

CURTC

It's GRADUATE CUP 2008 Time!

In a sure sign that spring is approaching, the time has come to sign up for this year's Graduate Cup. Time is of the essence, we want to start the tournament as quickly as possible to give the maximum period of time for people to play their matches, so don't delay... **SIGN UP NOW!**

The Graduate Cup is a fantastic opportunity for higher handicappers to gain the experience of playing better players, and for low handicappers to really test their control and composure when giving away significant handicap advantage.

And after months huddled in darkened rooms, endless data entry and spreadsheet modelling, hours discussing the relative merits of snowball samples and Quasi-Monte Carlo methods, and consideration of the effect of the American sub-prime lending debacle, the playing sub-committee has decided that this year—refresher courses on calculus and differential geometry will be provided on request—the handicapping rule will change as follows—brace yourselves....

ALL matches will be played off a **maximum handicap difference** of **23**.

So come on, enter the tournament now before someone nationalises it...

You can enter by adding your name to the list posted on the club notice board or by contacting Kees, Peter or Scott by 'phone or e-mail.

Details of the competition are set out below.

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To enter the premier Club handicap tournament of the year please enter your name and initials on the **Entry Sheet** below.

Entry Qualifications

Current Senior Members with up-to-date and non-volatile handicaps are eligible to play.

If you were a member of CURTC before 1st February 2008 and have posted at least four results against different opponents since 30th November 2007 your handicap will be assumed to be realistic. If you do not meet this condition but would still like to play please consult the organisers. The maximum number of competitors we can accommodate is 64.

NEW HANDICAPPING RULE:

This year **ALL** matches will be played off a **maximum handicap difference** of **23**.

Closing Date

You must sign up before 12 noon on Friday 7th March 2008, and the draw will take place that evening.

Entrance Fee

Court fees will be charged at the usual rates of £6.50 or £7.50 per person per hour, depending on whether the time slot is off peak or peak, respectively.

Format

1. There will be preliminary leagues of three to five players (depending on the number entrants).
2. Participants in each league will be decided by random draw on the evening of Friday 7th March. Each league should therefore comprise both stronger and weaker players.
3. All league matches must be completed by Noon on Friday 19th April.
4. The winner of each league (and best runners-up) will take part in the KNOCK-OUT competition.
5. The draw for the Knock-Out competition will take place on the evening of Friday 19th April.
6. The quarter- and semi-final matches of the Knock-Out competition will be held on Friday 26th & Saturday 27th April, with the final taking place on Saturday 17th May during the Cambridge Weekend.
7. The Club Dinner takes place on the evening of Saturday 17th May at which the winner of the Graduate Cup will be presented with the Trophy.
8. The Winner will be eligible for entry to the National Handicap Tournament in the Autumn.

Arranging League Matches

1. Following the draw on 7th March the League Tables will be posted on the Club Notice Board, with details of how the League matches should be played.
2. Please arrange your own League matches by the due date and enter the results in your League Table on the Club Notice Board.
3. You may use the Club's phone to arrange your matches.
4. If any League matches are not completed by the due date the Tournament Committee will decide what to do.
5. **Some** Court Bookings will be reserved for the League matches and are marked "**Grad Cup**". These spaces are primarily for players who can only play at the peak times of week-day evenings. You may use these bookings for your matches. Please wherever possible arrange your matches using the off-peak times.

Questions

Any questions should be addressed to Kees or to the Graduate Cup Organiser (Adrian Grange Tel: (01638) 780275; e-mail: agrange@on2.com).