

Ranked Masters Pairs

27th – 28th February 2021

online on RealBridge



Featuring the:

PREMIER GRAND MASTERS PAIRS

GRAND MASTERS PAIRS

PREMIER LIFE MASTERS PAIRS

LIFE MASTERS PAIRS

NATIONAL MASTERS PAIRS

REGIONAL MASTERS PAIRS

1 TIMES OF PLAY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF NUMBERS VARY)

1.1 Premier Grand Masters: 6 tables

Saturday	11:30 – 15:10	Session 1: 3 x 9-boards
	16:10 – 19:40	Session 2: 3 x 9-boards
Sunday	11:30 – 13:50	Session 3: 2 x 9-boards
	14:50 – 18:20	Session 4: 3 x 9-boards

1.2 Grand Masters: 8 tables

Saturday	11:30 – 15:10	Session 1: 4 x 7-boards
	16:10 – 19:00	Session 2: 3 x 7-boards
Sunday	11:30 – 14:40	Session 3: 4 x 6-boards
	15:40 – 18:50	Session 4: 4 x 6-boards

1.3 Premier Life / Life Masters: 11 tables

Saturday	11:30 – 14:50	Session 1: 5 x 5-boards
	15:50 – 19:00	Session 2: 5 x 5-boards
Sunday	11:30 – 14:40	Session 3: 6 x 4-boards
	15:10 – 18:50	Session 4: 5 x 5-boards

1.4 National Masters and Regional Masters: 13 tables

Saturday	11:30 – 15:10	Session 1: 7 x 4-boards
	16:10 – 19:20	Session 2: 6 x 4-boards
Sunday	11:30 – 14:40	Session 3: 6 x 4-boards
	15:40 – 18:50	Session 4: 6 x 4-boards

2 INTRODUCTION

The estimated entry for the six events taking place this weekend is as follows:

Premier Grand Masters	12 pairs
Grand Masters Pairs	15 pairs
Premier Life Masters	15 pairs
Life Masters Pairs	8 pairs
National Masters Pairs	14 pairs
Regional Masters Pairs	12 pairs
Total entry overall	38 tables

* Pairs will be promoted to higher events to avoid half tables.

3 GREEN POINTS FOR ROUNDS WON

Fractional Green Points will be awarded in all events for matches/rounds won/drawn.

3-board rounds:	0.11	(0.06 for a draw)
4-board rounds:	0.14	(0.07 for a draw)
5-board rounds:	0.18	(0.09 for a draw)
6-board rounds:	0.21	(0.11 for a draw)
7-board rounds:	0.25	(0.13 for a draw)
8-board rounds:	0.28	(0.14 for a draw)
9-board rounds:	0.32	(0.16 for a draw)
11-board rounds:	0.38	(0.19 for a draw)

Note that, for events with mixed numbers of boards, some manual adjustment may need to be made after the event to the fractional Green Points displayed on the ranking lists. Additional Green Points will be awarded to the top third of the field in each event.

4 BOARDS

On RealBridge, all event will be playing different boards – ‘dealt’ at the start of each session by the platform.

5 MISCELLANEOUS

Final results will appear on the EBU Results pages as possible after the end of play.

The results on RealBridge will be missing capping of cross imps (see below) and adjusted scores that cannot be done on RealBridge – the official results are the results

on the website. It must be noted that scoring corrections affecting the final results are still possible after the results are posted.

Starting positions will be pre-assigned for all tournaments. Please log in to RealBridge with your name and EBU number and you will be sat at your assigned seat. This should happen automatically in subsequent sessions.

6 GENERAL CONDITIONS & REGULATIONS

- a) The Premier Grand, Grand, Premier Life and Life Masters pairs are 'EBU Level 5' for the purpose of systems and conventions. The National and Regional Masters pairs are 'EBU Level 4'.

You are required to have on online system cards and you should provide a link (in table chat) to your opponents at the start of each round. WBF system cards are not permitted in the EBU Level 4 events.

You can use any existing link to your system card. Otherwise, system cards can be emailed in advance to EBUConventionCards@gmail.com to receive an online link that you can provide to your opponents at the table. Please send your System Cards in PDF format, named "Surname-Surname.pdf".

- b) Mobile phones and other electronic communication devices may not be used during play, except in an emergency.
- c) You may not eat, smoke or use electronic cigarettes while visible/audible 'at the table'.
- d) General EBU conditions as contained in the Competitions Diary and the White Book apply to all competitions (e.g. split ties, protest time etc.).
- e) Special arrangements may be announced by the Tournament Director in charge should any unforeseen circumstance arise. In particular, arrangements will need to be made should the final entry to any event be not as anticipated. The Tournament Director in charge is specifically authorised to promote one or more willing pairs from one event to the next in order to facilitate the smooth running of the overall tournament and minimise the necessity for sit-outs.
- f) Best Behaviour at Bridge - Please be nice to your partner, be pleasant to your opponents and be polite to the Tournament Directors. Otherwise you may well be given a Disciplinary Penalty!
- g) Prizes - all prizes will be automatically credited to the member's EBU account, and may be redeemed at any time on application to the EBU. The prize values quoted assume a certain level of entry, and are subject to alteration should the actual entry be significantly different from that originally envisaged. A notice of revised prizes would be posted on the results page should this eventuality arise.

h) Issue of master points and ranking lists - all master points will be awarded by direct credit. Ranking lists are available from our new web site at www.ebu.co.uk

7 CROSS-IMP SCORING

All events will be scored by the 'Cross-IMPs' method, which is similar to normal teams [IMP] scoring.

Your match score card is impeded with all the other pairs sitting in the opposite direction to you in your particular tournament. The resulting number is then divided by the number of comparisons made (e.g. with 10 tables, there will be 9 comparisons) and expressed correct to two decimal places.

It follows that your tactics in a tournament of this nature should be as though you are playing in a teams [IMP] type tournament; for example, overtricks are vastly less important than they might be in a normal match-pointed pairs tournament.

IMPORTANT NOTE: there is a maximum limit to the number of IMPs which can be won in any given round using this form of scoring. This is:

- 25 IMPs in the tournaments of 10+ tables
- 30 IMPs in the tournaments of 7-9 tables
- 35 IMPs in the tournaments of 6 tables (9-board rounds)
- 40 IMPs in the tournaments of 5 tables (11-board rounds)

However, there is no corresponding lower limit to the number of IMPs which can be lost in any given round.

8 REALBRIDGE

8.1 Instructions

RealBridge uses computer video and audio for communication between players. Player can and should test their video/audio by logging into the system in advance.

Players are expected to use video and audio during play. But if you develop problems with audio/video, you should continue to play using text until you have time to try to sort it out, rather than delaying play.

It may be necessary to refresh the video feed every hour or so: this can be done (without logging out) by clicking the refresh button on your name bar.

8.2 Procedures

Please remember that your opponents will have sight of you whenever you are logged in at a table and always act accordingly – opponents can hear and see what is going on in the room around you.

8.2.1 Alerting/Announcing/Explaining

RealBridge has different modes of operations. These events will be in open-table mode (not screens) with self-alerting and written explanations. Follow-up questions can be to the player who made the call (via private chat or verbally). Note: the partner of the player who made the call will not have seen the written explanation.

Calls are alerted by the player making the call, the alert is made by clicking the alert strip. Alert calls that would be alertable or announced face-to-face and provide a written explanation when making the call.

Exceptionally, **bids and passes** above 3NT should be alerted and explained if they are artificial or unexpected. Doubles and Redoubles need only be alerted if required by the face-to-face rules.

8.2.2 Online Regulations

The [Sky-Blue Book](#) applies to this event. In particular

- Players may consult their own system card and other notes at any stage (1.1)
- UNDOs are permitted in the auction but not in the play (4.3)

8.2.3 *NEW* UNDOs in the auction – Law 25

If there is a request for an UNDO in the auction, the TD should be called – the TD will rule whether Law 25A applies and will instruct the other side whether to accept the request.

If the other side accept the request for an UNDO, without calling the TD, they will usually be deemed to have accepted the replacement call (Law 25B1 – ‘the second call stands and the auction continues’).

9 PREMIER GRAND MASTERS PAIRS

(Premier Grand Masters Cup) Holders – David Debbage & Paul Hackett

The total anticipated entry is 12 pairs (6 tables), which will be played as a full round-robin comprising 11 rounds of 9 boards per round giving a total of 99 boards.

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the field.

1st 12.00, last award receiving position 4.00. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula.

Prizes: 1st £100, 2nd £60

10 GRAND MASTERS PAIRS

(Harrison-Gray Salver) Holders –*Shahzaad Natt & Richard Hillman*

The total anticipated entry is 16 pairs (8 tables), which will be played as a full round-robin comprising 15 rounds of six or seven boards per round, giving a total of 97 boards.

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the field.

1st 10.50, last award receiving position 3.50. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula.

Prizes: 1st £160, 2nd £80, 3rd £60

11 PREMIER LIFE MASTERS PAIRS

(the Premier Life trophy) Holders –*Giles Ip & Gabriel Ip*

The event will be merged with the Life Master Pairs. The trophy and prizes will be awarded to those pairs who entered the Premier Life Masters Pairs.

Total anticipated entry for the combined event is 22 pairs (11 tables) which will be played as a full round-robin comprising 21 rounds of four or five boards, giving a total of 99 boards.

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the combined field.

1st 9.00, last award receiving position 3.00. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula. The winner of the Premier Life Pairs is guaranteed a bonus award of 7.50.

Prizes: 1st £140, 2nd £60

12 LIFE MASTERS PAIRS

(Maurice Blank Trophy) Holders –*David Sherman & Peter Hasenson*

The event will be merged with the Premier Life Master Pairs (see above), with separate prizes and Master Point awards – based on the pairs' performance in the combined event.

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the field, treating this field as a stratified subfield of the combined event.

1st 7.50, last award receiving position 2.50. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula.

Prizes: 1st £140

13 NATIONAL MASTERS PAIRS

(Bridge Magazine Cup) Holders – David Wright & David Fletcher

This event will be merged with the Regional Masters Pairs. The trophy and prizes will be awarded to pairs to entered the National Masters Pairs.

The total combined anticipated entry is 26 pairs (13 tables), which will be played as a full round-robin comprising 25 rounds of four boards, giving a total of 100 boards.

Bonus ranking points: Green Points per player to the top third of the combined field.

1st 6.00, last award receiving position 2.00. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula. The winner of the National Pairs is guaranteed a bonus ranking award of 4.50.

Prizes: 1st £160, 2nd £80

14 REGIONAL MASTERS PAIRS

(St Dunstan Plate) Holders – Oliver Cowan & Stephen Berson

The event will be merged with the National Master Pairs (see above), with separate prizes and Master Point awards – based on the pairs' performance in the combined event.

Bonus ranking awards: Green Points per player to the top third of the field, treating this field as a stratified subfield of the combined event.

1st 4.50, last award receiving position 1.50. Awards to intermediate places in accordance with standard EBU Congress formula.

Prizes: 1st £160, 2nd £60

15 ENTRIES

A Premier Grand Masters	Bob Ferrari	Mike Ash
A Premier Grand Masters	Catherine Curtis	Paul Fegarty
A Premier Grand Masters	Clive Owen	Brian Senior
A Premier Grand Masters	Jackie Pye	John Holland
A Premier Grand Masters	John Sansom	Richard Jephcott
A Premier Grand Masters	Liz Commins	David Stevenson
A Premier Grand Masters	Nick Smith	Roger Bryant
A Premier Grand Masters	Paddy Murphy	Mark Roderick
A Premier Grand Masters	Rhona Goldenfield	Tracy Capal
A Premier Grand Masters	Rob Lawy	Harry Anoyrkatis
A Premier Grand Masters	Steve Auchterlonie	Kath Nelson
A Premier Grand Masters	Dave Robinson	Warner Solomon

B Grand Masters	Croz Croswell	James Thrower
B Grand Masters	Daniel Baines	Robert Miller
B Grand Masters	David Wing	Chris Taylor
B Grand Masters	Denis Talbot	Kathy Talbot
B Grand Masters	Janet Barnes	David Barnes
B Grand Masters	Mike Huggins	Irene Robinson
B Grand Masters	Nadia Stelmashenko	Victor Milman
B Grand Masters	Naomi Gibbs	Mike Rawlins
B Grand Masters	Nick Forward	Steve Allerston
B Grand Masters	Robert Procter	Michael Robinson
B Grand Masters	Royce Alexander	Raymond Semp
B Grand Masters	Tom Dessain	Tugrul Kaban
B Grand Masters	Doug Andrews	Malcolm Lewis
B Grand Masters	Gillian Fawcett	Jim Grant
B Grand Masters	Graham Pollack	Martin Lerner

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C Premier Life Masters	Alan Sia	Derek Maggs
C Premier Life Masters	Andy Hall	Robert Plumley
C Premier Life Masters	Christine Kempton	Norman Inniss
C Premier Life Masters	Daniel Miller	Colin Jones
C Premier Life Masters	David A Sherman	Peter Hasenson
C Premier Life Masters	David Harrison	Paul Thornton
C Premier Life Masters	Giles Ip	Gabriel Ip
C Premier Life Masters	James Hobden	Alan Hobden
C Premier Life Masters	Joan Murphy	David Killick
C Premier Life Masters	Julie Grant	Ian Grant
C Premier Life Masters	Lesley Lewis	Andrew Bennett
C Premier Life Masters	Mary Andrew	Margaret Crangle
C Premier Life Masters	Peter Foster	John Liebeschuetz
C Premier Life Masters	Simon Husband	Simon Barb
C Premier Life Masters	Tom Slater	Alec Smalley

D Life Masters	Barbara Hackett	Martin Taylor
D Life Masters	Christopher Wilson	Matthew Covill
D Life Masters	David Beck	Keith Joules
D Life Masters	Gina Dickson	Martin Greeley
D Life Masters	Malcolm Burch	Malcolm Pollack
D Life Masters	Shahzaad Natt	Ambrose Holmes Mackie
D Life Masters	Szczepan Smoczynski	Franklin To
D Life Masters	Ben Ritacca	John Arblaster

E National Masters	Daniel Cardnell	Jonathan Lillycrop
E National Masters	David Beresford	Bob Brown
E National Masters	David Fletcher	David Wright
E National Masters	David Philpott	Michael Heard
E National Masters	George Jeronimidis	Michael Green
E National Masters	Henryk Klocek	Roger Pratt
E National Masters	Mahmoud Sadek	Nigel Bird
E National Masters	Maria Whelan	Eileen O'Donovan
E National Masters	Neil Gayner	Roger Eddleston
E National Masters	Richard Assad	John Pearson
E National Masters	Sara Moran	Claire Robinson
E National Masters	Simon Gass	Alan Scott
E National Masters	Stephen Berson	Bob Marchbank
E National Masters	Susan Parkins	David Stern

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F Regional Masters	Alan Setchell	Graham E. Osborne
F Regional Masters	Angela Treen	Mark Mortimer
F Regional Masters	Chris Frost	Mark Wiggins
F Regional Masters	Huey Daly	Sonya Hillis
F Regional Masters	Josephine Allen	Jim Downes
F Regional Masters	June Brown	Cathryn Fox
F Regional Masters	Kostadin Vasilev	Anton Mauve
F Regional Masters	Oliver Tiemann	Alan Woof
F Regional Masters	Peter Rowell	Francis Kelly
F Regional Masters	Rhonda Collins	Richard Collins
F Regional Masters	Toni Capewell	Andrew Billson
F Regional Masters	Tony Togneri	Elisabeth Bingham



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