Competitions Secretary Report for December 2020 meeting (amended recording decisions made)

CURRENT NUMBERS

The online events have continued to be popular, but numbers in 10am duplicate declining slightly during Sept/Oct but still 16-18 tables in November and those in the NGS9 & below increasing to around 19-21 tables in November. Together the events are very cost effective. The average NGS in the 10am game is around 54.4% and that in the NGS game is around 45.3%

The games are making a profit and easily cover TD, BBO costs, Master points and prize of $3 per person for winners.

REAL BRIDGE

There has been discussion among Paul, Norman and myself as to RealBridge. Kent has an account and has already decided by email to run the Mens & Ladies in January 2021 & Green Point Swiss Pairs in Mar 2021 by RealBridge. RealBridge attempts to create the same conditions as playing at a table – but of course there will be learning curve for players (and TDs). RealBridge is also still in its infancy and has a few teething problems (but there have been a few issues with BBO over the past fortnight as they continue to add new features)

I think we should do this transition slowly. BBO works very well for the Saturday duplicates and Kent is one of the counties (or possibly the County) with the most number of tables each week. We do not want to reduce number

There are lots of clubs on the RealBridge site abroad and in UK … but I think lots have signed up and are just starting.

So I suggest to help players get used to the platform ….

Next time I send an email I will link to: RealBridge   and Players   page.

   a) They are encouraged to **try taster sessions on the News**   Section of RealBridge
   b) **On 19th December our Saturday Duplicate in the morning** to have two sections BBO and RealBridge…. Same hands (assuming possible) **both FREE**. The player would pre-register as currently…. And then be sent link on Friday evening. Master points but no NGS. At meeting discuss whether to do this for NGS game as well
   c) **On 2nd January… similarly**, but this time cost £2.50 per player… Encouraging one member of the pair to pay £5 into the Kent account, as they have always done for events at TWBC.

And then see how numbers are. I would like players to be able to choose and offer both BBO and RealBridge games in January. All agreed at the meeting

2021 Competition Dates: (all on RealBridge)

Sun 10th January, Mens & Ladies Pairs, each 40 boards with 45 min break after 20 boards.   Entry fee £6 per person

Sun 7th March,   Green Pointed Swiss Pairs   Entry Fee £12 per person   7 x 7 board matches, 45 mins break

Sat 20th Match,   Larsky Final   entry Fee £6 per player   13 tables all play all, 45 mins break between sessions

Sun 18th April,   George Griffiths Seniors Pairs   Entry Fee £6 per player   40 boards with 45 min break after 20 boards

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Sun 23rd May,   Green Pointed Swiss Teams   Entry Fee £12 per person

Sun 20th June,   Phillimore Cup, Green Pointed Swiss Pairs   Entry Fee £6   40 boards with 45 min break after 20 boards

LARSKY IS ON BBO AT CLUBS, SEMIFINALS & FINAL

Paul reported:

With all the other demands on my time I have been late in organizing an online version of the Larsky.

Most online clubs have now given me dates for their heats. I am still waiting to hear back from 7 others although at least one of them has only just started on line.

I propose that for any club from which I have not heard we take any events they hold in the week beginning 10/01/20 as their events.

I also propose, so that any Kent member can qualify, we make our two events on Sat 16/01/20 heats. (not agreed, just the morning event)

For the semi-finals I propose the following dates and times:

Tues Feb 9th 14:00

Wed Feb 17th 19:15

Sun Feb 21st 14:00

We decided……

Sat 16th Jan 10am duplicate is also a Heat of the Larsky Cup…. Expected to be the last one for anyone who has not qualified.

Paul is suggesting these dates for the Larsky Semifinals – BBO.

In February 2021: Tuesday 9th Feb 2pm, Wed 17th Feb 7.15pm,   Sat 21st Feb 2pm,

We added: Thu 25th Feb 7.15pm   Entry fee $3 per player

Mens/Ladies stratify to give prize for NGS9 and below on Sunday 10th Jan…. this would allow players of all abilities to play in this. There would be neither 10am nor 2.30am event on Saturday 9th January.

Paul wanted backup date for any club not replied… Paul to send another reminder instead

Stephen Brown, 4.12.2020