

To all bridge players in Norfolk, Suffolk, Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire**EBU stratified simultaneous pairs 7-11 March 2011**

Stratification means that there is something on offer for all levels of ability and play on the night.

Stratification divides players into levels based on their master point ranking. Your award at the end of the play will reflect the greatest number of master points that could be given according to your category. So for example if a D pair had an excellent night and managed to come second overall their award would be for second place which would attract more master points than for winning their D section. (The points for second overall and winning the D section are not added together it is the higher number which counts).

- This is a new event being particularly aimed at bridge clubs with larger numbers of less expert/experienced players and will be scored by Ecats.
- It will be held over 5 days (different hands and ranking lists each day) **7 – 11 March 2011**
- National ranking lists and master points will be produced each evening in each of the four categories
 - A. Overall
 - B. For pairs both members of which are below the rank of tournament master
 - C. For pairs both members of which are below the rank of Star master
 - D. For pairs both members of which are below the rank of District master

**Why not try entering and see how it suits your club
More details will be available at bridge.ecats.co.uk**

This is the first of a new range of events the EBU have organised particularly for the less experienced players

Club Teacher training course FREE of CHARGE

One club member can be nominated in any two year period to be trained free of charge as a club teacher. This will ultimately boost the numbers in YOUR bridge club.

The course content will include how to teach bridge, what to teach, and a short teaching practice. Entries may only be booked by the registered secretary of an affiliated club.

The nearest course already arranged is Stowmarket in Suffolk, January 15-16

For details phone Lisa at the EBU on **01296 317217** or email **lisa@ebu.co.uk**

Club Constitutions

I hope you are all keeping up to date with your club constitution. Does it have a section recently inserted on club conduct and disciplinary procedures amongst other things? You would be well advised to check that yours is in order to protect the members, the committee and the Chairman. A model constitution can be found on the EBU web site which you can adapt to your club's personal requirements.

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