

Report from Chief Tournament Director for season 2024/2025

Most County events last season were played on Realbridge, but we did run our 7 high pairs again face to face. The 7 high pairs attracted 11 tables an improvement on last year, but the 9 high pairs which was also scheduled to be face to face had to be cancelled due to lack of entries, and has now been dropped from next years calendar. We also had to cancel our planned Festival of Bridge online Swiss Pairs due to a lack of interest. Attendance was OK at most events, but a few disappointing considering they are all free entry. Most disappointing was the Marjorie Lukyn Final where we had over 100 pairs qualifying in clubs, but only 16 pairs entering the final

The new format for the Eccles Cup worked well and we managed to get 8 teams to enter

In July, we ran our green pointed Swiss Pairs event at St Albans again, but this year just managed 14 tables. We are planning 2 such events in 2026, on March 1st 2026 and July 26th 2026

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