

DEVA BRIDGE CLUB COMPETITIONS - PROCEDURES for 2018-2019

This notice gives details of conditions, table fees etc. for the various competitions arranged for the 2018 to 2019 season. The dates of the qualifying rounds can be found in the events calendar. Visitors surcharge £1.00.

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

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

The competition is to be held on the weekend of the 26th & 27th January 2019 - 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 - 3 x 8 board matches before refreshments & followed by 3 x 8 board matches (after the first round all matches will be ranked).

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 prize for winning team, wine for winners of each of the 6 rounds

2. THE CHESTER BOWL - An E.B.U Licensed "County Master Point" Pairs event open to E.B.U. members only.

(A DEVA BRIDGE CLUB CHARITY EVENT) - This year in aid of "The Chester & District Samaritans".

The competition is to be held on Sunday 14th October 2018. 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

3. CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP (Visitors welcome)

The qualifying rounds will be played as match-pointed pairs events over seven sessions on the 4th Wednesday evenings where possible; after the first round pairs will be seated by their ranking (odd N/S and even E/W).

20% of the cumulative scores of the **best four qualifying rounds** will be carried forward to the final. The 14 pairs with the highest cumulative totals will play in the final on **Wednesday**, 20th March 2019 at 7.00pm.

The qualifying ranking position will be the player number for the Final.

The movement in the Final will be a 7 Table Full Howell (13 rounds of 2 boards).

After the Championship Pairs Final the total MP score of each pair will be added to their carry forward score to determine the winning pair. If there is a tie in the combined totals the championship will be decided by the finishing order of the tied pairs in the Championship Pairs Final. "District" points will be issued in the qualifying rounds & "Blue" points in the Final.

Qualifying rounds -Table Money: (currently £2.00) + 50p per player per round

No Table Money to pay in Final

Prizes: - Winners share £60; 2nd share £40; 3rd share £20 (No sweep prize in final)

4. TEAMS OF FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP - (Visitors welcome)

There will be **NO PAIRS EVENT** when the Teams of Four Championship sessions are held.

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 four Wednesday sessions. To qualify a team must play in a minimum of **three qualifying rounds** in order to be eligible for the Final.

A maximum number of 9 teams with their best cumulative IMPS from the **best three qualifying rounds** will play in the FINAL on **Wednesday** the 3rd April 2019 at 7.00pm.

A carry forward IMP score of 20% of the cumulative score of the best **three qualifying rounds** will be added to the score in the Final.

After the Championship Teams Final the total IMP score of each team will be added to their carry forward score to determine the winning team. If there is a tie in the combined totals the championship will be decided by the finishing order of the tied teams in the Championship Final.

"District" points will be issued in the qualifying rounds & "Blue" points in the Final.

Qualifying rounds -Table Money: (currently £2.00) + 50p per player per round

No Table Money to pay in Final

Prizes: - Winners share £32; 2nd share £20; 3rd share £12 (No sweep prize in final)

5. PIVOT TEAMS OF FOUR

A qualifying round will be played on Wednesday the 13th February 2019 - **NO PAIRS EVENT**. Four teams will qualify for the semi-finals and final **on Wednesday** the 26th June 2018. Teams may consist of 4, 5 or 6 players. No player may be a member of more than one team. In any session the captain of each team has to play a statutory proportion of the boards with three other members of the team and no player may play twice with the same member of the team.

The leading qualifying team has the right to choose their opponents from the other qualifiers in the semi-finals.

The winning Semi finalists will play each other in the Final & the runners up will play each other for 3rd place.

All the matches in the Semi finals, Final & Third place will be 12 board matches.

If it is necessary to run a three table Stanza in the Final then the team winning both matches are the winners of the competition based on their IMP's. ***If, given sufficient notice that a team is unavailable for the final, a reserve team will be selected.***

Qualifying round -Table Money: (currently £2.00) + 50p per player

Final -Table Money: (currently £2.00) + 50p per player

Prizes: - Winners share £20; 2nd share £12; 3rd share £8 (No sweep prize in final)

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

The qualifying rounds will be match-pointed pairs events held on six Saturdays between September 2018 and March 2019. The 20 players with the highest total percentage scores with 3 different partners will qualify for the final on Sunday 7th April 2018.

The final will be an individual movement of 19 rounds x 2 boards in two sessions with an interval for refreshments.

No carry forward from qualifying rounds.

A simplified Bridge system will be in place for the Final; copies will be made available beforehand.

Qualifying rounds -Table Money: (currently £2.00) + 50p per player per round

No Table Money to pay in Final: A compulsory charge will be made for refreshments.

Prizes: - Winner £15; 2nd £12; 3rd £8; 4th £6 & 5th £4 (No sweep prize in final)

7. LADIES' & MEN'S PAIRS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Two arrow switched sessions of one Ladies' Pairs and one Men's Pairs to be played on Tuesday 16th April 2019; - **NO MIXED PAIRS**

Only pairs that are both Deva Bridge Club members may qualify for prizes.

Table Money: (currently £2.00) + 50p per player.

Prizes: - Winners share £12; 2nd share £8; 3rd share £4 (No sweep prize)

8. MIXED PAIRS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

An arrow switched Mixed Pairs session to be played on Thursday 23rd May 2019 - **ONLY MIXED PAIRS**

Only pairs that are both Deva Bridge Club members may qualify for prizes.

Table Money: (currently £2.00) + 50p per player.

Prizes: - Winners share £16; 2nd share £10; 3rd share £8 (No sweep prize)

9. PRESIDENT'S DAY

(**DEVA BRIDGE CLUB CHARITY PAIRS EVENT**) at the discretion of the President currently in aid of "The Chester & District Samaritans".

Will be a Pairs event played on Sunday the 17th March 2019.

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

Prizes: - Bottles of wine for the winning pair/pairs (No sweep prizes).

10. BOB GRAHAM INDIVIDUAL TROPHY

The competition will be held on Tuesday the 30th October 2018 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. No system restrictions.

Table Money Final: (currently £2.00) + 50p per player

Prizes: - Winner £10; 2nd £8; 3rd £6 (No sweep prize)

11. THE GLYN ELLIS TEAMS TROPHY – LADIES vs GENTLEMEN

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

The competition is a 9R x 3 boards Teams event with a maximum 10 teams per side (Equal number of teams per side) played on Sunday the 4th August 2019.

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 & Mens Teams (No sweep prizes).

12. THE CHESTER CITY CUP.

An arrow switched Pairs competition held on Monday the 15th July 2019.

Only pairs that are both Deva Bridge Club members may qualify for prizes.

Table Money: (currently £2.00)

Prizes: - The Trophy to be held for twelve months & normal sweep prizes.

13. CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will be a Pairs event played on Sunday the 2nd December 2018.

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

Prizes: - Bottles of wine for the winning pair/pairs (No sweep prizes).

14. NATIONAL PAIRS SPONSORSHIP COMPETITION (NPSC)

An additional competition run on Wednesday "Pair" evenings between the 5th September 2018 & the 13th February 2019. The average of the four highest scores will be a qualifying score & the top five Deva Bridge Club Pairs wishing to enter the EBU National Pairs will be sponsored at the rate of 1st 100%; 2nd 80%; 3rd 60%; 4th 40% & 5th 20% of the entry fees (Deva Club Pairs Only).

Does not preclude private entry to the Regional Finals.