

## New Melville Bridge Club Tournament Details

**The Calvert Cup** is a pairs championship played over six evenings from April to September with the best three percentage scores to count. In addition the pair with the single highest score (excluding the winners of the Calvert Cup) is awarded the **Hamilton Cup**.

**The Pinkhill Pairs** is a Bronze pairs championship played alongside the Calvert Cup over six evenings with the best three scores counting. Scoring will be by Cross-IMPs and you receive championship points based upon your position in the field and the number of pairs.

**The Freddie Short Cup and McGregor Salver** will be a Swiss teams event run over two successive Wednesdays. The highest placed team wins the **Freddie Short Cup** and the highest placed Bronze team wins the **McGregor Salver**.

**The Purves Clock** will be a randomly drawn mixed Bronze/Silver/Gold Teams event this year played for over two evenings.

**The Grosvenor and Pinkhill Pivot Teams Trophies and Shields** will be run as Swiss events (4 x 6-board matches) subject to sufficient numbers. Both events take place over a single evening.

**The Manson Cup** is the Melville Teams Championship event with the **Westchester Shield** being a consolation event for those who fail to qualify for the final. Players enter as teams of four, five or six and play teams over the two qualifying nights. The top four teams qualify for the Manson Cup finals.

**The Westchester Mixed Pairs Championship** is a two session championship. Pairs that enter **must** be committed to playing in the second session as the scores from both sessions will be combined to determine an overall winner.

**The Ronaldson Bowl** will be a handicapped multiple teams championship played for over two nights. Teams can consist of up to six players. Scoring will be by IMPs. Bronze teams have a +10 IMP handicap against Gold teams and a +5 IMP handicap against Silver teams. Silver teams have a +5 IMP handicap against Gold Teams.

**The Accumulator** is a handicapped pairs competition played for over the summer months. Players can have two counting scores with any one partner and for every player their best six results count. The scale of handicaps, which is based upon SBU rankings, will be published prior to the competition.

## Rules and Bye-laws

1. The categories of membership are Full, Honorary, Country, Junior and Associate.
2. Associate members are currently enrolled members in the Melville Bridge Academy.
3. Full and Honorary Members have voting rights and may attend the Annual General meeting or any Extraordinary General meetings that may be convened.
4. Country Members are members who live more than 25 miles from the New Melville Bridge Club.
5. Members must enter the names of visitors in the Visitors' Book.
6. **Players must take their seats at least ten minutes before the start of play.**
7. In exceptional circumstances late arrivals will be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director/Scorer provided it does not cause too much disruption at the start of play.
8. Members are required to exhibit correct behaviour to fellow users of the club at all times. This shall include acting with courtesy and consideration at the bridge table and in the social area.

## Opening & Closing Times

The club will be open from midday on Mondays and Thursdays, 13.30 on Wednesdays and from 18.15 on Tuesdays and Fridays. Weekend opening times will depend on the tournament being played.

The club will close at 22.30, or later, at the Club Manager's discretion.

**Please note:** With the exception of the two-day congress, the club will be closed between Christmas and New Year, re-opening on Tuesday 2 January for an evening tournament, if there is sufficient interest. See website calendar nearer the time for confirmation.



## The New Melville Bridge Club

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### Board 2017- 2018

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## Regular Weekly Events 2017 - 2018

### **Mondays**

13.00      **Match Point Pairs - No partner needed!**  
Suitable for Bronze level players.

19.00      **Cross-IMP Pairs**  
Suitable for Bronze/experienced players.

19.00      **Match Point Pairs**  
Suitable for experienced players.

### **Tuesdays**

19.00      **Cross-IMP Pairs**  
(except 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month when teams)  
Suitable for Bronze/experienced players.

### **Wednesdays**

14.00      **Gentle Pairs - No partner needed!**  
Suitable for those who have just learnt  
to play or are inexperienced. Played at a  
gentle pace with fewer boards and some  
help with bidding and play

19.00      **Various Tournaments**  
(See Calendar opposite)

### **Thursdays**

13.00      **Cross-IMP Pairs\***  
Suitable for Bronze/experienced players.

19.00      **Match Point Pairs - No partner needed!**  
Suitable for inexperienced and Bronze level  
players.

### **Fridays**

19.00      **Match Point Pairs - No partner needed!**  
Suitable for Bronze/experienced players.

*\*Starts Thursday 5 October for a trial period up until the end  
of the calendar year. There will be no formal tea break but tea  
and coffee will be available for purchase during the afternoon.*

## Tournaments & Competitions 2017- 2018

(All Wednesday Evenings)

### **September**

6            Calvert Cup (6); Pinkhill Pairs (6)  
13           Men v Women  
20           Ronaldson Bowl (1)  
27           Ronaldson Bowl (2)

### **October**

4            British Simultaneous Pairs  
11           Freddie Short Cup & McGregor Salver (1)  
18           Freddie Short Cup & McGregor Salver (2)  
25           SBU Simultaneous Pairs

### **November**

1 & 8       Rayne Cup Teams Qualifier  
15           National Pairs Qualifier  
22           Purves Clock (1)  
29           Purves Clock (2)

### **December**

6            Celtic Simultaneous Pairs  
13           Grosvenor Pivot Teams Trophy & Shield

### **January**

10           British Simultaneous Pairs  
17           Pinkhill Pivot Teams Trophy & Shield  
24           Bobby Allan Mixed Pairs  
31           McEwan & Pinkhill Individual Competitions

### **February**

7            Westchester Mixed Pairs (1)  
14           Cross-IMP Pairs  
21           Cross-IMP Pairs  
28           Westchester Mixed Pairs (2)

### **March**

7            Manson Cup Qualifier (1)  
14           Manson Cup Qualifier (2)  
21           Manson Cup Semi-Final & Westchester Shield  
28           Manson Cup Final & Westchester Shield

### **April**

4            Calvert Cup (1); Pinkhill Pairs (1)  
11           Celtic Simultaneous Pairs  
18           ED Men's & Ladies Teams (1)  
25           ED Men's & Ladies Teams (2)

### **May**

9            Calvert Cup (2); Pinkhill Pairs (2)  
16           Summer Accumulator Starts

## National & East District Events 2017 - 2018

(Being played at the New Melville)

**ED Watson Trophy**                      Sunday 10 September

**SBU Stirling Pairs**                        Saturday 23 September

**SBU Diamond Pairs Heat**                Sunday 8 October

**SBU Bronze Pairs**                        Sunday 15 October

**SBU Autumn Pairs**                        Monday 16 October

**ED Simultaneous Pairs**                    Monday 6 November

**National League**                        Saturday 18 November  
Sunday 19 November

**ED McGregor Cup**                        Friday 24 November

**Lady Milne Trials**                        1, 2 & 3 December  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday

**SBU Winter Fours**                        26, 27 & 28 January  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday

**ED Allan Flitch**                        Saturday 17 February  
(for married couples)

**SBU Easter Pairs**                        Monday 12 March

**ED Bronze Challenge Teams**            Saturday 26 May

**ED Hunter Cup**                        Sunday 27 May

**British Simultaneous Pairs**                Monday 23 July

### Special Events

Bronze Swiss Teams                      Sunday 26 November  
Christmas Party                            Thursday 21 December  
Christmas Congress                        28 & 29 December (Thu./Fri)  
One Day Congress                        Sunday 8 April  
Melville v Carlton                        Wednesday 2 May  
John Frame Charity                        Monday 4 June  
Annual General Meeting                    Wednesday 4 July