

Competitions Secretary Report for January 2020 meeting

The first competition of the 2019-2020 season (**Dyer Smith**) attracted 13½ tables (previous year was 13 tables).

The entries for the **Kent Congress** were significantly up on last year (shown in tables entered below)

	2019	2018
Swiss Pairs	23	21
Swiss Teams	29	15
Really Easy	8½	5

This was due to the Swiss Teams being green pointed and other counties giving more prominent advertising for our Congress (following the request from the meeting for me to ask for reciprocal arrangements from other counties). Many thanks to Monica Aitken who was Congress Secretary. Monica has agreed to be Congress Secretary for the congress in 2020 (but has stood down from organising the one day Green Pointed events – these passed to Sue Parkins when she took on the joint Competitions Role in September 2019)

The **Mens/Ladies entries** in January were slightly down on 2019 (Men's 12 table compared to 14½ last year , Ladies 11½ tables compared to 13½ last year).

The **Corbett Cup League** is attracting a total of 18 teams for the last weekend in January 2020 (compared to a total of 21 teams in 2019). Chislehurst who normally enter 2 teams have entered none, Beckenham are entering 1 team and Kippington and Folkestone are not entering in 2020. Canterbury are entering a team this year and Tunbridge Wells a fourth team. This leaves just three divisions: Cup 5 teams, Plate 5 teams and Mitchell Silver 8 teams. Sue Parkins has recently sent out the order forms for sandwiches. These are being forwarded to Monica Aitken for collating and passing on to the caterer.

The **One Day Green pointed** brochures for 8th March and 17th May will be printed this week. Advertising on our Bridgewebs site is posted, emails to follow. Surrounding counties will be asked to advertise on their sites during this week. Sue feels that all advertising and entries should be electronic, but entry forms are normally sent to clubs and other counties. We discussed this and decided that entry forms for the Green Pointed events would be sent by post to all Kent Clubs, surrounding counties and Sussex Clubs (Monica Aitken has kindly volunteered to help by sending out the Sussex and other ones. Monica had also agreed to be Congress Secretary for the 2020 Congress)

All other events for 2019-2020 are advertised on the website. I have not been able to recommend dates for 2020-2021 due to my holiday away, but will action this very soon.

There was insufficient equipment to fully supply the Kent congress last October and there have been suggestions from TWBC that we should buy further equipment. The following was agreed

4 x 4x49. Jannersten boards.	£378.35 (inc vat)
6 x Small Aluminium flight cases	£182.00
2 x 120 bar coded cards.	£288.00
1000 EBU 0011.	£ 26.20. (not requested but stock required)
1 x large aluminium flight case	£ 74.99 (inc vat) from Simon Lucas Bridge Supplies.
Cupboard & shelves	£418.80
6 x BridgeMates	£569.04
	<u>Total. £1937.38</u>

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