

Competitions Secretary Report for March 2023 meeting v2

CURRENT NUMBERS FOR SATURDAY EVENTS

The online events have attracted:

2.30pm 9-High Average, tables

Nov 2022	8
Dec 2022	10
Jan 2023	9.5
Feb 2023	7.2

Entries not so good recently. 9 tables of entry is breakeven point.

We'll run the next 5 events and consider whether we need to reduce the number of NGS events per month.

We plan to advertise the Kent NGS9 event by an announcement at the Improvers Pairs, add email addresses of players who play in the Improvers Pairs whose county is Kent, Sussex or Surrey and Charles to give me a separate list of those in Kent NGS9 and below from the EBU Membership database.

IMPROVERS PAIRS as part of the EBU Year End Congress 2022

Fri 30th December. 57 & 65 tables entered, with 70 pairs playing in both sessions. There is an Easter Congress Improvers Pairs currently being advertised.

CORBETT LEAGUES

In the end 14 teams of 8 competed with divisions 1 & 2 having 5 teams and Division 3 having 4 teams. It was great to have 28 tables at TWBC. These clubs competed: Farnborough, Beckenham, Tunbridge Wells, Bromley North, Swanley & Gravesend

ARNOLD CUP / PLATE

Both competitions are preceding to schedule.

LARSKY CUP

Paul set a target of 87 Pairs playing in the Semifinals (this is the minimum number for 7 GPs at the Final) and in the semifinals 102 pairs entered and 97 played, very pleasing.

GREEN POINTED SWISS PAIRS- SUNDAY 5th MARCH 2023

26 tables entered, with 4 cancellations 24 tables played at Tunbridge Wells bridge Club, with cooked lunch. This worked very well. Entries were 60% Kent, 20% Sussex, 15% Surrey, 5% London. Of the Kent ones only 2 entries were from the south of the county.

SUGGESTED DATES FOR 2023-2024

Sun 8 th October 2023	TW	Dyer Smith
Sat/Sun 28/29 Oct 2023	TW	Joint Congress with Sussex (both days GP)
Sun 14 th January 2024	TW	Homines Mens & Femina Ladies Pairs
Sun 28 January 2024	TW	Corbett Teams – clash with OODGP suggest week before
February 2024	TW	Larsky Semifinals
Sun 3 rd March 2024	TW	Green Pointed Swiss Pairs – but same weekend as Hampshire & Wiltshire, could go one week later
Sat 23 rd March 2024	M	Larsky Final

Sun 21st April 2024
Sun 14th July, 2024

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George Griffiths Seniors Pairs (Easter is 31 March)
probably, difficult to see on EBU calendar

TO DISCUSS

Entry fees for 2023/2024.

These are currently £13 per person for normal county events, £17 per person for Blue Point (but Phillimore was offered at £13 per person) and £25 per person for Green Pointed.

To keep unchanged at present.

ACTION POINTS FROM BRAINSTORMING

Date for F2F NGS-9 event: We agreed at TWBC: on Saturday 16th Sept 2023

We would have 2 x 18 board sessions, 11am start, with a lunch like at County events.

Cost would be £5 per session to play (people can play in one or both sessions)

Cost of lunchtime food would be at cost, currently £13 per head.

South: Sat 11th or Sun 12th May 2024 – to be discussed after the September event.

Stephen Brown, March 2023