

Ranked Masters Pairs

21st – 22nd February 2026

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

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ENTRIES

A: Premier Grand Masters	Clive Owen	John Sansom
A: Premier Grand Masters	Stephen Green	Marc Smith
A: Premier Grand Masters	Paul Hackett	Brian Senior
A: Premier Grand Masters	Paddy Murphy	Tracy Sherman
A: Premier Grand Masters	Kathleen Nelson	Steve Auchterlonie
A: Premier Grand Masters	Derek Oram	Celia Oram
A: Premier Grand Masters	Jackie Davies	Derek Maggs
B: Grand Masters	Andrew Urbanski	Michael Letts
B: Grand Masters	Steve Allerston	Nick Forward
B: Grand Masters	Graham Pollack	Martin Lerner
B: Grand Masters	Matthew Tan	Heather Tan
B: Grand Masters	Rod Oakford	Mark Josephs
B: Grand Masters	Steve Jarvis	Nick Forrest
B: Grand Masters	Gabriel Hearst	James Bond
B: Grand Masters	Tim Smith	David Willis
B: Grand Masters	Kathy Talbot	Denis Talbot
B: Grand Masters	Chris Taylor	David Wing
B: Grand Masters	Nadia Stelmashenko	Victor Milman
B: Grand Masters	Tim Chanter	Helen Wildsmith
B: Grand Masters	Tony Haworth	Kevin Maddox
B: Grand Masters	Robin Jepson	Alan Brosgill
B: Grand Masters	Giles Ip	Alan Oddie

C: Premier Life Masters	Ryan Stephenson	Alan Hayward
C: Premier Life Masters	Steve Bourton	Julia Brough
C: Premier Life Masters	Jon Downing	Mike Meakin
C: Premier Life Masters	Peter Foster	John Liebeschuetz
C: Premier Life Masters	Graham Hodges	Philip Howard
C: Premier Life Masters	Mike Wenble	John Coleman
C: Premier Life Masters	Andy Fenn	David Arrighi
C: Premier Life Masters	Jonathan Jacobs	Tony Verran
C: Premier Life Masters	Ann Wilkins	Jeff Wilkins
C: Premier Life Masters	Nichola Cockerill-Smith	Pearl Murphy
C: Premier Life Masters	Owen Leigh	James Clark
C: Premier Life Masters	Liza Furnival	Peter Randall
C: Premier Life Masters	Sandy Fulton	John Rolph
C: Premier Life Masters	Katharine Hodgson	Bob Bannister
D: Life Masters	David Adams	Rod Hose

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D: Life Masters	Bernard Kaye	Bob Mitchell
D: Life Masters	Ian Johns	Bob Brown
D: Life Masters	Simon Foale	Jack Goody
D: Life Masters	Paul King	Sara Barnett
D: Life Masters	Anton Mauve	Kostadin Vasilev
D: Life Masters	Cathryn Barley	Elisabeth Bingham
D: Life Masters	David Beck	Keith Joules
D: Life Masters	Lloyd Sarsby	Gitte Sarsby
D: Life Masters	Dave Nelson	Robin Adey
D: Life Masters	Oscar Selby	Andy Cope
D: Life Masters	Simon Mostyn	Gerard Thompson
D: Life Masters	Andy Baruch	Graham Cope
D: Life Masters	Theo Todman	David Turner
E: National Masters	Evelyne Thomas	Garry Towns
E: National Masters	Judith Simpson	Mark Wiggins
E: National Masters	Rhonda Collins	Richard Collins
E: National Masters	Angela Treen	Gwyneth Davies
E: National Masters	Dolores Gilliland	Maria Whelan
E: National Masters	Martin Illingworth	Amr El-Kashef
E: National Masters	Mike Goldsmith	Ravi Athwal
E: National Masters	Christine Child	Hristo Toshev
F: Regional Masters	Alastair Catchpole	Duncan Thomas
F: Regional Masters	John Lemmey	Karen Murphy
F: Regional Masters	Aaron Bell	Flo Baldwin
F: Regional Masters	Nick Elmslie	Alick Fraser

TIMES OF PLAY AND FORMAT OF EVENTS

(subject to change if numbers vary)

Event	Pairs	Tables
Premier Grand & Grand Masters	22	11
Premier Life Masters	15	8
Life & National & Regional Masters	25	12

All events play a complete all-play-all movement over the two days, scored by Cross IMPs.

8 tables: 15 rounds, 7 boards/round, 105 boards

Saturday	11:00 – 14:25	Session 1: 28 boards
	15:10 – 18:30	Session 2: 28 boards
Sunday	11:00 – 13:35	Session 3: 21 boards
	14:20 – 17:40	Session 4: 28 boards

11 tables: 21 rounds, 5 boards/round, 105 boards

Saturday	11:00 – 14:00	Session 1: 5 x 5-boards
	14:45 – 18:20	Session 2: 6 x 5-boards
Sunday	11:00 – 14:00	Session 3: 5 x 5-boards
	14:45 – 17:45	Session 4: 5 x 5-boards

12 tables: 23 rounds, 4 boards/round, 92 boards

Saturday	11:00 – 13:55	Session 1: 6 x 4-boards
	14:40 – 17:30	Session 2: 6 x 4-boards
Sunday	11:00 – 13:25	Session 3: 5 x 4-boards
	14:10 – 17:00	Session 4: 6 x 4-boards

1. INTRODUCTION

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

Premier Grand Masters	7 pairs
Grand Masters Pairs	15 pairs
Premier Life Masters	15 pairs
Life Masters Pairs	13 pairs
National Masters Pairs	8 pairs
Regional Masters Pairs	4 pairs

* 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 soon 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 events. 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 other events are '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. If you do not have an online system card, you must put a summary of your system in chat 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.

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 event. 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 an event of this nature should be as though you are playing in an [IMP] teams event; 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 events of 10+ tables
(but no cap if there are rounds of different lengths, and a sit-out.)
- 30 IMPs in the events of 7-9 tables.
- 35 IMPs in the events of 6 tables (9-board rounds).
- 40 IMPs in the events 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 & GRAND MASTERS PAIRS

Premier Grand Masters Cup: Holders – Marc Smith & Stephen Green

Grand Masters – Harrison-Gray Salver: Holders – Mike Huggins & Jack Terry

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

1st 12.00, last award receiving position 4.00.

Grand Masters sub field: 1st 10.50, last award 3.50

The winner of the Premier Grand Masters Pairs is guaranteed a bonus award of 10.50.

Prizes: £120 to the first placed pair in the combined event, £100 to the other trophy winner.

7. PREMIER LIFE MASTERS PAIRS

The Premier Life trophy: Holders – Steve Raine & Alan Hayward

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the field.
1st 9.00, last award receiving position 3.00.

Prizes: £120 to the first placed pair, £60 for second.

8. LIFE/NATIONAL/REGIONAL MASTERS PAIRS

Life Masters – Maurice Blank Trophy: Holders– Simon Foale & Jack Goody

National Masters - Bridge Magazine Cup: Holders – Angela Treen & Gwyneth Davies

Regional Masters - St Dunstan Plate; Holders – Pak-Hin Lee & Tony Yip

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

Overall 1st 7.50, last award receiving position 2.50.

National/Regional subfield: 1st 6.00, last award receiving position 2.00.

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

The winner of the Life Masters Pairs is guaranteed a bonus award of 6.00.

The winner of the National Masters Pairs is guaranteed a bonus award of 4.50.

Prizes: To all three trophy winners: £120 to the first placed pair in the combined event, £100 to the next highest trophy winner, £80 to the other trophy winner.



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