

Competitions Secretary Report for Oct 2026 meeting

Events completed since last meeting

PHILLIMORE BLUE POINTED SWISS PAIRS – Sunday 19th July 2026

A very successful event with 20 tables. Similar entry to 2025 (19 tables)

IMPROVERS PAIRS – Saturday 9th August 2026

A good entry of around 35 tables (similar to the same event last year, 38 tables).

DYER SMITH MIXED PAIRS – Sunday 4th October 2026

16 pairs entered after a little surge in entries this week, small increase from last year played F2F (6.5 tables)

CONGRESS

Currently 18 tables for Swiss Pairs and 11 tables for Swiss Teams. (17 and 16 at same time last year). The event is advertised on the Websites of the other seven counties in our area and on the Scrolling Banner on the EBU website.

Dates confirmed with venues and catering where appropriate– the ones in 2026 are currently being advertised:

24/25 Oct 2026	TWBC	<u>Joint Congress with Sussex</u>
31 Oct 2026	BBO	Jack High Pairs
Sat 13 Dec 2026	BBO	<u>Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs (6x6)</u> (or Sun 14 depending on WBA Swiss Pairs)
Sun 10 Jan 2027	TWBC	Homina Mens / Femina Ladies Pairs
Sat/Sun 23/24 Jan 2027	TWBC	<u>Corbett Teams of 8</u>
Sat 27 Mar 2027	Maidstone	Larsky Final (uncertainty due to club closure)
Sun 18 Apr 2027	Online	George Griffiths Seniors Pairs (Easter is 5 April)
Sat 15 May 2027	RealBridge	Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs 6x6
Sat 13th June 2027	F2F	Blue Pointed Pairs at three clubs TBC
Sun 18 July 2027	TWBC	<u>Phillimore BP Swiss Pairs (6x8)</u>

County TDs

We are looking for another TD to direct county events in the north of the county and Peter Bibb has been approached (after expressing an interest 18 months ago). David Cock is progressing well and has worked well with John Oakland to direct some of the Swiss events in the past year. He passed his County Director assessment in May 2026.

Auto Updating Advert on club websites.

I am keen to all clubs in Kent to have this posted on their website. Once there they need to do no more. I update the advert when needed and it auto updates on their site. It often needs personal contacts from the committee to encourage the initial link to be added (and sometimes to keep it there – it was on the TWBC site but has now been taken down). Help from committee members appreciated. Only about 10% of clubs have this up at present.

OneDrive for Kent Files

No further progress after the initial uploading of backup files. Those officer who have not uploaded anything are encourage to do so. Thanks

Stephen Brown, Oct 2026