



Essex Contract Bridge Association

A constituent member of the English Bridge Union

SUMMER COMPETITIONS April 2015 to September 2015

Calendar: April – September 2015

Date	Event	start	Venue
April	3 - 6		London
	7 - 9 & 13		Clubs
	12	Essex Championship Pairs GP	14.00 Navestock
	18 - 19		
	19	E. C. L. v Suffolk	13.00 Barleylands
	23 - 30		Jersey festival
May	1 - 3		Jersey Festival
	1 - 5		Schapiro Spring Fours
	5 - 7		EBU Spring Sim. Pairs
	9		Garden Cities Regional Finals
	10		Collier Row Swiss Teams (BP)
	16	Essex AGM	17.00 Barleylands
	17		Kent G. P. Swiss Teams
	23 - 25		Spring Bank Holiday Congress
	20	Essex Mixed Teams	19.30 Little Baddow
	30 - 31		Corwen Trophy
June	6 - 7		Pachabo Cup
	7	George Curtis Swiss Teams BP	13.00 Barleylands
	13		Garden Cities National Final
	14	E. C. L. v Hertfordshire	13.00 Solihull BC
	21	Warboy's Cup	13.00 Away
	21	Club Pairs	13.00 Barleylands
	21		Bedfordshire GP Teams
	28	National County league Final	Coventry
	28	Pro/Am	13.00 Barleylands
July	3 - 5		Riviera Congress
	8	Summer Seniors Pairs	11.00 Torquay
	10 - 12		EBU Summer Seniors Congress
	12	E. C. L. v Norfolk	13.00 Thorpe Bay Bridge Club
	18 - 19	Essex & Herts GP Weekend	12.00 Eastbourne
	27 - 30		British Sim. Pairs
Aug	14 - 23		Brighton Summer Congress
Sept	6	E. C. L. v Bedfordshire	12.00 Hilton Metropole Hotel
	7 - 11		EBED Sim. Pairs
	11 - 20		Guernsey Congress
	12 - 13		Bedfordshire Congress
	20	E. C. L. v Cambs & Hunts.	Away
	26 - 27	Essex & Herts GP Weekend	12.00 Wodson Park, Ware

Key: **Red:** **ECBA events,** **Purple:** **Inter-county events**
Black: **EBU & neighbouring counties' events**

VENUES

- Thorwood Common Village Hall, Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood Common, CM16 6ND.
- Mountnessing Village Hall, Main Road, Mountnessing, CM15 0UH.
- Little Baddow Hall North Hill, Little Baddow, CM3 4TA.
- Barleylands Craft Village, Unit 60, Barleylands Road, Billericay, CM11 2UD.
- Thorpe Bay B. C., Old School House, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Thorpe Bay, SS2 4XA.
- Navestock Village Hall, Navestock Side, Brentwood, Essex, CM14 5SD.

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, Chelmerston Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9RE
Telephone: 01245 471315 Email: essexbridge@googlemail.com
3. **Payment:** The preferred methods of payment are by electronic transfer or by cheque made payable to "The Essex Contract Bridge Association". Payments made on the day may incur an extra charge of £2.50 per person. 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 ECBA 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. 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 discretion of the Tournament Director. Players entering on the actual day of the competition may be levied an additional £2.50 per player.
8. **Start time:** All players should be seated at least 5 minutes before the start of each session.
9. **Refreshments:** There will be light refreshments only unless the event description says otherwise.
10. **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.
11. **Private Systems:** Private systems of bidding are not allowed.
12. **Convention Cards:** All players should have identical convention cards at all our competitions and these should be available to the opposition throughout.
13. **Session Length:** A session is approximately 24/26 boards and lasts for 3 to 3.5 hours. Bidding boxes will be used in all events and most events will use bridgemates.
14. **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 Swiss Pairs and the George Curtis Swiss Teams, open to all EBU members, carry Blue Points.
15. **Home Venues:** All matches played in private homes should be played within the county boundaries.
16. **Teams:** In team events players must play at least a third of the boards to qualify for Local Points.
17. **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.
18. **Knockout Results:** The result of a match sent to the Hon Tournament Secretary cannot be changed.
19. **Prizes:** Prizes will be, in general, in the form of Vouchers.
20. **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.

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

Champions: Alaric Cundy, Margaret Curtis, Nigel Bardsley, Tony Philpott, & Chris Megahey

Plate: Sue Taylor, Chris Taylor, David Piper & Les Curtis

Entry fee: £30.00 per team

Closing date for entries: 31st May 2015

The Winners or Runners-up will have the opportunity to represent Essex in the Pachabo Cup.

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 SWITCH CUP FOR TEAMS OF FOUR

Holders: Martin Smith, Sandy Smith, Paul Mollison & Val Mollison

Entry fee: £18.00 per team

Closing date for entries: 31st May 2015

The contest will be a knock-out and four players only will play in any one match. Each match will consist of 30 boards of duplicate bridge with aggregate scoring. 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.

ESSEX MIXED TEAMS OF FOUR CONTEST for the ALLEN – SOPP BOWL

Holders: Margaret Curtis, David Sherman, Peter Franklin & Frank Morrison

Entry fee: £20 per team.

Date: Wednesday, 20 May 2015

Venue: Little Baddow

Time: 19.30 – 22.30

This is a single session 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.

GEORGE CURTIS MEMORIAL TROPHY

A Blue Pointed Event

Holders: M Curtis, D Sherman, P Franklin, F Morrison

Entry fee: £36 per team.

Date: Sunday, 7 Jun 2015

Venue: Barleylands

Time: 13.00 – 20.00

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.

ESSEX EXPERT EVENT FOR THE WARBOYS CUP

Holders: Monty Krimgoltz & Cecil Leighton

Entry fee: £20 per pair

Date: Sunday, 21 Jun 2015

Venue: Barleylands

Time: 13.00 – 20.00

Entry is by invitation only and is directed to A and B squad members. If a pair exceptionally feel they would like to be considered please send an email CV to Audrey Hartley. Players must be available to play in the Tollemache and the Metropolitan Cup if selected.

ESSEX CLUB PAIRS COMPETITION

Holders: Keith Thompson & William Yeung **Winning Club:** Loughton

Entry fee: £10 per pair

Date: Sunday, 21 Jun 2015

Venue: Barleylands

Time: 13.00 – 17.30

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. The first two pairs will be invited to represent Essex as the 3rd C team in the Metropolitan Cup with the 3rd pair as reserve. There will also be a cup and a prize of a set of 24 packs of EBU cards for the club whose top two pairs have the highest combined score.

PRO/AM

Holders: Keith Thompson & Vinay Ghandhi

Entry fee: £10 per pair

Date: Sunday, 28 June 2015

Venue: Barleylands

Time: 13.00 – 17.00

For the purposes of this competition a "PRO" takes part in EBU and/or ECBA tournaments (not "Play with an Expert", "ProAm" or "Essex Club Pairs") and an "Am" include all other players. Please inform the Hon Secretary if you don't know a suitable partner; and she will be happy to find one for you. Clubs have been asked to help arrange partnerships. Refreshments and afternoon tea will be provided.

SENIOR DAY-TIME PAIRS and ESSEX SENIORS' CUP

For the trophy presented by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morley

Overall holder 2014/2015: Tony Philpott

Summer winners 2014

Peter Oake & Robert Elliott

Autumn winners 2014

Robert Elliott & Ann Savory

Spring winners 2015

Tony Philpott & John Williams

Entry fee: £26 per pair per event.

Date: Wednesday, 8 Jul 2015

Venue: Thorpe Bay Bridge Club

Time: 11.00 – 15.00

Date: Wednesday, 28 Oct 2015

Venue: Thornwood Common

Time: 11.00 – 15.00

Date: Wednesday, 16 Mar 2016

Venue: tba

Time: 11.00 – 15.00

There are three single session Senior Day-time Pair events. The three sessions will be combined to award the Essex Seniors' Cup. The joint ages of each pair must be at least 110, with the younger at least 50. Each event will commence at 10.30 for tea, coffee and biscuits and play will start at 11.00. There will be a break for lunch provided by Impulse Catering.

HERTS/ESSEX GREEN POINTED WEEKENDS

Date: 18th & 19th July 2015

Venue: Wodson Park, Ware

Time: 12.00 – 20.00

Date: 26th & 27th September 2015

Venue: Wodson Park, Ware

Time: 12.00 – 20.00

Entry fee: £23 per person per day. First day is pairs and the second day is teams. Closing date for entries is one week before the event. See the Essex website for more details.

ESSEX LEAGUES

Entry fee: £20 per team for the season

The Essex League is divided into two sections – S. E. Essex and W. Essex. The season runs from October 1st – April 30th, with approximately one match each month. Forms for next season will be sent to all clubs and present teams in early summer. Teams can be entered by clubs, or by a group of players (up to six). There are several divisions in each section, so there is room for all standards of players.

If there is sufficient demand there is a Novice/Non-Expert league as well.

For further details please contact: B. HUNT – 01268 925315 or essexbridgeleague@btconnect.com

Eve Goblets

Holders: (Men) Peter Oake (Ladies) Val Mollison

The Eve Goblets will be awarded to the best man and woman player giving allegiance to Essex for 2015–2016 based on a points scale relating to the events. These scales may be adjusted next year to take into account the changing nature of our competitions (details will be posted on the web site).