



The ECatsBridge Summer Charity Pairs – Monday 6th to Friday 10th July 2026

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

And hand this on to anyone else who might need it – your scorer, your treasurer, your heat organiser ... anyone who might find it useful! I know there are two pages but it's important 😊

DONATIONS AND ADMIN FEE:

As you will be aware, last year we changed the way that payments and donations should be made – the details are at <https://www.ecatsbridge.com/sims/donations.asp> - please look at that – we will shortly set up the JustGiving pages for Kidney Research UK and British Heart Foundation.

In the meantime please

- a) check the link that tells you how to avoid paying the “tip” that JustGiving tries to charge
- and
- b) Please note that - quite apart from the donations – we will be invoicing each club 90p per player (inc VAT) after the event to cover the costs of running the event and there is a link on the donations page which explains WHY we need to charge an Admin fee – I am sure you will understand once you have read it!

I remind you that only individual donations from people who pay sufficient income tax are eligible for Gift Aid – i.e. if you are sending the donation from your club account you cannot mark it for Gift Aid. However, tax-paying people sending individual donations can put which club they played at and that will display on the donations pages so your club can see how much was raised.

We do understand that, for a few clubs, sending donations through the JustGiving page can be quite difficult. In that case, please send us a cheque – or even two cheques, one for each charity. These need to be payable to:

- British Heart Foundation or
- Kidney Research UK.

We can then record them and display a list on a separate page together with the total from the JustGiving donations to give a final total raised, and send them all together to the relevant charity. Or you could go directly to the Charities websites and donate there but in that event please let us know how much you have sent so that we can record it.

THE BRIDGE SIDE OF THINGS !

If you want the travellers, please email me – obviously these are only of use to clubs playing F2F. The commentary and hand analysis will be on the website at 10pm in the evening, but I can send you a copy of that if you want - provided of course that you promise not to let it escape from your computer before 10 that evening ! But it can help to ensure you have uploaded the right file of course.

There are 32 boards in the set. We ask you to have a minimum of 3 tables and for each player to play at least 18 boards please.

You may be playing face to face or online and either is just fine !

If you are playing F2F you can either use the scoring program to create the four text files, p, c, r and e, as you did in days gone by and email them to us, but be aware that the scoring programs often won't send them automatically these days so you may need to find the files and attach them to an email yourself and send them to results@simpairs.com. OR you can simply send us the XML file if that is easier. And of course that will be the file you need to send us if you play online.

If you choose to send the XML then please follow the instructions below carefully.

1. The subject line must be simply session number and your country – so it will look like this : **9999 England**
(that's the number for our test area by the way!) and NOTHING else – and please be sure there is a space between the session number and the country
2. Only attach one file to one email
3. Send the XML file to results@simpairs.com

The Session numbers for this event are:

Monday : 3428 Tuesday : 4156 Wednesday : 5226
Thursday : 6152 Friday : 7568

Can I emphasise that you should tell your players not to play again on the same day please.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, worries etc – I am here to help !

And finally – as always a big thank you to all of you for doing the organisation and to your members for their support as well of course. Grateful just isn't a big enough word. Have fun and I hope your members enjoy it.

All the best
Anna & Mark