



## The u3a 40th Anniversary Pairs 19th – 23rd September 2022

We appreciate that you may not be used to running Simultaneous Pairs, so please read these instructions carefully and check the links to the website for additional information. You can email [anna@ecats.co.uk](mailto:anna@ecats.co.uk) for additional assistance but please try and find the information on the website first.

You may be playing face to face or online and either is just fine ! Dealing files for all eventualities are attached and include the files used for the dealing machines – if you do not have access to such a machine you will need the travellers which have the hands printed on so that you can make up the boards in advance or even at the table on the day of the event.

Obviously these are only of use to clubs playing F2F.

The commentary and hand analysis will be on the website at 10pm in the evening, but I can send you a copy if you want - provided of course that you promise not to let it escape from your computer before 10 that evening ! But it can help to ensure you have dealt or uploaded the right file of course. There are 32 boards in each set but you don't need to play all of them – it is to allow for most movements, but please aim for each player to play at least 18 boards.

### Scoring and sending in the results

If you are playing F2F you can either use the scoring program to create the four text files we need to be able to do the overall scoring, OR you can simply send us the XML file if that is easier. If you choose to send the XML then please follow the instructions below carefully.

1. The subject line must be

**The session number and your country – so it will look like this :**

**9999 (Your country)**

Where the 9999 is replaced by the session number for the day you are playing, and NOTHING else – and please be sure there is a space between the session number and the country

The session numbers for each day are below

2. Only attach one file to one email
3. Don't use it for messages – send those to me directly please and
4. Send the XML file to [results@simpairs.com](mailto:results@simpairs.com)

### Session Numbers:

Monday 19 September 3575

Tuesday 20 September 4134

Wednesday 21 September 5177

Thursday 22 September 6267

Friday 23 September 7324

Please also check our pages about scoring here: <https://www.ecatsbridge.com/sims/scoringetc/default.asp>

And please please consider ...

### ... Testing beforehand

You can use any pairs event you have played to check you can send the results in correctly – just attach the file as above and send it to [results@simpairs.com](mailto:results@simpairs.com) with the subject line as :

9999 and your country ... so for example 9999 England

Results will then appear in our test area at : <https://www.simpairs.com/default.asp?session=009999>

Can I emphasise that you should tell your players not to play twice on the same day please.

## Donations / Entry fees

The recommended charity donation would be your group's normal "table money" per person, per session, payable **after** the event, but contributions over and above this would be greatly appreciated. This covers the administrative costs of the event (50p plus VAT) and excess funds will be divided equally over the five playing days and the winning pair each day invited to nominate the charity of their choice (in line with u3a's charitable objectives).

If the club is playing Face to Face it is probably simplest if the club collects the donations and forward the money to our charity account for inclusion in accordance with the details on the website here: <https://www.ecatsbridge.com/sims/donations.asp> where information about the various payment methods is included.

If you are running an online heat, then it is easier if the players make their donations directly – the web page at <https://www.ecatsbridge.com/sims/donations.asp> still applies of course.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, worries etc – I am here to help !

And finally – as always a big thank you to all of you for doing the organisation and to your members for their support as well of course. Grateful just isn't a big enough word.

All the best  
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