***Entries are invited for Farnham Bridge club Sylvia Rose teams competition, which will be run along the same lines as last year's successful competition.***

This season, as last, the default will be that teams play matches online on Realbridge on dates mutually agreeable to both team captains. Teams will however be free to arrange to play matches online on a different platform, or face-to-face in a participant’s house if that is mutually acceptable to both teams. In the event of any disagreement about arrangements, team captains should consult Mike O'Donnell.

***Teams may comprise 4 to 7 players, matches are 16 to 24 boards (24 boards is the norm / default).***

Matches will be played approximately every two weeks, with exact timings dependant on how many teams enter. Assuming 12 teams or more participate, the format will be two divisions of “all play all” matches. The top 50% of teams will then go on to play in the main finals, the other teams going on to participate in the plate.

Plate qualifiers will carry forward 100% of all scores from their divisional matches and will then play matches against all the other plate qualifiers they did not play in the divisional matches.

Teams will play a single up-front entry fee, The exact amount will depend on the number of teams entering, but in principle £4 x the planned number of matches for the team, which is lower than last year. (This is a team total entry , not a per individual charge). ***The entry fee will cover all Realbridge and EBU P2P costs.***

***Timetable and number of matches.***

The exact format will depend on the number of teams entered.

For, example, if 12 teams enter, there will be two divisions of 6 teams. There will be 5 divisional matches for each team, at approximately 2 week intervals, October to December 2021. The top 3 from each division will compete in the finals, the remaining 3 in the plate, where each team will play 3 matches against teams not played before, mid-January to early March. Cost per team would be £32.00. for the entire tournament.  The draw for the divisional matches will be seeded, with a different mix of teams in each division versus last year.

***Guests.***

Guests will be welcome to participate in teams , either as permanent members or substitutes for the odd match, but the captain of each team must be a Farnham Bridge club member.

***Arranging Matches.***

Only Farnham Bridge club Realbridge “directors” can book and set up matches. Once teams have agreed on a date, time and numbers of boards for a match, contact Mike O'Donnell, Gabriel Hearst, Simon Foale or Hilary Havelock, who will set up the match on Realbridge for you, and will send both captains a link.

***Reporting match results.***

After a match, the winning captain should send an email to Mike O'Donnell ([Mike@lizandmike](mailto:Mike@lizandmike).[co.uk](http://co.uk/)) advising the result, the names of participants from both teams and the number of boards played). This is to enable results to be published on the Farnham website and match points to be credited at the end of the competition.

***Reserves / help forming a team***

Please advise Mike O'Donnell, if you would like to be a general reserve for the competition, or if you would like help joining or forming a team.

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**ENTRY FORM. Send to**Mike O'Donnell ([Mike@lizandmike](mailto:Mike@lizandmike),[co.uk](http://co.uk/)) by 6th Sept

TEAM CAPTAIN -

TEAM MEMBERS -