



Essex Contract Bridge Association

A constituent member of the English Bridge Union

Calendar

September 2014 - May 2015

Date	Event	Time	Place
Sept.	1-5	BP Bridge holiday	Lancs.
	5-7	Isle of Man Congress	
	8-12	EBU Autumn Sim Pairs	Clubs
	12-21	Guernsey Congress	
	13-14	Bedford Congress	Milton Keynes
	21	Fletcher Trophy	Navestock
	21	Essex Club Cup	Navestock
	25	Autumn Pairs League (1)	Barleylands
	27-28	Herts/Essex GP	
Oct.	4-5	Felixstowe Congress	
	6-10	British Sim Pairs	Clubs
	8-14	Overseas Congress	Montenegro
	12	E. C. L. v Norfolk	Wymondham
	17-19	Autumn Congress	Peterborough
	23	Autumn Pairs League (2)	Barleylands
	24-26	Really Easy Congress	Wroxton
	29	Autumn Seniors Pairs	Thornwood
	31-2	Seniors' Congress	Birmingham
Nov.	3-7	BP Bridge holiday	Northants
	7	Children in Need - Sim. Pairs	Clubs (prov.)
	9	Tony Kelvin Trophy	Danbury
	10-13	Children in Need - Sim. Pairs	Clubs (prov.)
	16	E. C. L. v Cambs. & Hunts.	Thornwood
	17-20	Buffet Cup	Monaco
	22-23	Tollemache - Qualifying round	Birmingham
	27	Autumn Pairs League (3)	Barleylands
	29-30	Middlesex GP Congress	
Dec.	7	Mixed Pairs	Romford
	27-30	Year End Congress	London
Jan.	5-9	British Winter Sim Pairs	Clubs
	11	Swiss Pairs	Danbury
	17-18	National Teams Congress	Birmingham
	24-25	Woodham Ferrers Congress	
	30	National Pairs - Heat	Stock
Feb	1	E. C. L. v Northants	tba
	5-10	Overseas Congress	Lanzarote
	13	Gwen Herga	Stock
	14-15	Tollemache Final	W. Bromwich
	15	E. C. L. v Cambs Univ.	tba
	22	The Ray Cornell Trophy	Mountnessing
	28-1	Ranked Masters	Birmingham
Mar.	7-8	East Anglia & London GP W/d	Ipswich
	8	Bedfordshire GP Teams	tba
	8	Kent GP Pairs	tba
	9-13	Stratified Sim. Pairs	Clubs
	11	Spring Senior Pairs	Little Baddow
	15	National Pairs Regional Final	tba
Mar.	15	Play with an Expert	Barleylands
	22	Portland Pairs	
	26	Spring Pairs League (1)	Barleylands
	27-29	Norfolk Congress	Norwich
Apr.	3-6	Easter Festival	London
	7-10	British Sim. Pairs	Clubs
	12	Championship Pairs	Navestock
	13	British Sim. Pairs	Clubs

	18-19	National Pairs Final		W. Bromwich
	23	Spring Pairs League (2)	13.00	Barleylands
	24-3	Lambourne Jersey Festival		Jersey
May	1-5	Schapiro Spring Foursomes		Stratford
	5-8	EBU Spring Sim. Pairs		Clubs
	9	Garden Cities Regional Finals		
	10	Collier Row Swiss Teams		Romford
	11	EBU Spring Sim. Pairs		Clubs
	16	Annual General Meeting		tba
	17	Kent Swiss Teams		
	20	Mixed Teams	19.30	tba
	23-25	Spring Bank Holiday Congress		Bournemouth
	28	Spring Pairs League (3)	13.00	Barleylands
	30-31	Corwen Trophy		Birmingham
Essex events,		Inter-County events	Green pointed events	
Blue Pointed events		EBU and other counties' events		

Competition entries to the Hon Tournament Secretary

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 Tel: 01245 471315 email: essexbridge@googlemail.com
 or direct from our website: <http://www.essexbridge.co.uk>

Essex Competitions

Tony Kelvin Memorial Trophy

For the trophy presented by Mr and Mrs N Scott

Entry Fee: £36 per team

Date: Sun. 9 Nov. 2014

Venue: Danbury

Prizes: 1st: £80, 2nd: £60, (3rd: £30)

Start time: 13.00

Holders: Peter Richardson, Colin Elliot, Ben Hackenroch & John Stimson

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

Date: Sun. 7 Dec. 2014

Venue: Romford

Prizes: 1st: £50, 2nd: £30, 3rd: £20.

Start time: 14.00

Holders of Championship: Val Mollison & Paul Mollison

Holders of the Flitch: Bill & Angela West

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

Swiss Pairs

Entry Fee: £25 per pair

Date: Sun. 11 Jan. 2015

Venue: Danbury

Prizes: 1st: £50, 2nd: £30, 3rd: £20

Start time: 13.00

Holders: Chris Chorley & Paddy Murray

This is a two-session event. It will be computer scored with results round by round.

National Pairs Championship (Essex Heat)

Entry Fee: £16 per pair

Date: Fri. 30 Jan. 2015

Venue: Stock

Start time: 19.30

Holders: Richard Register & John Sutcliffe

This is the Essex open heat of the National Pairs Competition. The number of qualifiers for the Eastern Final depends on the entry in each heat, according to the scale laid down by the EBU. There are two national finals, one open to all and the other open to pairs with no more than one life master (and none higher). See your EBU diary for further details.

Trophies awarded to the highest placed Essex pair qualifying through an Essex heat.

Gwen Herga Trophies

Ladies' Pairs & Men's Pairs

Entry Fee: £13 per pair

Date: Fri. 13 Feb. 2015

Venue: Stock

Prizes: 1st: £24, 2nd: £12.

Start time: 19.30

Ladies holders: June Brown & Angela Fenton Men's holders: Geoff Wootton & Tony Verran

If there are sufficient entries there will be two single session events, for Ladies' Pairs and Men's Pairs. Otherwise the sessions will be combined.

Play with an Expert

Entry Fee: £10

Date: Sun. 15 Mar. 2015

Venue: Barleylands

Holder: Tom Ruttley & Alison Spencer

Prizes: 1st: 24, 2nd: £12

Start time: 13.00

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.

Essex County Pairs Championship

(A 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: £20, 2nd: £10

Prizes for heat winners: £10

Date: Sun. 12 April 2015

Venue: Navestock

Start time: 14.00

Holders: Gad Chadha & Theo Todman

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 May 2015** (Corwen Trophy).

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. 9 Jul. 2014

Venue: Thorpe Bay

Start time: 10.30

Date: Wed. 29 Oct. 2014

Venue: Thornwood

Start time: 10.30

Date: Wed. 11 Mar. 2015

Venue: Little Baddow

Start time: 10.30

Cup Holder: Mike Wren

Summer: Richard Perriman & Mike Wren

Autumn: Chris Chorley & Mike Wren

Spring: Catriona Lovett & Mike Harbour

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)

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 **8th March 2015** Novice and county level players interested in taking part in this event should contact the Hon. Tournament Secretary. Closer to the day players will be told who their partner will be, to help them form their partnership for the day.

Pairs League

Autumn Winners: Mike Graham & Ian Moss Spring Winners: Mike Graham & Ian Moss

Entry fee: £20 each for 3 sessions

Prizes: 1st: £60, 2nd: £40.

Dates: Thursdays

Venue: Barleylands

Start time: 13.00

Autumn Pairs League: 25 Sep. 2014, 23 Oct. 2014, 27 Nov. 2014

Spring Pairs League: 26 Mar. 2015, 23 Apr. 2015, 28 May 2015

A "pair" can consist of 2 or 3 players. In divisions of approximately 10 pairs, players will play matches against all others in their division. At the end of each series 2 pairs will be promoted and 2 pairs demoted from each division, with some flexibility allowing for pairs dropping out and new pairs entering.

South-East Essex and West Essex Leagues

The league season is from September to April

Entry fee: £20 per team

In the Summer there are: the Premier League for the top four teams in each Division 1

The League KO Cup

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

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

Telephone: 01268 533961 Mobile: 07973 925315

Email: essexbridgeleagues@btconnect.com

Venues

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

Danbury: Danbury Sports & Social Centre, Dawson Field, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ

Little Baddow: Little Baddow Village Hall, North Hill, CM3 4TA.
 Navestock: Navestock Side Village Hall, Navestock Side, Brentwood, CM14 5SD
 Romford: North Romford Community Centre, Clockhouse Road, Romford, RM5 3QL
 Stock: Stock Village Hall, Common Road, Stock, CM4 9NF
 Thornwood: Thornwood Common Village Hall, Weald Hall Lane, CM16 6NB
 Mountnessing Village Hall, Main Road, Mountnessing, CM15 0UH.

Refreshments

Refreshments are provided at the club events, the Senior pairs and non-expert events. At all other competitions only tea, coffee or cold drinks and biscuits will be available.

Events for Clubs

(These competitions are arranged through your clubs.)

Fletcher Trophy for teams of Eight
Essex Club Trophy for Teams of Four

Saturday 25th October 2014
 Saturday 25th October 2014

The Ray Cornell Trophy
 (includes qualification for the Garden Cities Trophy)

Sunday February 22nd 2015

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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 does not 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 the Hon. Tournament Secretary:
Mr. E. Cockle, Aelfgar, Chelmsford Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9RE
Telephone: 01245 471315 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 and coffee 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, 3hours. 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, by email with cc to the other captain, or on a postcard signed by both captains, immediately after the match giving full details of scores and teams.
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.