

British Open Pair Go Championship Saturday 8th June 2024

You are cordially invited to play in this year's Pair Go Championship.

Entry: the tournament is open to pairs of one male and one female player, who play alternately without consultation. If you don't have a partner, please get in touch and it may be possible to find you one. To enter, please send names, **grades**, and contact details to Pat Ridley (email address above).

The event is open to all, but only BGA members who are eligible for selection as representative players will be awarded points towards representing the BGA in the International Amateur or European Pair Go Championships. Information about eligibility is available on the BGA website at <https://britgo.org/bchamp/chrules>.

When: please enter by 18:00 on 5th June by email to Patrick Ridley at p.a.ridley@gmail.com; register between 10:30 and 11:00 am on Saturday 8th June.

Where: this year, the Championship will be held at Leicester County Bridge Club, St. Oswalds Road, Leicester, LE 3 6RJ. There is plenty of on-site parking.

Travel: if you are driving from the north, we recommend you leave the M1 at junction 22, and take the A50 into Leicester, turning right onto the ring road (A563, New Parks Way) at the big roundabout at the top of the hill (after about 10 km). Go along the ring road for 500m, then left at the traffic lights by the fire station (Aikman Avenue) and first right into St Oswald's Road. See <https://www.streetmap.co.uk/map?x=455526&y=305509&z=0&sv=LE3+6RJ&st=2&pc=LE3+6RJ&mapp=map&searchp=ids> for a map.

St Oswald's Road is a cul-de-sac; the Bridge Club is at the end on the right, after passing the leisure centre. It is clearly marked.

From the south, we recommend leaving the M1 at Junction 21a which takes you onto the A46. Leave at the second exit (A50) and turn right at the roundabout onto the A50 and proceed as above. We suggest you avoid Leicester city centre.

If you are travelling by public transport, there are further details under 'Information' on the Bridge Club website at <https://www.bridgewebs.com/cbc/>.

Accommodation: nearby hotels include two Premier Inns: Leicester Central (on the A50), or Leicester NW. Both are about 15 - 20 minutes walk from the venue.

Format: we play a three-round Swiss system tournament with Japanese (not BGA) rules; time limits will be 45 minutes, sudden death; komi where needed will be 6.5 points. There is a summary of the rules of Pair Go here: <http://www.worldpairgo.org/rules/index.htm> (please ignore the section on handicap rules).

There are two divisions; even game and handicap. The grade of a pair is the average grade of the players in the pair. The even game section is for the eight highest-graded pairs and points for international representation will be awarded for performance in this section. There will also be handicap section with handicaps based on entry grades.

Timetable:

Registration	10:30 - 11:00
Round 1	11:15 - 12:45
Lunch	12:45 - 13:30
Round 2	13:30 - 15:00
Round 3	15:15 - 16.45
Prizes and photo	17:00 - 17:15
End by	17:30

Entry Fees: payable per person on the day (in cash if possible, please) are:

Adults	£20
Concessions	£15 (as defined at https://www.britgo.org/join)
Juniors	£10 (under 18, or under 21 in full-time education).

Non-BGA members pay a £5 surcharge.

Refreshments: tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits will be available at the venue. There is a Co-op store within about 150m, which sells a limited range of sandwiches and other take-away food, or you can bring a packed lunch.

Side events: these will be the usual Pair Go quiz, and a prize for the best-dressed pair. Pair Go has a dress code; smart casual or better, please.

Enquiries: if you have any queries, please email me at p.a.ridley@gmail.com.