

# DEVA BRIDGE CLUB COMPETITIONS - PROCEDURES for 2023-2024

This notice gives details of conditions, table fees etc. for the various competitions arranged for the 2023 to 2024 season.

**ONLY CLUB MEMBERS MAY QUALIFY FOR COMPETITION FINALS**; the only exceptions being the Bowl & Congress.

Dates of qualifying rounds can be found in the events calendar. Table money for regular duplicate sessions is expected to be £2.50 in the club and \$3 on BBO. A visitor surcharge (currently £1.00) applies in the club, there is no surcharge on BBO.

It is envisaged that finals, semi-finals and one-off competitions will be held in the club, albeit some heats are on BBO.

**1. THE CHESTER CONGRESS** - An E.B.U Licensed "Blue Point" event open to E.B.U. and W.B.U. members only.

The competition is to be held on the weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - PAIRS on the Saturday & SWISS TEAMS on the Sunday. Initial seating will be by a random draw on arrival.

**1a. PAIRS** - A qualifying round before a refreshment break; followed by the Final which will be a 7 Table Full Howell (13 rounds of 2 boards) & a Consolation competition for the runners up.

**1b. SWISS TEAMS** - 6 or 7 matches of 8 or 7 boards with a break for refreshments.

Prizes: - CHESTER CONGRESS PAIRS – Cash prizes for first and second places

CONSOLATION PAIRS – Cash prizes for first and second places

QUALIFIER PAIRS - Cash prizes for first and second places

CHESTER CONGRESS SWISS TEAMS – Cash prizes for first and second teams and other prizes

**2. THE CHESTER BOWL** - An E.B.U Licensed "Blue Point" Pairs event open to E.B.U. and W.B.U. members only.

(A DEVA BRIDGE CLUB CHARITY EVENT) - This year in aid of Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

The competition is to be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Initial seating will be by a random draw on arrival.

A qualifying round before a refreshment break; followed by the Final which will be a 7 Table Full Howell (13 rounds of 2 boards) & a Consolation competition for the runners up.

Prizes: - CHESTER BOWL – Cash prizes for first and second places

CONSOLATION – Cash prizes for first and second places

QUALIFIER PAIRS - Cash prizes for first and second places

## **3. CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP**

All regular Monday evening, Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon pairs sessions from September to February are included in the Championship Pairs Ladder. The Ladder is on the basis of the highest average scores for partnerships playing at least 6 times. The top 28 pairs go into two Semi-Finals (any individual in the top 28 with more than one partner decides/agrees which partner to play with in semi-final opening up semi-final places for lower placed pairs). The Semi-Finals will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the Final on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The Semi-Finals will be over 24 boards and the Final will be a 7 Table Full Howell (13 rounds of 2 boards). "Blue" points will apply in the Semi-Finals and the Final.

Semi-Final and Final – Table Money: (Currently £2.50) + £1.50 for prize money

Prizes: - Winners share £60; 2<sup>nd</sup> share £40; 3<sup>rd</sup> share £20

**4. TEAMS OF FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP** (Visiting teams are welcome to join the heats)

Teams can consist of 4, 5 or 6 players. No player may be a member of more than one team. The qualifying competition will be run over five heats (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays September to January starting at 7pm). To qualify a team must play in a minimum of **three qualifying rounds** in order to be eligible for the Final. The highest 50% of teams qualify for the final (min 2 max 4) based on total IMPS from the **best three qualifying rounds**. The FINAL is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 7pm.

Table Money: (Currently £2.50) + 50p per player per round

Prizes: - Winners share £40; 2<sup>nd</sup> share £20

**5. FEARN CUP** (Open to non-members by invitation)

Qualification heats are to be held on 5 Mondays, 5 Tuesdays and 5 Wednesdays in the 6 months October 2023 to March 2024 (see calendar for specific dates). Qualification to the final depends on the total of the highest percentage scores with up to 4 different partners. The top 20 qualify for the final to be held on Sunday 21 April 2023. The qualifying rounds will be match-pointed pairs events. The final will be an individual movement of 19 2-board rounds in two sessions with an interval for refreshments. A simplified Bridge system will be in place for the Final and copies will be made available beforehand. If insufficient numbers then those playing with 3 different partners may be invited.

Qualifying rounds -Table Money: (currently £2.50)

No Table Money to pay in Final: A compulsory charge will be made for refreshments (assuming in the club).

Prizes: - Winner £30; 2<sup>nd</sup> £20; 3<sup>rd</sup> £10

## **6. LADIES' & MEN'S PAIRS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

Two arrow switched sessions of one Ladies' Pairs and one Men's Pairs to be played on Thursday 18 April 2024; - **NO MIXED PAIRS**. Only pairs that are both Deva Bridge Club members may qualify for prizes.

Table Money: (currently £2.50) + £1.00 per player.

Prizes: - Winners share £12; 2<sup>nd</sup> share £8; 3<sup>rd</sup> share £4

## **7. MIXED PAIRS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

An arrow switched Mixed Pairs session to be played on Thursday 16 May 2024 - **ONLY MIXED PAIRS**. Only pairs that are both Deva Bridge Club members may qualify for prizes.

Table Money: (currently £2.50) + £1.00 per player.

Prizes: - Winners share £16; 2<sup>nd</sup> share £10; 3<sup>rd</sup> share £8

## **8. PRESIDENT'S DAY**

(**DEVA BRIDGE CLUB CHARITY PAIRS EVENT**) at the discretion of the President currently in aid of Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Will be a Pairs event played on Sunday the 17 March 2024.

Entry fee to be advised nearer the date (to include a meal)

Prizes: - Bottles of wine for the winning pair/pairs

## **9. BOB GRAHAM INDIVIDUAL TROPHY**

The 2022/2023 competition will be held on Tuesday the 31 October 2023 on BBO for the top 20 players in a ranking order based on the aggregate of scores obtained in Tuesday sessions throughout the year (September to August). The movement will be an individual competition of 19 rounds x 1 board. A standard system (bidding and carding) will apply to the competition.

Table Money Final: (currently \$3.00)

Prizes: - Winner £10; 2<sup>nd</sup> £8; 3<sup>rd</sup> £6

## **10. THE GLYN ELLIS TEAMS TROPHY – LADIES vs GENTLEMEN**

(**A DEVA BRIDGE CLUB CHARITY EVENT** in aid of Hospice of the Good Shepherd).

The competition is a teams of 4 event with the same number of ladies' and men's teams. Limited to 10 teams on each side, and the movement for 10 teams on each side would likely be 9 rounds of 3 boards. The event is to be played on Sunday the 4 August 2024.

*Entry fee to be advised nearer the date (to include a snack/tea).*

Prizes: - The Trophy to be held for twelve months & a Bottle of Wine for each member of the Winning Ladies' & Men's Teams (No sweep prizes)

## **13. CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Will be a Pairs event played on Sunday 10 December 2023.

Entry fee to be advised nearer the date (to include a meal).

Prizes: - Bottles of wine for the winning pair/pairs

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