

1)NIGHT TIME SESSIONS 2020

In an attempt to invigorate night time sessions the Tournament Committee has recommended, and the Management Committee has approved, **moving the starting time for all night time sessions to 7.00pm.** There will be a not be a set time for supper, instead players will sip their tea/coffee "on the run". It is thus hoped that the session will end by 10.00pm.

Hopefully this will induce more "retiree" players to attend whilst not disadvantaging the "workers" too much!

Attendance will be monitored and a decision made about starting times at the end of 2020.

2)CLUB PAIRS AND TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020.

The Tournament Committee has recommended, and the Management Committee has approved, that both the Pairs and Teams championships for 2020 will have changed formats. These two championships are seen as the premier Club events. Initially these events were held on Monday and Thursday nights as these were the most popular (only!) sessions. As the Club expanded and grew up/older the day time sessions became the most popular. As a consequence the Championships have seen many qualifying scenarios. What follows is the latest attempt to please as many players as possible and fit these important events into an ever increasing calendar of events.

TEAMS

The Teams Championship Qualifiers will be held over 2 Saturdays: **March 28 and April 4**

The semi-final and final will be held later in the year: to be held on **Sunday September 13**

The top 4 Teams from the Qualifiers will move into the semi -finals

The top team from the qualifiers will select its opponent for the semi -final with the remaining teams playing in the second semi -final

The semi finals will be held in the morning

Lunch will be provided!

Winners of the semi -final will play in the final in the afternoon, while the losers will playoff for third place.

PAIRS.

There will be 3 qualifying "weeks" during February, March and May involving 9 sessions in all.

Qualifying week 1 sessions: *Monday February 10. Thursday February 13, Saturday February 15

Qualifying Week 2 sessions: Saturday March 21,*Monday March 23, Thursday March 26

Qualifying Week 3 sessions: *Monday May 18, Thursday May 21, Saturday May 23

***Note that, as per custom, Monday results will be an amalgamation of Figtree Central and IBAND sessions**

The best 3 results for each pair from the Qualifiers will be totalled to select a final field of 14 pairs

If there is a need to separate equal ranked pairs this will be achieved by checking the highest number of first places (or best rankings).

Pairs will earn a maximum of 7 points for coming first N/S and 7 points for coming first E/W in the session, 6 points for second and so forth down to 1 point for coming 7th.

If there are fewer than 7 places then points will be awarded from 7 for first, 6 for second etc to the lowest score.

If it is a one winner event then first and second will each earn 7 points down to 1 point for 13th/14th.

The final will be a 7 table Howell

Successful pairs will be canvassed to ensure their availability and a reserve list will be established

The final will be held on 2 Saturdays: 24th and 31st October

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(on behalf of the Tournament Committee)