

Dear bridge player,

It's time to embark on the 2024 Gold Cup. Enter via the Bridge Great Britain website <https://www.bridgewebs.com/bgb/> , or send entries by email to sclaridge31@gmail.com.

Face-to-face matches are encouraged, but it is acknowledged that some teams will find that impossible or at least very difficult, and if, for whatever reason, your team is only able to play online, **please so indicate on your entry**. It is hoped that those who strongly prefer face-to-face will be tolerant of the needs of others, and vice versa.

Arrangements are in hand for the 2023 Gold Cup Finals to be played at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club on Saturday and Sunday 7th & 8th October, and the teams currently at the quarter-final stage are captained by Peter Pigot, Tim Leslie/Andrew Black, Sandra Penfold, Janet de Botton, Maggie Knottenbelt, Jeremy Dhondy, David Mossop and Alexander Allfrey.

All 1st and 2nd round losers, with the exception of Scottish teams, who have free entry to the Marion Hill Trophy, have free entry to the Silver Plate, also administered by Bridge Great Britain.

The draws for the early rounds will so far as possible be regionalised. The default in the early rounds will be online, and for matches from the round of 16 onwards, the default will be face-to-face.

All the best, keep well, and I look forward to receiving an entry from you -

Sandra Claridge

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