

BECKENHAM BRIDGE CLUB COMPETITIONS & RULES

Ingram Bowl – 10 best scores in the competition year

The Ingram Bowl is awarded to the member of the Club with the highest aggregate ten best percentage scores in any competition year.

Pairs in every event during the course of the competition year shall be ranked by position in order of percentage scored. Final placings will be determined by the aggregate of the percentage scores achieved by a player taking into account their **ten highest percentage scores** achieved whilst playing with another member of the Club in a session with at least 5 tables in play.

Where a player plays with another member on more than 3 occasions in the competition year, only the best 3 scores shall be included in the player's aggregate top 10 percentage scores.

Where a player plays with a non-member, the score achieved shall not be included in the player's aggregate top ten percentage scores.

The winner of the competition will be the player member with the highest aggregate score. Players tying for position will be split by the percentage achieved in their eleventh best score and so on until one of the tying players' aggregate score shall exceed that of the other tying player(s). Any player playing in fewer than ten scoring events in the competition year will only have the percentages achieved taken into account.

Consolation Cup - 10 best NGS adjusted scores in the competition year – NGS 9 and below

For the member of the Club with the highest aggregate ten best percentage scores in a year after adjustment for NGS grades.

Pairs in every event during the course of the competition year shall also be ranked by position in order of percentage scored after adjustment for the NGS grades of the players in the event. The adjusted percentages shall be produced by using the 'Handicap' function in Scorebridge to apply players' current NGS grades at the time of the event in the adjustment of the percentage scored by each player.

Final placings will be determined by the aggregate of the adjusted percentage scores achieved by a player taking into account their **ten highest adjusted percentage scores** achieved whilst playing with another member of the Club in a session with at least 5 tables in play.

Where a player plays with another member on more than 3 occasions in the competition year, only the best 3 scores achieved shall be included in the player's aggregate top 10 percentage scores.

Where a player plays with a non-member, the score achieved shall not be included in the player's aggregate top ten percentage scores.

The winner of the competition will be the player member with the highest aggregate score and a median NGS grade of 9 or below for the duration of the competition period. Players tying for position will be split by the adjusted percentage achieved in their eleventh best score and so on until one of the tying players' aggregate score shall exceed that of the other tying player(s). Any player playing in fewer than ten scoring events in the competition year will only have the adjusted percentages achieved taken into account.

Jack Hibbert Trophy – top percentage scored in a competition year

The Jack Hibbert Trophy is awarded to the pair that score the highest percentage in any event with at least 5 tables in play in the course of the competition year. Where a player plays with a non-member, the score achieved shall be disregarded and the players in the winning pair must both be Club members. Where more than one pair tie for the highest percentage score, the pairs tying for position will be split by the percentage achieved in their next highest score and so on until the aggregate score of one pair shall exceed that of the other tying pair(s).

Top NGS adjusted percentage score in the competition year – NGS 9 & below

For the pair with a median NGS grade of 9 or below for the duration of the competition period that achieve the highest adjusted percentage score in any event with at least 5 tables in play in the course of the competition year. The adjusted percentage score shall be the actual percentage scored in any event adjusted for the NGS grades of the players in the event. The adjusted percentages shall be produced by using the 'Handicap' function in Scorebridge to apply players current NGS grades at the time of the event in the adjustment of the percentage scored by each pair in any event.

Ladder Competitions

The **Ladder Competitions** are an aggregate pairs monthly competition for members in fixed partnerships. After registering their partnership with the Club the pair may use a substitute twice during the competition but the points awarded will be reduced by 4 points on each occasion or to 0 points if such deduction should result in a minus figure. Points awarded when playing with a substitute on a 3rd and subsequent occasion(s) shall be disregarded. Where both players from one partnership each play as a substitute in another partnership in the same event and not with each other, the players' partnership shall be awarded 0 points for the event and each partnership in which they play as a substitute will have its points adjusted as set out above. A substitute must be a club member for points to be awarded in the competition. The competitions will run as two separate events from 1 January to 31 December:

- I) First, face-to-face, usually on the **fourth Monday** of each month (third Monday in December).
- II) Second, online on RealBridge, usually on the **fourth Thursday** of each month

The Monday Ladders and the Thursday Ladders are separate competitions. Players may, if they wish, play in the same fixed partnership in both competitions but are not required to do so. Each event will be run each month, using either a Howell or an arrow-switched Mitchell movement, to produce a single winner with pairs ranked by position in order of percentage scored. The highest percentage achieved will rank in 1st place.

Ladder points will be awarded as follows: the bottom pair will score 2 points, increasing by 2 points for each higher place. Pairs tying for a position will be awarded the number of points for the position of the tying pairs and the next following pair in the ranking table will be awarded points for their position in the ranking table below the tying pairs, so for example where two pairs tie for second, each pair will be awarded the points awarded for 2nd and the next pair will be ranked 4th

and be awarded points for 4th place. The top score each month will vary according to the number of pairs in each event, so for example 16 points in an 8-pair session or 22 points in an 11-pair session.

The results of any pairs that include a non-member will be included in the ranking table for the event and count in determining players' positions in the ranking table but the points allocated to that pair will be excluded from the aggregate points awarded. The pair next following the pair that includes a non-member in the ranking table will be awarded the points for their position in the ranking table, below the position of the pair that includes a non-member.

Handicap Ladder

Pairs in each Ladder Event shall also be ranked by position in order of percentage scored after adjustment for the NGS grades of the players in the event. The adjusted percentages shall be produced by using the 'Handicap' function in Scorebridge to apply players current NGS grades at the time of the event in the adjustment of the percentage scored by each pair. The highest adjusted percentage achieved will rank in 1st place and points awarded on the same basis as set out above.

Ladder winners

Final placings in each Ladder and Handicap Ladder competition will be determined by the aggregate of ladder points awarded to the qualifying partnership, taking into account their **nine highest scores**. The winner of each Ladder competition will be the partnership with the highest aggregate score. The winner of each Handicap Ladder competition will be the partnership with the highest aggregate score and a median NGS grade of 9 or below for the duration of the competition period. Partnerships tying for position on aggregate points will be split by the points awarded in their tenth best score and so on until one of the tying partnerships' aggregate points score shall exceed that of the other tying partnership(s). Any partnership playing in fewer than nine rounds will only have the ladder points awarded taken into account.

Variety Pairs Competitions

The Variety Pairs Competition is a monthly members only individual competition in which points are scored by playing with a different partner each month. The competitions will run as two separate events from 1 January to 31 December:

- i) First, face-to-face, usually on the **second Monday** of each month.
- ii) Second, online on RealBridge, usually on the **second Thursday** of each month

Each event will be run each month, using either a Howell or an arrow-switched Mitchell movement, to produce a single winner with pairs ranked by position in order of percentage scored. The highest percentage achieved will rank in 1st place.

VPC points will be awarded as follows: the bottom pair will score 2 VPC points, increasing by 2 VPC points for each higher place. Pairs tying for a position will be awarded the number of points for the position of the tying pairs and the next following pair in the ranking table will be awarded points for their position in the ranking table below the tying pairs, so for example where two pairs tie for

second, each pair will be awarded the points awarded for 2nd and the next pair will be ranked 4th and be awarded points for 4th place. The top score each month will vary according to the number of pairs in each event, so for example 16 VPC points in an 8-pair session or 22 VPC points in an 11-pair session.

The Monday Variety Pairs and the Thursday Variety Pairs are separate competitions and a player will be awarded VPC points playing with the same partner once in a Monday Event and once in a Thursday event, whether in the same month or not. Where a player plays with the same partner more than once in the Monday Variety Pairs or the Thursday Variety Pairs respectively, the VPC points awarded to each player in the partnership shall be the points scored on the first occasion on which they partnered each other.

Where the results of any pair(s) that include a non-member are included in the ranking table for the event VPC points shall be awarded to the pair(s) but the VPC points awarded will be excluded from the aggregate VPC points of the member that played with a non-member. The pair next following the pair that includes a non-member in the ranking table will be awarded the VPC points for their position in the ranking table, below the position of the pair that includes a non-member.

Handicap Variety Pairs

Pairs in each Variety Pairs Event shall also be ranked by position in order of percentage scored after adjustment for the NGS grades of the players in the event. The adjusted percentages shall be produced by using the 'Handicap' function in Scorebridge to apply players current NGS grades at the time of the event in the adjustment of the percentage scored by each pair. The highest adjusted percentage achieved will rank in 1st place and VPC points awarded on the same basis as set out above: save that where a player plays with the same partner on more than 3 occasions in the Monday Variety Pairs or the Thursday Variety Pairs respectively, the VPC points awarded to each player in the partnership shall be the points scored on the first 3 occasions on which they partnered each other.

Variety Pairs winners

Final placings in each Variety Pairs and Handicap Variety Pairs competition will be determined by the aggregate of VPC points awarded to the player member taking into account their **nine highest scores**. The winner of each Variety Pairs competition will be the member with the highest aggregate score. The winner of each Handicap Variety Pairs competition will be the member with the highest aggregate score and a median NGS grade of 9 or below for the duration of the competition period. Players tying for position on aggregate VPC points will be split by the points awarded in their tenth best round and so on until one of the tying players' aggregate score shall exceed that of the other tying player(s). Any player playing in fewer than nine rounds will only have the competition points awarded taken into account.

The Maud Kirk Prize for the Most Improved Player.

Members who have played at least ten sessions in the club in each of the previous two years are eligible to be considered for this prize.

The prize will be awarded by comparing the median of the member's NGS grades from one year to the next. The prize will be awarded to the member whose median NGS in the past year shows the greatest increase over their median NGS in the year before.

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