

and the other party of their appeal, in order for them to send the Competition Secretary their details. All facts will be passed to an Independent Appeals Committee. The Independent Appeals Committee will be selected by the Chairman and Competition Secretary and will consist of three senior County Players.

- Substitutes may be used, provided that the total number of players who have played for a team in the Competition does not exceed six, that the substitutes are fully paid up members of the Association for the year in which the competition started and that they have not previously played for another team in the competition.
- Choice of seating, odd or even rounds, will be decided by captains prior to play by tossing a coin.
- Matches of 32 boards and above are to be played in sets of 8. Matches of 24 boards are to be played in sets of 12 against each pair, except when more than 4 players from a team are playing in a match, when it will be played in sets of 6 boards.
- Results should be forwarded to the Competition Secretary within 48 hours of the match being played, using the official slip provided showing a) names of both teams, b) number of boards played by each member, c) the result and d) signatures of both captains. Results may instead be sent to the Competition Secretary by email, but the official slips must be retained by the winning captain (or, if a tie, by the home captain) and may be delivered *en bloc* to the Competition Secretary (eg at County events).
- The Committee suggests that for matches up to 24 boards which are played in an evening, basic refreshments are suitable. If, for matches above 24 boards, the home team is not in a position to offer more substantial fare then they should let the away team know, so that they may make suitable alternative arrangements.
- Should a team arrive 30 minutes or more late then its opponents have the following rights:
 - After 45 minutes of non-notified late arrival, or 90 minutes of late arrival the match is awarded to the non-offending side. Note that 1 member of a team being present within 45 minutes of scheduled starting time is an indication that the team has arrived.
 - After 30 minutes of late arrival (whether notified or not) the match is reduced by 2 boards awarding the non-offending team 3 IMPs per board. For each completed 15 minute period of notified late arrival further sets of 2 boards are removed and non-offenders continue to be awarded 3 IMPs per board. The maximum number of boards that can be removed is 12.
 - A short stanza is played by first removing board 1 onwards in order to produce stanzae of the pre-scheduled boards thereafter.
 - A stanza of 8 boards, including scoring and the starting of the next stanza should take no more than 70 minutes from the start of the previous stanza. Stanzae of 12 boards should be 100 minutes and 6 boards 50 minutes.
- In the event that a match should be abandoned, after the start, for a justifiable reason (for example ill health, power failure, serious inclement weather) then the match shall be reconvened at a later date. The stanzae previously played and scored shall stand, and the match shall continue from that point. Both captains must agree to the match being abandoned. Under all circumstances the Competition Secretary *must* be informed, when a decision shall be made as to the number of further stanzae required to complete the match.

EVENT DETAILS

The following competitions will all be at the Dunholme Village Hall with a 1:30pm start. Entry fees will be £5 per player for all events except the Swiss Teams (£10), AGM Pairs (Free), Annual Championships, Knock-out events, Baintons, Garden Cities Heats, and Leagues. Fees for the Bainton and Garden Cities are calculated on the day when entries are known. As this Calendar is printed well in advance of the season charges may differ on the day. Venues might also change. Prior notice will be given on the LCBA website and/or by notices to clubs if possible.

Juniors – Junior members under the age of 22 are entitled to a 50% reduction in entry fee.

MIXED/MARRIED PAIRS

MIXED PAIRS - Hannan Challenge Cup - Holders-2008/09 - Mo Parsons & Maurice Ladlow

MARRIED PAIRS - Dean Trophy - Holders 2008/09 - Bill & Shirley Holmes

The winning pair will be presented with the Hannan Challenge Cup. The highest placed married pair (not including the winners) will win the Dean Trophy. The highest placed married pair will be eligible to play in the Midland Flitch, should the county receive an invitation. Prize money is awarded solely on the overall positions.

RANDOM SEEDED PAIRS

John Brown Bowl (Seeded Pairs) - Holders 2008/09 Andrew King & Andrew Green

Random Seeded Plate (Unseeded Pairs) - Holders 2008/09 John & Gerry Pretherick

This event is open to non-EBU members. Pre-entry of pairs is required. Half of the pairs entered will be seeded and the other half will draw a seeded pair to play as team partners in a multiple team-of-four competition. The seeded pairs will sit in the same direction. It would help the seeding process if pairs would try and partner a player of like ability. **Pre-entry is essential**

SWISS TEAMS

Gilbert Fry Cup - Holders 2008/09 - Alan Andrews, Harry Coates, Lo Tolbutt, Ron Moss

Mini matches are played. At each stage, unless numbers do not permit, teams are drawn against a team of equal standing, provided they have not met previously. The entry fee is inclusive of a buffet, therefore **pre-entry is required**. The Management Committee reserves the right to change this competition into a comparable multiple team-of-four competition if entries are too small.

LINCOLN IMP - Holders 2008/09 - Helen Gillatt & Debbie Burton, Roger Shelley & Mary Milnes

Multiple Teams of Four in which all members of a team must have earned not more than 40,000 Local Points or 10 Green Points by the beginning of the competition year.

GHOST PAIRS

Ghost Pairs Plate N/S - Holders 2008/09 Shirley Wimbles & Trish Herring

Ghost Pairs Plate (E/W) - Holders 2008/09 Roy Hughes & Keith Stewart

Pre-set hands that are played as teams of four with your score being compared with that of imaginary partners.

BAINTON TROPHY - Holders 2008/09 Trish Herring & Mike Galey

This is the County's premier green pointed match point pairs event

Bainton Heats

A club may hold its own heat on any night prior to the semi-final

As soon as a club has arranged a heat it must notify the Competition Secretary. If a player plays in more than one heat, the first heat only will count, unless they indicate otherwise before start of play. Pairs finishing with a score in excess of 50% in a heat will qualify to play in the semi-final if they are, or become, members of the LCBA.

Club secretaries must notify the Competition Secretary of the total number of pairs who played, and the pairs who wish to play in the semi-final, by the day before the semi-final. If you wish to play and your club is not holding a heat contact the Competition Secretary for alternative clubs.

Bainton Semi-Final

Pairs will qualify from the semi-final to play in the final. The Management Committee will determine the qualifying pairs according to the numbers in the semi-final. This will normally be 14 pairs. If semi-final numbers are insufficient the semi-final may become the final.