



Essex Contract Bridge Association

A constituent member of the English Bridge Union

Competition Programme September 2016 - May 2017

- Teams events** **Essex Teams of Four Championship + Plate (KO)**
Essex Switch Cup (KO)
Sue Taylor Memorial Trophy (previously Tony Kelvin)
Mentored Switch Teams *** New event trial ***
- 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
Play with an Expert
- Events for clubs** Fletcher Trophy (for teams of eight)
Essex Club Trophy (for teams of four)
The Cornell Trophy
- Leagues** South-East Essex League
West Essex League
Friendly Fours League *** New ***

To Enter or for more information:

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**** Please note new address for entries/payments**

Date	Event	Time	Place	
2016				
Sep	2-4	Isle of Man Congress	Douglas	
	6	ECL v Northants	tba Away,	
	5-9	EBED Autumn Sim. Pairs	Clubs	
	10-18	Guernsey Congress		
	10-11	Bedford Congress	Milton Keynes	
	(Tue) 20	Mentored Switch Teams **New**	19.30	Barleylands
	24-25	Essex & Herts Green Point Weekend	Ware	
Oct	1-2	Felixstowe Congress		
	3-6	British Autumn Sim. Pairs	Clubs	
	5-11	Overseas Congress	Lake Garda	
	(Fri) 14	EBU Really Easy Afternoon	tba	Barleylands
	14-16	Autumn Congress		Peterborough
	(Wed) 26	Autumn Seniors	10.30	Thornwood Common
	30	Fletcher Trophy	14.00	Anglo European School
30	Cup for Clubs	14.00	Anglo European School	
Nov	4-6	Seniors Congress	Birmingham	
	11-17	Children in Need Sim. Pairs	Clubs	
	13	Sue Taylor Memorial Teams	13.00	Barleylands
	19-20	Tollemache Qualifier		Birmingham
	26-27	Middlesex Congress		Barnet
	27	ECL v Cambridge University	tba	Away
Dec	4	Mixed Pairs	13.00	Barleylands
	(Tue) 27	EBU Really Easy Afternoon	tba	Barleylands
	27-30	London Year End Congress		London
2017				
Jan	8	Swiss Pairs	13.00	Barleylands
	9-12	British Winter Sim. Pairs		Clubs
	6	ECL v Herts	13.00	Barleylands
	21-22	National Teams Congress		Birmingham
	21-22	SWF Congress		Woodham Ferrers
Feb	2-8	Overseas Congress		Lisbon
	(Sat) 4	Play with an Expert	14.00	Barleylands
	7-8	England Sim. Pairs (provisional)		Clubs
	11-12	Tollemache Final		Birmingham
	12	Cornell Trophy	14.00	Anglo European School
	17-19	Harrogate Congress		Harrogate
	(Sat) 18th	Gwen Herga Trophies	14.00	Barleylands
	25-26	Ranked Masters		Birmingham
26	EBU Masters Pairs	tba	Barleylands	

Date	Event	Time	Place
2017			
Mar	4-5 East Anglian/Beds/Kent Green Point events		
	12 EBU National Pairs Regional (Green pointed)	tba	Barleylands
	13-16 Club Stratified Sim Pairs		Clubs
(Wed)	15 Spring Seniors	10.30	Little Baddow
	19 EBU Portland Pairs (Green pointed)	tba	Barleylands
	26 ECL vs Suffolk	tba	Away
Apr	2-3 Norfolk Congress		Norwich
	4-7 British Spring Sim. Pairs		Clubs
	8-9 National Pairs Final (Green pointed)	tba	
	14-17 Easter Congress		London
	14 EBU Really Easy Afternoon	tbc	Barleylands
	23 Championship Pairs	13.00	Barleylands
	23 'B' Flight Pairs	13.00	Barleylands
	21-1 Lambourne Jersey Festival		Jersey
May	6 Garden Cities Regional Final		
	8-11 EBED Spring Sim Pairs		Clubs
	14 Mixed Teams followed by Essex AGM	13.00	Barleylands
	14 ECBA AGM	17.00	Barleylands
	21-22 Kent/Sussex/Northants Green Point Events		
(Sat)	27 EBU Really Easy Afternoon	tbc	Barleylands
	27-29 Spring Bank Hol Congress		Stratford

Essex Events

Essex Blue-Pointed Events

Other EBU & other county events**

Inter-county Events

EBU Events in Essex

Green-Pointed Events

(**NB most of these events (except sims) are green pointed but please check EBU or other county website)

****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 12th**, 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 1st to April 30th

Entry fee: £20 per team

Enter by date: 1st Sept 2016

The Essex Leagues are divided into two regions: South East Essex and West Essex. The Season runs from October 1st to April 30th with approximately one match per month. Teams can be entered by clubs or by a group of players (up to 6). The number of divisions depends on the number of teams in each area, and there is room for all standards of players. If you are a pair who would like to play but without team mates, let us know and we will try to match you with a pair of similar standard.

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.

***** NEW *** Friendly Fours League**

Entry fee: £20 per team

Enter by date: 1st Sept 2016

We hope to introduce a new league for teams new to League competitions. Whether this will be regionalised will depend on the number of teams. The divisions should be slightly smaller than in the main leagues so there will be fewer matches to play. Matches can either be played at home or at a club if you have a nearby club who will let you play a match on their club night (normal table money would apply). This league will only be open to teams who have not played in the main leagues. Any team who wins this league in several consecutive years (number yet to be determined) may be asked to join the main league for their area.

If you are a pair or an individual who would like to play but without team mates, let us know and we will try to match you with a pair of similar standard.

Anyone interested in entering a team should contact the League Secretary (see below) and make their entry and payment as for other competitions (see front page)

Apply to the 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

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

Sun 23 Apr 2017

at Barleylands

13.00 until approx 20.30

Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

HOLDERS: Alan Cohen & Richard Register

Entry is only to those who have given allegiance to Essex for 2016-2017 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 2017 (Corwen Trophy)**.

'B' Flight Pairs

(An event for less experienced players)

Entry Fee: £10 per Pair

Prizes : 1st £20

Sun 23 Apr 2017

at Barleylands

13.00 until approx 16.30

Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

HOLDERS: Brenda and Frans van Nuns

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.*

Sue Taylor Memorial Trophy

For the trophy presented by Mr and Mrs N Scott

Entry Fee: £36 per team

Prizes: 1st: £48, 2nd: £24

Sun 13 Nov 2016

at Barleylands

13.00 until approx 20.30

Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

HOLDERS: David Piper, Albert Kitchin, Chris Megahey & Alaric Cundy

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 Flich Trophy** presented by Mr & Mrs Fletcher
Entry Fee: £21 per pair Prizes: 1st: £50, 2nd: £30, 3rd: £20.
Sun 4 Dec 2016 at **Barleylands** **13.00 until approx 20.30**
Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout
Holder of Championship: Audrey Hartley & Ian Moss
Holder of the Flich: Terence & Ann Clark

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

Swiss Pairs

(AN ESSEX BLUE POINTED EVENT)
Entry Fee: £25 per pair Prizes: 1st: £50, 2nd: £24, 3rd: £12
Sun 8 Jan 2017 at **Barleylands** **13.00 until approx 20.30**
Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout
Holder: Paul Spencer & Marc Chawner

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
Sat 18 Feb 2017 at **Barleylands** **14.00 until approx 22.30**
Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout
Ladies holders: Jill Hair & Tanya Genthe
Men's holders: Alaric Cundy and Chris Megahey

This is a single session event playing approx 24 boards. There will be two separate sections for Ladies' Pairs and Men's Pairs.

Play with an Expert

Entry Fee: £10 Prizes: 1st: £24, 2nd: £12
Sat 4 Feb 2017 at **Barleylands** **14.00 until approx 18.00**
Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout
Closing Date for Entries: 28th Jan 2017
Holder: Stephen Monk & Jon Ward

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. 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.

*****New*** Mentored Switch Teams**

Entry Fee £15 per team (£5 each per non-expert player) prizes: tba
Tue 20 Sep 2016 at **Barleylands** **19.30 until approx 22.30**
Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout
Closing Date for Entries: Sept 16th
Holder: New Event

This will be a single session event of approximately 21 boards for teams comprising 1 expert mentor and three players with less than 10,000 masterpoints with the mentor partnering each other player for 1/3 of the boards. Ideally non-experts should enter as a threesome, but we will endeavour to make up teams from individuals and partners who enter separately. You can also either enter with your own "expert" let us find you one..

Daytime Seniors' Pairs and Essex Seniors' Cup

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

Entry Fee: £30 per pair/session Prizes each event: 1st: £24, 2nd: £12
Prize for overall winners: 1st: £40, 2nd: £20

Wed 13 Jul 2016	Thorpe Bay	10.30 for 11.00 to approx. 15.30
Wed 26 Oct 2016	Thornwood	10.30 for 11.00 to approx. 15.30
Wed 15 Mar 2017	Little Baddow	10.30 for 11.00 to approx. 15.30

Tea, coffee, biscuits etc from 10.30

Lunch will also be provided

Cup Holder: Graham Foster & Marc Chawner

Summer: Graham Foster & Marc Chawner Autumn: Tony Philpott & Nigel Bardsley

Spring: Linda Fleet & Albert Kitchin

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

Sun 30 Oct 2016 **at Anglo European** **14.00 until approx 21.00**
Holder: Southend & Leigh
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

Sun 30 Oct 2016 **at Anglo European** **14.00 until approx 21.00**
Holder: Lingwood
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. Teams are normally entered by clubs. If your club is not entering a team or you have not been selected and would like to play, please contact us and we will try to find you another pair and club to represent or be entered as an independent team.

The Ray Cornell Trophy

(includes qualification for the Garden Cities Trophy)

Sun 12 Feb 2017 **at Anglo European** **14.00 until approx 21.00**
Holder: Chelmsford
2016 Garden Cities Qualifier: Chelmsford
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 2017**

Refreshments at ECBA Events

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.
Thornwood:	Thornwood Common Village Hall, Weald Hall Lane, CM16 6NB
Thorpe Bay:	Old School House, Southchurch Boulevard, Thorpe Bay, SS2 4XA

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:
Post: Linda Fleet, 64 Gandalfs Rise, South Woodham Ferrers, CM3 5WS
Telephone: Val/Paul Mollison 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 (see rules for Knockout Competitions and League rules on the website). In multi-table heats the decision of the Tournament Director must be accepted.
10. **Private Systems:** Private systems of bidding are not allowed. All competitions are level 4 unless otherwise stated.
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 Championship Pairs and the Teams of Four championships carry Green Points. 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 entered via the EBUKnockout/EBUleague management system as appropriate or sent to the Knockout event organiser 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 knockout competition organiser cannot be changed except where that the result is marked "subject to ruling [/appeal]" as stated in the knockout competition rules.
- 18. Prizes:** Prizes will be, in general, in the form of cash
- 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

Sep 24th/25th 2016 Swiss Pairs & Swiss Teams

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

EBU Events in Essex

Oct 14th 2016	Really Easy Afternoon
Dec 27th 2016	Really Easy Afternoon
Feb 26th 2017	Masters Pairs
Mar 12th 2017	National Pairs
Mar 19th 2017	Portland Pairs
Apr 14th 2017	Really Easy Afternoon
May 27th 2017	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.

Club Open Events

Woodham Ferrers Congress

Jan 21st 2017 Swiss Pairs

Jan 22nd 2017 Swiss Teams

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