



Competition Programme 2019-20

Events in this program

- Teams events** Sue Taylor Memorial Trophy (previously Tony Kelvin)
Essex Mixed Teams of 4
Swiss Pairs Margaret Curtis Trophy
(Previously George Curtis Memorial)
- KO Teams events** **Essex Teams of 4 Championship** + Plate**
(* option for direct entry into the plate competition)
Essex Switch Cup
- Pairs events** **Essex County Pairs Championship**
(plus 'B' flight pairs)
Essex Mixed Pairs Championship – (inc. Flicht)
Swiss Pairs
Gwen Herga Trophies (Men's Pairs & Ladies' Pairs)
Daytime Seniors' Pairs and Seniors' Cup
- Interclub events** Fletcher Trophy (for teams of eight)
Essex Club Trophy (for teams of four)
Ray Cornell Trophy
Club Pairs
- Leagues** Premier League
South-East Essex League
West Essex League
Friendly Fours League

To Enter or for more information on above events :

ECBA website: www.essexbridge.co.uk

email: essexbridge@googlemail.com

Post: Linda Fleet, 64 Gandalf's Rise, South Woodham Ferrers, CM3 5WS

Tel: Val/Paul Mollison 01245 225283 (last minute entries/cancellations only)

Essex & Herts joint Weekends

Green Point weekend : July 20th & 21st 2019 Swiss Pairs & Swiss Teams
Essex/Herts Congress: Sep 21st & 22nd 2019 Swiss Pairs & Swiss Teams

EBU Events in Essex

Masters pairs	Mar 1 st 2020
National Pairs	Mar 15 th 2020
Portland Pairs	Mar 29 th 2020

A local heat of these events these events will be held at the First Class Bridge Academy, Barleylands, Billericay, CM11 2UD. Entry is via the EBU.

Woodham Ferrers Congress

Jan 25th & 26th Swiss Pairs & Swiss Teams

Contact: L Thacker tel: 01 621 779385 Email: li_1@hotmail.co.uk

Refreshments at ECBA Events

Tea, coffee, cold drinks and biscuits are provided at all events. In addition, a plated tea/lunch is provided at the club events, and at the Senior pairs.

Venues

Anglo European: Anglo European School,
Willow Green, Ingatestone, Essex CM4 0DJ

Barleylands: Barleylands Craft Centre,
Unit 60, Barleylands Road, Billericay, CM11 2UD

CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Place
<u>2019</u>			
Apr 1	ECL v Northants (home)	14.00	Barleylands
May (26)-5	Jersey Congress		Jersey
6 & 8	(Mon & Wed) WBF Sim. Pairs		Clubs
13-16	(Mon-Thu) EBED Spring Sim. Pairs		Clubs
8	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30	Barleylands
12	Mixed Teams followed by ...	13.00	Barleylands
12	ECBA AGM	17.00	Barleylands
18-19	Kent/Sussex/Northants (+2 more) GP Pairs/Teams		
19	ECL v Cambridge University (Away)		TBA
25-27	Spring Bank Holiday Congress		Stratford
Jun 1-2	Corwen		Daventry
7-8	(Fri & Sat) WBF Simultaneous Pairs		Clubs
8-9	Pachabo		Bedford
9	Club Pairs	13.00	Barleylands
12	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30	Barleylands
22-23	Beds/Berks&Bucks/Leics/Dorset GP Pairs/Teams		
28-30	English Riviera Congress		Torquay
30	Margaret Curtis Teams	13.00	Barleylands
July 5-7	Summer Seniors		Eastbourne
10	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30	Barleylands
11	(Thu) Kidney Research Sims		Clubs
13-14	London Congress		
17	(Wed) Summer Seniors	10.30	Barleylands
20-21	Essex/Herts GP Pairs/Teams	12.00	Ware
22-25	(Mon-Thu) British Summer Sim. Pairs		Clubs
24-28	Scarborough Congress (Incl. Seniors Pairs)		Scarborough
Aug 2-11	EBU Summer Meeting		Eastbourne
14	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30	Barleylands
18	ECL v Herts (Away)		TBA

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<u>2019</u>			
Sep	2-6 (Mon-Thu) EBED Autumn Simultaneous Pairs Clubs		
	7-8 Bedford Congress		TBA
	8 ECL v Suffolk (Home)	14.00	Barleylands
	15 Metropolitan Cup		TBA
	6-15 Guernsey Congress		Guernsey
	11 (Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30	Barleylands
	21-11 Essex/Herts Congress	12.00	Ware
	28-29 Surrey/Derbyshire GP Pairs/Teams		
	Great Northern Swiss pairs		Leeds
Oct	5-6 Felixstowe Congress		Felixstowe
	7-10 (Mon-Thu) British Autumn Sim. Pairs		Clubs
	8-14 Overseas Congress		Sicily
	18-20 Autumn Congress		Daventry
	23 (Wed) Autumn Seniors	10.30	Barleylands
	27 Fletcher Trophy	14.00	Anglo European
	27 Cup for Clubs	14.00	Anglo European
Nov	1-3 Seniors Congress		Daventry
	8 (Fri) Children in Need Sim. Pairs		Clubs
	11 Sue Taylor Memorial Teams	13.00	Barleylands
	11-14 (Mon-Thu) Children in Need Sim.Pairs		Clubs
	16-17 Tollemache Qualifier		TBA
	23-24 Middlesex GP Congress		TBA
Dec	1 ECL v Beds (Away)		TBA
	8 Mixed Pairs	13.00	Barleylands
	27-30 London & Blackpool Year End Congress		London & Blackpool

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Jan	4-6 Midland Counties Congress		TBA
	12 Swiss Pairs	13.00	Barleylands
	13-16 (Mon-Thu) British Winter Sim.		Clubs
	18 (Sat) Gwen Herga Trophies	14.00	Barleylands
	25-26 National Point-a-Board Teams		London
	25-26 SWF Congress		Barleylands

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2020				
Feb	2	ECL v Norfolk (Home)	14.00	Barleylands
	3-6	Bridge England Sim Pairs		Clubs
	5-11	Overseas Congress (provisional)		TBA
	12	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30	Barleylands
	16-17	Tollemache Final		TBA
	16	Cornell Trophy	14.00	Barleylands
	21-23	Harrogate Congress		Harrogate
	23	ECL v Cambs & Hunts (Home)	14.00	Barleylands
Mar	(29)-1	Ranked Masters		TBA
	1	EBU Masters Pairs Heat	TBA	Barleylands
	7-8	East Anglia, Beds, Kent (+ 2 other) GP Pairs/Teams		Clubs
	9-12	(Mon-Thu) Club Stratified Sim. Pairs		Clubs
	11	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30	Barleylands
	15	EBU National Pairs Heat	TBA	Barleylands
	21-22	Norfolk Congress		Norwich
	25	(Wed) Spring Seniors	10.30	Barleylands
	29	EBU Portland Pairs Heat	TBA	Barleylands
Apr	6-9	(Mon-Thu) British Simultaneous Pairs		Clubs
	8	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30	Barleylands
	18-19	National Pairs Final		TBA
	10-13	Easter Congresses		London & TBA
	24-(3)	Lambourne Jersey Festival		Jersey
	25	(Sat) Garden Cities Regional Final		various
	26	Championship Pairs & 'B' Flight	13.00	Barleylands
	29-(2)	EBED Spring Simultaneous Pairs		Clubs
May	(24)-3	Lambourne Jersey Festival		Jersey
	1-3	Cheltenham Congress		Cheltenham
	9-10	Swiss Teams Congress		TBA
	10	Mixed Teams followed by ...	13.00	Barleylands
	10	ECBA AGM	17.00	Barleylands
	13	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30	Barleylands

Essex Events

Green-Point Weekends

EBU Events in Essex

Inter-county Events

Essex Blue-Pointed Events

Other EBU & other county events

Premier, 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 2019

The Essex Leagues consists of one premier division plus further divisions 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 caters 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.

Friendly Fours League

Entry fee: £20 per team

Enter by date: 1st Sept 2019

This is a league for teams new to League competitions. This will be regionalised depending 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)

For entry into both of the above, 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

KNOCK-OUT TEAMS EVENTS

ESSEX TEAMS OF FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP **for the GRANT CUP (A Green Pointed Event)**

Entry fee: £30.00 per team

Closing date for entries: 31st May 2019

(includes entry into plate for 1st and 2nd round losers)

This is the major Essex competition for teams and it is a green pointed event. It is a knock-out event played throughout the year with losing teams from the early rounds competing in a plate competition. All matches will be played in players' own homes. The winners or runners-up will have the opportunity of representing Essex in the **EBU Pachabo Cup** if they wish to do so.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. All players must be full members of the ECBA.
2. A team can consist of up to 6 players (only 4 need be named at the time of entry). All players must be eligible to play for Essex in the Pachabo Cup, and for the county in the current season.
3. The competition is a knock-out teams event, score by IMPs and will be in two parts:
Championship: There will be a progressive knock-out for the Championship.
Plate: (if > 4 teams) with a new draw. All first and second round losers (if < 32 teams); plus third round losers (if > 32 teams) are eligible to take part.
4. In the Championship the semi-final will be 48 boards, and the final 64 boards. Captains may agree a lesser number. All other rounds will be 32 boards.
5. First round to be completed by Sep 30th and the whole competition by the following April.

Essex Teams of Four Plate

Entry fee: £10.00 per team

Closing date for entries: 1st Dec 2019

(free for Teams of 4 early round losers)

We have introduced an option to enter directly into the plate competition. to join losing teams from the early rounds of the Teams of 4 Championship All matches will be played in the players' own homes.

A team can consist of up to 6 players, (only 4 need be named at the time of entry). The competition is a knock-out event, scored by IMPs. The plate the final will be 48 boards. Captains may agree a lesser number. All other rounds will be 32 boards. Play by dates will be published when we know how many teams are competing.

ESSEX SWITCH CUP FOR TEAMS OF FOUR

Entry fee: £18.00 per team

Closing date for entries: 31st May 2019

The contest will be a knock-out event played throughout the year with matches played in players' own homes. 4 players only will play in any one match. Each match will be 30 boards (*final 48 boards - captains may agree a lesser number*) with aggregate scoring (honours count). Each player **must** play with each other member of the team for an equal number of boards; the captains play against each other for the whole match. The team captains will be notified of the draw and play-by dates once the draw has been made.

Pairs Competitions

Essex County Pairs Championship

(AN ESSEX GREEN POINTED EVENT)

For the Burrows Trophies

Entry fee: £30 per pair

Prizes: Final

1st: £60, 2nd: £40, 3rd: £20

Consolation

1st: £24, 2nd: £12

Heat winners

1st: £10

Sun 26 Apr 2020

at Barleylands

13.00 until approx 20.30

Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

*Entry is only to those who have given allegiance to Essex for 2019-20. 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 2020 (Corwen Trophy)**.*

'B' Flight Pairs

(An event for less experienced players)

Entry Fee: £10 per Pair

Prizes: 1st £20

Sun 26 Apr 2020

at Barleylands

13.00 until approx 16.30

Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

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 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.*

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.

Sun 8 Dec 2019

at Barleylands

13.00 until approx 20.30

Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

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 overall winners.

Swiss Pairs

(AN ESSEX BLUE POINTED EVENT)

Entry Fee: £25 per pair

Prizes: 1st: £50, 2nd: £24, 3rd: £12

Sun 12 Jan 2020

at Barleylands

13.00 until approx 20.30

Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

This is a one-day two-session event, 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 Jan 2020

at Barleylands

14.00 until approx 22.30

Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

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

Essex Club Pairs

Entry fee: £10 per pair

Sun 9 Jun 2019

at Barleylands

13.00 until approx 17.30

Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

Essex clubs are invited to enter up to 4 pairs to represent their club in this competition. Players must not be present or past members of the Essex squad. Players will play about 32 boards with a short break in the middle. There will be a cup for the winners and also a prize of a set of 24 packs of EBU cards for the club whose top two pairs have the highest combined score.

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 17 Jul 2019 at Barleylands 10.30 for 10.45 to approx. 15.30

Wed 23 Oct 2019 at Barleylands 10.30 for 10.45 to approx. 15.30

Wed 25 Mar 2020 at Barleylands 10.30 for 10.45 to approx. 15.30

Tea, coffee, biscuits etc from 10.30.

A plated lunch will also be provided.

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

Approximately 30 boards will be played at each of the three events (subject to number of entries). 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.)

Teams Competitions

Essex Mixed Teams of Four Contest

for the ALLEN – SOPP BOWL

Entry fee: £20 per team.

Sun 10 May 2020 **at Barleylands** **13.00 until approx 16.30**
Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

This is a teams event for teams of four open to all members of the ECBA. Each team must contain at least one man and one woman. Each team will play as many of the other teams as possible. *Please note that is event will be followed by the AGM after a short break for refreshments (wine and cheese) for those attending the AGM*

Margaret Curtis (formerly Curtis Memorial) Trophy

Entry fee: £36 per team

Sun 30 Jun 2019 **at Barleylands** **13.00 until approx 20.00**
Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

This is a two session Swiss Teams event for teams of four. The organizers reserve the right to change the competition to multi-teams if there are too few entries.

Sue Taylor Memorial Trophy

A Blue Pointed Event

For the trophy presented by Mr and Mrs N Scott

Entry Fee: £36 per team

Prizes: 1st: £48, 2nd: £24

Sun 10 Nov 2019 **at Barleylands** **13.00 until approx 20.30**
Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

This is a two-session Swiss Teams competition open to all members of the EBU. This may be changed to multiple Teams format If there are insufficient teams for a Swiss Competition

Inter Club Teams Events

Fletcher Trophy for Club Teams of 8

Entry arranged via clubs

Sun 27 Oct 2019 **at Anglo European School** **14.00 until approx 21.00**
Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

This is a two-session event for teams of 8.

Essex Club Trophy for Club Teams of 4

Entry arranged via clubs

Sun 27 Oct 2019 **at Anglo European School** **14.00 until approx 21.00**
Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

This is a two-session event for teams of 4.

The Ray Cornell Trophy for Club Teams of 4

(includes qualification for the Garden Cities Trophy)

Entry arranged via clubs

Sun 16 Feb 2020 **at Barleylands** **14.00 until approx 21.00**
Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

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 **Apr 2020**

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 EBU Knockout/EBU League 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.
- 20. Best Behaviour Policy:** By entering an ECBA competition players agree to abide by the EBU Best Behaviour Policy. Full details can be found on the EBU website: www.ebu.co.uk/documents/laws-and-ethics/articles/best-behaviour-at-bridge.pdf.