

DEVA COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2023 TO AUGUST 2024

Deva starts the 2023/24 club year with 3 established regular sessions a week (Monday evening in club, Tuesday evening on BBO and Wednesday afternoon in club) and is starting a 4th regular session in September (Friday afternoon in club). The table below sets out annual club competitions and other special events that are in addition to these regular sessions.

CLUB COMPETITIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS:

AGM				
6.45pm	Fri	Oct 6	2023	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (IN CLUB) - followed by free bridge
OPEN COMPETITIONS				
NOON	Sun	Oct 15	2023	CHESTER BOWL PAIRS (in club)
NOON	Sat	Jan 27	2024	CHESTER CONGRESS PAIRS (in club)
NOON	Sun	Jan 28	2024	CHESTER CONGRESS SWISS TEAMS (in club)
CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS				
The qualification stage is run as a ladder and this year will include all Wednesday afternoon, as well as Monday and Tuesday evening, sessions from September to February (inclusive). Pairs playing at least 6 times with the highest average scores qualify for the semi-final/final stage.				
7pm	Wed	Mar 6	2024	CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS SEMI FINALS (in club)
7pm	Wed	Mar 20	2024	CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS FINAL (in club)
CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS				
This competition returns to being in the club and multiple teams events. 5 heats on 2 nd Wednesday of each month (Sept – Jan) and a final (3 rd Wed in Feb). Qualification based on totalimps from best 3 scores – the highest 50% teams having played at least 3 heats qualify for the final (min 2 max 4).				
FEARN CUP				
For 2023/24 there are to be 15 heats. Heats are specific Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday sessions (5 for each) from September to February. Qualification to the final is based on the highest scores with 4 different partners. (See dates in table overleaf)				
11am	Sun	Apr 21	2024	FEARN CUP FINAL (in club)
OTHER COMPETITIONS				
7pm	Thu	Sep 21	2024	IMP scored Pairs (team tactics)
7pm	Tue	Oct 10	2023	EBU British (Autumn) Simultaneous Pairs
7pm	Thu	Oct 19	2024	Swiss Teams
7pm	Tue	Oct 31	2023	Bob Graham Individual Trophy ⁴ (qualification based on Tuesday results over previous year) (Normal pairs session as well)
7pm	Thu	Nov 16	2024	Handicapped Pairs (based on NGS rating)
2pm	Sun	Dec 10	2023	Christmas Party
7pm	Mon	Jan 15	2024	EBU British (Winter) Simultaneous Pairs
7pm	Thu	Jan 18	2024	Swiss Pairs
7pm	Thu	Feb 15	2024	IMP scored Pairs
2pm	Sun	Mar 17	2024	PRESIDENT'S DAY
TBC	Sun	Mar 24	2024	National Pairs Regional Heat
7pm	Thu	Mar 21	2024	Handicapped Pairs (based on NGS rating)
1:15pm	Wed	Apr 10	2024	EBU British (Spring) Simultaneous Pairs
Fri pm – Mon am		Apr 12-15	2024	DEVA WEEKEND AWAY IN LYTHAM
7pm	Thu	Apr 18	2024	Ladies' and Men's Pairs Championships ¹ (No mixed pairs)
7pm	Thu	May 16	2024	Mixed Pairs Championship ² (Normal pairs session as well)
7pm	Thu	Jun 20	2024	Swiss Teams
7pm	Tue	Jul 23	2024	EBU British (Summer) Simultaneous Pairs
2:30pm	Sun	Aug 4	2024	THE GLYN ELLIS TROPHY Ladies v Gentlemen ³
2pm	Sat	Sep 7	2024	75th Anniversary Party
7pm	Tue	Oct 29	2024	Bob Graham Individual Trophy (2023/2023 year) ⁴
PROVISIONAL DATES FOR OPEN COMPETITIONS FOR NEXT CLUB YEAR				
	Sun	Oct 20	2024	CHESTER BOWL (PAIRS)
	Sat & Sun	Jan 25 & 26	2025	CHESTER CONGRESS (PAIRS & SWISS TEAMS)

Notes for table overleaf

1. Ladies' and Men's Pairs Championship (changed from 4th to 3rd Thursday)
2. Mixed Pairs Championship (changed from 4th to 3rd Thursday)
3. Glyn Ellis Trophy held on first Sunday in August
4. Bob Graham Trophy is usually held on a 5th Tuesday in Sept/Oct/Nov

In addition to the competitions and events in the table, and the regular sessions mentioned above the table, there are Deva Teams league and cup matches on some Thursdays.

The qualification heat dates for the Fearn Cup are shown in the table below. There are 15 of them spread over regular Monday evening, Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon sessions.

Fearn Cup qualifying heats & final(2023/2024)		
Heat	Date	1 st /2 nd /3 rd /4 th /5 th
1	Wednesday 18 October	3 rd Wednesday
2	Tuesday 24 October	4 th Tuesday
3	Monday 30 October	5 th Monday
4	Tuesday 7 November	1 st Tuesday
5	Monday 13 November	2 nd Monday
6	Wednesday 29 November	5 th Wednesday
7	Monday 4 th December	1 st Monday
8	Wednesday 3 January	1 st Wednesday
9	Tuesday 30 January	5 th Tuesday
10	Wednesday 14 February	2 nd Wednesday
11	Tuesday 20 February	3 rd Tuesday
12	Monday 26 February	4 th Monday
13	Tuesday 12 March	2 nd Tuesday
14	Monday 18 March	3 rd Monday
15	Wednesday 27 March	4 th Wednesday
Final	Sunday 21 April	

Championship Teams heat dates and finals are shown in the table below.

Championship Teams qualifying heats & final (2023/2024)		
Heat	Date	1 st /2 nd /3 rd /4 th /5 th
1	Wednesday 13 September	2 nd Wednesday
2	Wednesday 11 October	2 nd Wednesday
3	Wednesday 8 November	2 nd Wednesday
4	Wednesday 13 December	2 nd Wednesday
5	Wednesday 10 January	2 nd Wednesday
Final	Wednesday 21 February	3rd Wednesday