

Ranked Masters Pairs

24th – 25th February 2024

online on RealBridge



Featuring the:

PREMIER GRAND MASTERS PAIRS

GRAND MASTERS PAIRS

PREMIER LIFE MASTERS PAIRS

LIFE MASTERS PAIRS

NATIONAL MASTERS PAIRS

REGIONAL MASTERS PAIRS

Programme

2023-02-24 11:00

TIMES OF PLAY

(subject to change if numbers vary)

Premier Grand Masters – 6 tables

Saturday	11:00 – 14:15	Session 1: 27 boards
	15:00 – 18:10	Session 2: 27 boards
Sunday	11:00 – 13:10	Session 3: 18 boards
	13:50 – 17:00	Session 4: 27 boards

Grand Masters Pairs –9 tables

Saturday	11:00 – 13:55	Session 1: 4 x 6-boards
	14:40 – 18:15	Session 2: 5 x 6-boards
Sunday	11:00 – 13:55	Session 3: 4 x 6-boards
	14:40 – 17:30	Session 4: 4 x 6-boards

Combined –16 tables

Saturday	11:00 – 14:15	Session 1: 9 x 3-boards
	15:00 – 18:35	Session 2: 10 x 3-boards
Sunday	11:00 – 13:55	Session 3: 6 x 4-boards
	14:40 – 17:30	Session 4: 6 x 4-boards

1 INTRODUCTION

The estimated entry for the six events taking place this weekend is as follows:

Premier Grand Masters	11 pairs
Grand Masters Pairs	18 pairs
Premier Life Masters	9 pairs
Life Masters Pairs	11 pairs
National Masters Pairs	7 pairs
Regional Masters Pairs	5 pairs
Total entry overall	30½ tables

* Pairs will be promoted to higher events to avoid half tables.

2 GREEN POINTS FOR ROUNDS WON

Fractional Green Points will be awarded in all events for matches/rounds won/drawn.

3-board rounds: 0.11	(0.06 for a draw)
4-board rounds: 0.14	(0.07 for a draw)
5-board rounds: 0.18	(0.09 for a draw)
6-board rounds: 0.21	(0.11 for a draw)
7-board rounds: 0.25	(0.13 for a draw)
8-board rounds: 0.28	(0.14 for a draw)
9-board rounds: 0.32	(0.16 for a draw)
11-board rounds: 0.38	(0.19 for a draw)

Note that, for events with mixed numbers of boards, some manual adjustment may need to be made after the event to the fractional Green Points displayed on the ranking lists. Additional Green Points will be awarded to the top third of the field in each event.

3 MISCELLANEOUS

Final results will appear on the EBU Results pages as possible after the end of play.

The results on RealBridge will be missing capping of cross imps (see below) and adjusted scores that cannot be done on RealBridge – the official results are the results

on the website. It must be noted that scoring corrections affecting the final results are still possible after the results are posted.

Starting positions will be pre-assigned for all tournaments. Please log in to RealBridge with your name and EBU number and you will be sat at your assigned seat. This should happen automatically in subsequent sessions.

4 GENERAL CONDITIONS & REGULATIONS

- a) All events are played on RealBridge: [EBU RealBridge Instructions](#), with face-to-face alerting and verbal announcements and explanations.
- b) Premier Grand and Grand Masters pairs are 'EBU Level 5' for the purpose of systems and conventions. The combined event is 'EBU Level 4'.

You should provide a link to your system at the start of the session, or paste a link (in table chat) to your opponents at the start of each round. WBF system cards are not permitted in the EBU Level 4 event.

You can use any existing link to your system card. Otherwise, system cards can be uploaded to My EBU > Utilities > System Cards – and that will provide a link.

- c) Mobile phones and other electronic communication devices may not be used during play, except in an emergency.
- d) General EBU conditions as contained in the Competitions Diary and the White Book apply to all competitions (e.g. split ties, protest time etc.).
- e) Special arrangements may be announced by the Tournament Director in charge should any unforeseen circumstance arise. In particular, arrangements will need to be made should the final entry to any event be not as anticipated. The Tournament Director in charge is specifically authorised to promote one or more willing pairs from one event to the next in order to facilitate the smooth running of the overall tournament and minimise the necessity for sit-outs.
- f) 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!
- g) 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. A notice of revised prizes would be posted on the results page should this eventuality arise.

- h) Issue of master points and ranking lists - all master points will be awarded by direct credit. Ranking lists are available from the web site at www.ebu.co.uk/results/1377

5 CROSS-IMP SCORING

All events will be scored by the 'Cross-IMPs' method, which is similar to normal teams [IMP] scoring.

Your match score card is impeded with all the other pairs sitting in the opposite direction to you in your particular tournament. The resulting number is then divided by the number of comparisons made (e.g. with 10 tables, there will be 9 comparisons) and expressed correct to two decimal places.

It follows that your tactics in a tournament of this nature should be as though you are playing in a teams [IMP] type tournament; for example, overtricks are vastly less important than they might be in a normal match-pointed pairs tournament.

IMPORTANT NOTE: there is a maximum limit to the number of IMPs which can be won in any given round using this form of scoring. This is:

- 25 IMPs in the tournaments of 10+ tables – but no cap if there are rounds of different lengths, and a sit-out.
- 30 IMPs in the tournaments of 7-9 tables.
- 35 IMPs in the tournaments of 6 tables (9-board rounds).
- 40 IMPs in the tournaments of 5 tables (11-board rounds).

However, there is no corresponding lower limit to the number of IMPs which can be lost in any given round.

6 PREMIER GRAND MASTERS PAIRS

(Premier Grand Masters Cup) Holders – Kath Nelson & Steve Auchterlonie

The total anticipated entry is 12 pairs (6 tables), which will be played as a full round-robin comprising 11 rounds, 9 boards per round giving a total of 99 boards.

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the field.

1st 12.00, last award receiving position 4.00. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula.

Prizes: 1st £120

7 GRAND MASTERS PAIRS

(Harrison-Gray Salver) Holders – Tom Dessain & Tugrul Kaban

The total anticipated entry is 18 pairs (9 tables), which will be played as a full round-robin comprising 17 rounds 6 boards per round giving a total of 102 boards.

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the field.

1st 10.50, last award receiving position 3.50. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula.

Prizes: 1st £100, 2nd £60

8 PREMIER LIFE MASTERS PAIRS

(the Premier Life trophy) Holders – Gerard Thompson & Simon Mostyn

The event will be merged with the remaining competitions. The trophy and prizes will be awarded to those pairs who entered the Premier Life Masters Pairs.

Total anticipated entry for the combined event is 31 pairs (16 tables), which will be played as a full round-robin comprising 31 rounds 3 or 4 boards per round, with a total of 105 boards.

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the combined field.

1st 9.00, last award receiving position 3.00.

Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula.

The winner of the Premier Life Pairs is guaranteed a bonus award of 7.50.

Prizes: Overall winner of the combined event £100, other trophy winners in overall rank order: £90, £70, £50

9 LIFE MASTERS PAIRS

(Maurice Blank Trophy) Holders – Szczepan Smoczyński & Franklin To

The competition will be part of the combined event (see above), with stratified Master Point awards – based on the pairs' performance in the combined event.

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of each stratified field.

Life Masters and below: 1st 7.50, last award receiving position 2.50.

National Masters and below: 1st 6.00, last award receiving position 2.00.

Regional Masters: 1st 4.50, last award receiving position 1.50.

Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula.

10 NATIONAL MASTERS PAIRS

(Bridge Magazine Cup) Holders – Andy Baruch & Graham Cope

The competition will be part of the combined event (see above).

11 REGIONAL MASTERS PAIRS

(St Dunstan Plate) Holders – Bridget Rampton & Allison Green

The competition will be part of the combined event (see above).

12 ENTRIES

A: Premier Grand Masters	Jeremy Dhondy	Roger Gibbons
A: Premier Grand Masters	Trevor Ward	Rob Cliffe
A: Premier Grand Masters	Mike Ash	Robert Ferrari
A: Premier Grand Masters	Steve Auchterlonie	Kathleen Nelson
A: Premier Grand Masters	Paddy Murphy	Mark Roderick
A: Premier Grand Masters	Rob Lawy	Robert Stevens
A: Premier Grand Masters	Celia Oram	Derek Oram
A: Premier Grand Masters	Catherine Seale	Ian Pagan
A: Premier Grand Masters	Clive Owen	John Sansom
A: Premier Grand Masters	John Hassett	Adrian Thomas
A: Premier Grand Masters	Harry Anoyrkatis	Stefan Lindfors

B: Grand Masters Pairs	Chris Taylor	David Wing
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Peter Scotting	Pat Johnson
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Gabriel Hearst	James Bond
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Paul Brereton	Frank Dixon
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Steve Allerston	Nick Forward
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Denis Talbot	Kathy Talbot
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Andy Cope	Giles Ip
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Graham Pollack	Andrew Whittome
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Derek Maggs	Marc Smith
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Robert Miller	Daniel Baines
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Nadia Stelmashenko	Victor Milman
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Paul Cutler	David Beavon
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Steve Jarvis	Nick Forrest
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Tom Dessain	Tugrul Kaban
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Robin Jepson	Alan Brosgill
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Dick Davey	Paula Hopkinson
B: Grand Masters Pairs	Tim Chanter	Helen Wildsmith

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B: Grand Masters Pairs	Matthew Tan	Heather Tan
C: Premier Life Masters	Helen Robinson	Martin Lerner
C: Premier Life Masters	John Rolph	Sandy Fulton
C: Premier Life Masters	Chris Bickerdike	Geoff Smith
C: Premier Life Masters	Tony Verran	Ryan Stephenson
C: Premier Life Masters	Bernard Kaye	Paul Mollison
C: Premier Life Masters	Liza Furnival	Peter Randall
C: Premier Life Masters	Mike Meakin	Jon Downing
C: Premier Life Masters	Peter Griffin	Colin Dean
C: Premier Life Masters	Steve Raine	Alan Hayward
D: Life Masters Pairs	Jacqui Bellinger	Malcolm Burch
D: Life Masters Pairs	David Pratt	David Rutter
D: Life Masters Pairs	David Adams	Rod Hose
D: Life Masters Pairs	Paul King	Sara Barnett
D: Life Masters Pairs	Anton Mauve	Kostadin Vasilev
D: Life Masters Pairs	Arun Nanda	Ashok Kwatra
D: Life Masters Pairs	John Fairhurst	Nick Browne
D: Life Masters Pairs	Simon Mostyn	Gerard Thompson
D: Life Masters Pairs	Graham Cope	Andy Baruch
D: Life Masters Pairs	Maria Whelan	Joe Walsh
D: Life Masters Pairs	Robin Adey	Dave Nelson
E: National Masters Pairs	Elisabeth Bingham	Tony Togneri
E: National Masters Pairs	Hanna Tuus	Daisy Dillon
E: National Masters Pairs	Roger Pratt	Henryk Klocek
E: National Masters Pairs	Mark Simpson	Marianne Tudor-Craig
E: National Masters Pairs	Marie Thomson	Judi Coady
E: National Masters Pairs	Angela Treen	Mark Mortimer
E: National Masters Pairs	Alan Woof	Oliver Tiemann

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F: Regional Masters Pairs	Rhonda Collins	Richard Collins
F: Regional Masters Pairs	Marcia Scane	Robert Scane
F: Regional Masters Pairs	Alick Fraser	Anthony Melbourne
F: Regional Masters Pairs	Allison Green	Bridget Rampton
F: Regional Masters Pairs	Iain MacKenzie	Flo Baldwin



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