

BRACKNELL FOREST



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4th Annual U3A SWISS TEAMS Bridge Tournament Saturday 27th May 2006

The fourth Swiss Teams Bridge Tournament will be held at the Open Learning Centre, Rectory Road, Bracknell in Berkshire.

Entries are invited from teams of four players with an entry fee of £28 per team which includes lunch, and tea. The event starts at 11.00 a.m. and ends with a prize giving at approximately 5.15 pm. The format will be a mini 'Swiss teams'. This means that each team will play 5 boards against 6 other teams. In each round your North/South pair will play against your opponents East/West pair and your East/West pair will be against their North/South pair. Both tables play the same boards and then your scores are compared. The first round is randomly drawn but each subsequent round is based on the results so far with all teams playing against other teams with similar results. This ensures that you end up against people of a similar standard to yourselves - very comforting for the less experienced. As a result very few teams, if any, finish the tournament without a win.

We hope that many U3As (as far away as you like) will be able to send at least one team. It is again intended that the tournament should be for all standards of players and not just experts, it would be appreciated if a number of very strong players did not get together. To encourage the less experienced there will be a prize for the highest placed team of beginners included in the prize list. We feel that prizes are more suited to our event than master points which will not be issued. Many U3As have a bridge section, but there may well be learners and experienced players who are in U3A for other interests, so if you have a group that plays we will be delighted to welcome them as a team. We do not have a limit on the number of teams from any one U3A (unless we get deluged by entries!)

Bracknell OLC is situated close to the A322 with easy access to the M3 (Junction 3) and the M4 (Junction 10). There is adequate parking space immediately behind the OLC. Details of how to find the Centre and maps will be provided to all teams who enter.

If you would like further information about the tournament or about how 'Swiss Teams' scoring works then please feel free to contact me via e-mail, letter or phone as shown at the top of this sheet. Team entries have grown over the years: 19 in 2003, 24 in 2004, then 30 last year, so please continue to swell the numbers. Those who came had an enjoyable day and met U3A members from various other areas so there was a fair amount of socialising as well as bridge!

If you would like to join a Chiltern U3A table to enter this tournament, please contact Robin on bridge@chiltern-u3a.org.uk. You do not have to be a member of the U3A Bridge Group and you do not have to be an expert.