit parking, pay by phone, or single yellow lines (other than for obstructions) on Friday, Sunday or Monday.

It is the players' responsibility to ensure they comply with the regulations in force.

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.

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.

In response to requests from players, we display the results from other tables on the Bridgemates in pairs events. A consequence of this is that you must ensure you always enter the correct board number; if you enter the wrong board number and see the results from a board you have not yet played, you will usually make that board unplayable and therefore be assigned a score of Ave minus. Both pairs are responsible in this regard.

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

GENERAL

Systems/conventions

You are required to have a pair of identical completed system cards 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. Since all competitions in this event are Level 4 you must use EBU system card (you may not use WBF system cards, which are only permitted in EBU Level 5 events).

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.

Pairs requiring teammates

Pairs requiring teammates for the Swiss Teams should enter their names on the list on the main notice board by 3:00pm on Saturday. Please remember to delete your names if you subsequently manage to make your own arrangements (again, by 3:00pm on Saturday).

Otherwise, please report to EBU reception at 11:00am on Sunday in order to be introduced to your teammates. Please note that we can make no guarantees whatsoever regarding our ability to find teammates on your behalf.

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, including entries on the day, 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.

Master Points

All Master Points will be awarded by direct credit but can take up to a month to show on your record. Ranking lists are available at www.ebu.co.uk/results/1401.

Appeals Advisors

If you are considering an appeal and would like to discuss it with someone first, ask a tournament director to introduce you to a suitable appeals advisor.

CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

for the Guardian Trophy – holders: Michael Byrne & Kieran Dyke

A stratified pairs event scored across the field, played in five mini-sessions, with a 'movement of lines' for subsequent sessions.

Starting instructions

Starting positions for the Championship Pairs have been prepared in advance and will be displayed on the main notice board.

Master Points

Awards for subsequent places on each of the stratified lists will be in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula. Awards will extend to the top half of the field on each list.

Main ranking list (categories A, B and C combined): a top award of 6.00 green points, with a minimum award of 2.00.

Categories 'B' + 'C' combined ranking: a top award of 3.00 green points, with a minimum award of 1.00.

Category 'C' only ranking: a top bonus award of 1.50 green points, with a minimum award of 0.50.

It follows that category 'A' pairs can only win awards by coming in the top one-half of the overall field.

Category 'B' pairs can win awards by coming either in the top one-half of the overall field, or by coming in the top one-half of the combined 'B' + 'C' category. If both of these factors apply, then they receive the higher of the two awards.

Category 'C' pairs can win awards by coming either in the top one-half of the overall field OR by coming in the top one-half of the combined 'B' + 'C' category OR by coming in the top one-half of their own category only. If two or three of the factors apply, then they receive the highest award available.

Prizes

All prizes are quoted in terms of £ per pair.

Main prize list (all three categories combined) [3 prizes]: 1st £300, 2nd £120, 3rd £60

'B' and 'C' list combined [2 prizes]: 1st £120, 2nd £60.

'C' list only [1 prize]: 1st £60.

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

Starting positions for subsequent sessions

A poster will be displayed on the main notice board describing the movement of lines from one session to the next.

STRATIFICATION

A player is an 'A' if they are a Premier Life Master or above, or if their master-point record is held overseas, or if the NGS grade 'Ace' or if they have represented any country at adult level can be stratified.

Otherwise a player is a 'B' if they are a Premier Regional Master or above, and otherwise the player is a 'C'.

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

A team is stratified as 'A' if any player is a Grand Master or above or is in the Gold Point top 60, or has the NGS grade of 'Ace'; or there are two 'A' players.

Otherwise a team is stratified as 'B' if there is one 'A' or two 'B' players; otherwise 'C'.

There are further exceptions, see

<https://www.ebu.co.uk/documents/official-documents/Stratification-2019.pdf>

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

for the Rixi Markus Trophy – holders:

Nathalie Shashou, Nick Sandqvist, Charlie Bucknell, Stephen Kennedy

Starting instructions

Team captains should draw for a starting position from just outside the main playing area from ¾ hour before the scheduled starting time of the event.

Master Points

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

Main ranking list (categories 'A' and 'B' combined) a top award of 4.00 green points, with a minimum of 0.50.

Category 'B' and 'C' combined: a top award of 2.00 green points with a minimum award of 0.25.

Category 'C' only ranking list: a top award of 1.00 green points with a minimum award of 0.13.

Awards extend to one-fifth of the field on each such list – please refer to the general description contained within the Championship Pairs section for further details.

Awards for subsequent places on each stratified list will be in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

Prizes

All prizes are quoted in terms of £ per team.

Main prize list (all three categories combined) [3 prizes]: 1st £240, £100, 2nd £60

'B' and 'C' list combined [1 prize]: 1st £100.

Teams 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. See also Championship Pairs above.

SWISS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Holders – Anne Rosen & Neil Rosen

A two-session Swiss Pairs events consisting of 3 x 7-board matches in session one and 4 x 7-board matches in session two. Scoring will be by match points (the normal pairs scoring method) converted to Victory Points on a 20 to 0 scale. Assignments will be made on a Current Round basis.

This event will be stratified.

Starting instructions

Please draw for a starting position from outside the main playing area from ¾ hour prior to the scheduled starting time of the event.

Prizes

All prizes are quoted in terms of £ per pair [3 prizes]: 1st £320, 2nd 160, 3rd £60.

‘B’ and ‘C’ list combined [2 prizes]: 1st £160, 2nd £60.

‘C’ list only [1 prize]: 1st £60.

Master Points

0.25 Green Point for each match won (0.13 for a draw), plus awards based on final ranking to the top quarter of the field: top award of 5.00, minimum award of 0.50.

Category ‘B’ and ‘C’ combined: a top award of 2.50 green points with a minimum award of 0.25.

Category ‘C’ only ranking list: a top award of 1.25 green points with a minimum award of 0.13.

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



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