

3-session quadruple-format movement for sections of 24 players

Individual, Pairs, Teams of Four and 'Side' (Team of 12)

Movement, data-logging and results are all visible in full screen mode in this Excel program written by D.R.Green, Dunedin, NZ

History

Based on the Warren Buffett Cup, a bi-annual matchplay trophy competed for by USA & EUROPE at the same time as the Ryder Cup in Golf

This bridge event has been held every two years: 2006 (Dublin), 2008 (Louisville,Ky), 2010 (Cardiff) at the same location as the Ryder Cup

The idea came from Paul Hackett, a former English bridge player, who was keen to see a return to head-to-head Challenge matches

which were popular with both competitors and spectators in the 1930s, but lost their way after the introduction of individual Master Points in the mid 1960s

Simple bidding systems are required and all bids must be easily explicable to a non-expert audience.

The format copied the Ryder Cup with two teams of twelve players competing in Pairs, Teams and an Individual match

Although this is a one-off event, the Teams format is similar to Teams- of-Eight head-to-head matches (popular in England)

Adaptation for use as a tournament format

I have modified the original format to make the event playable in 3 sessions with board numbers: 24 (Individual), 25 (Pairs) & 24 or 30 (Teams)

Each player is assigned an ID (e.g **X6** or **Y24**) and sits according to the movement chart shown in subsequent worksheets (**X** =Home side;**Y**=Visitors)

The captain of each side should be **X1** and **Y19** who play at Tables 1 & 4 respectively during the Individual and will enter data into the summary scoresheet

The **Individual** and **Pairs** scoring is based on points-a-board (PABs: 2 for a win, 1 for a draw & 0 for a loss);

Teams scoring is based on an 8-0 max VP scale for 8- or 10- board matches

The only entry of data required to the Excel program is **PABs** for X players in individual and pairs matches, and **Imps** for X & Y Sides for teams matches

The computer does all the calculation and sets out the results and rank for **Individual**, **Pairs**, **Teams** and **Sides** in the Score summary sheet

*The terms: '**game**', '**set**' and '**match**' are used to describe the various stages of the encounter*

There are always 3 games (6 tables) and 3 matches (Indiv.,Pairs,Teams) but sets vary according to the match format (Individual has 11 sets, Pairs 5 and Teams 3)

DATA LOGGER: The Worksheet is password protected. Only the white data entry slots are unlocked so you should not be able to enter data into the wrong place

Go to **Score Summary** sheet to enter data in Column B as follows:

Home side **players' names** against their IDs (**X1-X12**) followed by the **Home Side's name**

Visiting side's **players' names** against their IDs (**Y13-Y24**) followed by the **Visiting Side's name**

The **Event**

The **Date**

Next go to the match sheet (Individual, Pairs or Teams) required and enter data into the white spaces bordered by double lines

i.e. into the **X PAB** slots (Individual and Pairs) & into the **X & Y Imps** slots (Teams)

For the Individual and the Teams you are also asked to enter the **number of boards** to be played.

It is a good idea to save the workbook after each set of data entries