



EASTER FESTIVAL ONLINE

Featuring
Championship Pairs
for the Guardian Trophy
Swiss Teams Championship
for the Rixi Markus Trophy
Swiss Pairs Championship

On RealBridge
2nd – 5th April 2021

1 Introduction

Welcome to Easter Festival online on RealBridge.

1.1 TIMES OF PLAY

Friday	11:30pm -	1:45pm	Championship Pairs , session 1, 18 boards
	2:00pm -	4:15pm	Championship Pairs , session 2, 18 boards
Saturday	11:30am -	1:45pm	Championship Pairs , session 3, 18 boards
	3:00pm -	5:15pm	Championship Pairs , session 4, 18 boards
	5:30pm -	7:45pm	Championship Pairs , session 5, 18 boards
Sunday	11:30am -	2:20pm	Stratified Swiss Teams 1 : 3 x 7-boards
	3:10pm -	7:00pm	Stratified Swiss Teams 2 : 4 x 7-boards
Monday	11:30am -	2:20pm	Swiss Pairs 1 : 3 x 7-boards
	3:10pm -	7:00pm	Swiss Pairs 2 : 4 x 7-boards

2 GENERAL

2.1 Systems/conventions

You are required to have a system cards online that should make available to your opponents at the start of each round, by posting a link in the table chat. 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).

You can use any existing link to your system card. Otherwise, system cards can be emailed in advance to EBUConventionCards@gmail.com to receive an online link that you can provide to your opponents at the table. Please send your System Cards in PDF format, named "Surname-Surname.pdf".

2.2 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!

You may not eat, smoke or use electronic cigarettes while visible/audible 'at the table'.

2.3 Telephones and other electrical communication

Mobile phones and other electronic communication devices may not be used during play, except in an emergency.

2.4 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. An appropriate announcement would be made before the half-way stage of the tournament in question should this eventuality arise. Prizes for teams of more than four will be credited to the captain, otherwise prizes will be credited to individual players.

2.5 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 from our web site at www.ebu.co.uk/results/805.

3 CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

for the Guardian Trophy – holders (2019): Simon Gillis & Erik Sælensminde

A stratified pairs event scored across the field, played a five 18-board sessions.

3.1 Starting instructions

Players should log in with their name as found on their EBU record, in proper case (e.g. John Smith, not JOHN SMITH, john smith or John S), along with their EBU number without leading zeros (105719 no 00105719). That way you will be taken straight to the table with your partner for later sessions.

For the first session of each event, you will come to the lobby and from there you can sit at an empty space in an unassigned table. You can find your partner by typing their name in the Filter box at the top of the screen.

3.2 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 8.00 green points, with a minimum award of 2.00.

Categories 'B' + 'C' combined ranking: a top award of 4.00 green points, with a minimum award of 1.00.

Category 'C' only ranking: a top bonus award of 2.00 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.

3.3 Prizes

All prizes are quoted in terms of £ per pair.

Main prize list (all three categories combined) [6 prizes]:

1st £160, 2nd £120, 3rd £100, 4th £80, 5th £60, 6th £40.

'B' and 'C' list combined [3 prizes]: 1st £80, 2nd £60, 3rd £40.

'C' list only [1 prize]: 1st £40.

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.

Thus, four prizes will always be awarded to 'B' and 'C' level pairs not finishing in the main prize list, though the actual values awarded may be different to those quoted above (as when there are higher ranked 'B' and 'C' level pairs within the main prize list).

Similarly, one prize will always be awarded to 'C' level pairs not finishing in either of the other two prize lists, though again, the actual value may be different for the same reason above.

4 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 their NGS grade is 'Ace', or if they have represented any country at adult level.

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'.

5 CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

for the Rixi Markus Trophy –

holders (2019): Jack Mizel, Brian Senior, Ingar Hansen, Tore Marskar

5.1 Starting instructions

Players should log on to RealBridge (see 3.1) and assemble as a team at a new table – if you need to find the rest of your team, you can use the table filter to search for a player name.

5.2 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 6.00 green points, with a minimum of 0.50.

Category 'B' and 'C' combined: a top award of 3.00 green points with a minimum award of 0.25.

Category 'C' only ranking list: a top award of 1.50 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.

5.3 Prizes

All prizes are quoted in terms of £ per team.

Main prize list (all three categories combined) [prizes]:

1st £240, 2nd £180, 3rd £120, 4th £60

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

'C' list only [1 prize]: 1st £60.

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.

6 SWISS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Holders (2019) – Heather Bakhshi & David Bakhshi

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.

6.1 Starting instructions

Players should log in to RealBridge (see 3.1) and sit as a pair – the platform will perform a random draw to determine the first-round assignments.

6.2 Prizes

All prizes are quoted in terms of £ per pair:

1st £240, 2nd £180, 3rd £120, 4th £80, 5th £60, 6th £40

6.3 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 6.00, minimum award of 0.50, awards for intermediate places are in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

7 RealBridge

7.1 Instructions

RealBridge uses computer video and audio for communication between players. Player can and should test their video/audio by logging into the system in advance.

Players are expected to use video and audio during play. But if you develop problems with audio/video, you should continue to play using text until you have time to try to sort it out, rather than delaying play.

It may be necessary to refresh the video feed every hour or so: this can be done (without logging out) by clicking the refresh button on your name bar.

Procedures

Please remember that your opponents will have sight of you whenever you are logged in at a table and always act accordingly – opponents can hear and see what is going on in the room around you.

7.1.1 Alerting/Announcing/Explaining

RealBridge has different modes of operations. These events will be in open-table mode (not screens) with self-alerting and written explanations. Follow-up questions can be to the player who made the call (via private chat or verbally). Note: the partner of the player who made the call will not have seen the written explanation.

Calls are alerted by the player making the call, the alert is made by clicking the alert strip. Alert calls that would be alertable or announced face-to-face and provide a written explanation when making the call.

Exceptionally, **bids and passes** above 3NT should be alerted and explained if they are artificial or unexpected. Doubles and Redoubles need only be alerted if required by the face-to-face rules.

7.1.2 Online Regulations

The [Sky-Blue Book](#) applies to this event. In particular

- Players may consult their own system card and other notes at any stage (1.1)
- UNDOs are permitted in the auction but not in the play (4.3)

7.1.3 *NEW* UNDOs in the auction – Law 25

If there is a request for an UNDO in the auction, the TD should be called – the TD will rule whether Law 25A applies and will instruct the other side whether to accept the request.

If the other side accept the request for an UNDO, without calling the TD, they will usually be deemed to have accepted the replacement call (Law 25B1 – ‘the second call stands and the auction continues’).



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