

Autumn Junior Bridge Camp 2023 Information Sheet

Please note that the deadline for booking at the advertised residential price has now passed. Non-residential bookings are welcome until 15th October. If you are an unaccompanied junior and need accommodation, please contact William Bourne.

The 2023 Autumn Junior Bridge Camp will be held on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd October 2023 at Tunbridge Wells Bridge Club ("TWBC"). It is organised by the Sussex County Contract Bridge Association with sponsorship from Kent and Surrey bridge associations and the support of TWBC.

The 2023 venue is a change from 2022. TWBC's impressive building is located less than five minutes' walk from the railway station in the centre of Tunbridge Wells. We will be using the Premier Inn next door for accommodation. The JBC programme will be the usual mixture of training, competitions and fun - with lots of bridge.

We welcome all standards of bridge players, and especially beginners and those a bit rusty because of the last few years' lockdowns. Parents and grandparents are as always welcome to accompany younger juniors and play bridge themselves.

Date - Saturday 21st (registration from 09.45) and Sunday 22nd October 2022 (finish 16.30).

Place – Tunbridge Wells Bridge Club, 40, London Road, TN1 1DL

Transport – nearest train station is Tunbridge Wells (from Charing Cross 55 minutes, from London Bridge 45 minutes). We will meet the 0933 and 1002 arrivals if given notice.

Accommodation and Food – Accommodation will be at the Premier Inn Hotel next door to TWBC, where we will also have dinner and breakfast. Lunches on both days will be eaten within TWBC's premises and will be of a cold buffet or sandwich nature. Non-residential includes both lunches and dinner, but not breakfast. Tea and coffee will be available.

Unaccompanied Juniors - Juniors are welcome to come unaccompanied. All teaching staff and other responsible adults will be DBS cleared. If you wish to come on a residential basis and have not yet registered, please contact William Bourne directly.

Cost and registration – all bridge classes and competitions, food, and accommodation are included for juniors at a price of £30 on a non-residential basis, or for accompanying adults at £40. **Registration** -is done through the [Sussex CCBA website](#) – look for Junior Bridge Camp 2023 on the menu on the left-hand side. If you wish to come residential and have not registered by 19th September, please either contact William Bourne or register as non-residential and make your own arrangements with Premier Inn Tunbridge Wells. We suggest you book a Meal Deal (i.e. dinner and breakfast) as well as a room.

Age range - 8-21 years old for Juniors

Teaching – mini-bridge and bridge using EBED Junior Awards Scheme. We are particularly keen to encourage younger and mini-bridge players. We will co-ordinate the teaching programme with other junior bridge events over the autumn.

Competitions and Prizes – there will be two main competitions over approximately 18-24 boards. The Priday Cup on Sunday afternoon will form the first event in the 2023-24 Grand Prix. Novice or less experienced players will be able to play at a slower pace over fewer boards.

Trophies or medals will be awarded for all competitions with a cash prize for the Priday Cup winners. Plus arbiters' Awards for players who have caught the teachers' or organisers' notice during the weekend in any way: this might be good play, sporting behaviour, or simply making good progress.

Health and Safety –We will follow EBED/EBU [safeguarding policies](#). There will be an identified Child Protection Officer with responsibility for the well-being of all juniors. DBS cleared adults will have explicit responsibility for unaccompanied U-16s overnight, and all teachers and other adults in sole charge of U-18s will be given training and have their DBS clearance checked.

Draft Programme (subject to confirmation)

Saturday 21st October	Start	Finish
Registration	09.45	10.15
1 st training session (break in middle if needed)	10.30	12.45
Lunch	12.45	13.30
Free time/football/rounders/	13.30	15.30
Check into hotel	15.30	16.00
2 nd training session	15.30	18.00
Dinner	18.00	19.00
Competition	19.00	21.30
Novice Competition (for younger, less experienced)	19.00	20.30
Speedball	21.30	22.30
Sunday 22nd October		
Breakfast	8.30	9.15
3rd training session (with break in middle)	9.30	12.30
Lunch	12.30	13.15
Priday Cup (for Silver Group and above)	13.15	16.00
Novice Competition (for Bronze Group and below)	13.30	15.30
Quiz	15.30	16.15
Prize giving	16.15	16.30

Further information If you have questions please contact William Bourne on 07876 350650 or rwb225@gmail.com. Joining instructions will be sent out about two weeks ahead of the event.

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