

Competitions Secretary Report for December 2022 meeting V2

CURRENT NUMBERS FOR SATURDAY EVENTS

The online events have attracted:

2.30pm 9-High Average, tables	
Aug 2022	9
Sep 2022	9
Oct 2022	7.6
Nov 2022	8

A steady decrease from six months ago (14 tables) but viable to run.

ARNOLD CUP

There were 15 entries for the Arnold Cup. All first round matches have been played and 7 teams have entered the Arnold Plate. Although matches can be played online, the default is F2F and so the number of entries has decreased from previous years 20-22 tables.

DYER SMITH – 8th October

Played F2F at Maidstone Bridge Club. Only 5 tables played. Although the committee decided to run this event at a club nearer the M20 to reduce the travel time for players from the south coast, it did not have this effect and players who had played in previous year and did not play, said they wish to play where the facilities are much nicer and a 2-course lunch can be provided. (They were emailed)

So I recommend that the Mens/Ladies Pairs in January, Green Pointed Swiss Pairs in March, George Griffiths in April and the Phillimore in July are all at the TWBC with 2-course lunches. I think this also helps to attract entries. We will have tables upstairs at the GP in March if needed – a problem we'd like to have! I've arranged catering and the cost is increasing slightly to £12.50 per person.

The Larsky Final will be in Maidstone and the Corbett Leagues at TWBC but with sandwiches.

KENT / SUSSEX CONGRESS – 29/30th October

Advertised at Tunbridge Wells BC using the one GP allowance from each of Kent and Sussex. A slow return to F2F bridge with around 16 tables each day. No F2F entries for the 6-High. This must move to 9-High for 2023 (we had 64 entries online in 2021). With lack of classes there is no demand for 6-High. A disappointing number of entries from Sussex.

DATES FOR 2022-2023

Sun 15 th January 2023	TW	Homines Mens & Femina Ladies Pairs
Sat/Sun 28/29 January 2023	TW	Corbett Teams
February 2023	TW	Larsky Semifinals
Sun 5 th March 2023	TW	Green Pointed Swiss Pairs
Sat 18 th March 2023	M	Larsky Final
Sun 23 rd April 2023	TW	George Griffiths Seniors Pairs (Easter is 9 th Apr)

AMENDMENT REQUIRED

The schedule of EBU OODGP (online, one day Green pointed) Events has now been published. This has an impact on the Phillimore (planned for 2nd July) and the Congress Planned for the last weekend in October 2023:

Sat 1 Apr: Swiss Pairs

Mon 8 May (bank holiday): Swiss Teams

Sat 17 Jun: Swiss Pairs

Sun 2 Jul: Swiss Teams

Sat 16 Sep: Swiss Pairs

Sat 28 Oct: Swiss Teams

Sat 25 Nov: Swiss Pairs

Sun 28 Jan: Swiss Teams

Sun 18 Feb: Swiss Pairs

Sat 16 Mar: Swiss Teams

[LINK TO OODGP EVENTS INFORMATION](#)

Phillimore Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs & AGM

My suggested date is Sunday 16th July 2023

We can consider the October 2023 Congress at the next meeting, but the Autumn Congress is not being continued so the weekend before may be best.

GREEN POINTED SWISS PAIRS- SUNDAY 5th MARCH 2023

Interestingly, since the new arrangements for OODGP starts on 1st April, we could decide to have our 5th March one day Swiss Pairs online, and still have one day of the Congress in October Green Pointed. Any views, our last chance to make some funds from a OODGP event.

CORBETT LEAGUE 2023

All clubs are emailed and we are awaiting an indication of number of teams each club is entering. Clubs that did not run a heat previously have also been encouraged to enter a team for the Mitchell Salver.

IMPROVERS PAIRS as part of the EBU Year End Congress 2022

This is scheduled on BBO on Fri 30th December. Too early to predict entries (60-70 tables last year), advertising went out by email at the beginning of December, and the EBU is sending out emails to all 9-High players.

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December 2022