

1	<b>THOMAS CHARLSEN</b>	<b>TOR HELNESS</b>	<b>One of the greatest players in the world reunited with his former Norwegian team-mate who finished second in last year's tournament.</b>
2	<b>GUNNAR HALLBERG</b>	<b>DAVID EWART</b>	<b>Current senior world champion and the best Swedish bridge player in Brighton, together with a holder of the TGRs Super League title.</b>
3	Shirin Sepahbodi	Richard Selway	The only pair in the world to have won every tournament in which they have played. Admittedly they have only played in one, but it was a major success for them.
4	<b>BJORN OLAN EKREN</b>	<b>OLE BERSET</b>	<b>Played for Norway in last year's European Championships, as well as devising one of the bridge world's most famous conventions (and then refusing to play it).</b>
5	Kitty Teltscher	Steve Eginton	Olympic bronze medallist in the 2004 Women's series and one of England's most experienced tournament players and administrators.
6	Patrick Lawrence	Stuart Wheeler	The Pride of the Portland - top rubber bridge players out to show that system is no substitute for skill.
7	James Vogl	Michael Graham	James has been training for this event in the tough school of the TGRs high-stakes game, and Michael is a young player with many tournament successes.
8	Brian Campbell-Kearsey	Julian Mitchell	One of the best non-Swedish players in Brighton and one of the regulars at the TGR duplicates.
9	<b>DAVID HERMAN</b>	<b>TONY FORRESTER</b>	<b>England's most successful player for many years and one of TGR's most successful rubber bridge players, with every chance of improving on last year's fourth-place finish.</b>
10	Simon Gillis	Boye Brogeland	The North and the even further North – long-standing partnership with many successes on the international stage.
11	Cornel Teodorescu	Ionut Coldea	A top Romanian pair - high-stake rubber bridge players as well as accomplished performers on the tournament scene.
12	Charles Wigoder	Robert Sheehan	The proprietor of TGRs together with a British international whose first Gold Cup victory was in 1972 and his last in 2010.
13	Hugo Eddis	Charles Eddis	Hoping to repeat last year's success as one of the leading pairs in the non-expert category.
14	Simon Goldstein	Alan Bailey	Will be playing their hearts out to achieve their goals, having practised hard for this tournament at our Tuesday morning duplicate.
15	<b>FREDRIK BJORNLUND</b>	<b>NICK SANDQVIST</b>	<b>Last year's winner and this year's sensation, a fellow Swede who won the Gold Cup at his first attempt a few weeks ago.</b>
16	<b>JON BALDURSSON</b>	<b>THORLAKUR JONSSON</b>	<b>1991 World Champions in one of Iceland's greatest sporting achievements – kept their country awake all night as they won the Bermuda Bowl in Japan.</b>
17	Maurice Esterson	Peter Lester	A regular in the TGRs £15 game and a player who has recently returned to bridge at TGRS.
18	Abdellatif Cadi Tazi	Khalil Bensouda	Moroccan visitors who have represented their country many times in international competition. Will the sun shine for them today?
19	Marek Malysa	David Burn	Marek organises the popular Polish tournament "Bridge in the Forest", to which his partner was invited one year. He narrowly avoided being mistaken for a bear and shot.
20	Karl Christian Baumann	Simon Eileraas	Former champions of Norway and still among the leading players in that leading bridge nation.

21	Ole Fuglestad	Jon Solli Hansen	Certain to win, otherwise Ole will not be certain of finishing ahead of his wife, and that would be a tragedy.
22	Jonathan Davis	Justin Hackett	A leading investor and finance journalist together with Manchester United's most devoted supporter and one of England's most consistent international players.
23	Ian Draper	Jeremy Willans	One of Kent's most successful pairs who have won the title of Champion County more than once in recent years.
24	Tonje Brogeland	Tone Svendsen	Tonje will be determined to finish ahead of her husband, and if she does that she and her Norwegian partner will be very high in the rankings
25	Gad Chadha	Graham Orsmond	This pair could be leading or propping up the field - fast, furious and sometimes off the planet.
26	Steve Capal	Jonathan Harris	The first pair to enter this year's tournament. Will their names still be at the top of the list on Sunday?
27	Wit Klapper	Pawel Klapper	From Poland come a European seniors champion and his junior, also a promising player in his own right.
28	Marion Robertson	Simon Cope	A serious bridge and poker player and coach of the English national team, together with his enthusiastic partner.
29	Waseem Naqvi	Jorg Dombrowe	An Englishman and a German who now live and play successfully in Spain.
30	Willie Coyle	Gerald Haase	Vastly experienced Scottish internationals with many successes in Scottish, British and European events.
<b>31</b>	<b>PETER FREDIN</b>	<b>GUNNAR ANDERSSON</b>	<b>Two of Sweden's top players, and to be two of those you have to be very good players indeed.</b>
32	Peter Hasenson	Jeff Alper	Producer of the Bridge Player's Almanac bidding for a place in history himself by winning this tournament with his partner from the upper echelons of Middlesex bridge.
<b>33</b>	<b>JORGEN MOLBERG</b>	<b>JON-EGIL FURUNES</b>	<b>Two more of the Viking invasion who have won many national and international championships, though probably not against Alfred the Great.</b>
34	Andor Vin Munnen	Kuus Urieze	Andor has been sharpening his game at the TGRs rubber bridge tables, so watch out for this partnership from the Netherlands.
35	George Willett	Terry Harvey	This partnership is taking the event so seriously that they have been practising beforehand, which will give them a considerable advantage over at least half the field...
36	Christine Kempton	Phil Jones	...but not over this pair, who have played together successfully many times in their native Kent.
37	Dinah Caplan	Jeremy Dhondy	The Chairman of every English committee and (not necessarily therefore) England's leading master point holder for many years, with his partner from Middlesex.
38	Geir Brekka	Frank Svindahl	Norwegian first division players who also won the Polish team championship last year.
39	Lucian Taciuc	Bogdan Marina	Visitors from Romania who have represented their country many times on the international stage.
40	Tommy Brass	Alex Roberts	English junior internationals who appear thanks to the generous sponsorship of some of TGRs' members. Thanks, guys - if they win, you'll get your money back.

41	<b>JUAN CARLOS VENTIN</b>	<b>FREDERIC WRANG</b>	<b>A blend of fire and ice – Juan Carlos from Argentina, Frederic from Sweden. Talented and experienced international players with every chance in this tournament.</b>
42	<b>ADAM WILDAVSKY</b>	<b>MICHAEL POLOWAN</b>	<b>Visitors from the United States who have represented that country on more than one occasion. Very tough players who are no strangers to the big stage.</b>
43	Per Ove Grime	Anne-Karin Fuglestad	A Norwegian mixed partnership with many recent successes at European level.
44	Jerzy Kozyczkowski	Ulrich Jahr	Two strong players from Poland and Germany generally found high in the standings in major pairs tournaments.
45	David Kendrick	Victor Milman	Likely to be the pair with the fewest number of averages over 76 boards – the Kendrick motto is “death or glory”, and he isn’t dead yet.
46	<b>DAVID MOSSOP</b>	<b>GOJKO ZIVKOVIC</b>	<b>Many-time representatives of Switzerland in international bridge and frequent visitors to England with a number of tournament successes.</b>
47	<b>ALEXANDER ALLFREY</b>	<b>ANDREW ROBSON</b>	<b>One of the most successful partnerships in English bridge for the last five years. If they win, the Times will be holding the front page.</b>
48	Brian Senior	Tommy Sandsmark	This pair has the ability to finish high in the rankings, but the main point of interest will be whether the jovial Norwegian can persuade his partner to smile at least once during the tournament.
49	Wojtek Olanski	Erikas Vainikonis	Visitors from Lithuania who have represented that country in European championships.
50	Ole-Johnny Stene	Svein A N Olsen	Champions at drinking and five-time European champion at wrestling. Do not get any good results against this pair until after the fourth beer.
51	<b>ZIA MAHMOOD</b>	<b>DAVID BAKHSHI</b>	<b>Zia needs no introduction, and his partner is one of the most formidable tournament players in England and abroad.</b>
52	<b>MAIJA ROMANOVSKA</b>	<b>KARLIS RUBINS</b>	<b>Visitors from Latvia, where they are frequently among the winners in the major tournaments.</b>
53	Pierre Schmidt	Christophe Oursel	Two French international players who have done much fine work with their country’s young stars. If they have learned to bid like juniors, they will be a dangerous force.
54	Sarah Dunn	David Gold	With Hallberg and Ewart they made up the winning team in the TGRs Super League last month. Sarah’s ferocious bidding generally ensures a large number of unique results.
55	Keith Springer	Robert Mundy	If Robert wins this, don’t ask him if he writes his own scripts. The answer will be “Yes”.
56	Charlotte Vine	Christopher Rainbow	Charlotte is one of our popular hosts and teachers, Christopher is no longer a star of TV but one of the star pupils at TGRs.
57	<b>KRZYSZTOF BURAS</b>	<b>GRZEGORZ NARKIEWICZ</b>	<b>Yet another in the seemingly endless stream of talented young players from Poland, now fast making a mark for themselves at Open level.</b>
58	<b>BJARNI EINARSSON</b>	<b>ADALSTEINN JORGENSEN</b>	<b>Two more of Iceland’s 1991 World Champions, still prominent on the international scene.</b>
59	Clement Maamarbachi	George Kachami	Visitors from the Lebanon who have represented that country in European championships.
60	Dan Ignatescu	Marius Ionita	Another top Romanian pair who have represented their country many times on the international stage.

61	<b>MARIA JOAO LARA</b>	<b>MANUEL D'OREY CAPUCHO</b>	<b>The Dark Horses of the Landsmark – a major auction pairs tournament in which they went for a song and won a fortune.</b>
62	Nick Irens	Espen Erichsen	The advance guard of the Norwegian invasion, Espen has been a Londoner for a while now and played for England only last weekend. Nick is an experienced player and one of the nicest guys in bridge.
63	Louise Solomon	Warner Solomon	The Champions of Andalusia, where they won a major pairs tournament a year ago.
64	<b>ARTUR MALINOWSKI</b>	<b>JANET DE BOTTON</b>	<b>Winners of every competition on the national stage, and holder of the world record for countries represented at bridge during his career as well as silver medals at both World and European level.</b>
65	Jacek Sikora	John Vos	Regulars in the TGRs Super League and at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club.
66	Kevin Elstow	Chris Mooney	A partnership with dual nationality, representing not only Berkshire but also Buckinghamshire. Let us hope they play like a pair of bucks, rather than...
67	<b>MARCIN KRUPOWICZ</b>	<b>SLAWOMIR ZAWISLAK</b>	<b>Have played successfully for their native Poland in European Championships and other major competitions.</b>
68	<b>THOR-ERIK HOFTANISKA</b>	<b>GEIR HELGEMO</b>	<b>One of the greatest players in the world reunited with his former Norwegian team-mate who finished second in last year's tournament. Which is where we came in.</b>