



Competition Programme 2018-19

Events in this program

- Teams events** Sue Taylor Memorial Trophy (previously Tony Kelvin)
Essex Mixed Teams of 4
George Curtis Memorial Trophy
- 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. Fritch)
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** 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

Essex & Herts joint Weekends

Green Point weekend: July 21st & 22nd 2018 Swiss Pairs & Swiss Teams
Essex/Herts Congress: Sep 15th & 16th 2018 Swiss Pairs & Swiss Teams

Contact: Mrs L Fleet tel: 07791 263849 Email: linkarb@tiscali.co.uk

EBU Events in Essex

Masters pairs Feb 24th 2019
National Pairs Mar 10th 2019
Portland Pairs Mar 24th 2019

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. More information at: www.ebu.co.uk.

Woodham Ferrers Congress

Jan 26th & 27th 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
Thornwood: Thornwood Common Village Hall, Weald Hall Lane, CM16 6NB
Thorpe Bay: Old School House, Southchurch Boulevard, Thorpe Bay, SS2 4XA

Date	Event	Time	Place
2018			
May	(27)-7	Jersey Congress	Jersey
	(30)-3	(Mon-Thu) EBED Spring Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
	7 & 9	(Mon & Wed) WBF Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
	9	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30 Barleylands
	13	Mixed Teams followed by Essex AGM	13.00 Barleylands
	13	ECBA AGM	17.00 Barleylands
	19-20	Kent/Sussex/Northants (+2 more) GP Wk/ends	
26-28	Spring Bank Holiday Congress	Stratford upon Avon	
Jun	1/2	(Fri & Sat) WBF Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
	2/3	Corwen	Daventry
	9/10	Pachabo	TBC
	10	Club Pairs	13.00 Barleylands
	13	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30 Barleylands
	16/17	Beds/Berks&Bucks/Leicester/Dorset GP Wk/ends	
	17	George Curtis Teams	13.00 Barleylands
	23	(Sat) Garden Cities Final	Solihull
24	Inter Counties League Final (prov)	TBC	
July	(29)-1	English Riviera Congress	Torquay
	1	ECL v Northants (away)	TBA
	6-8	Summer Seniors	Eastbourne
	11	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30 Barleylands
	12	(Thu) Kidney Research Sims	Clubs
	14/15	London Congress	
	18	(Wed) Summer Seniors	10.30 Thorpe Bay
	23-26	(Mon-Thu) British Summer Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
21-22	Essex/Herts GP Weekend	12.00 Wodson Park,	
25-29	Scarborough Congress (Incl Seniors Pairs)	Scarborough	
Aug	3-5	EBU Summer Meeting Pairs Weekend	London
	6-7	(Mon-Tue) EBU Summer Meeting midweek events	London
	8	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30 Barleylands
	15/16	(Wed-Thu) EBU Summer Meeting midweek events	London
	17-19	EBU Summer Meeting Teams Weekend	London
Sep	1-2	Crockfords Finals	TBA
	2	ECL v Herts (Home)	13.00 Barleylands
	3-7	(Mon-Thu) EBED Autumn Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
	8-9	Bedford Congress	TBA
	8-10	Isle of Man Congress	Douglas
	7-16	Guernsey Congress	Guernsey
	12	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30 Barleylands
	15-16	Essex/Herts Congress (Pairs & Teams)	12.00 Wodson Park, Ware
	22-23	Surrey/Derbyshire GP W/End	
29-30	West of England Congress Great Northern Swiss pairs	Weston-super-mare Leeds	
Oct	1-4	(Mon-Thu) British Autumn Simultaneous. Pairs	Clubs
	6-7	Felixstowe Congress	Felixstowe
	8-14	Overseas Congress	Cadiz
	13-14	Gold Cup Finals	London
	19-21	Autumn Congress (prov)	Daventry
	24	(Wed) Autumn Seniors	10.30 Thornwood Common
	28	Fletcher Trophy	14.00 Anglo European
28	Cup for Clubs	14.00 Anglo European	

Nov	2-4	Seniors Congress	TBA
	9	(Fri) Children in Need Simultaneous. Pairs	Clubs
	11	Sue Taylor Memorial Teams	13.00 Barleylands
	12-15	(Mon-Thu) Children in Need Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
	17-18	Tollemache Qualifier	TBA
	24-25	Middlesex Congress	TBA
Dec	9	Mixed Pairs	13.00 Barleylands
	16	ECL v Suffolk (away)	TBA
	27-30	London & Blackpool Year End Congress	London & Blackpool

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Jan	4-6	Midland Counties Congress	TBA
	6	ECL v Beds (Home)	13.00 Barleylands
	7-10	(mon-Thu) British Winter Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
	13	Swiss Pairs	13.00 Barleylands
	19-20	National Point-a-Board Teams	London
	19	(Sat) Gwen Herga Trophies	14.00 Barleylands
	26-27	SWF Congress	Barleylands
Feb	(30)-6	Overseas Congress (provisional)	TBA
	3	ECL v Cambridge University (Away)	TBA
	8-10	Harrogate Congress	Harrogate
	10	ECL v Norfolk (Away)	TBA
	13	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30 Barleylands
	16-17	Tollemache Final	TBA
	17	Cornell Trophy	14.00 Anglo European
	23-24	Ranked Masters	TBA
	24	EBU Masters Pairs Heat	TBA Barleylands
Mar	2-3	Beds, Kent (+ 2 other) Green Point Weekends	TBC
	10	EBU National Pairs Regional Heat	TBA Barleylands
	11-14	(Mon-Thu) Club Stratified Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
	13	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30 Barleylands
	16-17	Norfolk Congress	Norwich
	20	(Wed) Spring Seniors	10.30 Barleylands
	24	EBU Portland Pairs Heat	TBA Barleylands
Apr	1-4	(Mon-Thu) British Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
	6-7	National Pairs Final	TBA
	10	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30 Barleylands
	14	Championship Pairs & 'B' Flight Pairs	13.00 Barleylands
	19-22	Easter Congresses	London & TBA
	27	(Sat) Garden Cities Regional Final	various
	26-(5)	Lambourne Jersey Festival	Jersey
	27-28	Shropshire Congress	TBC
	29-(2)	EBED Spring Simultaneous Pairs	Clubs
May	(26)-5	Lambourne Jersey Festival	Jersey
	3-5	Cheltenham Congress	Cheltenham
	8	(Wed) Warboys Heat	19.30 Barleylands
	11-12	Swiss Teams Congress	TBA
	12	Mixed Teams followed by Essex AGM	13.00 Barleylands
	12	ECBA AGM	17.00 Barleylands

Essex Events

Essex Blue-Pointed Events

Inter-county Events

EBU Events in Essex

Green-Point Weekends

Other EBU & other county events

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 2018

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 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.

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.

Friendly Fours League

Entry fee: £20 per team

Enter by date: 1st Sept 2018

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

Closing date for entries: 31st May 2018

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 the 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 of whom 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 of 48 boards, and the final 64 boards. In the plate the final will be of 48 boards. Captains may agree a lesser number. All other rounds will consist of 32 boards.
5. First round to be completed by September 30th and the whole competition by the following April.

Essex Teams of Four Plate

*Entry fee: £10.00 per team (free for Teams of 4
early round losers)*

Closing date for entries: 1st Dec 2018

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 of whom need be named at the time of entry. The competition is a knock-out teams event, score by IMPs. The plate the final will be 48 boards. Captains may agree a lesser number. All other rounds will consist of 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 2018

The contest will be a knock-out event played throughout the year with matches played in the players' own homes. Four players only will play in any one match. Each match will consist of 30 boards of duplicate bridge 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. The final will be a match of 48 boards, each member of the team playing 16 boards with each other. Captains may agree a lesser number.

Pairs 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 14 Apr 2019
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 2017-18. 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 2018 (Corwen Trophy)**.*

'B' Flight Pairs

(An event for less experienced players)

Entry Fee: £10 per Pair
Prizes : 1st £20

Sun 14 Apr 2019
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 Flicht Trophy** presented by Mr & Mrs Fletcher

Entry Fee: £21 per pair
Prizes: 1st: £50, 2nd: £30, 3rd: £20.

Sun 9 Dec 2018
at Barleylands **13.00 until approx 20.30**
Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

This will be a one day two session event. The Flicht 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 13 Jan 2019
at Barleylands **13.00 until approx 20.30**
Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

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

Teams Competitions

Essex Mixed Teams of Four Contest

for the ALLEN – SOPP BOWL

Entry fee: £20 per team.

Sun 13 May 2018

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*

George Curtis Memorial Trophy

A Blue Pointed Event

Entry fee: £36 per team

Sun 17 Jun 2018

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 open to all members of the EBU. The organizers reserve the right to change the competition to multi-teams if there are too few entries.

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 11 Nov 2018

at Barleylands

13.00 until approx 20.30

Tea, coffee, biscuits etc available throughout

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

Fletcher Trophy for Club Teams of 8

Entry arranged via clubs

Sun 28 Oct 2018

at Anglo European

14.00 until approx 21.00

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 Club Teams of 4

Entry arranged via clubs

Sun 28 Oct 2018

at Barleylands

14.00 until approx 21.00

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 for Club Teams of 4

(includes qualification for the Garden Cities Trophy)

Entry arranged via clubs

Sun 17 Feb 2019

at Anglo European

14.00 until approx 21.00

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 **Apr 2019**

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.