

THE NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB

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Competition Special

Cullen Cup

The Cullen Cup is a handicap event being held on Friday nights from now to March. Your best 12 results, after the handicap has been applied, count towards the cup. You can play with as many partners as you wish.

The first drive in the competition will be 10 September and the last will be 11 March.

Jack Hammond Trophy

The Jack Hammond Trophy is also a handicap event, held on Tuesdays. The best six scores, after the handicaps are applied, count towards the trophy. However, to qualify, those scores must have been obtained with at least two different partners.

The competition starts on Tuesday 7 September and runs over 13 Tuesdays.

Poyser Cup & Max Radford Bowl

These are like-pair competitions. The two competitions are held in a single drive, and mixed pairs can take part, but the best men's pair win the Bowl and best ladies' pair win the Cup.

This year, the competitions will be held on Tuesday 19 October.

Jordan Cup

The Jordan Cup is an individual event. You will partner someone at random on the first round and someone new every other round, so just turn up!. Since there is not time to agree fine details of your system with a new partner, the competition works best with everyone playing the same simple system. The competition will be held on our Saturday BBO tournament on 13 November.

Children in Need

The popular Children in Need simultaneous pairs competition will be held on Tuesday 9 November.

As in previous years, the Club will be covering the costs of play and will be passing on the whole of your table fees to the Children in Need charity through the organisers of this national competition.

All the clubs in the country that are playing that Tuesday night will be playing the same boards. The organisers then work out how well you did overall by comparing all the results together. You can sometimes find that a middling result at the club, turns out well overall ... or the opposite. Master Points are awarded on the basis of the overall results and can make a substantial contribution to your ranking if you do well. There is also a booklet available afterwards giving commentary on how the hands might best be bid and played.

Handicaps

Both our handicapped events use a Bridgewebs built-in handicapping system.

For each month, a handicap is calculated which is the average of all your percentage results uploaded to the Club's web site on Bridgewebs for the previous 12 months. Non standard pairs events, such as Teams are ignored. This is taken away from 50 to give the handicap for that month. Handicaps are calculated for each player, not a pair. Good players would get a negative handicap, weaker players get a positive handicap.

For each result in the competition, the result is taken and the handicap for that month for each player is added together and the average is added to the percentage and this is used for the competition.

You can watch your progress in both our handicapped events by visiting the Competitions tab on the left hand side of the Club's home page on the web site.