

KCBA Committee Meeting 7th January 2018

Larsky Report

The semi-finals are booked as follows:

Maidstone Thursday 8th February 2018 7:15pm
Civil Service Club, Recreation Close, Maidstone ME14 5AZ

Bekesbourne Sunday 11th February 2018 2pm
The Village Hall, Junction of Station Road & School Lane. Bekesbourne, CT4 5EP

Tunbridge Wells Wednesday 14th February 2018 7:30pm
Tunbridge Wells Bridge Club, 40 London Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1DL

Farnborough Monday 19th February 2018 7:30pm
The Village Hall, High Street, Farnborough, Kent. BR6 7BB

I will be directing at Maidstone and Stephen Brown at the others. We will be using Kent's boards, bridgemates and scoring computers but the local club's tables and bidding boxes.

48 heats were held at clubs during November and December at which 366 pairs achieved qualifying scores. These will include some pairs who qualified twice and some players who qualified with more than one partner. There were 14 pairs where neither player appears to be a Kent member. Apart from these, emails have been sent to all other qualifying pairs for whom we have at least one email address.

I intend to produce hard-copy letters for those pairs for whom we have no email address and for those where the email(s) bounced. I hope we can distribute these via the clubs. To this end I intend to bring the first batch to the Fleming Femina and men's pairs at Tunbridge Wells in the hope that there will be people there who can take them back to most clubs.

To date I have had 21 replies declining a place in the semi-finals. Some of these because a player had qualified with more than one partner and chosen to play with another partner.

23 pairs have indicated they will play at Bekesbourne
14 pairs have indicated they will play at Maidstone
13 pairs have indicated they will play at Farnborough
4 pairs have indicated they will play at Tunbridge Wells

There are 11 more heats to be held in January (including two at TWBC). At the end of these I intend to email all those who have not responded, to ask them, if they do intend to play, to notify me of their preferred venue.

The maximum capacity at Bekesbourne is 30 or 32 pairs. I have enquired of the hall whether it would be available long enough for us to hold two heats on that day and I will let you know the outcome at the meeting.

Paul Gibbons