

# Competitions Secretary Report for Mar 2022 meeting

## CURRENT NUMBERS FOR SATURDAY EVENTS

The online events have attracted:

	10am Average	2.30pm 9-High Average, tables	
Dec 2022	4	14	
Jan 2022	6	15.5	
Feb 2022	3	13.5	
Mar 2022	?	10	Numbers are decreasing slightly

## ARNOLD CUP & PLATE

All is proceeding fine and to schedule.

## CONGRESS – 29/30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

We plan to have both days Green Pointed running a joint congress at TWBC with Sussex. Details to be discussed after the Ukraine Swiss Pairs Events.

## GARDEN CITIES QUALIFIER

4 clubs entered. Well done to Tunbridge Wells the winners. Some clubs cited not wishing to play on RealBridge as their reason not to enter, but most secretaries or match secretaries did not reply to any of my emails!

## GREEN POINT SWISS PAIRS

Following lots of advertising in the final 4 weeks, entries took off and we had a very pleasing 33 tables.

## LARSKY SEMIFINALS AND FINAL

All went well with 131 pairs competing in the Semifinals (slightly down from 143 pairs in 2021), but an excellent number. Far higher than many other counties.

## IMPROVER PAIRS

Planned for Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Advertising starting soon. Blue Pointed and in conjunction with EBU Easter Festival. With the Ukraine 9-High two weeks before and Face to Face 9-High events in London, we expect fewer pairs this year (96 tables last year)

## REMAINING EVENTS OF 2021-2022 season

Ukraine events on 2<sup>nd</sup> April jointly run with Sussex & Surrey. Currently around 50 tables for Swiss Pairs and 55 tables for 9-High.

George Griffiths. 24<sup>th</sup> April. BBO

Swiss Teams on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. RealBridge. As last year, we have combined with East Anglia, but are taking entries on our own site, sharing costs/profit in proportion to entries on each site.

Phillimore. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. To be our first F2F event for 2022. The AGM can be at TWBC as well – or online via Zoom.

## **SUGGESTED DATES FOR 2022-2023**

Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Dyer Smith (Mixed)
Sat/Sun 29/30 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Congress
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Homines Mens & Femina Ladies Pairs
Sat/Sun 28/29 January 2023	Corbett Teams
February 2023	Larsky Semifinals
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Green Pointed Swiss Pairs
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Larsky Final
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023	George Griffiths Seniors Pairs (Easter is 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr)
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	Green pointed Swiss Teams (if E.Anglia joint)
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Phillimore Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs & AGM

The Working Group suggests smaller events should be nearer Maidstone, but we would need to find e.g. a school to accommodate the event, not easy, and transport equipment. We could use Maidstone Bridge Club – but then numbers are limited to 16 tables and we would need to have events on Saturday.

The Working Group suggests restarting the Area Leagues, but online in divisions to cut out travel.

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