

Competitions Secretary Report for June 2021 meeting

Green Point Swiss Teams – 23rd May 2021

Kent combined with East Anglia for the event on 23rd May making a much more decent entry - 30 teams (20 Kent, 10 E.Anglia). Profit and costs were shared in proportion to the number of entries (we paid for the £60 advert on EBU site - that's fair, as it attracted a few more entries for Kent). Our entries were adding to their site and vice versa. Seeing more entries hopefully attracted more.

I've also negotiated on the Green Point Allowance since this is a join event. In fact E.Anglia had an arrangement with Cambridgeshire for their event to be allocated to Cambridgeshire (who have chosen not to run GP events this year)..... so we are able to make the Swiss Teams at the Congress to be Green Pointed. win win.

The profit from the congress due to Kent was around £210. Entry was smaller due to it being the first weekend after release from lockdown and many players were visiting families.

Improvers Pairs

These have been run in conjunction with the EBU Congresses on Easter Saturday (two sessions each of around 97 tables with 106 pairs playing in both sessions) and Spring Bank Holiday Saturday (two sessions each of around 67 tables and 67 pairs played in both). We expected around this number for the second one. Both were excellent events. The pre-organisation was done by Stephen & Paul, and the events directed by Sharon, Paul, Stephen & John. I think we are happy running another.

CURRENT NUMBERS FOR SATURDAY EVENTS

The online events have attracted:

	10am Average	2.30pm 9-High Average
Jan 2021	13-16	24-29
Feb 2021	13-16	23-26
Mar 2021	13	25
April 2021	8	17
May 2021	9	17
June 2021	4	11

RealBridge ones have had fewer with no enough to run the June 10am event, event and 6 tables for the 9-High Event.

Recommendation: Over the summer, the 9-High events continue in the afternoon weekly?, but the 19am event is either monthly or on Saturdays when there are no other County Green Pointed competitions (e.g. 3, 10 July and 21,28 August), but perhaps all on BBO.

Survey:

I have no further recommendations until the results of the survey come back but I feel that Online bridge is here to stay and we should consider championship events and even the Congress online. Suffolk plan to run their October Congress online. I support the idea of linking with surrounding counties for Saturday online events. We seem to be moving to 18th or 17th July for the online Phillimore - I have a slight preference for the Saturday since Kent player are used to Saturdays.

Stephen Brown, June 2021