

## THE GOLD CUP

### From the President SBU

"The Gold Cup is the UK's most prestigious team competition run by Bridge Great Britain. And because there is a 'consolation event' for 1st and 2nd round losers, everybody is guaranteed at least two matches.

Normally teams from Scotland play one another in order to keep travel to a minimum but this year, because of Covid, **all 1st and 2nd round matches are being played on-line. This gives us a unique opportunity to play teams from far flung parts of England and Wales.** I think that Scottish teams will enjoy the opportunity this brings, particularly because the seeded teams do not join in until Rd 3 so we all have a good chance to win some matches. And if you do lose in an early round, entry to the Marion Hill trophy is free. I hope you will support this long standing and prestigious event"

Joan Forsyth

### From BGB

"Dear bridge player,

We are about to embark on the 2021 Gold Cup, and this message is going to all captains of teams who have entered in the last couple of years.

In these very difficult times, we're making every possible effort to promote bridge, and in particular competitions such as the Gold Cup, which have such a fine history. We need your support, and will be delighted to receive an entry from you. An entry form is attached, but as ever, I'm very happy to receive an entry by email.

### **Whilst the future is uncertain, Bridge Great Britain has taken the following decisions in regard to the 2021 event:**

- The first two rounds (at least) will be played online, and will be 32-board matches, with the option by agreement between both teams to increase to 48 boards.
- There will be no Scottish heat this year, and there will be an open draw in Round 1, with no geographical constraints. This will probably appeal to teams in areas where there are fewer entries!
- Teams may enter up to 8 players who are not registered for another team, of which only six players may compete in a match.
- English and Welsh 1st and 2nd round losers have free entry to the Silver Plate, and 1st and 2nd round losers in Scotland have free entry to the Marion Hill Trophy."

I also attach the entry form that we can add as a hyperlink.

Best wishes

Sandra Claridge

Please complete all details on this form in block letters and send it to:

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