

HBA AGM 2024

Report from Chief Tournament Director for season 2023/2024

Most County events last season were played on Realbridge, but we did run our 7 high pairs and the Senior Pairs face to face. The 7 high pairs attracted 7 ½ tables, and will be repeated on 17th November, and the old 10 high pairs, which is now 9 high pairs will also be face to face on 29th September. The Senior Pairs will revert to Realbridge this year by popular request. Attendance was OK at most events, but a few disappointing considering they are all free entry.

In July, we ran our green pointed Swiss Pairs event at St Albans again, and had a full house of 20 tables. We are planning 2 such events in 2025, on March 2nd 2025 and July 27th 2025

The Rose Bowl was cancelled due to poor entries, and this event has been dropped from our 2024/5 programme

On 15th September we are running a special Festival of Bridge event in support of Cancer research, where HBA will match the total entry fees so doubling the charity donation, and there will be no deductions by the HBA or EBU except for the Realbridge fees. It is a No Fear Swiss Pairs, stratified to give more chance to our weaker players, and comprise 28 boards played as 7 x 4 board matches. (this report was prepared before the event, and will have already taken place by the date of the AGM, where I can update the members on the success of this event)

We have two new County Directors fully qualified now (Sheila Gabriel and Steve Hull) , so do look out for them directing more events next season

Gary Conrad
Herts Chief Tournament Director