

NOTES of OF OBA COMPETITIONS SUBCOMMITTEE – Tuesday 20th May 2025 (3.30pm – 5.00pm)

Agenda

1. **Apologies** Sandra Nicholson, Sandra Claridge, Peter Litchfield, Malcolm Currie

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**, No matters arising except those already on agenda

3. **Alerting Regulations** – Consideration of alerting regulations in

i. Thursday pairs league / teams, county Pairs semi & Final – self alerting, no screens

ii. Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs online – self alerting, no screens **SB TO CHANGE ONLINE ENTRY FORMS**

iii. Wessex League, Div 1 Self alerting & screens. Divn 2 self alerting, no screens. But SN feels that: we should consult the team captains who would be affected before taking any decisions. **SO NO CHANGE**

iv. Handicap Pairs, Chester Cup and Mixed Pairs - alerting as at table **SO NO CHANGE**

Note if self-alerting then one should alert above 3NT. **ACTION Patricia to do a crib sheet**

3. **Friendly Pairs**

The Friendly Pairs is not being run at the Congress this year but be held as a separate 9-High Swiss event later in the Autumn. Date to be confirmed: **31st AUGUST ONLINE, Approx 22 boards.**

4. **Wessex League** – Sandra Nicholson to report.

Self alerting with screens for division 1 only. Keep fees the same for 2025-2026

SO NO CHANGE IN ALERTING REGULATIONS

5. **Blue Pointed Swiss Pairs raising funds for Juniors** May each year. Is this a regular event?

Let clubs run F2F Blue Pointed Events, and remove it from the calendar at present

6. **Premiership.** Should extra events be added e.g. Thu Teams Ladder, Swiss Pairs raising funds for Juniors

SN recommends: Thursday teams ladder yes, Juniors BP event no (we don't really want to include open events, I don't think, apart from the main Swiss Pairs in December). **AGREED**

ADD INFO TO EACH EVENT SO THAT PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT IT YOU CAN WIN X POINTS TOWARDS PREMIERSHIP.

7. **Review of current competitions, surpluses etc**

	2-Feb-25	6-Feb-25	17-Feb-25	1.4% + 25p	
County Pairs	Entries	Entry Fee	Square Fee	TOTAL	
Via Square	53	£8.00	0.36	£404.92	
Free entry (TD)	4	-£4.00		-£16.00	
Extra refunds	4	-£0.36		-£1.44	
				£387.48	✓
COLLECTING					
ENTRIES	1	-£54.00		-£54.00	
REALBRIDGE FEE	106	-£0.48		-£50.88	✓
EBU MP FEE	106	-£0.45		-£47.70	✓

SURPLUS				£234.90	
County Pairs Final	16-Mar-25			1.4% + 25p	
	Entries	Entry Fee	Square Fee	TOTAL	
Via Square	19	£18.00	0.5	£332.50	
Refund	1	-£0.50		-£0.50	
RECEIPTS				£332.00	
				-	
CORWEN ENTRIES	8	-£30.00		£240.00	
REALBRIDGE FEE	40	-£0.84		-£33.60	✓
EBU MP FEE	80	-£0.45		-£36.00	
PROFIT				£22.40	
Swiss Pairs	27-Apr-25			1.4% + 25p	£472.00
	Entries	Entry Fee	Square Fee	TOTAL	Paid into a/c
Via Square	27	£18.00	0.5	£472.50	✓ 17.05.2025
Refund Fees	1	-£0.50		-£0.50	✓
ENTRIES	27			£472.00	
PRIZES				-£98.00	✓
PRIZE TO JUNIOR FUND				£32.00	✓
REALBRIDGE FEE	56	-£0.84		-£47.04	
EBU MP FEE	112	-£0.77		-£85.46	less Juniors
TD FEE					
SURPLUS				£273.50	

8. New Version of Chester Cup

Ref starting/restarting a teams of 4 league played F2F – a restart of the Chester Cup rather than an offshoot of the Wessex League. Players don't have to be all from the same club- **Next steps**

ACTION: Graham Orsmond... regulations to come. To start May / June.

SN & KT to share another draft with Graham

Agreed was not for club or EBU members, but anyone in the county.

SN feel that it is too late to start this competitions, since it will then clash with the Wessex

Also the 4th Thursday Teams starting at the same time.

AGREED: Not to have it in 2025, but start in in Jan / Feb 2026.

AGREED: to finalise regulations. F2F Teams of 4. Another meeting with GO, KT and SN

9. Sunday Competitions for 2025-2026 DRAFT

Dates for 2025-2026 suggested these equivalent dates

Sun 14 Sept 2025 F2F [Harwell Cup](#) Venue Roke Village Hall

Sun 12 Oct 2025 F2F Wallingford Swiss Pairs

Sun 9 Nov 2025 [Handicap pairs](#) RealBridge

Sun 7 Dec 2025 [Swiss Pairs Championship](#) RealBridge

Sun 18th or 11th Jan 2026 Mixed Pairs **KATHY TO LET SB KNOW; FINDING CORRESPONDENCE 18th Jan IN WALLINGFORD (avoid Dawes League match date)**

Sun 1 Feb, Thu 5 Feb, Mon 17 Feb 2026 County Pairs Semifinals

Sun 8 Mar 2026 9H County Pairs

Sun 15 Mar 2026 County Pairs Final

16-17 Aug 2026 Congress

Menagerie heat using crossimps is not a fair qualifier and they only play one team.

The County 3rd Thursday Pairs League has been added to the list of available dates

SB Ask Menagerie to run a pairs event on a different day.

We confirmed 20+ boards for County Pairs.

10. Seniors Pairs. Review of entry fees, emailing players each month & person taking over responsibility for this event.

Reduce entry fee to 4.00 per player.

Patricia is willing to take over responsibility for it and EMAIL AROUND

ACTION SB TO SEND EMAIL ADDRESSES OF ALL TO PATRICIA

ACTION SB TO EMAIL ALL OBA MEMBERS REF CHANGE

ACTION SB FORWARD EMAIL ABOUT WINNERS of LADDER TO PATRICIA 6 add congrats on website & Setup new Ladder

There was no seniors event in May

11. Inviting clubs to add events to calendar for 2025-2026

We should be prepared to juggle dates if it helps clubs run F2F competitions.

ACTION SB TO EMAIL ALL CLUBS

12. Next competitions sub-committee meetings dates

Dates are, Mon 20 Oct 2025 TBC 3.30pm

Check with Malcolm but go for Monday.

AOB Insisting on people having convention cards at F2F events?

SB to remind people to have convention cards with joining instructions.