

Ranked Masters Pairs

26th – 27th February 2022

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

2022-02-26

Entry list and schedule corrected at 08:30

1 TIMES OF PLAY

(subject to change if numbers vary)

1.1 (9 tables) Grand Masters

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

1.2 (8 tables)

Saturday	11:00	–	14:25	Session 1: 4 x 7-boards
	15:10	–	18:30	Session 2: 4 x 7-boards
Sunday	11:00	–	13:35	Session 3: 3 x 7-boards
	14:20	–	17:40	Session 4: 4 x 7-boards

1.3 (7 tables) Premier Grand Masters and Premier/Life

Saturday	11:00	–	13:55	Session 1: 3 x 8-boards
	14:40	–	18:25	Session 2: 4 x 8-boards
Sunday	11:00	–	13:55	Session 3: 3 x 8-boards
	14:40	–	17:30	Session 4: 3 x 8-boards

1.4 (6 tables) National Masters/Regional Masters

Saturday	11:00	–	14:15	Session 1: 3 x 9-boards
	15:00	–	18:10	Session 2: 3 x 9-boards
Sunday	11:00	–	13:10	Session 3: 2 x 9-boards
	13:50	–	17:00	Session 4: 3 x 9-boards

2 INTRODUCTION

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

Premier Grand Masters	13 pairs
Grand Masters Pairs	18 pairs
Premier Life Masters	9 pairs
Life Masters Pairs	5 pairs
National Masters Pairs	5 pairs
Regional Masters Pairs	8 pairs
Total entry overall	28 tables

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

3 GREEN POINTS FOR ROUNDS WON

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

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.

4 BOARDS

On RealBridge, all events will be playing different boards – ‘dealt’ at the start of each session by the platform.

5 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.

6 GENERAL CONDITIONS & REGULATIONS

- a) The Premier Grand, Grand, Premier Life and Life Masters pairs are 'EBU Level 5' for the purpose of systems and conventions. The National and Regional Masters pairs are 'EBU Level 4'.

You are required to have on online system cards and you should provide 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 events.

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.

- b) Mobile phones and other electronic communication devices may not be used during play, except in an emergency.
- c) General EBU conditions as contained in the Competitions Diary and the White Book apply to all competitions (e.g. split ties, protest time etc.).
- d) 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.
- e) 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!
- f) 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.

- g) 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/891

7 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
- 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.

8 REALBRIDGE

8.1 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. 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.

8.2 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'.

8.2.1 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 and explained by the player making the call. Provide a written explanation when making the call of all calls that would be alertable or announced face-to-face.

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.

8.2.2 Online Regulations

The EBU Sky-Blue Book applies to this event. In particular

- Players may consult their own system card and other (pre-existing) system 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').

9 PREMIER GRAND MASTERS PAIRS

(Premier Grand Masters Cup) Holders – Nick Smith & Roger Bryant

The total anticipated entry is 14 pairs (7 tables), which will be played as a full round-robin comprising 13 rounds 8 boards per round giving a total of 104 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 £100

10 GRAND MASTERS PAIRS

(Harrison-Gray Salver) Holders – David A Sherman & Peter Hasenson

The total anticipated entry is 18 pairs (9 tables), which will be played as a full round-robin comprising 17 rounds of 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 £80, 2nd £40

11 PREMIER LIFE MASTERS PAIRS

(the Premier Life trophy) Holders – Giles Ip & Gabriel Ip

The event will be merged with the Life Master Pairs. 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 16 pairs (8 tables): which will be played as a full round-robin comprising 13 rounds of 8 boards per round, giving a total of 104 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: 1st £80

12 LIFE MASTERS PAIRS

(Maurice Blank Trophy) Holders – Shahzaad Natt & Ambrose Holmes-Mackie

The event will be merged with the Premier Life Master Pairs (see above), with separate prizes and Master Point awards – based on the pairs' performance in the combined event.

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the field, treating this field as a stratified subfield of the combined event.

1st 7.50, last award receiving position 2.50. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula.

Prizes: 1st £40

13 NATIONAL MASTERS PAIRS

(Bridge Magazine Cup) Holders – Sara Moran & Claire Robinson

This event will be merged with the Regional Masters Pairs. The trophy will be awarded to pairs who entered the National Masters Pairs.

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

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

1st 6.00, last award receiving position 2.00. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula. The winner of the National Pairs is guaranteed a bonus ranking award of 4.50.

Prizes: First prize of the combined event £80, and £40 to the other trophy winners.

14 REGIONAL MASTERS PAIRS

(St Dunstan Plate) Holders – Tony Togneri & Elisabeth Bingham

The event will be merged with the National Master Pairs (see above), with separate Master Point awards – based on the pairs' performance in the combined event.

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the field, treating this field as a stratified subfield of the combined event.

1st 4.50, last award receiving position 1.50. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula.

Prizes: see above

15 ENTRIES

A: Premier Grand Masters	Bob Ferrari	Mike Ash
A: Premier Grand Masters	Celia Oram	Derek Oram
A: Premier Grand Masters	Clive Owen	Brian Senior
A: Premier Grand Masters	Ian Pagan	Shahzaad Natt
A: Premier Grand Masters	Jackie Pye	John Holland
A: Premier Grand Masters	Jon Cooke	Cameron Small
A: Premier Grand Masters	Mark Roderick	Paddy Murphy
A: Premier Grand Masters	Paul Fegarty	Catherine Curtis
A: Premier Grand Masters	Roger Bryant	Nick Smith
A: Premier Grand Masters	Steve Auchterlonie	Kathleen Nelson
A: Premier Grand Masters	Tracy Sherman	Rhona Goldenfield
A: Premier Grand Masters	Trevor Ward	Rob Cliffe
A: Premier Grand Masters	Warner Solomon	Ian Walsh
B: Grand Masters	Barry Jones	Bob Pitts
B: Grand Masters	David Willis	Tim Smith
B: Grand Masters	David Wing	Chris Taylor
B: Grand Masters	Dick Davey	Nigel Wolfendale
B: Grand Masters	Harry Anoyrkatis	Stefan Lindfors
B: Grand Masters	Helen Wildsmith	Tim Chanter
B: Grand Masters	Jane Jensen	Richard Jones
B: Grand Masters	Janet Barnes	David Barnes
B: Grand Masters	Marc Chawner	Paul Spencer
B: Grand Masters	Naomi Gibbs	Mike Rawlins

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B: Grand Masters	Nick Forrest	Steven Jarvis
B: Grand Masters	Nick Forward	Steve Allerston
B: Grand Masters	Ollie Burgess	Diana Nettleton
B: Grand Masters	Paul Thornton	David Harrison
B: Grand Masters	Robert Miller	Daniel Baines
B: Grand Masters	Robert Plumley	Rune Hauge
B: Grand Masters	Tugrul Kaban	Tom Dessain
B: Grand Masters	Victor Milman	Nadia Stelmashenko
C: Premier Life Masters	Alan Hobden	James Hobden
C: Premier Life Masters	Alan Sia	Derek Maggs
C: Premier Life Masters	Bob Marchbank	Terence Read
C: Premier Life Masters	Dan O'Farrell	Judi Lawson
C: Premier Life Masters	David A Sherman	Peter Hasenson
C: Premier Life Masters	David Beck	Keith Joules
C: Premier Life Masters	Gabriel Ip	Giles Ip
C: Premier Life Masters	Julie Grant	Ian Grant
C: Premier Life Masters	Paul Gibbons	Sharon Bayne
D: Life Masters	Alan Patel	Roger Harris
D: Life Masters	Bernard Kaye	Bob Mitchell
D: Life Masters	Christopher Wilson	Matthew Covill
D: Life Masters	Jacqui Bellinger	Malcolm Burch
D: Life Masters	Szczepan Smoczynski	Franklin To
E: National Masters	Bob Brown	Alan Hayward
E: National Masters	Daniel Cardnell	Jonathan Lillycrop

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E: National Masters	Elisabeth Bingham	Tony Togneri
E: National Masters	Francis Kelly	Peter Rpwel
E: National Masters	Kostadin Vasilev	Anton Mauve
F: Regional Masters	Ashley Sawyer	Cathryn A Fox
F: Regional Masters	Daisy Dillon	Hanna Tuus
F: Regional Masters	Marion Cowley	Frances Ind
F: Regional Masters	Mark Simpson	Marianne Tudor-Craig
F: Regional Masters	Oliver Tiemann	Alan Woof
F: Regional Masters	Sriram Chari	Tina Cottee
F: Regional Masters	Tomasz Serkowski	Jim Downes



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