

# Champion Pairs League

**A proposal for a new Lincolnshire competition,  
whose aim is to get the best players in the  
County playing more regularly together.**

Green pointed

Butler scoring

Open to the best players in every club

## **Background**

Lincolnshire's County standard is not improving fast enough to compete on equal terms with other counties. I am proposing this competition as a way of ensuring that the better club players have an opportunity to regularly meet and play against a better field, thus gaining experience by playing and taking advice from the more experienced County players on a regular basis.

## **Venues**

To be played at all clubs around the County who can make their premises available.

## **Qualification**

There must be a clear and published method by which players qualify to take part in this competition. I suggest that each EBU affiliated Lincolnshire club should have a pre-determined number of places available determined by their membership level.

Clubs should ideally have their own local competitions which clearly determine their best pairs who would automatically be put through to the selection process. Until this is achieved, club committees could be asked for their recommendations.

## **Competition**

I propose that enough players are invited so that there are at least 10 tables at each meeting. Butler scoring can be used in order to hone players skills towards playing team events.

## **The winners**

The winning pair must have played in at least 50% of the available events. The average of the total IMPS scored over the events played could be used to determine the winners.

## **The Prize**

I believe that over time, this competition would be seen as the most prestigious in Lincolnshire, with the winners receiving a *Champion Pairs* trophy. Green and black points should be awarded according to EBU guidelines.

## **The Benefits**

Lincolnshire will have an excellent way to progress their up and coming players. The results of this league could be used to assist in the selection of players for all County level events, including the Tolle.