



Virtual Seaside Summer Congress



Torquay



Scarborough

Online on RealBridge

2nd – 4th July 2021

Programme

1 Introduction

Welcome to the Virtual Seaside Summer Congress, played on RealBridge. Players unfamiliar with EBU events played on RealBridge should read section 6 – where there is information on how to try RealBridge before the congress starts.

2 Times of play

Friday	11:30am – 2:15pm	Swiss Teams, Session 1 – 3 x 7-board matches
	3pm – 6:45pm	Swiss Teams, Session 2 – 4 x 7-board matches
Saturday	11:30am – 2:15pm	Swiss Pairs, Session 1 – 3 x 7-board matches
	3pm – 6:45pm	Swiss Pairs, Session 2 – 4 x 7-board matches
Sunday	11:30am – 2:15pm	Swiss Pairs, Session 3 – 3 x 7-board matches
	2:45pm – 5:30pm	Swiss Pairs, Session 4 – 3 x 7-board matches

3 Swiss Teams, for the 'Wing trophy'

Holders (2019) - *Gary Hyett, Robert Miller, Bill Taylor & Alan Cooke*

This is a standard 1-day Swiss teams event, playing 7 x 7-board matches.

At the start, players should log on to RealBridge and sit at a table as a team.

3.1 Master Point awards

0.25 Green Point per match won (0.13 for a draw),

Bonus Green Point ranking awards to the top one-fifth of the field as follows:

1st 4; last award receiving position 0.25;

awards for intermediate positions in accordance with the standard EBU congress formula.

3.2 Prizes

Prizes are quoted in terms of £ per team and will be awarded to the top teams as follows: 1st £120, 2nd £60.

Leading non-expert team (no Premier Regional Master or above, no NGS 'Ace', no international representative) outside the main prize-list: £60.

4 Swiss Pairs

Holders (2019) - *Harry Anoyrkatis & Sally Anoyrkatis*

This is the focal point of the Congress; a Swiss Pairs event played over two days (four sessions), comprising 13 x 7-board matches in total.

Assignments will be made on a current round basis. On Sunday, it may be necessary for pairs to play against some of the same opponents they played on Saturday.

At the start, players should log on to RealBridge and sit as a pair – the first round is assigned when play starts. On Sunday, players will be seated when logging in.

The event is stratified into three categories:

- A) at least one member of the pair is a Premier Life Master or above.
- B) at least one member of the pair is a Premier Regional Master or higher
- C) neither player is of the rank Premier Regional Master.

There are exceptions for overseas players and others, see

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

4.1 Master Point awards

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

Main ranking list (categories A, B and C combined): a top award of 6.00 green points, with a minimum award of 1.00.

Categories 'B' + 'C' combined ranking: a top award of 3.00 green points, with a minimum award of 0.50.

Category 'C' only ranking: a top bonus award of 1.50 green points, with a minimum award of 0.25.

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 quarter of the field on each list.

4.2 Prizes

Prizes are quoted in terms of £ per pair and will be awarded as follows:

Main prize list (all three categories combined) – 3 prizes: 1st £120, 2nd £60, 3rd £40.

'B' and 'C' list combined – 2 prizes: 1st £60, 2nd £40.

'C' list – 1 prize only: 1st £40.

5 General

5.1 Systems and conventions

This is a 'level 4' event.

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".

System cards must be emailed by **Thursday 1st July** to be used in this event.

5.2 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!

5.3 Telephones and other electrical communication

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

5.4 Special circumstances

General EBU regulations apply in relation to any matter not detailed in these conditions (e.g. protest time). However, any conditions, whether they be general or specific to this competition as set out in this programme, may be varied upon the special instruction of the Chief Tournament Director in order to accommodate any unforeseen circumstance and in order to facilitate the smooth running of this Congress.

5.5 Prizes

All prizes will be directly 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.

5.6 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 event.

Ranking lists will be displayed on the EBU website at www.ebu.co.uk/results/820

6 RealBridge

6.1 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 who have not played EBU events on RealBridge may wish to have a practice on RealBridge in advance of the congress. RealBridge offers taster sessions of 8 boards – you can sign up here <https://realbridge.online/try-realbridge.html>. By playing a short session in advance, you should be more able to enjoy the congress on RealBridge.

Players are expected to use video and audio during play. If you develop problems with audio/video, you will be allowed to 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.

6.2 Procedures

You should remember that you will be seen and heard by your opponents and should take care to avoid distracting behaviour such as eating while visible/audible 'at the table'.

6.2.1 Alerting/Announcing/Explaining

This event 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 that 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.

6.2.2 Online Regulations

The EBU 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)
- If there is a request for an UNDO in the auction, the TD should be called – it may be necessary to reject the request in order to call the TD. The TD will rule whether Law 25A applies and if so, will instruct the other side 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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