



The u3a Spring Charity Bridge Festival

8 – 12 April 2024

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 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 ! I am sending the files I believe you will need – if I have only sent travellers and you need files for one of the automatic dealing machines please email and let me know and I will get them off to you immediately.

The commentary and hand analysis for each day 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

Session Numbers:

Monday 8 April.....	3575
Tuesday 9 April.....	4134
Wednesday 10 April	5177
Thursday 11 April	6267
Friday 12 April	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 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 is £3 per 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 between [Parkinson's UK](#) and [Cruse](#) (Bereavement Support).

If the club is playing Face to Face it is probably simplest if the club collects the donations and forwards 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. **PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE A NEW BANK ACCOUNT SO DON'T SEND DONATIONS TO THE ECATSBRIDGE CHARITY ACCOUNT AS YOU MAY HAVE DONE LAST YEAR**

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 ! Please do so by email, as I am away from the office next week, but will have my laptop with me so that I can answer you, don't worry!

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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