



## Essex Contract Bridge Association

A constituent member of the English Bridge Union

### Competition Programme September 2015 - May 2016

- Teams events**
- Essex Teams of Four Championship + Plate (KO)**
  - Essex Switch Cup (KO)
  - Essex Mixed Teams of Four (Summer)
  - George Curtis Memorial Trophy (Summer)**
  - Tony Kelvin Memorial Trophy
- Pairs events**
- Essex County Pairs Championship** (plus 'B' flight pairs)
  - Essex Mixed Pairs Championship – (inc. Flitch)
  - Swiss Pairs**
  - Gwen Herga Trophies (Mens Pairs & Ladies Pairs)
  - Daytime Seniors' Pairs and Seniors' Cup
  - Warboys Trophy (Summer)
  - Play with an Expert
  - PRO/AM Tournament (Summer)
- Events for clubs**
- Fletcher Trophy (for teams of eight)
  - Essex Club Trophy (for teams of four)
  - The Cornell Trophy
  - Club Pairs (Summer)
- Leagues**
- Daytime Pairs League
  - South-East Essex League
  - West Essex League

#### To Enter:

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
Sep	4-6 Isle of Man Congress (4th-6th)		Douglas
	6 ECL v Bedfordshire	13.00	Wilstead, Beds
	7-11 EBED Autumn Sim. Pairs		Clubs
	11-20 Guernsey Congress		
	12-13 Bedford Congress		Milton Keynes
	20 ECL v Cambs & Hunts	13.00	Away, TBA
	26-27 Essex & Herts Green Point Weekend		Wodson Park, Ware
Oct	3-4 Felixstowe Congress		
	5-8 British Autumn Sim. Pairs		Clubs
	7-13 Overseas Congress		Rhodes
	11 Metropolitan Cup	13.00	Leatherhead
	16 EBU Really Easy Afternoon	tba	Barleylands
	16-18 Autumn Congress		Peterborough
	25 Fletcher Trophy	14.00	Anglo European School
	25 Cup for Clubs	14.00	Anglo European School
	28 Autumn Seniors	11.00	Thornwood Common
Nov	6-8 Seniors Congress		Birmingham
	6,9-12 Children in Need Sim. Pairs		Clubs
	8 ECL v Northants	13.00	Barleylands
	15 Tony Kelvin	13.00	Barleylands
	21-22 Tollemache Qualifier		Birmingham
	28-29 Middlesex Congress		Barnet
Dec	6 Mixed Pairs	13.00	Barleylands
	27 EBU Really Easy Afternoon	tba	Barleylands
	27-30 London Year End Congress		London
Jan	4-7 British Winter Sim. Pairs		Clubs
	10 Swiss Pairs	13.00	Barleylands
	16-17 National Teams Congress		Birmingham
	30-31 SWF Congress		Woodham Ferrers
Feb	1-7 Overseas Congress		Cyprus
	2-3 England Sim. Pairs		Clubs
	7 ECL v Cambridge University		Away, TBA
	13 Play with an Expert Barleylands	14.00	Barleylands
	13-14 Tollemache Final		Birmingham
	19-21 Harrogate Congress		Harrogate
	21 Cornell Trophy	14.00	Mountnessing
	27-28 Ranked Masters		Birmingham
	28 EBU Masters Pairs	tba	Barleylands

Date	Event	Time	Place
Mar	5-6 East Anglian/Beds/Kent Green Point events		
	11 <b>Gwen Herga Trophies</b>	19.30	Stock
	13 EBU National Pairs Regional	tba	Barleylands
	14-17 Club Stratified Sim Pairs		Clubs
	16 <b>Spring Seniors</b>	10.30	Little Baddow
	20 EBU Portland Pairs	tba	Barleylands
	25 EBU Really Easy Afternoon	tba	Barleylands
	25-28 Easter Congress		London
Apr	2-3 Norfolk Congress		Norwich
	4-7 British Spring Sim. Pairs		Clubs
	10 <b>Championship Pairs</b>	13.00	Barleylands
	10 <b>'B' Flight Pairs</b>	13.00	Barleylands
	16-17 National Pairs Final		Birmingham
	24-1 Lambourne Jersey Festival		Jersey
May	3-5 EBED Spring Sim Pairs		Clubs
	7 Garden Cities Regional Final		
	8 <b>Collier Row Teams</b>	14.00	Romford
	14 <b>Essex AGM</b>	17.00	Barleylands
	21-22 Kent/Sussex/Northants Green Point Events		
	25 <b>Mixed Teams (tbc)</b>	19.30	TBA
	28 EBU Really Easy Afternoon	tba	Barleylands
	28-29 Spring Bank Hol Congress		Stratford

Essex Events

Blue-Pointed Events

Inter-county Events

EBU Events in Essex

Green-Pointed Events

Other EBU & other county events

### National Pairs Championship

Please note that the EBU has changed the format of this event. County heats are no longer held. Instead more **regional** heats will be held around the country on **Sun March 13th**, including one at **Barleylands**, with combined scoring across all venues (similar to the Portland Pairs) to determine who qualifies for the **Final in April**. *Please see EBU website for more information on entry fees, start times etc*

### South-East Essex and West Essex Leagues

The league season is from October 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> Entry fee: £20 per team

In addition to the leagues all teams have a free entry to the League K. O. Cup held in the summer before the league season begins. Also in the summer there is a Premier League for the four top teams in each division 1 of the South-East and West Essex leagues in the previous season.

Apply to the Hon. League Secretary: Mr B Hunt at

Suite 60, Barleylands Craft Village, Barleylands Road, Billericay CM11 2UD

Tel: 01268 533961 Mobile: 07973 925315 email: [essexbridgeleagues@btconnect.com](mailto:essexbridgeleagues@btconnect.com)

## Essex Competitions

### Essex County Pairs Championship (AN ESSEX GREEN POINTED EVENT)

#### For the Burrows Trophies

Entry fee: £30 per pair  
Prizes for final: 1st: £60, 2nd: £40, 3rd: £20  
Prizes for Consolation: 1st: £24, 2nd: £12  
Prizes for heat winners: 1st: £10

**Date: Sun. 10 April 2016 Venue: Barleylands Start: 13.00 Finish: approx 20.30**  
**Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout**

*Holder: Ian Moss & Mike Graham*

*Entry is only to those who have given allegiance to Essex for 2015-2016* This is a double session, one-day competition. Heats will be played in the afternoon and in the evening 14 pairs will qualify for the all-play-all final; the remainder will play in a Consolation Final. The first four pairs in the main final will have the opportunity of playing in the **Inter-county Pairs Championship in June 2016 (Corwen Trophy)**.

### 'B' Flight Pairs

(An event for less experienced players)

Entry Fee: £10 per Pair Prizes : 1st £20  
**Date: Sun. 10 April 2016 Venue: Barleylands Start: 13.00 Finish: approx 16.30**  
**Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout**

*Holder: Terry Burney & Godfrey Chasmer*

It will be a single session event and entry is open to Essex players who are not past or present members of Essex County A, B or C squads. Any player in the B-flight competition with a score of 50% or greater will have the opportunity of taking part in the evening's **Consolation Event** should they so wish. *Any pair wishing to do so needs to be reminded that we only provide light refreshments at this event.*

### Tony Kelvin Memorial Trophy

For the trophy presented by Mr and Mrs N Scott

Entry Fee: £36 per team Prizes: 1st: £48, 2nd: £24  
**Date: Sun. 15 Nov. 2015 Venue: Barleylands Start: 13.00 Finish: approx 20.30**  
**Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout**

*Holder: Margaret Curtis, David Sherman, Peter Franklin & Frank Morrison*

This is a two-session Swiss Teams competition. If there are insufficient teams for a Swiss Competition a Multiple Teams event will be played.

### Essex Mixed Pairs Championship

Incorporating **The Essex Flitch Trophy** presented by Mr & Mrs Fletcher

Entry Fee: £21 per pair Prizes: 1st: £50, 2nd: £30, 3rd: £20.  
**Date: Sun. 6 Dec. 2015 Venue: Barleylands Start: 13.00 Finish: approx 20.30**  
**Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout**

*Holder of Championship: Richard Register & Tanya Genthe*

*Holder of the Flitch: Chris & Sue Taylor*

This will be a one day two session event. The Flitch Trophy is awarded to the highest placed married pair with the exception of the winners.

### Swiss Pairs

(AN ESSEX BLUE POINTED EVENT)

Entry Fee: £25 per pair

Prizes: 1st: £50, 2nd: £24, 3rd: £12

**Date: Sun. 10 Jan. 2016 Venue: Barleylands Start: 13.00 Finish approx 20.30**

**Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout**

*Holder: Margaret Curtis & David Sherman*

This is a one-day two-session event. It is computer scored with results round by round.

### Gwen Herga Trophies

Ladies' Pairs & Men's Pairs

Entry Fee: £13 per pair

Prizes: 1st: £24, 2nd: £12

**Date: Fri. 11 Mar. 2016 Venue: Stock Start: 19.30 Finish approx 22.30**

**Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout**

*Ladies holders: Marcia Levan-Harris & Coral Fallon*

*Men's holders: Monty Krimgoltz & Robert Elliott*

This is a single session event playing approx 24 boards. If there are sufficient entries there will be two separate sections for Ladies' Pairs and Men's Pairs. Otherwise the sections will be combined.

### Play with an Expert

Entry Fee: £10

Prizes: 1st: £24, 2nd: £12

**Date: Sat. 13 Feb. 2016 Venue: Barleylands Start: 14.00 Finish: approx 18.00**

**Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout**

*Holder: Linda Jenkins & Michael Watson*

This is a very special event where established Essex players will pair up with less experienced players in our county for some light-hearted tournament bridge. The format will be a normal session of 24/26 boards with a refreshment break in the middle and hand records with discussion after play. The closing date for entries is 10th Feb 2015. Novice and county level players interested in taking part in this event should contact the Hon. Tournament Secretary or the Education Officer. Closer to the day players will be told who their partner will be, to help them form their partnership for the day.

### Daytime Seniors' Pairs and Essex Seniors' Cup

for the trophy presented by Mr & Mrs A. J. Morley

Entry Fee: £26 per pair/session

Prizes each event: 1st: £24, 2nd: £12

Prize for overall winners: 1st: £40, 2nd: £20

**Date: Wed. 8 Jul. 2015 Venue: Thorpe Bay Start: 11.00 Finish: approx 15.30**

**Date: Wed. 28 Oct. 2015 Venue: Thornwood Start: 11.00 Finish: approx 15.30**

**Date: Wed. 16 Mar. 2016 Venue: Little Baddow Start: 11.00 Finish: approx 15.30**

**Tea, coffee, biscuits etc from 10.30**

**Lunch will also be provided**

*Cup Holder: Tony Phillipott*

*Summer: Tony Phillipott & John Williams*

*Autumn: Robert Elliott & Ann Savory*

*Spring: Peter Oake & Robert Elliott*

These competitions are open only to pairs whose combined ages total at least 110 years on 1st October each year.

There are three daytime Senior Pairs competitions. The Seniors' Cup will be awarded to the player or pair who achieve the most place points from the three sessions. (12 points for 1st, 11 points for 2nd, down to 1 point for 12th. Lunch is provided by Impulse Catering and tea or coffee is available from 10.30 am.

### Events for Clubs

(These competitions are arranged through your clubs.)

**Fletcher Trophy for teams of Eight**

**Date: Sun 25 Oct 2015 Venue: Anglo European Start: 14.00 Finish: approx 21.00**  
*Holder: Waltham Forest*

**Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout**

**A plated tea will also be provided at the break between sessions**

This is a two session event for teams of 8.

**Essex Club Trophy for Teams of Four**

**Date: Sun 25 Oct 2015 Venue: Anglo European Start: 14.00 Finish: approx 21.00**  
*Holder: Mid Essex*

**Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout**

**A plated tea will also be provided at the break between sessions**

This is a two session event for teams of 4.

**The Ray Cornell Trophy**

(includes qualification for the Garden Cities Trophy)

**Date: Sun 21 Feb 2016 Venue: Mountnessing Start: 14.00 Finish: approx 21.00**  
*Holder: Thorpe Bay*

*2015 Garden Cities Qualifier: Mid Essex*

**Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout**

**A plated tea will also be provided at the break between sessions**

This is a two session event for teams of 4. The club whose 1st two teams have the best combined places will qualify to play in the **Garden Cities Regional Final in May 2016**

**Refreshments**

Tea, coffee, cold drinks and biscuits are provided at all events. In addition, a plated tea is provided at the club events, lunch is provided at the Senior pairs and extra light refreshments for the break are provided for the non-expert events.

**Venues**

Anglo European:	Anglo European School, Willow Green, Ingatestone, Essex CM4 0DJ
Barleylands:	Barleylands Craft Centre, Unit 60, Barleylands Road, Billericay, CM11 2UD
Little Baddow:	Little Baddow Village Hall, North Hill, CM3 4TA.
Mountnessing:	Mountnessing Village Hall, Main Road, Mountnessing CM15 0UG
Stock:	Stock Village Hall, Common Road, Stock, CM4 9NF
Thornwood:	Thornwood Common Village Hall, Weald Hall Lane, CM16 6NB
Thorpe Bay:	Old School House, Southchurch Boulevard, Thorpe Bay

## Conditions of Entry for Essex Contests and Heats

1. **Membership:** All players must be EBU members and ECBA members for other than blue pointed events. This doesn't apply to the less experienced players in "Play with an Expert" and "PRO/AM".
2. **Entries:** All entries should be sent either via the website or direct to:  
Linda Fleet, 16 Longfield Road, South Woodham Ferrers, CM3 5JN  
Telephone: 01245 225283 Email: essexbridge@googlemail.com
3. **Payment:** Payment for each entry can be made by electronic transfer or by cheque made payable to "**The Essex Contract Bridge Association**". Payment can be made on the day with an extra charge of £1 per person but it is preferred that it is made in advance. In the event of a withdrawal 24 hours or more before the competition the entrance fee will be refunded. If the withdrawal is within 24 hours refunding the entry fee is at the discretion of the Tournament Secretary.
4. **EBU Portion:** Entry fees for EBU events include the EBU portion.
5. **Size of Venue:** Entry for all Competitions is dependent on the size of the venue. Entries will be refused when an acceptable level is reached.
6. **Withdrawing:** Entries by email and the website will receive acknowledgements but any other entries will not. Reminder cards will not be sent for events. If you enter a competition and you are unable to attend, please notify the Hon. Tournament Secretary immediately as there may be a waiting list.
7. **Late Entries:** Late Entries at all events are at the Tournament Director's discretion. Players entering on the actual day of the competition will be levied an additional £1 per player.
8. **Refreshments:** Refreshments will be tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits only unless the event description says otherwise.
9. **Rules of Competitions:** The Laws of Duplicate Bridge apply to all events. Any dispute in private matches must be referred to the County Committee. In multi-table heats the decision of the Tournament Director must be accepted.
10. **Private Systems:** Private systems of bidding are not allowed.
11. **Convention Cards:** All players should have identical convention cards at all our competitions and these should be available to the opposition throughout.
12. **Session Length:** A session is approximately 24/26 boards, i.e. approximately 3 hours. Bidding boxes will be used in all events and most events will use bridgemates.
13. **Master Points:** Local Points are issued at Essex competitions in according to the EBU scales. The Pairs and the Teams of Four championships carry Green Points. The National Pairs heats, the Swiss Pairs and the George Curtis Swiss Teams, open to all EBU members, carry Blue Points.
14. **Home Venues:** All matches played in private homes should be played within the county boundaries.
15. **Teams:** In team events players must play at least a third of the boards to qualify for Local Points.
16. **Match Results:** In knockout events and league matches the result must be sent to the Hon. Tournament Secretary or Hon. League Secretary immediately after the match, giving full details of scores and teams. They can be sent by email with cc to the other captain or on a postcard signed by both captains
17. **Knockout Results:** The result of a match sent to the Hon Tournament Secretary cannot be changed.
18. **Prizes:** Prizes will be, in general, in the form of Vouchers.
19. **Correction Period:** Where results are available at the end of play the correction period will be 24 hours after the results are made available. Where results are calculated later and published on the website the correction period will be 3 days from the date of publication.

## Special Diary Dates

### Essex & Herts joint Green Pointed Weekends

July 18th/19th 2015 Swiss Pairs & Swiss Teams  
Sep 26th/27th 2015 Swiss Pairs & Swiss Teams

Contact: Mrs L Fleet tel: 07791263849 Email: linkarb@tiscali.co.uk

### EBU Events in Essex

Oct 16th 2015	Really Easy Afternoon
Dec 27th 2015	Really Easy Afternoon
Feb 28th 2016	Masters Pairs
Mar 13th 2016	National Pairs
Mar 20th 2016	Portland Pairs
Mar 25th 2016	Really Easy Afternoon
May 28th 2016	Really Easy Afternoon

A local heat of all these events will be held at the First Class Bridge Academy, Barleylands, Billericay, CM11 2UD. Entry is via the EBU. More information is available on their website: [www.ebu.co.uk](http://www.ebu.co.uk).

## Club Open Events

### Woodham Ferrers Congress

Jan 30th 2016 Swiss Pairs  
Jan 31st 2016 Swiss Teams  
Contact: L Thacker tel: 01 621 779385 Email: li\_1@hotmail.co.uk

### Collier Row

May 15th 2016 Swiss Teams  
Contact: R Elliott tel: 01 708 727557 Email: robertelliott@btinternet.com