

KCBA Committee Meeting 6th January 2019 Larsky Report

The semi-finals are booked as follows:

Farnborough Monday 11th February 2019 7:30pm

The Village Hall, High Street, Farnborough, Kent. BR6 7BB

Tunbridge Wells Wednesday 13th February 2019 7:30pm

Tunbridge Wells Bridge Club, 40 London Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1DL

Bekesbourne Sunday 17th February 2019 2:30pm

The Village Hall, Junction of Station Road & School Lane. Bekesbourne, CT4 5EP

Maidstone Tuesday 19th February 2019 7:15pm

Civil Service Club, Recreation Close, Maidstone ME14 5AZ

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. 49 heats were held at clubs during November and December at which 393 pairs achieved qualifying scores. These will include some pairs who qualified twice and some players who qualified with more than one partner. There were 58 pairs where one or other player or both appears not 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.

6 pairs have indicated they will play at Bekesbourne

13 pairs have indicated they will play at Maidstone

14 pairs have indicated they will play at Farnborough

9 pairs have indicated they will play at Tunbridge Wells

There are 10 more heats to be held in January (the qualifiers from 6 of them are likely to play at Bekesbourne). At the end of these I intend to email all those who have not responded, to invite them again.

One issue has arisen Medway Towns bridge Club told players they were holding their Tuesday heat on 6th November without informing us so we have invited their qualifiers from their original Tuesday date of 18th December. I propose that, on this one occasion, we invite the qualifiers from 6th November but warn them that it will not be allowed in future.

Paul Gibbons