

Herefordshire Bridge Association



Competitions Handbook

The Herefordshire Bridge Association organises a programme of competitions that run from September to June each year. All events are open to full and dual members of the County Association unless otherwise specified.

Restricted Competitions

These three competitions have restrictions on entry in the form of Master Point ranking and the bidding systems allowed and are therefore particularly suited to the less experienced player. All players require convention cards.

Ace of Spades - *playing for the Ace of Spades Trophy*

A pairs competition, limited to players with Master Point ranking below Advanced Master (less than 7,500 points). Bidding systems limited to Standard English or Modern Acol. It is an evening single session event playing no more than 26 boards. Entry by non-EBU members is at the discretion of the host club.

2008

AGM	Fri 12 Sept	7pm	Ledbury
Next Step Pairs	Fri 19 Sept	7pm	Bartestree
Knockout Draw and 1 st round	Fri 10 Oct	7pm	Ledbury
Avocet Teams	Sun 19 Oct	10.30am	Tarrington
Ladies/Men's Pairs	Sat 1 Nov	2pm	Tarrington
Interclub Teams 1	Fri 14 Nov	7pm	Ledbury

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Nat Pairs Qualifier	Fri 16 Jan	7pm	Bartestree
Interclub Teams 2	Fri 23 Jan	7pm	Ledbury
No Fear Teams	Fri 30 Jan	7pm	Bartestree
Swiss Pairs	Sun 1 Feb	10.30am	Tarrington
Mixed Pairs	Fri 20 Feb	7pm	Bartestree
Club Teams of 8	Sat 28 Feb	1 pm	Tarrington
Interclub Teams 3	Fri 20 Mar	7pm	Ledbury
Championship Pairs	Sat 28 Mar	10.30am	Tarrington
Ace of Spades	Mon 6 Apr	7pm	Ross

Easter

Multiple Teams	Sat 18 Apr	2pm	Tarrington
Interclub Teams 4	Fri 24 Apr	7pm	Ledbury
Interclub Teams 5	Fri 15 May	7pm	Ledbury
Green Point Pairs	Sat 20 June	1pm	Ross
Green Point Teams	Sun 21 June	11am	Ross

Entering Competitions.

For single session events where no meal is provided, entries will normally be taken up to the day of the competition, though it is helpful to the organiser and director to have as much notice regarding numbers as possible, to enable an appropriate movement to be arranged.

For double session events that include a meal, entries need to be in a week before the event to enable catering arrangements to be finalised, though late entries will always be accommodated if possible.

Two entry forms for competitions are enclosed with this booklet. Additional forms are available from the county website www.herefordshirebridge.co.uk or from your club representative. In addition entries will also be accepted by email or phone.

Payment can be made in advance or on the day of the competition, cheques payable to HBA (these are never cashed till after the competition)

No Fear Teams - *playing for the Queenswood Trophy*

A single session 'teams of 4' competition, played on a Friday evening. Only **one** member of the team may be Advanced Master or above (7500+ master points), and bidding systems are as for the Ace of Spades. It is hoped that experienced players will form a team with 3 others within the required master point range.

Next Step Pairs - *playing for the Woolhope Cup*

A pairs competition limited to players with Master Point ranking of 1* Master and below (less than 15,000 points). EBU Level 2 systems allowed. This is a single session event, played during the evening.

Open Competitions

All bidding systems as defined by the EBU in their Orange book are allowed, including level 4.

Single Session Events

Playing about 26 boards

National Pairs Qualifier

This is a qualifying heat of a National event, and attracts **Green Points**. It will be played on a Friday evening at Bartestree Village Hall. Depending on the total entry, 2 or more of the leading pairs will be invited to go on to the Regional Final.

Mixed Pairs - *playing for the Ray Paul Salver*

This will be played as a single session event on a Friday evening at Bartestree Village Hall. All mixed pairs are eligible regardless of ranking.

In House League

Open Division 1 playing for the Portman Building Society Trophy

Open Division 2 playing for the HCCBA Cup

Restricted SE Division playing for the Cotterell Cup

Open to **FULL** and **DUAL** members of the HBA. The winners of division 1 are invited to represent the county in the EBU competition for the **Pachabo Cup**.

County Teams Knockout - *playing for the C&G Trophy and the KO plate*

This is a **Green Point** competition, limited to **FULL** members of the HBA only.

The draw for this competition followed by play of the first round will take place at a central venue.

The winners of the first round go on to compete for the cup, whilst the losers are automatically entered for the plate. Subsequent rounds are played 'in-house'.

Competitions that run throughout the season

Inter Club Teams of 4 - *playing for the Dinedor Shield*

Entry to this competition is made by your Club. The competition takes place over 4 or 5 sessions at Ledbury. Clubs may enter one or more teams, but should ensure that they have enough players available to cover absences, as they will be expected to provide the full number of teams for every session. Teams will probably vary in composition and players may only represent one club, although they can play for any of that club's teams. To facilitate the organisation, each club should provide a named contact to take responsibility for all the club's teams. There is no entry fee, but players pay £2 table money for each session.

Double Session Events

with either lunch or a sandwich and cake tea.
Some of these events will start in the morning and finish late afternoon. Others will start at 2pm and go on into the evening.

Avocet Teams - *playing for the Avocet Pools Cup*

Swiss format if sufficient entries, otherwise it will be all-play-all multiple teams. Expect to play about 40 boards.
This event is suitable for players of any standard.

Multiple Teams of 4 - *playing for the Sun Valley Rose Bowl*

Ideally all teams will play all other teams, with scoring at the refreshment break if the movement allows. Expect to play in the region of 40 to 45 boards.

County Championship Pairs - *playing for the Inco Alloys Bowl*

This is the County's premier pairs event attracting **Green Points** for the leading pairs. Expect to play up to 52 boards depending on the number of entries

The County Association will pay the entry fee for up to three of the leading pairs, who are full HBA members, to play in the EBU competition for the **Corwen Trophy**

Club Teams of 8 - *playing for the Chadd Shield*

This is a local qualifying heat of a National event. Each Club may enter one or more teams of eight. Clubs are responsible for the entries for this, so if you are interested, let your club know!

The winning Club then sends a team to represent Herefordshire in the Regional heat of the National competition for the **Garden Cities Trophy**

Men's Pairs - *playing for the Country Gentleman's Association Trophy*

Ladies Pairs - *playing for the Lambe Corner Salver*

A pairs event with the obvious restriction! Both sections play the same boards.

Where demand is sufficient, the County will organise a Standard English section to play alongside the Men's and Ladies' pairs. The S.E. section may play fewer boards than the open section. **Only** the Standard English bidding systems will be allowed and players must be below the rank of Master (less than 5,000 points).

Swiss Pairs - *playing for the Bulmer Rose Bowl*
Open to non-HBA members who have **not** entered this event in previous years.

This event is suitable for players of any standard.