

Competitions Secretary Report for January 2025 meeting

Events completed since last meeting

CONGRESS (Joint with Sussex) – SAT / SUNDAY 26th / 27th OCT 2024

Swiss Pairs 26 tables entered (24 tables in 2023)

Swiss Teams 16 tables entered (17 tables in 2023)

I feel that the EBU Website scrolling advert helped with entries but...

A similar entry as last year. Breakdown of counties from which the players entered are:

Swiss Pairs (Kent 24, Sussex 7, Surrey 3, Mdx 3, Lon 2, Hert 2, Ess 1, Oxf 2, BB 1, Glo 1, Dev 1)

Swiss Teams (Kent 9, Sussex 4, London 2, Essex 1 team)

We did not collect info last year but a few more from Sussex and further away this year.

Profit was around £700, i.e. £350 for each county.

We need to confirm that we'd like to repeat the 2024 arrangements in 2025 (if so I will contact Sussex).

BLUE POINTED SWISS PAIRS – 8th DEC 2024

20 tables entered this year (compared to in the BBO Event last December and 21 Tables in the RealBridge event in June). BBO is not the best for Swiss Pairs (you cannot see the other players' scores and scoring is not in VPs) but this year I did a leader board by asking the top tables what their scores were and then announcing this to all players. A player last year claimed that the BBO was not assigning correctly and the highest pairs were not at the highest tables, but I was reassured to find that assigning was perfect and the top scores were always at the top tables. The costs for an online event are minimal so a good surplus is made (around £270)

IMPROVERS PAIRS – Monday 30th Dec 2024

Another good entry of around 45 tables per session. This compared with around 53 tables per session in 2023.

Review

MENS / LADIES PAIRS – Sunday 12th Jan 2025

Entries are currently 8 tables for the Ladies and 11 tables for the Mens.

We have an very good entry for the Mens / Ladies Pairs this coming Sunday. Just under 20 tables competing. It is interesting to note that even with this excellent number of entrants, the events will just make a small surplus of £120 or so. Approx income £1014, costs room -£420, TDs -£180, Prizes £200, MPs £72, Boards £80, and almost needed an extra TD wiping out that surplus.

(Dyer Smith made a deficit of around £207.... Entries £468, TDs £185, TWBC Hire -£380, MPs -£16, Prizes -£94)

CORBETT LEAGUES - Sunday 26th January 2025

There are 38 tables in play this year i.e. 19 teams of 8. With 5 teams in each of the Cup and Plate and 9 teams in the Mitchell Salver. Four directors are appointed. We need to consider whether we should return to having Divisions 1 & 2 on the Sunday and Divisions 3 (& 4 ?) on the Saturday in 2026. Costs: Note: Hiring TWBC for one day and having 38 tables costs £500, for 20 tables both days costs £840. Naturally TWBC has more costs with heating and paying for Christine to work etc.

Dates to discuss and agree for Oct 2025 – Apr 2026, see below.

Dates confirmed

Sun 26 Jan 2025	TWBC	<u>Corbett Teams of 8</u>
Sun 9 Feb 2025	Canterbury	<u>Event for 2-9 on NGS</u>
February 2025	Various	<u>Larsky Semifinals (5 including one online BBO)</u>
Sun 2 Mar 2025	TWBC	<u>Green Pointed Swiss Pairs (7x7)</u>
Sat 29 Mar 2025	Maidstone	Larsky Final (agreed cakes / sandwiches – but fewer)
Sun 27 Apr 2025	TWBC	<u>George Griffiths Seniors Pairs (Easter is 20 April)</u>
Sat 17 May 2025	RealBridge	<u>Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs (6x6)</u>
Sun 20 July 2025	TWBC	<u>Phillimore BP Swiss Pairs (6x8)</u>

Recommended dates for 2025 / early 2026

Sun 5 Oct 2025	TWBC	<u>Dyer Smith Mixed Pairs</u>
25/26 Oct 2025	TWBC	<u>Joint Congress with Sussex</u>
Sat 13 Dec 2025	BBO	<u>Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs (6x6) (or Sun 14 depending on WBA Swiss Pairs)</u>
Sun 11 Jan 2026	TWBC	<u>Homina Mens / Femina Ladies Pairs</u>
Sun 25 Jan 2026	TWBC	<u>Corbett Teams of 8</u>
Sat 28 Mar 2026	Maidstone	Larsky Final
Sun 19 Apr 2026	TWBC	<u>George Griffiths Seniors Pairs (Easter is 5 April)</u>

Larsky

Qualifying weeks:

Weeks commencing: 24th Nov 2024, 8th Dec 2024 and 5th Jan 2025

Semifinals: Farnborough Monday 10th February 2025, 7:15pm,
Online on BBO Saturday 15th February 2025, 10:30am
Tunbridge Wells: Wednesday 19 February 2025, 7:15pm
Canterbury Sunday 23rd February 2025, 2.30pm
Maidstone Thursday 27th February 2025, 7.15pm

Final: 29th March 2025

Corwen for 9-High Players

The 4 primary Kent pairs who play 5 or more times in the Saturday 9-High between Jan 1st and 31st March 2025 whose average score across their best 5 events are the highest will qualify for the 9-High Corwen (an inter-county event of two sessions each of 18 boards on 31st May 2025, RealBridge)

Stephen Brown, Jan 2025