

Pickled Pairs Competition – 2026 pilot

An informal rollup style pairs competition that is easy to arrange.

Benefits for members:

- the pilot year is free
- join / leave the competition at any time
- play with a variety of players (no fixed pairs partner)
- play when it suits you (no set dates to play games)
- play as much or as little as you like (no set number of games you must play)

How it works:

- Rollup Whatsapp group can be used to arrange a game with 3 other players
- Any player can add a message asking if 3 other players would like a game on a suggested day and time. The first 3 to respond, plus the person sending the message, form the 2 pairs for that game.
- You can only partner with another player once in the competition.
- You can play against another player as many times as you like.
- At the end of the game the person organising the match should post the player names and score on the Rollup Whatapps group or message Roger Simmons.
E.g. Roger/Suzanne 14 - BrianB/Mary 15
- Scores to be updated weekly.
E.g. Individual scores: Roger - 14, Suzanne - 14, BrianB - 15, Mary - 15.
- Your competition score is the total number of points you have scored in all games divided by the number of games you have played.
- Play-and-Go – no buying drinks after (unless of course you want to).

Game format:

- Each game is 15 ends, played straight through, normal pairs rules.
- Four bowls per player. Toss for the mat. One 'Pickled Pairs' score card.
- 1 on the 1st two ends, no practice ends.
- If the game is abandoned, the game and score does not count.

Competition winner:

- top 8 players (who have played more than 4 games) play a semi-final (random pairing). Two winning teams swap partners to play the final.
- A jar of Pickled Pears for the winning pair.