

# UP FOR THE CUP WITH THE BRIDGE CLUBS OF THANET

## WITH EBU BLUE POINTS

For the ninth time at **11am on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the Thanet Bridge Club, Northdown House, Northdown Park Road, Cliftonville, Margate, Kent, CT9 3TP** you can experience a unique annual bridge event, The Bridge Clubs of Thanet **Knock-Out Pairs**.

What makes it unique is the scoring system. Each hand will be scored as at a normal club evening by comparing your scores with the others playing the same cards as you. However instead of the East-West pairs moving on after 2 or 3 boards you will play a match of up to 8 boards against the same pair. The pair which scores better than average will win the match. Initially there will be a group stage with a 4 or 5 team league, with 3 points for a win and 1 for a draw, from which the leading teams go through to the knock-out stages. The other pairs will move into the consolation Bowl competition which will be in the normal pairs format with which you are familiar. Pairs eliminated in the knock-out stages will also join the Bowl later.

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### ENTRY FORM

Name .....(1)

Partner .....(2)

EBU No (if known) (1)..... (2).....

Address .....

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E-mail .....

What happens if there is a draw in the knock-out stages? Well there are no replays in this competition. We will go straight to all the pressure of a sudden death penalty shoot out. The format of which will be revealed on the day but suffice to say it will be unusual and exciting. Come and have fun and get your names on the Thanet Cup or Broadstairs Bowl. There will also be other prizes including best non-expert and the biggest winning margin in any match.

Whom you will play in each round of the Cup will be decided by balls drawn from a velvet bag just as you may have seen on TV in the FA Cup. This event is targeted at the ordinary club player. The format is one that means that there can be giant-killings. Could you be this year's David slaying Goliath?

Whilst this will be a properly run event with a non-playing director, licensed by the EBU and with Blue Master Points awarded at the County Scale, we want to give you a gentle and fun introduction to tournament bridge. You do need to be an EBU member but if your conventions are limited to Stayman, Transfers and Blackwood (or less) then you do not even need a system card.

There is car parking at the venue, which is wheelchair-accessible. The event will be limited to 12 tables. To enter fill in the form below. The cost is just £9 per player including free tea, coffee and soft drinks. Cakes are available to purchase. Bring your own refreshments, there will be a number of intervals between the rounds to enjoy them. You will play 39 or 40 boards in total and we expect to finish around 6pm.

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Please tick this box if you need a stationary position

Please enclose a cheque for £18 payable to "Broadstairs Bridge Club"

Please return the form and cheque to  
KO Pairs  
49 St Augustines Park  
Westgate on Sea  
Kent CT8 8EN

or hand in at Broadstairs or Thanet Bridge Club