



British Foosball Association

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THE UK OPEN

Tornado

Garlando

Roberto-Sport

July 4th-6th

**Riley's Pool & Snooker Club
Bolton**



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ITSF Pro-Tour

Rileys Bolton, BFA, and Foos4Fun are proud to present...

The ITSF UK Multi-Table Open

Friday 4th – Sunday 6th July 2008

Held on Tornado, Garlando and Roberto Sport tournament-specification tables

All tables will be set to freeplay

ITSF rules will be used for all events

Venue address:

Rileys American Pool & Snooker Club
393 Blackburn Road
Astley Bridge
Bolton
Lancashire
England
BL1 8NH

T: 01204 392 032

No age restrictions

ITSF dress code will NOT be enforced this year

Pre-reg NOW:

http://www.britfoos.com/Events/prereg.php?t_id=46

Tournament Roles

Tournament Organiser (TO): Antony Kay

Tournament Director (TD): Dave Morgan

Head Official (HO): Alex Shovelton

Table Maintenance: Dave Oates & Rob Davey (Tornado); Boris Atha (Garlando & RS)



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Event schedule

Friday 4th July

7pm - Roberto Sport Open Singles Warm-up

9pm - Draw Your Partner

Saturday 5th July

10:30 - Open Singles

13:00 - No-Pro Singles

17:00 - Women's Singles

17:00 - Junior Singles

17:00 - Senior Singles

19:00 - Open Doubles

22:00 - Last games called in Open events

Sunday 6th July

10:00 - Events continue

11:00 - No-Pro Doubles*

14:00 - Roberto Sport Open Doubles*

15:00 - Women's Doubles

15:00 - Junior Doubles

15:00 - Senior Doubles

*Players ranked below Pro may enter EITHER No-pro Doubles **OR** Roberto Sport Open Doubles

Format

ITSF Ranked Events: (Open Singles/Doubles, Women's Singles/Doubles, Junior Singles/Doubles, Senior)

Each team/player must nominate their home table, which they must use for the duration of that event. Players will have a choice of the following ITSF recognised tables: Tornado, Garlando and Roberto Sport and must make this known to the Tournament Director on registering for that event.

Each event will consist of a double elimination competition with each tie consisting of a home and away leg. If the score is 1-1 in legs after these games then a play-off leg will be played. If the competing teams nominated the same home table, the play-off leg will be played on the table used for the other legs. Otherwise, the play-off leg will be played on the table type not chosen by either team.

No-Pro Singles/Doubles:

This event will be played on Garlando and Tornado tables only and is open to all players not ranked Pro or Pro-Master on either of the BFA Garlando or BFA Tornado ranking lists.



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All Non-UK based players who believe they are eligible for this tournament must first contact the tournament director for confirmation of their ranking status.

The event will be run using the Swiss system. Each tie will consist of two legs only: one on Garlando and one on Tornado. A player wins the tie if he/she wins both legs. If each player wins one leg the tie is considered a draw. After a set number of rounds the top 4-8 players with the best records will go through to a knockout.

Entry fees

DYP - £5 per person

Roberto Sport Open Singles - £5 (£2 novice)

Roberto Sport Open Doubles - £7 per person (£3 novice)

Open Singles/Open Doubles - £12 per person (£3 novice)

No-Pro Singles/No-Pro Doubles - £7 per person (£3 novice)

Women Singles/Women Doubles - £10 per person (£3 novice) (not in packages)

Junior Singles/Junior Doubles - £3 per person (not in packages)

Senior Singles/Senior Doubles - £5 per person (not in packages)

Table fees/Registration

Table - £8 for one day, £13 for 2 days, £16 for 3 days (inclusive of refereeing)

BFA - Non-Members £1

No-Pro Package (weekend only)

Semi-Pro weekend package - (OS/OD, NPS/NPD + 2 day reg fees) - £45

Amateur weekend package - (OS/OD, NPS/NPD +2 day reg fees) - £37

Novice all weekend package - (OS/OD, NPS/NPD + 2 day reg fees) - £20

Play All Package

Pro-Master/Pro All Possible Events - (OS/OD, RSS/RSD, DYP + 3 day reg fees) - £50

Semi-Pro All Possible Events - (OS/OD, NPS/NPD, RSS DYP + 3 day reg fees) - £55

Amateur All Possible Events - (OS/OD, NPS/NPD, RSS, DYP + 3 day reg fees) - £46

Novice All - (OS/OD NPS/NPD RSS DYP + 3 day reg fees) - £25

No-Pro Singles and No-Pro Doubles are non-refundable



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Bolton Open Results

Open Singles

1. Alex Shovelton
2. Tom Burdett
3. Dan Kingston

Open Doubles

1. Tom Burdett & Rob Atha
2. Dave Morgan & Alex Shovelton
3. Boris Atha & Andrei Russell-Gebbett

Semi-Pro Singles

1. Richard Marsh
2. Chris Lyall
3. Rob Moss

Semi-Pro Doubles

1. Richard Marsh & Chris Lyall
2. Antony Kay & Darren Cheong
3. Sarah Brice & Rob Moss

Novice Singles

1. Darren Cheong
2. Antony Kay
3. Nadim Dimechkie

Amateur Doubles

1. George Eid Sr & George Eid Jr
2. Antony Kay & Darren Cheong
3. Joe Bundy & Majid Abdul Basit

2-Ball Rollerball Singles

1. Robert Moss
2. Antony Kay
3. Boris Atha



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Holywell 3 Results

Open Singles

1. John Shovelton
2. Alex Shovelton
3. Joe Hamilton

Women's Singles

1. Jody Walding
2. Hannah Ramlee
3. Sarah Brice

Master's Singles

1. Jon May
2. Joe Hamilton
3. Tom Burdett

Semi-Pro Singles

1. Grzegorz Zakowski
2. Robert Moss
3. Krisztian Juhasz

Amateur Singles

1. Jody Walding
2. Sam Fitzpatrick
3. Pete Hedges

Open Doubles

1. Tom Burdett & Joe Hamilton
2. Dan Kingston & Thom Hampson
3. Alex Shovelton & Dave Morgan

Women's Doubles

1. Hannah Ramlee & Mayya Racy
2. Sukaina Jaffar & Ewelina Bielecka
3. Cath Brown & Jody Walding

Master's Doubles

1. Tom Burdett & Joe Hamilton
2. Dave Morgan & Alex Shovelton
3. Dan Kingston & Steve Lyall

Semi-Pro Doubles

1. Sarah Brice & Robert Moss
2. Inderjit Singh & Scott Walding
3. Ewelina Bielecka & Grzegorz Zakowski

Amateur Doubles

1. Jody Walding & Joe Bundy
2. Chris Hutton & Alan Shirfan
3. Sam Fitzpatrick & Richard Potts

Mixed Doubles

1. Tom Burdett & Mayya Racy
2. John Shovelton & Cath Brown
3. Steve Lyall & Sarah Brice



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Holywell 3 Pictures

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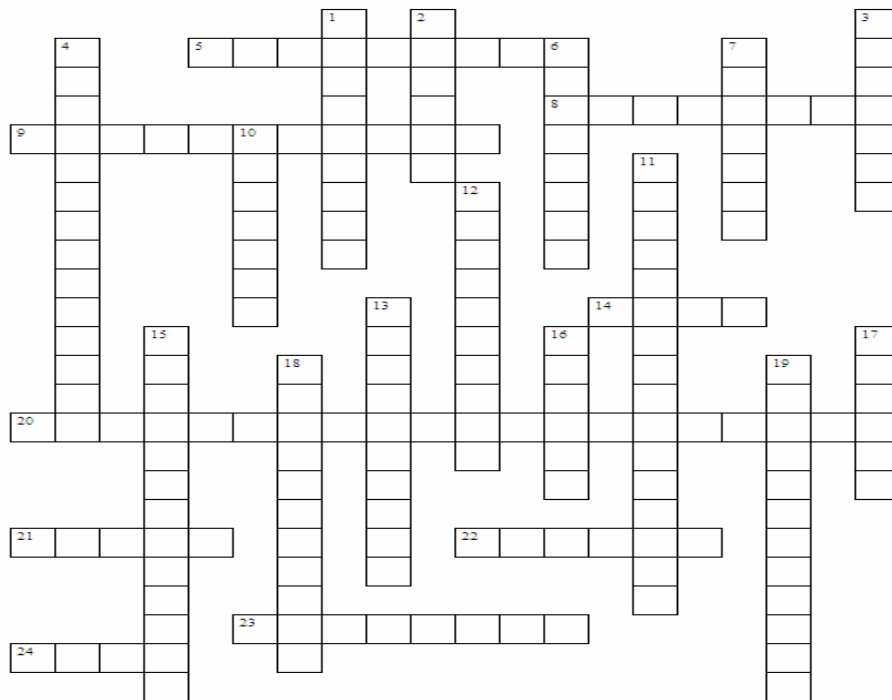


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Crossword Competition

Produced by Warwickfoosers Andrew Nubbert and Colin Fallon

This excellent puzzle has answers that are all either the surname or full name of UK foosers. As the competitions are obviously usually too difficult for the numpties of the Britfoos community, this month the competition will take a slightly different format. Simply send in the number (e.g. 2 down) of the best crossword clue – if this agrees with that selected by newsletter editor Dan Gallon, you will win a bottle of champagne to be awarded at the next tournament you attend. Send entries to dan@britfoos.com before the end of July. In case of a tie (not likely considering previous competition entries) the winner will be drawn from correct entries.



ACROSS

- 5 Wealthy bog (4, 5)
- 8 Small carpet levitated (4, 4)
- 9 Maybe an invoice, maybe my penis (4, 7)
- 14 First rearrange a hat (4)
- 20 Also beam Russian advertise Bush's-brother gamble (6, 7-7)
- 21 Hurts (5)
- 22 Jon might (3, 3)
- 23 Plank male (8)
- 24 Sounds like it's not right (4)

DOWN

- 1 Dig weight (9)
- 2 Holywell owned a mafia boss (6)
- 3 Reveal them (7)
- 4 Full monkey might be kind on genitals (6, 8)
- 6 Meat sick weight (8)
- 7 Sparrow consumed, we hear (7)
- 10 Burple grass (3, 4)
- 11 Todd Loffredo possibly hatches lorry pill? (11, 5)
- 12 Toilet money shelter (4, 6)
- 13 Shuffle high chairs (5, 5)
- 15 God possibly has crummy grin (5, 8)
- 16 8 litre editor (6)
- 17 Overturn weight (6)
- 18 Was entity weight (11)
- 19 Mr Angry might yell then slap (7, 5)



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Discussion

Joe Hamilton posted the excellent article below on Britfoos – join the debate at:

<http://www.britfoos.com/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=6566>

Why do you attend a foosball tournament?

Ok sounds like a silly question, but with attendances of recent tournaments lower than what they could be, I thought I would ask the question. Attendances have been around the 40-50 mark, instead of 80-100 which it SHOULD be. I may be slightly wrong on figures but everyone gets the idea. So my 2 questions are:

Do you think tournament attendances suffer at present as a result of MORE tournaments being offered recently?

What do you go to foosball tournaments for?

Obviously you could go to tournaments for a number of reasons, but which one MOST describes you?

As there is a clear decline in attendances at tournaments, we need to find out WHY this is happening, then perhaps we can remedy that problem!

For me, I go to tournaments, because I want to compete and win as much as I can, the number of events don't bother me so much because I am likely to do well in the open events. I prefer tournaments with higher prize fund even if it means more entry fee, again because I have a high chance of winning it back. I could easily go to a tournament that offered no social side or cost effectiveness, if I knew I could do well in the tournament and get my money back.. For me, the main reason I go to tournaments is financially.

My opinion on why numbers are decreasing at tournaments is that players who start out and begin to win rookie / semi pro events, end up turning pro and begin to lose that initial success due to the strength of the top 10 players in our country (in relation to the other UK players, not in relation to international affairs).

Those players get stuck in events they don't really want to play in, therefore don't really enjoy going to the tournaments, that is unless they have that drive to practice / improve, then beat the top guys.

I appreciate a lot of the names I'm gonna mention probably have other commitments and table football isn't as high a priority for them as it is for me, but I think it would be a step in the right direction if we implement PRO events, not MASTERS events in either case. I say this because Pro Masters don't really care about masters events (which I found out from speaking to most Pro Masters), whereas Pro's could do with their own ranking event that masters can't enter. If possible, obviously do both, but for me I would prefer to see pro events at tournaments, not master events.



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Discussion - continued

People who have had success, but have got to a ranking that is pretty much unsuitable for them, therefore as a result, stopped enjoying tournaments as much (this is all my opinion as this is what would happen to me if I were them!), and put foosball to the back of the priority list: Raj, Iain, Raf Jack, Tich, Kalsi, John Worthington, Jude, Vinny and Peter, Phil Cutliffe, Craig, Zico, James Tucker etc.

These are the kind of players that are good players, but once that period of winning rookie and semi pro events disappeared, they don't achieve as good results, therefore tournaments don't have the same kind of appeal. As I have mentioned, I'm sure a lot of these guys will have other reasons why they don't go to tournaments, which is fair enough, and I'm not having a pop at them, I'm just listing a group of players that it would be great to see at tournaments again, and I think by introducing events such as PRO singles, PRO doubles, and Handicapped doubles, they might have a better reason to come to a tourney again (or maybe not who knows)!

Obviously the lack of up and coming players is a worry, but, I also think the lack of interest from the class of player I have mentioned above is also a massive concern. It would be great to find a way of keeping the current playerbase attending as many tournaments as they can. This combined with new players breaking through will ensure a healthy tournament attendance in the future.

As a last point, I think that the advertising of tournaments is a make or break point for a lot of people. If you only advertise 2 weeks in advance of the tournament, you are unlikely to get as much attendance as an event like the Warwick open, which was very organised and advertised quite a while in advance. A lot of people lead busy lives, and need a lot of notice in order to book time off to attend! I think all tournies should have 4-6 weeks advertisement, with a pre reg up way early too. I can almost guarantee it would increase the number of entrants, although I understand advertising this early is not always possible.

Sorry for this long, messy piece of writing, but hopefully people can answer and we can address whatever the problem for lack of attendance is!

Joe has raised some great talking points – if you have a contribution to make, or to read the in-depth discussion, log on to: <http://www.britfoos.com/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=6566>

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