

WORCESTERSHIRE CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

THE MALVERN CONGRESS 2022

GREEN-POINTED SWISS WEEKEND

Saturday 29th October
Sunday 30th October

RGS The Grange, Claines
Worcester WR3 7RR

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We are aware that many of those members of the bridge world who enjoy playing online are also keen to play in a traditional face to face congress and we believe that it is important to the continuing wellbeing of the bridge community that such opportunities are provided. Therefore, we have made the decision to run our congress face to face this year.

We are also, however, fully aware that the safety of players is paramount and, consequently, we will restrict the number of entries and, should we be prevented from running the congress by the pandemic or any other cause we will refund all entry fees in good time for players to participate in any online congresses.

Ultimately, we have to say that, although we will take reasonable precautions, the congress committee cannot be held responsible for the safety of the players.

Saturday 29th Oct 2022

Green-Pointed Swiss Pairs Championship (6 x 8 boards)

(£25 per player)

1:00pm Start of play, three matches

Interval of approximately one hour

Approx 5.30pm Restart for last three matches

9:00pm Estimated finish time

(there will be a host pair)

Sunday 30th Oct 2022

Green-Pointed Swiss Teams Championship (6 x 8 boards)

(£25 per player)

11:00am Start of play, three matches

Interval of approximately one hour

Approx 3:30pm Restart for last three matches

7:00pm Estimated finish time

Licensed by the EBU. All events Level 4 except No Fear Events

OUR VENUE:

RGS The Grange is situated between Fernhill Heath and Worcester. Easy access from J6 of the M5. RGS The Grange is 5 mins drive north of the City Centre, with two pubs within 2 minutes' drive; several B&Bs are about a mile away on the Upper Tything (WR1 1HU). (See website for details of parking, accommodation and restaurants.)

Free hot and cold drinks will be available throughout the weekend.

MEALS

A two-course meal by our excellent caterer will be available at the cost of £10; please pre-book and pay with entry (not later than 22nd October) to ensure that we can cater for you. We are offering a simple menu as follows (special alternatives for vegetarian and gluten-free if specified with order):

Saturday

*Lasagne or Vegetarian Lasagne
Selection of Sweets*

Sunday

*Meat Roast or Vegetable Wellington
Selection of Sweets*

Directions: Address is RGS The Grange, Grange Lane, Claines, Worcester WR3 7RR

From the North (M5 Junction 6): Take the A449 (Worcester/Kidderminster); leave after 1 mile at the first exit (Blackpole, A4536), but turn RIGHT (towards Fernhill Heath) at the bottom of the sliproad. Continue to Fernhill Heath, turning left (Worcester) onto the A38. After ¾ mile, just before the speed limit rises to 40mph, take the right-hand turn into Grange Lane; RGS Grange is on the left at the bottom.

From the South/Centre of Worcester: Follow the main A38 route north from the centre; take the Bromsgrove/Droitwich right fork, (rather than the A449 to Kidderminster). Continue for 1 ½ miles, past turnings to Claines (L) and Hindlip Lane on the right; just **after** the "Fernhill Heath"/30mph limit, turn **left** into Grange Lane; RGS The Grange is on the left at the bottom.

Please see our website for Data and Privacy policies, and indicate consent on entry form

Results and all other info: <http://www.bridgewebs.com/worcestershire/>

ENTRY FEES

To enter, please go to bridgewebs.com/Worcestershire and click on "Malvern Congress 2022" on the menu on the left hand side (or follow this link <https://tinyurl.com/3hfn9cs7>). There you will find online entry forms together with instructions for completing them.

For safety reasons we are limiting entries. Priority will be given to those players who both complete the entry forms and make payment. If the congress is full, a notice will be posted on the website and we would ask players to then register their interest in order that they can be put on a waiting list. We will then consider whether we can open another room to accommodate more players. Those on the waiting list will be kept fully informed at all times.

If the government in its wisdom imposes a further lockdown, or if the congress has to be cancelled for any other reason, we will refund the entry fees to all those who have entered in good time for them to take part in any online events. The effort required to organise the congress is, of course, significant and everyone can, therefore, rest assured that such a decision would not be taken lightly!

The congress committee has carefully considered the risks in running a face to face congress and concluded that it is in the long term interests of the bridge community that congresses complement the wide variety of online games that are available. We would, therefore, encourage regular supporters of the congress to come along and make this event a celebration of the game that we all enjoy playing.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the EBU scale.

SAFEGUARDING

Players who are under 18 years of age are asked to communicate their date of birth by email to our Safeguarding Officer, Mike Vetch (mike1958v@mail.com) when entering the event.