



Members Diary
2015-2016

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Chairman's Welcome

Dear Member,

Welcome to your English Bridge Union Diary for 2015/2016. I hope you find it useful. The format is substantially unchanged from last year.



Our international teams are going to Chennai in late September 2015 to represent England in the World Championships. It is the first time a country from Europe will have representatives in the Open, Women's and Senior's categories. We wish all our teams good luck.

Our future as an organisation relies on attracting and keeping new members. Teaching bridge is one thing that helps that, especially in clubs, as the new recruits will often play in the club when they have learnt and can cope with a duplicate. The charity, English Bridge Education and Development (see page 8), are working on programmes which will assist this process. One great piece of recent news was the donation of the bridge club at South Bucks to EBED and the hope is that it will become a centre of excellence for the teaching programmes which will help us attract new members as well as continuing to be one of our most successful clubs. There is also work being done by the charity in developing Minibridge programmes for schools. There are sound and successful programmes in several areas of the country. This will seek to expand them to other areas.

Bridge is very important as an activity for those who, perhaps, are older and feel more isolated. Its role in promoting social inclusion is a key to its function in modern society.

An area which is developing is that of online bridge. Whilst it may not be for everyone it helps those who find it difficult to get around. Bridge Club Live is now an affiliated online club (see page 12). We have an online knock out tournament (see page 30) and you can play matches online in some competitions if both sides prefer. Like it or loathe it the online game will play a more significant part as time marches on.

I hope you enjoy your bridge wherever you play in the coming year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read 'J. Dhondy'.

Jeremy Dhondy

Chairman, English Bridge Union

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EBU Panel of Tournament Directors

The EBU maintains its own panel of TDs who officiate at nationally organised tournaments, on a fees and expenses basis. Club Tournament Director training courses are run by English Bridge Education and Development (see page 6); training for tournament directors at county and national level is run by the EBU.

The EBU panel of TDs is headed by the Chief Tournament Director, Gordon Rainsford (who is also employed as the EBU Tournament Manager at Aylesbury) and includes over 40 names, under the headings of National, Senior Congress, Congress 'A', Congress 'B' or Trainee TDs. Opportunities are available for promotion through these ranks, by assessment and interview. The current active EBU Panel of Tournament Directors is:

Chief Tournament Director

Gordon Rainsford 01296 317223

National Tournament Directors

Mike Amos	07816 199901	Neil Morley	01252 333885
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Sarah Amos	01691 623984	Phil Godfrey	07702 735587
Malcolm Carey	01473 727537	Eddie Williams	01424 430596
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Congress A Tournament Directors

Chris Benneworth	0191 290 3479	Matthew Johnson	07866 492434
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Janet Hempson	0114 2369230	Hugh Williams	01327 872315
Marilyn Jones	02476 463111	Kathy Williams	01424 430596
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Those marked with an * are happy to receive calls for late night rulings up to 1.30am.

The EBU is occasionally approached for advice and assistance in the planning and running of events. This may involve the choice of a tournament director, and the EBU is happy to make recommendations.

In matches played privately, you may need a ruling. The procedures for doing so will have been described in the relevant conditions of contest, and it is important that players understand and follow these procedures. A ruling of first instance may be obtained by telephoning any EBU panel director (see page 5). An appeal against a ruling may be made to any one of the EBU referees listed below:

Jeffrey Allerton	020 8224 1124	Frances Hinden	020 8224 1124
Steve Barnfield*	01892 534055	Graham Kirby	0115 983 0343
Max Bavin	01296 394747	Graham Osborne	01428 682778
David Burn	07767 642094	Clive Owen	01325 464279
Brian Callaghan	020 7385 3534	Martin Pool	01444 892414
Heather Dhondy	07879 636493	David Price	01787 472159
Chris Dixon	01761 432255	Malcolm Pryor	01233 712554
Grattan Endicott	0151 724 1484	Tim Rees	01344 775499
David Gold	07854 632384	Neil Rosen	020 8445 6609
Jason Hackett	07793 110268	Brian Senior	0115 779 3413
Paul Hackett	0161 446 1138	Jeff Smith	0161 702 3773
David Harris	01582 821161	Mike Swanson	01928 790080

A referee may also be called upon to give a ruling of first instance if a tournament director is not available.

Those marked * would prefer not to be telephoned after 10.00pm.

Club Tournament Directors

English Bridge Education and Development (see page 8) provides courses to equip participants with the necessary skills which will enable them to run events, from local club duplicates to county events and beyond.

Club Tournament Director Courses are the first step on the ladder and consist of four modules: Essentials, Book Rulings, Judgement Rulings and Assessment. These courses are run nationally in response to demand from individual clubs. Please email simon@ebedcio.org.uk if your club would be interested in hosting a suite of these courses.

Details of currently planned courses are at www.ebedcio.org.uk/node/32

The EBU has created a series of videos to help Club Tournament Directors deal with six of the more commonly occurring situations. They can be viewed at www.ebu.co.uk/laws-and-ethics/td-videos

You can download useful flow charts on more commonly infringed laws from www.ebu.co.uk/documents/laws-and-ethics/laws/flow-charts.pdf

Club Teacher Training

To help membership recruitment in your club, English Bridge Education & Development (see page 8) runs teacher training courses to help all bridge clubs to 'grow their own' membership. This course provides basic training for club members who are prepared to offer a teaching programme at their club.

To find out more please contact lisa@ebedcio.org.uk or visit www.ebedcio.org.uk/club-teacher-training

Your Contact Details

Please keep your county and the EBU informed of your contact details - don't just assume that your club will let us know!

- ❖ If you have email, let your county and the EBU know
- ❖ If your email address changes, send us the new one.
- ❖ If you move, tell us your new address (& the old one).
- ❖ If you move to a different county, do tell the EBU, your old county of bridge affiliation, and make sure you join the new county.
- ❖ Also, if you know of any EBU/county/club member who has recently passed away, please let us know.

**To inform the EBU please email membership@ebu.co.uk,
or ring 01296 317200**

It is only if we have your correct contact details that we can provide you with the best service and ensure you receive important information.

We need your email address on our records if you want to:

- ❖ Reset your password or get help accessing the members area of the website (for example to read the online magazine).
- ❖ Receive important announcements, notifications of upcoming events, and alerts when new content is added to the members area.

You can update your preferences so that you can opt out of receiving promotional emails from us or from third parties, but we hope that you will see the benefit of staying in touch with us.

Please provide your contact details and help us to help you

English Bridge Online & the Magazine Archive

A printed copy of the magazine is sent to all members with sufficient magazine points. Information on magazine points is available at www.ebu.co.uk/documents/universal-membership/magazine-points.pdf

Members who do not have enough magazine points to receive a printed copy, and those who prefer to read on their computer/tablet, can read the magazine online. The last six issues can be found in the members area of the EBU website. Older issues can be found in the public area of the website at www.ebu.co.uk/englishbridge.

These magazines are part of our growing online archive of EBU publications. It includes issues of Contract Bridge Journal, starting in 1946, British Bridge World, and English Bridge Quarterly, and we will continue to expand the number of issues which are available.

With the increasing costs of printing and posting, and the relative ease with which magazines can now be read online, we hope that where possible members will choose to opt out of receiving a printed copy of the magazine, and instead read each issue online.

To opt out of the printed magazine please email membership@ebu.co.uk or update your preferences via the members area of the website

EBU Shop

Your shop, your EBU

The EBU Shop offers a wide range of bridge equipment, accessories and gifts, and is designed to provide EBU members with the high quality products they need.

The online shop offers easy ordering, 24 hours a day, with all payment methods accepted, including PayPal and credit & debit cards.

www.ebu.co.uk/shop

If you don't wish to order online you can telephone, email us (please don't include credit card details in an email) or download an order form which you can complete and post to us.

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English Bridge Education and Development

English Bridge Education and Development (EBED) is a charitable organisation, established to promote the game of duplicate bridge for the public benefit. The charity works to bring new players into the game at all levels and ages, as well as advocating the educational, teamwork and socialisation benefits of the game throughout the community.



The charity began activities in April 2014 and will be promoting, driving and developing the teaching and education programme (see page 6) which was previously under the EBU's Education Department. EBED is distinct from the EBU but is based at the EBU's office in Aylesbury and is keen to hear from, and respond to the needs of, EBU members and clubs.

For more information on the activities of the charity please visit www.ebedcio.org.uk, or contact Simon Barb, the charity's Education and Development Manager, on 01296 317218 or at simon@ebedcio.org.uk

Best Behaviour at Bridge

Bridge is an extremely enjoyable game. Courteous behaviour is an exceptionally important part of that enjoyment.

This guide serves as a brief reminder of how to behave at the bridge table. We are sure that all players naturally follow this code of conduct, but there are times when concentration and pressure can take their toll and it is for these situations that we issue this as a reminder.

- ❖ Greet others in a friendly manner prior to start of play on each round.
- ❖ Be a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table.
- ❖ Make your convention card readily available to your opponents and fill it out completely.
- ❖ Make bridge enjoyable for yourself, partner and opponents.
- ❖ Give credit when opponents make a good bid or play.
- ❖ Take care of your personal grooming.
- ❖ Ensure that your mobile phone is turned off.
- ❖ Enjoy the company as well as the game.
- ❖ Remember that it is rude to criticise your partner or opponents in public, to be less than polite at the table, to gloat over good results, to object to a call for the tournament director, or to dispute or argue about a director's ruling.

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner the director should be called immediately. Annoying behaviour, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game, is specifically prohibited by Law 74A. Law 91A gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties. This can include immediate disciplinary penalties, and if a future violation is incurred at the same event, disqualification from future competition in that event. Any further violations may result in a disciplinary hearing.

2014-15 EBU Award Winners

Gold Award	Sally Bugden
Silver Award	Brian Crack, Kent Mike Hill, London Graham Jepson, Yorkshire
Diamond Award	Nicola Smith Tony Forrester
Dimmie Fleming Award	Jim Barker, Cornwall Joy Mayall, Sussex Mike Mollart-Rogerson, Hants & IOW Robert Northage, Leicestershire Bob Warrender, Somerset
Young Players of the Year	Graeme Robertson Shivam Shah

Information on the awards and recipients is at: www.ebu.co.uk/awards

Master Point and National Grading Schemes

The Master Point Scheme

The EBU Master Point Scheme began in September 1956 and continues to recognise a player's achievements, from Local Master through to Premier Grand Master. About the top third of players in a competition will be entitled to Master Points and promotions between ranks are published in English Bridge online and/or the EBU website. In addition, ranking and category prizes are awarded annually based upon the total number of points earned during the competitions year, which runs from 1st January to 31st December. For further details visit www.ebu.co.uk/masterpoints, call 01296 317201, or email masterpoints@ebu.co.uk.

The requirements for each rank are listed below, in order of seniority.

Rank	Master Points
Local Master	100
Club Master	200
Area Master	500
District Master	1,000
County Master	2,500
Master	5,000
Advanced Master	7,500
*Master	10,000
**Master	15,000
***Master	20,000
****Master	25,000
*****Master	30,000
Tournament Master	40,000
* Tournament Master	50,000 (plus a further star for each extra 10,000)
Premier Master	5,000 including 10 Green Points (plus a star, up to 5, for each extra 5,000)
Premier Tournament Master	40,000 including at least 10 Green Points (plus a star for each extra 10,000)
Regional Master	10,000 including 25 Green Points (plus a star for each extra 10,000)
Premier Regional Master	20,000 including 50 Green Points (plus a star for each extra 10,000)
National Master	30,000 including 75 Green Points
Premier National Master	40,000 including 100 Green Points
Life Master	60,000 including 150 Green Points
Premier Life Master	90,000 including 300 Green Points
Grand Master	120,000 including 600 Green Points
Premier Grand Master	1,500 Green Points (no black point requirement)

These can be seen online at www.ebu.co.uk/masterpoints/ranks

Blue Points

A new type of Master Point, the Blue Point, was introduced on 1st January 2013.

This facilitates more local events where members can earn points counting towards ranks currently requiring Green Points. All Master Point ranks will allow up to 50 Green Points to be replaced by Blue Points in the ratio of 1 Green = 3 Blue. Members will, therefore, be able to reach Premier Regional Master rank entirely with Blue Points, or a combination of Blues and Greens, but will require Green Points for higher ranks. Blue Point awards will use the current Local Point scales (100 Local = 1 Blue).

More detailed information is available on the EBU website at www.ebu.co.uk/blue-points

Leading Master Point Winners

Sunday Telegraph Salver for most Master Points accumulated in 2014:

1. John Holland	28,824	3. Derek Oram	23,665
2. Ed Scerri	24,510	4. Celia Oram	23,603

Top 1000 available at www.ebu.co.uk/mpreports/data/2014/2.pdf

At national level, the top three points winners at ranking levels 1, 2 & 3 receive cash prizes. A cash prize is also awarded to the highest points earners within each county with level 4, 5 & 6 rankings.

For prize winners/highest points earners choose the relevant county at www.ebu.co.uk/mpreports/?year=2014.

Club Champions

Club Champions are those who score most Master Points at each club. All Club Champions are entered into a prize draw.

The three prize winners for 2014 were:

Chris Chowney	Ross-on-Wye Bridge Club
David Brace	Hutton Duplicate Bridge Club
John Copson	Afternoon Bridge Circle

The top three Master Point winners for each club can be seen at www.ebu.co.uk/mpreports/?year=2014&champs=1

Gold Points

Gold Points are awarded for any performance, in a single event, which earns 5 Green Points or more. Gold Points are expressed to two decimal places, and devalue at the rate of 20% of their original value per annum. Gold Points are not used in determining a player's Master Points rank and are an indicator of current form and of performance at a high level.

Gold Point standings at the end of the 2014 Master Point Year

1. David Gold	London	102.48
2. John Holland	Manchester	100.60
3. Andrew Robson	London	88.35
4. Tony Forrester	Herefordshire	88.08
5. Alexander Allfrey	Middlesex	80.07
6. Tom Townsend	London	79.06
7. David Bakhshi	London	74.29
8. Frances Hinden	Cambs & Hunts	71.54
9. Jeffrey Allerton	Surrey	71.49
10. Espen Erichsen	Kent	63.83

Top 100 can be seen at www.ebu.co.uk/mpreports/data/2014/3.pdf

The '75% Rule' for Awarding Master Points

From 1st August 2015, for a session of bridge in a pairs event to be eligible for Master Points, all players should complete - or be scheduled to complete - at least 75% of the boards which are in use. This helps ensure both a fairer, and more interesting, evening for all. A list of suggested movements to help make this possible is available at:

www.ebu.co.uk/documents/miscellaneous/suggested-movements.pdf

National Grading Scheme

The NGS is a measure of performance for EBU members which is relevant to the vast majority of the membership, whether or not they are existing tournament players. Hence the objectives for the NGS are:

- ❖ To provide a fair and trustworthy measure of an individual's current performance when playing duplicate bridge, which is easy to understand and reflects changes (both up and down) in an individual's current standard of play.
- ❖ To enable new competitions to be constructed for use at Club, County, and National level based on current performance of individuals, through using the NGS score as a "handicap".

The NGS is complementary to the Master Point Scheme and the schemes are independent. The Master Point Scheme is an indicator of aggregated lifetime achievement in bridge, and Gold Points provide a current ranking among top players who frequently play in National events. In contrast, the NGS indicates an individual's current playing ability based on the last 80 or so playing sessions at whatever level they play.

From June 2014 NGS calculations have included multiple and Swiss teams events.

More information on NGS or your grade can be seen on the EBU website at www.ebu.co.uk/ngs. Please email queries to ngsqueries@ebu.co.uk.

Online affiliated clubs

In 2015 a scheme was introduced which would allow online bridge clubs to affiliate with the EBU as on Online Affiliated Club.

Online Affiliated Clubs can issue Master Points for their sessions which meet the necessary requirements for points to be awarded. These are full value 'local points' and count towards all EBU Master Point rankings.

Please note that the 'members benefits' of playing at an Online Affiliated Club relate only to the issuing of Master Points. Participation in a competition run by an Online Affiliated Club does not afford the player some of the benefits which would come from participation at a 'face-to-face' club – the player does not become a member of the EBU through Universal Membership; magazine points are not earned through these competitions; results are not included in the National Grading Scheme.

It is hoped that the Online Affiliated Club category, and the introduction in 2015 of the Online Knockout Teams competition (see page 30) alongside the regulation that permits some matches in other knockout competitions to be played online, will benefit EBU members who play some of their bridge online. These changes will enable players who have difficulty playing 'face-to-face' with their regular partner, and those in more remote parts of the country, to become more involved in 'affiliated' competitions organised by the EBU or by affiliated clubs.

Bridge Club Live (www.bridgeclublive.com) affiliated in January 2015 under the new scheme and Master Points can therefore be earned in most BCL competitions.

Bridge Statistics

Dealer and Vulnerability

Boards				Dealer	Boards				Vulnerability
1	5	9	13	N	1	8	11	14	Love All
2	6	10	14	E	2	5	12	15	N/S Vul
3	7	11	15	S	3	6	9	16	E/W Vul
4	8	12	16	W	4	7	10	13	Game All

International Match Points (IMPs)

Score	IMPs	Score	IMPs	Score	IMPs	Score	IMPs
0-10	0	270-310	7	750-890	13	2000-2240	19
20-40	1	320-360	8	900-1090	14	2250-2490	20
50-80	2	370-420	9	1100-1290	15	2500-2990	21
90-120	3	430-490	10	1300-1490	16	3000-3490	22
130-160	4	500-590	11	1500-1740	17	3500-3990	23
170-210	5	600-740	12	1750-1990	18	4000 or more	24
220-260	6						

WBF Simplified Victory Point Scales*

(IMPs to VPs, teams of four matches)

VPs	4 or fewer boards	5 boards	6 boards	7 boards
10-10		0	0	0
11-9		1-2	1-2	1-2
12-8		3-4	3-4	3-5
13-7		5-6	5-7	6-8
14-6	Recommended to be scored by straight IMPs	7-9	8-10	9-11
15-5		10-12	11-13	12-14
16-4		13-15	14-17	15-18
17-3		16-19	18-21	19-23
18-2		20-24	22-26	24-28
19-1		25-30	27-32	29-35
20-0		31+	33+	36+
VPs	8 boards	12 boards	16 boards	24 boards
10-10	0	0-1	0-1	0-1
11-9	1-3	2-4	2-4	2-5
12-8	4-6	5-7	5-8	6-10
13-7	7-9	8-11	9-12	11-15
14-6	10-12	12-15	13-17	16-21
15-5	13-16	16-19	18-22	22-27
16-4	17-20	20-24	23-28	28-34
17-3	21-25	25-30	29-35	35-43
18-2	26-30	31-37	36-43	44-53
19-1	31-38	38-46	44-53	54-65
20-0	39+	47+	54+	66+

* - In 2013 the WBF introduced a continuous VP scale to give a decimal score based on exact IMP differences. This is used in international events. Most EBU events (excluding the EBU Premier League and international trials) continue to use the discrete VP scale. The continuous scale is available at <http://goo.gl/vJJEMd>

Probability of Suit Breaks

(assuming all else equal)

Cards	Break	%	Cards	Break	%
2	2-0	48.0%	6	6-0	1.5%
2	1-1	52.0%	6	5-1	14.5%
3	3-0	22.0%	6	3-3	35.5%
3	2-1	78.0%	6	4-2	48.5%
4	4-0	9.6%	7	7-0	0.5%
4	3-1	49.7%	7	6-1	6.8%
4	2-2	40.7%	7	5-2	30.5%
5	5-0	3.9%	7	4-3	62.2%
5	4-1	28.3%	8	8-0	0.2%
5	3-2	67.8%	8	7-1	2.9%
			8	6-2	17.1%
			8	5-3	47.1%
			8	4-4	32.7%

Duplicate Scores

Bid	Result	Non-Vulnerable			Vulnerable		
		Undoubled	X	XX	Undoubled	X	XX
1♣/1♦	=	70	140	230	70	140	230
	+1	90	240	430	90	340	630
	+2	110	340	630	110	540	1030
	+3	130	440	830	130	740	1430
	+4	150	540	1030	150	940	1830
	+5	170	640	1230	170	1140	2230
	+6	190	740	1430	190	1340	2630
1♥/1♠	=	80	160	520	80	160	720
	+1	110	260	720	110	360	1120
	+2	140	360	920	140	560	1520
	+3	170	460	1120	170	760	1920
	+4	200	560	1320	200	960	2320
	+5	230	660	1520	230	1160	2720
	+6	260	760	1720	260	1360	3120
1NT	=	90	180	560	90	180	760
	+1	120	280	760	120	380	1160
	+2	150	380	960	150	580	1560
	+3	180	480	1160	180	780	1960
	+4	210	580	1360	210	980	2360
	+5	240	680	1560	240	1180	2760
	+6	270	780	1760	270	1380	3160
2♣/2♦	=	90	180	560	90	180	760
	+1	110	280	760	110	380	1160
	+2	130	380	960	130	580	1560
	+3	150	480	1160	150	780	1960
	+4	170	580	1360	170	980	2360
	+5	190	680	1560	190	1180	2760
2♥/2♠	=	110	470	640	110	670	840
	+1	140	570	840	140	870	1240
	+2	170	670	1040	170	1070	1640
	+3	200	770	1240	200	1270	2040
	+4	230	870	1440	230	1470	2440
	+5	260	970	1640	260	1670	2840
2NT	=	120	490	680	120	690	880
	+1	150	590	880	150	890	1280
	+2	180	690	1080	180	1090	1680
	+3	210	790	1280	210	1290	2080
	+4	240	890	1480	240	1490	2480
	+5	270	990	1680	270	1690	2880
3♣/3♦	=	110	470	640	110	670	840
	+1	130	570	840	130	870	1240
	+2	150	670	1040	150	1070	1640
	+3	170	770	1240	170	1270	2040
	+4	190	870	1440	190	1470	2440
3♥/3♠	=	140	530	760	140	730	960
	+1	170	630	960	170	930	1360
	+2	200	730	1160	200	1130	1760
	+3	230	830	1360	230	1330	2160
	+4	260	930	1560	260	1530	2560
3NT	=	400	550	800	600	750	1000
	+1	430	650	1000	630	950	1400
	+2	460	750	1200	660	1150	1800
	+3	490	850	1400	690	1350	2200
	+4	520	950	1600	720	1550	2600

Bid	Result	Non-Vulnerable			Vulnerable		
		Undoubled	X	XX	Undoubled	X	XX
4♣/4♦	=	130	510	720	130	710	920
	+1	150	610	920	150	910	1320
	+2	170	710	1120	170	1110	1720
	+3	190	810	1320	190	1310	2120
4♥/4♠	=	420	590	880	620	790	1080
	+1	450	690	1080	650	990	1480
	+2	480	790	1280	680	1190	1880
	+3	510	890	1480	710	1390	2280
4NT	=	430	610	920	630	810	1120
	+1	460	710	1120	660	1010	1520
	+2	490	810	1320	690	1210	1920
	+3	520	910	1520	720	1410	2320
5♣/5♦	=	400	550	800	600	750	1000
	+1	420	650	1000	620	950	1400
	+2	440	750	1200	640	1150	1800
5♥/5♠	=	450	650	1000	650	850	1200
	+1	480	750	1200	680	1050	1600
	+2	510	850	1400	710	1250	2000
5NT	=	460	670	1040	660	870	1240
	+1	490	770	1240	690	1070	1640
	+2	520	870	1440	720	1270	2040
6♣/6♦	=	920	1090	1380	1370	1540	1830
	+1	940	1190	1580	1390	1740	2230
6♥/6♠	=	980	1210	1620	1430	1660	2070
	+1	1010	1310	1820	1460	1860	2470
6NT	=	990	1230	1660	1440	1680	2110
	+1	1020	1330	1860	1470	1880	2510
7♣/7♦	=	1440	1630	1960	2140	2330	2660
7♥/7♠	=	1510	1770	2240	2210	2470	2940
7NT	=	1520	1790	2280	2220	2490	2980

Penalties for Defeated Contracts

Undertricks	Non-Vulnerable			Vulnerable		
	Undoubled	X	XX	Undoubled	X	XX
1	50	100	200	100	200	400
2	100	300	600	200	500	1000
3	150	500	1000	300	800	1600
4	200	800	1600	400	1100	2200
5	250	1100	2200	500	1400	2800
6	300	1400	2800	600	1700	3400
7	350	1700	3400	700	2000	4000
8	400	2000	4000	800	2300	4600
9	450	2300	4600	900	2600	5200
10	500	2600	5200	1000	2900	5800
11	550	2900	5800	1100	3200	6400
12	600	3200	6400	1200	3500	7000
13	650	3500	7000	1300	3800	7600

Announcing and Alerting Summary

Last updated: August 2013

Opening Bid	Description	Announce	Alert	No Action
1♣ and 1♦	Could be on fewer than 3 cards	"May be X" where X is 0, 1 or 2		
	Natural, 3 or more			✓
	Other (strong, artificial)		✓	
1NT	Balanced	"12 to 14" (or appropriate range) and, if relevant, "may contain a singleton"		
2♣	Strong, Acol (Benji Acol, etc)		✓	
	Precision	"Intermediate"		
2♦	Weak with ♦	"Weak"		
	Strong with ♦	"Strong, forcing" or "Strong, non-forcing"		
	Other (Benji, Multi, etc)		✓	
2♥/2♠	Weak with ♥/♠	"Weak"		
	Strong with ♥/♠	"Strong, forcing" or "Strong, non-forcing"		
	Other (Lucas, Flannery, etc)		✓	
2NT	Balanced	"20 to 22" (or appropriate range)		
Responses to 1NT or 2NT openings				
1NT - 2♣ 2NT - 3♣	Simple Stayman (promissory or not) [note: 5-card Stayman is alerted]	"Stayman"		
1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ 2NT - 3♣ - 3♦	Denies 4-card major			✓
1NT - 2♦ 2NT - 3♦	Transfer	"Hearts"		
1NT - 2♦ - 2♥ 2NT - 3♦ - 3♥	Completion of transfer			✓
1NT - 2♥ 2NT - 3♥	Transfer	"Spades"		
1NT - 2♥ - 2♠ 2NT - 3♥ - 3♠	Completion of transfer			✓
Bids above 3NT				
Bids above 3NT	Artificial suit bids on 1st round of the auction (for this purpose the first round of the bidding is the opening bid and three subsequent calls)		✓	
	Other bids			✓

Action over Opponents' calls up to 3NT				
Opponents Call ...	Meaning of their call ...	If your Double is ...	Alert	No Action
A suit at any level	Natural	Take-out		✓
		Anything else	✓	
	Does not show the suit (i.e. conventional or not natural)	Showing the suit doubled		✓
		Anything else	✓	
A suit opening	Prepared, Phoney, Short or Nebulous 1♣ or 1♦ opening	Take out		✓
		Anything else	✓	
No trumps at any level	Natural or conventional	Penalty		✓
		Anything else	✓	
Opponents Call ...	Meaning of their call ...	If your Redouble is ...	Alert	No Action
Double	Any meaning	for business, shows strength: partner is expected to pass		✓
		Partner is expected to remove	✓	
Action over Opponents' calls above 3NT				
Opponents Call ...	Meaning of their call ...	Other actions	Alert	No Action
Above 3NT	Any meaning	Lead directing pass	✓	
		Lead directing double for a different suit to the one doubled	✓	
		Lightner double of, say 6NT, calling for a specific lead	✓	
		Lead directing redouble for a different suit to the one redoubled	✓	
		Any other pass, double or redouble		✓

This document can be downloaded from:

www.ebu.co.uk/documents/laws-and-ethics/convention-cards/announcements-table.pdf

The EBU has created a series of videos to help Club Tournament Directors deal with six of the more commonly occurring situations. They can be viewed at www.ebu.co.uk/laws-and-ethics/td-videos

For help with laws and rulings please contact the Laws & Ethics department, or visit www.ebu.co.uk/laws-and-ethics

Counties

We want to encourage you to engage with your county and take part in their programme of events. We are also aware that many of the county secretary names that are correct at the time of going to press are not correct by the time you receive your diary. We have therefore included the web address of your county to ensure that you get hold of the right information at the right time, so please log on and join in. More details can also be found on our website, including any web addresses which have changed since the diary went to print.

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Calendar

All details are correct at the time of going to print, but changes may occur, often due to factors beyond our control. Please check the 'diary changes' page of the EBU website for any changes, and the individual event webpage for specific information. Please confirm all dates and venues before making bookings for travel or accommodation.

www.ebu.co.uk/diary-changes

www.ebu.co.uk/calendar

2015

September

4 - 6	Isle of Man Congress	Douglas
5 - 6	Crockfords Cup and Plate Finals	Birmingham
7 - 11	EBED Autumn Sim Pairs	Clubs
12 - 13	Bedfordshire Congress	Milton Keynes
11 - 20	Confiance Guernsey Congress and Seniors Congress	Guernsey
12 - 13	Premier League 1st Weekend	Manchester BC
18 - 20	Cornwall Congress	Bude
26 - 10 Oct	World Team Championships	Chennai, India
26, 27	One day GP events	Cumbria/Westmorland, Derby, Essex/Herts, Surrey

October

2 - 4	West of England Congress	Weston-super-Mare
3 - 4	Great Northern Swiss Pairs	Leeds
3 - 4	Felixstowe Congress	Felixstowe
5 - 8	British Autumn Sim Pairs	Clubs
7 - 13	Bridge Overseas Congress	Rhodes
16 - 18	Autumn Congress	Peterborough
16 - 20	Blue Point Holiday	Chilworth, nr Southampton
24 - 25	Lancashire Congress	Bolton/Blackburn
24 - 25	Malvern Congress	Worcester
30 - 1 Nov	Really Easy Weekend	Horwood House, nr Milton Keynes
31 - 1 Nov	Premier League 2nd Weekend	Coventry & North Warwickshire BC

November

6 - 8	Seniors Congress	Birmingham
6, 9 - 12	Children in Need Sim Pairs	Clubs
6 - 8 (TBC)	North East BA Congress	Gateshead (TBC)
6 - 8	Premier League 3rd Weekend (6 - 7 1st Div; 7 - 8 2nd Div)	Young Chelsea BC, London (Div 1) Richmond BC, London (Div 2)
11 - 14	EBL Champions Cup	Horwood House, nr Milton Keynes
21 - 22	Tollemache Cup Qualifying Rd	Birmingham
23, 25	EBL Sim Pairs	Clubs
25	EBU AGM	Imperial Hotel, London
26 - 6 Dec	American Fall Nationals	Denver, USA
28 - 29	Middlesex Congress	Barnet

December

12 - 13	Gold Cup Finals	Solihull
18 - 20	Senior European Trials (1st stage)	Solihull
27 - 29	Northern Year End Congress	Clayton-le-Moors
27 - 30	Year End Congress	London

2016

January

4 - 7	British Winter Sim Pairs	Clubs
8 - 10	Camrose Trophy - 1st Weekend	Ireland
8 - 10	Midland Counties Congress	Solihull
16 - 17	National Teams Congress	Birmingham
22 - 24	Senior European Trials (2nd stage)	Venue and date TBC
22 - 24	Lady Milne Trials	Venue TBC

February

1 - 7	Bridge Overseas Congress	Cyprus
2 - 3	Bridge England Sim Pairs	Clubs
5 - 7	Senior Trials for Teltscher Trophy	Solihull
13 - 14	Tollemache Cup Final	West Bromwich
19 - 21	Junior Camrose/Peggy Bayer	Scotland
19 - 21	Harrogate Spring Congress	Harrogate
27 - 28	Ranked Masters Pairs	Birmingham
28	Masters Pairs	Various regional venues

March

4 - 6	Camrose Trophy - 2nd Weekend	Wales
5	Young Bridge Challenge	Loughborough
5 - 6	East Anglia Congress	Ipswich
5	One day GP events	Leics, Manchester, Wiltshire/Avon
6	One day GP events	Bedfordshire, Merseyside/Cheshire, Kent, Wiltshire/Avon
10 - 20	American Spring Nationals	Reno, USA
13	National Pairs Regional Finals	Various regional venues
14 - 17	Club Stratified Sim Pairs	Clubs
18 - 20	Cumbria Congress	Bowness on Windermere
20	Portland Pairs	Various regional venues
20	One day GP event	Isle of Man
25 - 27	Northern Easter Festival	Ilkley
25 - 28	Easter Festival	London

April

1 - 3	Norfolk Congress	Norwich
1 - 3	Really Easy Weekend	Wroxton, nr Banbury
4 - 7	British Spring Sim Pairs	Clubs
8 - 10	Devon Congress	Torquay
9 - 10	Staffs & Shrops Congress	Telford
9 - 10	Portland Bowl Semi-Finals/Finals	London
15 - 17	Lady Milne Trophy	Scotland
16 - 17	National Pairs Final	Birmingham
22 - 1 May	Lambourne Jersey Festival	Jersey
29 - 3 May	Schapiro Spring Foursomes	Stratford-upon-Avon
30 - 1 May	Cheltenham Congress	Brockworth

May

3 - 5	EBED Spring Sim Pairs	Clubs
7	Garden Cities Trophy	Bradford, Bristol,
	Regional Finals	Peterborough, Richmond
20 - 22	Teltscher Trophy	Scotland
21	One day GP events	Northamptonshire, Sussex
22	One day GP events	Hants & IOW, Kent,
		Merseyside & Cheshire, Warwicks.
28 - 30	Spring Bank Holiday Congress	Stratford-upon-Avon

June

3	WBF Sim Pairs	Clubs (event details TBC)
4 - 5	Yorkshire Congress	Harrogate
4 - 5	Corwen Trophy	Birmingham
7 - 9	Southern Midweek Congress	Bournemouth (new venue, TBC)
11 - 12	Pachabo Cup	Birmingham
11 - 12	Oxfordshire Congress	Oxford
18	One day GP event	Berks & Bucks, Leicestershire
19	One day GP events	Bedfordshire, Berks & Bucks, Dorset
24 - 26	Really Easy Weekend	Bournemouth (TBC)
25	Garden Cities National Final	Solihull
TBC	European Team Championships	Venue TBC

July

1 - 3	Riviera Congress	Torquay
8 - 10	Eastbourne Summer Seniors Congress	Eastbourne
16 - 17	London Congress	Venue TBC
21 - 31	American Summer Nationals	Washington, USA
23	One day GP events	Essex/Herts, Glos/Hereford, Notts
24	One day GP events	Dorset, Essex/Herts, Glos/Hereford, Manchester, Notts, Sussex
25 - 28	British Summer Sim Pairs	Clubs
28 - 31	Scarborough Summer Festival	Scarborough

August

3 - 13	World Youth Team Champ's	Parma, Italy
5 - 7	Junior Teach-In	Loughborough
9 - 11	Northern Midweek Congress	Clayton-le-Moors
19 - 28	The Summer Meeting	Eastbourne
22 - 25	Really Easy Congress	Eastbourne
TBC	Gold Cup Finals	Venue TBC

More events for late 2016 and early 2017 will be confirmed closer to the time. Check www.ebu.co.uk/calendar for up-to-date information.

September

2 - 4	Isle of Man Congress	Douglas
3 - 4	Crockfords Cup & Plate Finals	Birmingham
3 - 17	World Bridge Games	Wroclaw, Poland
5 - 9	EBED Autumn Sim Pairs	Clubs
9 - 18	Confiance Guernsey Congress	Guernsey
10 - 11	Bedfordshire Congress	Milton Keynes
16 - 18	Cornwall Congress	Bude
24, 25	One day GP events	Cumbria/Westmorland, Derby
30 - 2 Oct	West of England Congress	Essex/Hertfordshire, Surrey
		Weston super-Mare

October

1 - 2	Great Northern Swiss Pairs	Leeds
1 - 2	Felixstowe Congress	Felixstowe
3 - 6	British Autumn Sim Pairs	Clubs
5 - 11 (TBC)	Bridge Overseas Congress	Lake Garda, Italy (TBC)
21 - 23	Autumn Congress	Peterborough
29 - 30	Malvern Congress	Worcester
29 - 30	Lancashire Congress	Bolton/Blackburn

November

4 - 6	Seniors Congress	Birmingham
19 - 20	Tollemache Cup Qualifying Rd	Birmingham
24 - 4 Dec	American Fall Nationals	Orlando, USA

December

27 - 30	Year End Congress	London
28 - 30	Northern Year End Congress	Clayton-le-Moors

2017

January

6 - 8	Camrose Trophy - 1st Weekend	England
9 - 12	British Winter Sim Pairs	Clubs
21 - 22	National Teams Congress	Birmingham

February

1 - 7	Spring Overseas Congress	Dates and Venue TBC
7 - 8	Bridge England Sim Pairs	Clubs (provisional)
11 - 12	Tollemache Cup Final	West Bromwich
17 - 19	Junior Camrose/Peggy Bayer	Ireland
17 - 19	Harrogate Spring Congress	Harrogate
25 - 26	Ranked Masters Pairs	Birmingham
26	Masters Pairs	Various regional venues

Competition Information

How to Enter EBU Competitions

You can book onto events through the members area of the website at

<https://www.ebu.co.uk/members>

or by contacting the Competitions Department on 01296 317203/219 or at comps@ebu.co.uk

or send an entry form to
English Bridge Union, Broadfields, Bicester Road,
Aylesbury, HP19 8AZ

EBU Competitions: Terms and Conditions

All competition details in this diary are correct at time of going to print but the EBU reserves the right to make further alterations. Please see English Bridge magazine, the specific competition webpage, or www.ebu.co.uk/diary-changes for the latest news and further details.

All EBU competitions are played according to Blue Book regulations (available online at: www.ebu.co.uk/laws-and-ethics/blue-book), and in accordance with other conditions on our website.

Members who enter EBU tournaments may not elect to remain anonymous; full name and contact details are required.

You may not bring refreshments from outside into any playing room or public room at any venue. If you do, the TD may take any appropriate action, including disqualifying you from the event.

Competitors at EBU events are expected to dress appropriately.

Full terms and conditions are available at www.ebu.co.uk/entry-terms

Closing Dates for Entries

Each event has a closing date. While we prefer that you enter by this date, and after this date we cannot guarantee your entry will be accepted, we can usually accommodate late entries for most of our events. Please check with the competitions staff on 01296 317203/317219 if you would like to play a competition but fear you may be too late to enter.

Master Point Awards

All congress Green Point ranking awards are decimalised and the scale can be seen on the EBU website at:

www.ebu.co.uk/masterpoints/green-point-calculator

In EBU events where Green Points are not issued, ranking points will be given as Blue Points, usually at the National scale. Further information about Blue Points can be found on the EBU website at:

www.ebu.co.uk/blue-points

Gold Points are awarded for any performance in a single event which earns 5 Green Points or more. Gold Points are expressed to two decimal places, and devalue at the rate of 20% of their original value per annum. Gold Points are not used in determining a player's Master Points rank but are an indicator of current form and of performance at a high level.

EBU Tournament Mobile

Please use to contact an EBU Tournament Official
on event days in case of emergencies.

07780 673522

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competition entries.

Junior Entry Fees

All Juniors may enter any English event at half price (except Junior Trials, Overseas Congresses or Simultaneous Pairs Events) provided:

- ❖ Their date of birth is registered with the EBU
- ❖ They are under 25 on the day of the event (or the start date if a knockout competition)
- ❖ They enter in advance (any players arriving at an event without due notification may not be entitled to a half price entry)

This concession applies to Juniors from all home nations, and to those from other NBOs at the Summer Meeting. Bridge Great Britain also offers half price entry to the Gold Cup.

Members of the England Junior Squads can find information on free entry to certain competitions at www.ebu.co.uk/youth/entry-fees

Senior Players

To be eligible for a Seniors event, players must have their 60th birthday or beyond during the calendar year (January - December) of the event. For example, a player can play in a Seniors event at the age of 59 provided his/her 60th birthday falls later that calendar year.

The Championship Series and the Player of the Year Championship



The Championship Series comprises the most important and prestigious competitions on the EBU calendar.

Players will gain points based on finishing in the top places of these competitions. The player accumulating the most place points in the year (events finishing in the period 1st October 2015 to 30th September 2016) will win the Player of the Year Championship, and a prize of £1000.

The above symbol is used in this diary to mark competitions included in the Championship Series.

The leaderboard, and a list of the competitions in the Championship Series (and the points that can be scored in each), is available at www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/player-of-the-year-championship.

National Competitions Organised by Affiliated Clubs

Examples include heats of Simultaneous Pairs events.

We hope that most clubs will welcome visitors (EBU members), but they are not required to do so. If you wish to visit a club, perhaps because your own club is not holding a heat, you should first contact the club directly in order to check whether this is acceptable.

It is therefore possible that some players might not be able to participate in these events unless they can persuade their own club or their County Association to organise a heat.

Please note that this does not apply in relation to events such as the Portland Pairs or National Pairs Regional Finals, which are organised directly by the EBU in premises which it hires (which may coincidentally be affiliated bridge clubs).

Player Requirements for Inter-Club Competitions

Examples include the NICKO and Garden Cities

Entries should be submitted by the affiliated Club Secretary, who should be satisfied of the credentials of the players. Players must be members of the affiliated club, and must have been so for at least three months immediately prior to the day they first represent it. Moreover, nominated players must play regularly at the club, or for the club, or contribute regularly to the club in some other way, OR have met one of these criteria in previous years, yet be unable to currently do so due to personal circumstances (e.g. illness, work, childcare, etc.).

It is left to individual clubs themselves to ensure that their members meet these criteria and are thus eligible to represent them. Clubs are asked to ensure that their representatives match the ethos of the competition.

County Allegiance

Players may only represent their County of primary allegiance. A player may change primary allegiance once during the season, provided he has not played in any of the Tollemache Cup, the Pachabo Cup or the Corwen Trophy (or a relevant County qualifying event) for any other County. In these events, no player may represent more than one County in the EBU playing season, which runs from 1 September one year to 31 August the next. County Associations may decide whether to accept entries for their qualifying events for the Pachabo or Corwen from players who have primary allegiance elsewhere. If they do accept such entries, this does not imply the right to represent that County at national level.

Players representing their County in the Garden Cities Trophy are not required to owe primary allegiance to that County. They must, however, be bona fide members of the club they represent. They may participate in qualifying rounds in more than one County, but only for one club within any particular County, and they may not subsequently change their allegiance to some other club within the same County. Likewise, players may play for only one club in the Regional and/or National Finals.

Membership of a County in any one financial year implies the right to represent that County in the balance of the playing season in the following financial year.

Stratified Events

Stratification in competitions at EBU congresses is into three categories. Club/county events may use different stratifications at the discretion of the organiser. The EBU Stratified Simultaneous Pairs uses four categories (see page 41 for more details).

Overseas players, whose records are held outside England, are normally treated as being at least of Life Master rank. Ranking of players for these purposes is based on points earned rather than points registered.

The Master Point ranks referenced below can be seen on page 10 and online at www.ebu.co.uk/masterpoints/ranks.

Teams

'A': at least two members of the team are Life Masters or above.

'B': at least two members of the team are Regional/National Masters (including Premier Regional/Premier National) and no more than one is a Life Master or above. No member of the team may be a Grand Master or above, nor may they be in the Gold Point top 60, nor may they have the NGS rank of Ace.

'C': No more than one player of the rank of Regional/National Master (including Premier Regional/Premier National), and in any case no single player of the rank of Life Master or above.

Pairs

'A': at least one member of the pair is a Life Master or above.

'B': at least one member of the pair is a Regional/National Master (including Premier Regional/Premier National).

'C': No player of the rank of Regional/National Master (including Premier Regional/Premier National).

Really Easy Events



Really Easy events are similar to normal EBU events but are specifically aimed at those who may have recently learned how to play, or have yet to take the next step in the development of their game, and are intended as an introduction to 'tournament bridge'. The speed of play may be slower than in main congresses, and the atmosphere may be more relaxed.

There is usually no lower limit on the player's ability, only that they are comfortable playing unassisted in a 'club' environment. As the events are aimed at those with limited playing experience, such players will likely be below the rank of Master on the EBU Master Points scale and/or have not previously played in Green Point events.

Events with Really Easy elements are marked with the above logo.

Permitted Agreements

All EBU events have a category of agreements which is permitted in that competition. In the event listing in this diary the number in the right-hand margin of the event name (e.g. '4') gives the permitted level.

Information on what agreements are permissible at each level can be seen in the EBU Blue Book which can be viewed on the EBU website at: www.ebu.co.uk/laws-and-ethics/blue-book

Knockout Competition Information

Holders of Major Knockout Trophies (2013/14 unless stated)

Crockfords Cup	Jason Hackett, Justin Hackett, David Price, David Mossop, Colin Simpson
Crockfords Plate	Sandy Davies, Keith Cornish, Tom Gisborne, Arthur Hughes, Richard Pike, Mike Pomfrey
BGB Gold Cup	Alexander Allfrey, Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester, David Gold, David Bakhshi
Silver Plate	Dan Crofts, Celia Day, Graeme Robertson, Sandra Fenton, Gary Hyett, Andrew Thompson
National Inter-Club Knockout (NICKO)	West Midlands A: Brian Senior, Paul Hackett, Jason Hackett, Justin Hackett, Anita Sinclair
NICKO Plate	Burnham B: David Beever, Nigel Lancaster, Bob Holder, Nigel Marlow, Joan Murphy
Hubert Phillips Bowl	Sally Brock, Gunnar Hallberg, Barry Myers, Rob Sheehan
Hubert Phillips Plate	Sarah Dunn, Nick Boss, Richard Johnson, David Ewart, Ewa Kater, Tom Townsend
Seniors K.O. Teams	Derek Oram, Jeremy Dhondy, Alan Kay, Celia Oram
Portland Bowl 2014/15	Cambridge B: Kyle Lam (Captain), Michael Alishaw, Freddie Illingworth, Toby Nonnenmacher, Stefan David, Helen Holmes

Bridge Great Britain Gold Cup



5

The most prestigious Open Teams event in Britain, and organised by Bridge Great Britain. Prior to the semi-finals, all matches are played privately.

Entry includes participation in the EBU Silver Plate for all English and Welsh 1st and 2nd round losers, and via a repechage for Scottish teams. The Silver Plate is run by the EBU.

The schedule for the 2015/16 competition has changed with it starting in June 2015 and ending in August 2016.

Please see www.bridgegreatbritain.org for more information.

Further enquires and entries for the Gold Cup should be addressed to Sandra Claridge, BGB Secretary, 31 Elm Trees, Long Crendon, Aylesbury HP18 9DG. Tel: 01844 208 629. Email: sclaridge31@gmail.com

Silver Plate

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The Silver Plate (organised by the EBU) is open to all English and Welsh teams knocked out in the first or second round of the Gold Cup, plus the winner of the Scottish repechage for defeated Gold Cup entrants. Entry is free and every team entering the Gold Cup, with the exception of the exempted teams, will therefore be guaranteed at least two matches. These will be either two matches in the Gold Cup, or one match in the Gold Cup and one match in the Silver Plate.

Entries to be confirmed after Round 2 of the Gold Cup.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/silver-plate

Crockfords Cup



5

England's premier open teams-of-four championship, played as knockout matches, but with the last eight teams meeting in an all-play-all final in September.

Matches up to round 4 are 32 boards. Round 5 is 48 boards.

There is also a Plate event for unseeded teams losing their first match, for which there is no additional charge.

2014/15 finals will be played on 5th - 6th September; 2015/16 finals are 3rd - 4th September. Both are at Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport

Green Points are awarded.

The closing date for entries for the 2015/16 competition is 10th September 2015.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/crockfords

Crockfords Plate

5

Entry is open at no additional charge to unseeded teams losing their first match in the Crockfords Cup. Four rounds of knockout will be run in parallel to rounds 2-5 of the Crockfords Cup, with the last eight surviving teams meeting in an all-play-all final in September alongside the main Crockfords Cup final (see above for dates and venue).

Green Points are awarded.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/crockfords

National Inter-Club Knockout (NICKO)

4

The NICKO is open to all fully affiliated EBU clubs, with the draw regionalised so as to reduce travelling. Each club can enter an unlimited number of teams, to be referred to as teams A, B, C, etc. in no particular order of preference. Each team can be four, five or six players. Please see page 26 and the EBU website for full information on the player requirements and competition format.

Green Points are awarded.

The closing date for entries for the 2015/16 competition is 17th September 2015.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/nicko

National Inter-Club Knockout Plate

4

This event is designed to guarantee that all teams entering the National Inter-Club Knockout, other than seeded teams, play a minimum of two matches overall. The Plate event is open free of charge to all teams who lose their first match in the main event, whether in Round 1 or (following a Round 1 bye) in Round 2.

Green Points are awarded.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/nicko

Portland Bowl

See 'Junior and Schools Events' - page 40

Online Knockout Teams

4

A knockout event, with matches played exclusively online, open to teams consisting of four to six players, all of whom are members of the 'home union' federations. There is a Plate competition available for teams which lose their first match, so everyone is guaranteed at least two matches.

The closing date for entries is 23rd December 2015.

Green Points are awarded in the main competition, with Blue Points awarded in the plate competition.

More information: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/online-knockout-teams

Hubert Phillips Bowl

4

The mixed teams-of-four championships of England. Scoring is by aggregate with honours counting. Matches are played on the full pivot principle such that one plays one-third of the match with each of one's teammates as a partner. Teams may contain four, five or six players, but only 4 players may play in any given match prior to the semi-final stage. At no time may an all male or all female team be playing.

The closing date for entries is 15th April 2016. Green Points are awarded

More information: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/hubert-phillips-bowl

Hubert Phillips Plate

4

Entry is open at no additional charge to unseeded teams losing their first match in the Hubert Phillips Bowl. Green Points are awarded.

More information: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/hubert-phillips-bowl

Seniors Knockout Teams for The Gerard Faulkner Salver

4

Knockout teams event for those aged 60 or over. There is a "repechage": a small number of teams is seeded and exempt until Round III; all other teams are guaranteed two matches, as losing teams from the first round will play a second match against each other, with the winners rejoining the main draw. It will be possible for some matches to be played online.

The closing date for entries is 3rd June 2016.

Green Points are awarded.

More information: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/gerard-faulkner-salver

Entry Deadlines		
2015		2016
10th September	Crockfords Cup	8th September
17th September	NICKO	15th September
30th October	Portland Bowl	31st October
23rd December	Online Knockout Teams	23rd December
n/a	Hubert Phillips Bowl	15th April
n/a	Gold Cup	1st June (tbc)
n/a	Seniors Knockout Teams	3rd June

Congresses and Competitions

All details are correct at the time of going to print, but changes may occur, often due to factors beyond our control. Please check the 'diary changes' page of the EBU website for any changes, and the individual event webpage for specific information. Please confirm the dates and venues, either via the EBU website or with staff, before making bookings.

www.ebu.co.uk/diary-changes

Holders of Major Pairs Trophies

Two Stars (Autumn Congress) 2014:
Mike Bell & Alex Hydes

Seniors Congress Pairs 2014:
Alan Bailey & Jette Bailey

London Year End Swiss Pairs 2014:
Arild Rasmussen & Kjell Gaute Fyrund

Northern Year End Swiss Pairs 2014:
Alan Mould & John Holland

Premier Grand Master Pairs 2015:
Jason Hackett & Dan Crofts

Portland Pairs 2015:
Mark Westley & Helen Robinson

**London Easter
Championship Pairs 2015:**
Janet de Botton & Artur Malinowski

Under-19 Pairs 2015:
Isaac Channon & Jasmine Bakhshi

National Pairs 2014:
Bob Rowlands & Peter Lee

**Spring Bank Holiday
Congress Championship Pairs 2014:**
Tim Rees & Alan Kay

Corwen Trophy 2014:
Cambs & Hunts -
Paul Barden & Jon Cooke

**Harold Poster Cup
(Summer Meeting) 2014:**
Mark Teltscher & Tom Townsend

Under-25 Pairs 2014:
Shahzaad Natt & Chris Derrick

Holders of Major Teams Trophies

Eastbourne Bowl (Autumn Congress) 2014:
Nick Sandqvist, Tom Townsend,
Janet de Botton, Artur Malinowski

Premier League 2014:
Alexander Allfrey, Andrew Robson,
David Gold, Tony Forrester,
David Bakhshi, Andrew McIntosh

London Year End Swiss 2014:
Frank To, Susanna Gross, Sally Brock,
Barry Myers

Northern Year End Swiss 2014:
Richard Pike, David Waxman,
Steve Blackburn, Gill Copeland

National Teams – P.a.B – 2015:
David Gold, Alistair Kent, Kevin Castner,
Justin Hackett

National Teams – Swiss – 2015:
Steve Root, Jonathan Harris,
Steve Capal, Andrew Sobell

Tollemache Cup 2015:
Middlesex - Simon Cope, Jeremy Dhondy,
Ian Pagan, Tony Waterlow, Tom Paske,
Neil Rosen, Martin Jones, Waseem Naqvi,
Thor Erik Hoftaniska, Victor Silverstone

Schapiro Spring Fours 2014:
Anita Sinclair, Marion Michielsen, Andrew
McIntosh, Roy Welland, Zia Mahmood,
Sabine Auker,

Garden Cities Trophy 2014:
Coventry & North Warwickshire -
Martin Jones, Stephen Green, Roger Bryant,
David Kenward, David Jones, Garry Watson,
George Cuthbertson, Ian Handley

Pachabo Cup 2014:
North East - Bill March, John Atthey,
Julian Gibson, Val Gibson,

Brighton Four Stars 2014:
Alexander Allfrey, Andrew Robson,
David Gold, Tony Forrester,

Isle of Man Congress

4

Palace Hotel and Casino, Douglas

4th - 6th September 2015

An Open/Mixed Pairs and Improvers Pairs on Friday afternoon, a Green Pointed Swiss Pairs with a session each of the three evenings, and a Green Pointed Swiss Teams with sessions on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

The event is run by the Manx Bridge Union, on behalf of the EBU.

For more information visit: <http://goo.gl/8q77Fo>

Confiance Guernsey Congress

4*La Trelade Country House Hotel**11th - 20th September 2015*

A full and varied programme of bridge over the ten days, in an attractive holiday setting. There are Seniors-only events on midweek afternoons.

Weekends include fully Green Pointed events; midweek events award Blue Points on the County/Regional Congress scale.

For more information: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/guernsey-congress

Great Northern Swiss Pairs

4*Hilton Leeds**3rd - 4th October 2015*

A twelve round, Green Pointed Swiss Pairs event, run by the Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association on behalf of the EBU.

For more information:

www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/great-northern-swiss-pairs

Bridge Overseas Congress

4*Ixia, Rhodes**7th - 13th October 2015*

The Autumn Overseas Congress is sponsored by Bridge Overseas.

Attendance at this congress is exclusive to those booking their accommodation with Bridge Overseas.

The congress includes Pairs and Teams events, and Simultaneous and Swiss competitions. The Swiss events are Green Pointed.

For more information: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/rhodes

Autumn Congress

2/4*Holiday Inn, Peterborough**16th - 18th October 2015*

Includes the prestigious 4-session Two Stars Pairs event, starting Friday afternoon. Also includes a Swiss Pairs on Saturday, and a Teams-of-Four Championship on Sunday (a sectional Multiple Teams event leading to two 14-team finals: The Eastbourne Bowl (Premier) and The Burlington Cup (Secondary). All non-qualifiers play in the Sussex Cup).

There will be a Really Easy Afternoon (see page 27) on Friday with the same hands played at satellite events and scored across all participants.

All events Green Pointed, except the Really Easy Afternoon (Blue Points).

For more information: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/autumn-congress

Seniors Congress

4*Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport**6th - 8th November 2015*

Championship Pairs across Friday and Saturday. Swiss Pairs on Saturday for those joining the congress and those eliminated from the Championship Pairs. Swiss Teams on Sunday.

All events are fully Green Pointed, except the qualifying rounds of the Pairs Championship and Satellite Pairs (Blue Points only, but all qualifiers are guaranteed a Green Point award in the finals).

For more information: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/seniors-congress

Tollemache Cup

5

Inter-county championship for teams-of-eight. Entry is open only to EBU County Associations and WBU District Associations. Teams are limited to twelve playing members, although not necessarily the same twelve in the qualifying round and the final. For eligibility regulations, see page 26.

There is a qualifying event at Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport, on 21st - 22nd November 2015. The top two teams in each section qualify to play in the final on 13th - 14th February 2016 at Park Inn, West Bromwich.

Entries should be made by County Secretaries on official entry forms.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/tollemache

Northern Year End Congress

4

Dunkenhalgh Hotel & Spa, Clayton-le-Moors 27th - 29th December 2015
Note new dates for 2015 only

A Mixed or Open Pairs on Sunday 27th afternoon, Swiss Pairs on Sunday 27th evening and Monday 28th, and Swiss Teams on Tuesday 29th.

Swiss events are Green Pointed; Mixed/Open Pairs awards Blue Points.

For more information: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/year-end-north

Year End Congress (London)



2/4

Royal National Hotel, London

27th - 30th December 2015

A Stratified Swiss Pairs on Sunday 27th and Monday 28th, a Really Easy Afternoon (see page 27) on Sunday 27th, a Mixed and Open Pairs on Tuesday 29th and Stratified Swiss Teams on Wednesday 30th.

All events are Green Pointed, bar the Really Easy Afternoon (Blue Points).

For more information: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/year-end-london

National Teams Congress



5

Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport

16th - 17th January 2016

A pair of events running in parallel: Point-a-Board Teams or Swiss Teams.

In the P-a-B there is a qualifying multiple-teams on Saturday, prior to longer head-to-head matches in Sunday's final. Non-qualifiers for the P-a-B final will join the Swiss Teams on Sunday with a carry-forward score. Alternatively you can play in the Swiss Teams throughout the weekend.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/national-teams

Bridge Overseas Congress

4

Athena Beach Hotel, Paphos, Cyprus

1st - 7th February 2016

The Spring Overseas Congress is sponsored by Bridge Overseas.

Attendance at this congress is exclusive to those booking their accommodation with Bridge Overseas.

The congress includes Pairs and Teams events, and Simultaneous and Swiss competitions. The Swiss events are Green Pointed.

More information at: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/cyprus-congress

Harrogate Spring Congress

4*Old Swan Hotel, Harrogate**19th - 21st February 2016*

Mixed or Open Pairs on Friday afternoon, Swiss Pairs on Friday evening and Saturday, and Swiss Teams on Sunday

Both Swiss events are fully Green Pointed. The Mixed/Open Pairs are Blue Pointed on the national congress scale.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/harrogate

Ranked Masters Pairs

4/5*Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport**27th - 28th February 2016*

Group of Pairs Championships, scored by cross-IMPs, for which an appropriate EBU Master Point rank is needed to enter. That rank must be attained by virtue of points earned by 1st January prior to the event. An additional optional qualification criterion exists whereby players can join a partner of a higher rank providing their NGS grade meets certain levels - please see the website for more details. Players currently, or previously, based overseas for any substantial period of their bridge playing career should make special application for a national rank to be afforded them solely for the purpose of participating in this particular tournament.

Members who have attained a landmark promotion in the previous year are entitled to free entry.

Fractional Green Points will be awarded for all matches/rounds won in all events. Additional Green Points will be awarded based on overall ranking to the top quarter of the field in each category. These bonus awards will vary depending on the category of the event.

For more information, and details of the ranking categories, visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/ranked-masters-pairs

Masters Pairs

4*Various regional venues**28th February 2016*

Open to players below the rank of Regional Master - see rankings on Page 10. A 2-session, 1-day event scored by match-points simultaneously across several regional venues. Members who have attained a landmark promotion in the previous year are entitled to free entry.

Green Points are awarded, both for session results and for final ranking.

For more information, and details of the venues, visit:

www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/masters-pairs

National Pairs Championship

**4**

The event starts with a regional qualifying round held on Sunday 13th March 2016 at multiple venues round the country - please check the EBU website to confirm the locations. There will no longer be club heats as part of the qualification process - all can play in the regional round.

The National Final will be held on the weekend of 16th - 17th April 2016 at the Holiday Inn at Birmingham Airport.

Both the Regional Finals and the National Finals will award Green Points.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/national-pairs

Portland Pairs

4*Various regional venues**20th March 2016*

Two-session Mixed Pairs event held at various regional venues, and match-pointed over the entire field. Details of the host venues can be found on the EBU website.

Green Points are awarded for both session results and for final ranking.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/portland-pairs

Easter Festival of Bridge, London

Includes Under-21 Pairs Championship and Really Easy Afternoon

**2/4***Royal National Hotel, London**25th - 28th March 2016*

Three-session stratified Championship Pairs on Friday and Saturday, two-session Swiss Teams on Sunday, and a two session flighted Swiss Pairs on Monday.

The Under-21 Pairs Championship is on Saturday - see page 39.

The Really Easy Afternoon on Friday afternoon is aimed at those new to tournament bridge. See page 27 for more details of Really Easy events

In the Championship Pairs Green Points are awarded to top half of field within each stratification. The Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams are fully Green Pointed. Blue Points are awarded for the Really Easy Afternoon.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/easter-london

Northern Easter Festival

4*Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley**25th - 27th March 2016*

An Open/Mixed Pairs and Improvers Pairs on Friday afternoon, a Swiss Pairs on Friday evening and Saturday, and a Swiss Teams on Sunday. The Swiss events are Green Pointed; the Open/Mixed Pairs are Blue Pointed.

The event is run by the Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association, on behalf of the EBU.

For more information visit:

www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/northern-easter-festival

www.ycba.co.uk/events/nef-f.htm

Lambourne Jersey Festival of Bridge

4*Westhill Country Hotel, Jersey**22nd April - 1st May 2016*

Joint venture between EBU and Channel Islands Contract Bridge Association, providing an attractive holiday in springtime with a full and varied programme of bridge over ten days. There are Seniors-only events on midweek afternoons.

Weekends include fully Green Pointed events, the midweek events award Blue Points on the County/Regional Congress scale.

For more information visit:

www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/lambourne-jersey-festival

Or, contact the congress secretary:

John Honey, Knysna Lodge, Rue de la Blanche Pierre, St Lawrence, Jersey JE3 1EA; Tel: 01534 874702 or email: jsybridgecongress@yahoo.co.uk

Schapiro Spring Foursomes

5

Holiday Inn, Stratford-upon-Avon



29th April - 3rd May 2016

The principal event, the Schapiro Trophy, is one of the toughest events in domestic bridge and attracts an international field. It is run on double-elimination lines over nine sessions. Play starts on Friday evening, with semi-finals and final only being played on the Tuesday.

A secondary event, the Punchbowl, is open to teams eliminated before Sunday evening. The Hamilton Cup is a more relaxed event for teams seeking a game on Bank Holiday Monday (start 11.30am).

The EBU reserves the right to close entry at 48 teams, but more may be accommodated.

All events are fully Green Pointed. Awards in the main event reflect its prestigious nature.

For more information visit:

www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/schapiro-spring-fours

Garden Cities Trophy

4

Inter-county championship for club teams-of-eight. Entry is open to the 2014/15 holders of the Inter-Club teams-of-eight championship of each County Association of the EBU. It is a matter for County Associations to determine their own champions, and eligibility.

For full regulations on club and player eligibility please refer to 'County Allegiance' on page 26 and the information on the EBU website.

Regional Finals will be run as all-play-all events on Saturday 7th May 2016. The winners and runners-up in each region qualify for the National Final. The regional venues are in Bradford, Bristol, Peterborough and Richmond.

The National Final is on Saturday 25th June 2016 at West Midlands Bridge Club in Solihull.

Green Points are awarded throughout for each match won, with bonus awards to the top three teams.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/garden-cities

Spring Bank Holiday Congress

2/4

Holiday Inn, Stratford-upon-Avon



28th - 30th May 2016

Championship Pairs on Saturday and Sunday, Really Easy Afternoon (see page 27) on Saturday, Swiss Pairs on Sunday, and stratified Swiss Teams event on Bank Holiday Monday.

Swiss events are fully Green Pointed. Blue Points are awarded in the Championship Pairs qualifying rounds, but all finalists are guaranteed a Green Point award. Blue Points are awarded in the Really Easy Afternoon.

For more information visit:

www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/spring-bank-holiday-congress

Corwen Trophy	4	
<i>Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport</i>		<i>4th - 5th June 2016</i>

Inter-county Pairs Championship. Entry is open to the leading pairs in the 2014/15 Pairs Championship of each County Association of the EBU. Each County is permitted 2-5 pairs, dependent upon the number of members notified to the EBU by 31st March 2015.

For further eligibility regulations, please refer to the appropriate section on page 26 and the EBU website.

Green Points are awarded to the top half of the field.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/corwen

Southern Midweek Congress	4	
<i>New venue in Bournemouth (TBC)</i>		<i>7th - 9th June 2016</i>

Fully Green Pointed midweek congress featuring a three-session Championship Pairs event and a one-day Swiss Teams event. Both events will be 'stratified' into three categories.

Reduced entry fees are charged at this congress.

For more information visit:

www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/southern-midweek-congress

Pachabo Cup	4	
<i>Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport</i>		<i>11th - 12th June 2016</i>

Inter-county championship for teams-of-four open only to the 2014/15 holders of the teams-of-four championship of each County Association of the EBU. For eligibility regulations, please refer to the appropriate section on page 26 and the EBU website.

Green Points are awarded to the top half of the field.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/pachabo

Riviera Congress	4	
<i>Riviera Centre, Torquay</i>		<i>1st - 3rd July 2016</i>

One-day Swiss Teams event on Friday and two-day Swiss Pairs event on Saturday and Sunday. Both events are fully Green Pointed.

For more information: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/riviera-congress

Eastbourne Summer Seniors Congress	4	
<i>Winter Gardens, Eastbourne</i>		<i>8th - 10th July 2016</i>

Championship Pairs on Friday and Saturday, Swiss Pairs on Saturday and Swiss Teams on Sunday. The event is supported by the Edith Kaplan Memorial Award of a £500 enhancement to the overall prize fund.

All events are fully Green Pointed except the qualifying rounds of the Pairs Championships (Blue Points only, but all qualifiers are guaranteed a Green Point award in the final).

For more information visit:

www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/summer-seniors-congress

Scarborough Summer Festival

4***Scarborough Spa******28th - 31st July 2016***

Pre-Congress Pairs on Thursday, Multiple Teams on Friday, and Swiss Pairs on Saturday and Sunday.

All events are fully Green Pointed, except the Pre-Congress Pairs (Blue Points on the National Congress Scale).

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/scarborough

Northern Midweek Congress

4***Dunkenhalgh Hotel & Spa, Clayton-le-Moors******9th - 11th August 2016***

A fully Green Pointed Tuesday to Thursday midweek congress featuring a 3-session 'all play through' Championship Pairs event and a one-day Swiss Teams event. Both events will be 'stratified' into three categories.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/northern-mw

The Summer Meeting

**2/4*****Winter Gardens, Eastbourne******18th - 28th August 2016***

Includes Really Easy Congress, Mercian Travel Seniors Congress, Under-25 Pairs

A full programme of bridge events, including many peripheral activities such as late-night speedball and morning bridge seminars with experts.

There are two multi-day Weekend Challenge events. The first weekend has the Swiss Pairs Championship, a stratified four-session event. The second weekend is a Swiss Teams - a five session event for those reaching the finals, and four sessions for the remainder.

There is a wide variety of One Day events, including two-session weekend competitions; bracketed events on the first weekend - pairs on Saturday, teams on Sunday - and Stratified Swiss Pairs on the second weekend. Midweek competitions include pairs, teams and knock-out events.

The Mercian Travel Seniors Congress runs from Monday to Thursday with pairs on Monday and Tuesday, teams on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Under-25 Championship Pairs takes place on Tuesday afternoon (see page 39).

Weekend Challenge events are Green Pointed at an enhanced level. The bracketed pairs & teams, one-day Swiss Pairs, and Midweek KO Teams are Green Pointed at standard levels. Other events are Blue Pointed.

For more information visit:

www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/summer-meeting

The Really Easy Congress takes place from Monday to Thursday as part of The Summer Meeting. Monday to Wednesday are First Step events for beginners playing a basic Acol system. The Next Step event runs Tuesday to Thursday for players with limited experience of club bridge who want to try an EBU congress. They should be below the rank of Master and less than a jack on the NGS scale

For more information visit:

www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/brighton-really-easy-congress

Junior and Schools Events

Young Bridge Challenge (incorporating the Schools Cup)

Loughborough Grammar School

5th March 2016

A fun event for school-age players of all experience levels, organised by English Bridge Education and Development (see page 8). The Schools Cup is open to teams of players all of whom attend the same school. The event also includes a Swiss Teams competition for any players of school age.

For more information visit: www.ebedcio.org.uk/node/30

Students National Simultaneous Pairs

Spring 2016

English Bridge Education and Development (see page 8) run bridge and minibridge Simultaneous Pairs events during the spring for schools, bridge classes and novice duplicates. They are free to enter.

Because of the closed nature of each heat, there is flexibility as to the exact date, or dates, of play to allow the maximum possible number of groups to participate.

The minimum number of tables to constitute a heat is just one, such heats being combined with others of a similar size for scoring purposes.

Schools and teachers wishing to participate should contact Simon Barb, simon@ebedcio.org.uk, tel: 01296 317218

For more information visit: www.ebedcio.org.uk/node/72

Under 21 Pairs

4

Part of the Easter Festival of Bridge (page 35)

26th March 2016

Open to anyone aged under 21 on the day of the event. Entry is free and membership of the EBU is not required. Participants can also receive free entry to the Festival's Swiss Teams and half price entry to its Swiss Pairs.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/easter-london

Junior Teach-In

Loughborough University

5th - 7th August 2016

A full-board residential weekend organised by English Bridge Education and Development (see page 8) and held from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. Open to junior players under 21 and accompanying parents, relatives or teachers. All standards are catered for, from beginner to junior international. It includes sessions of bridge instruction and competitions, and other sporting and social activities. A bridge programme is provided for accompanying adults.

For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/youth/junior-teach-in

Under 25 Pairs

4

Part of The Summer Meeting (page 38)

16th August 2016

Open to anyone aged under 25 on the day of the event. All Under-25s are eligible for half-price entry to any EBU event. Junior squad members may be eligible for free entry to the weekend events at the Summer Meeting.

For more information visit:

www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/summer-meeting

Portland Bowl

4

Teams-of-four knockout competition played by British universities. The EBU administers this tournament on behalf of the world famous Portland Club. All players must be registered as students with the university or college they represent. Green Points are awarded.

The closing date for entries is the end of October 2015. Entry forms will be sent in September to those universities on our mailing list. It will be possible for some matches in early rounds to be played online. The semi-finals and final will be played at the Portland Club; the semi-finals on 9th April 2016, and the final, plus the 3rd/4th place play-off, on 10th April 2016. For more information visit: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/portland-bowl

EBU Residential Events

EBU Blue Point Bridge Holidays

The EBU offers a selection of short holidays. They are organised by Bridge Overseas and the bridge is run and directed by EBU directors. Blue Points are awarded in all sessions. The hotels have been selected to meet a high specification and have excellent facilities including a spa, swimming pool and sauna in all, and golf, tennis and fishing in some.

These holidays are aimed at social players, not hardened tournament-goers, so we suggest they are most suitable for those ranked lower than Regional Master, and no higher than a Jack on NGS grading. If you are unsure whether you fit in to this, call Competitions on 01296 317203/219.

The 2015/16 program includes:

16th - 20th October Chilworth Manor, near Southampton

Bookings should be made directly to Bridge Overseas on 0800 0346 246

More information, and dates for 2016, will be available in English Bridge, and on our website: www.ebu.co.uk/blue-point-holidays

Really Easy Weekends



Really Easy Weekends combine bridge tuition, informal competitions, and a fun holiday in quality hotels. They are intended for those with limited experience of 'congress' bridge and are still developing their game. See page 27 for more information about Really Easy events.

The 2015/16 program includes the following weekends:

30th October - 1st November	Horwood House, nr Milton Keynes
1st - 3rd April	Wroxton House Hotel, nr Banbury
24th - 26th June	Bournemouth (TBC)

Accommodation should be booked with the venue; bridge fees should be paid to the EBU. More information, and further dates for 2016, will be on our website: www.ebu.co.uk/competitions/really-easy-weekends

Overseas Congresses

See p.32 (Autumn Congress, Rhodes) & p.33 (Spring Congress, Cyprus)

Simultaneous Pairs Events

Events organised by the EBU are open to all EBU affiliated clubs. Most events will be run over four days, with different hands for each day, and different ranking lists published.

Affiliated clubs wishing to participate should register online via the EBU Members Area. All necessary files and documentation will be available online to download. Club heats must be of at least three tables and each player must play at least 18 boards. Full instructions are available online.

Detailed scores, hand records, and commentaries are available on the EBU website. Commentary booklets are available for postal delivery at an additional charge.

The prize structure for 2015 includes cash prizes for the overall winners of most events, and all heat winning pairs and host clubs will be entered into a prize draw to win up to £1000. Master Points will be awarded as a combination of local points and Blue Points.

www.ebu.co.uk/sim-pairs

EBED Simultaneous Pairs

Proceeds from these events will go to the charity, English Bridge Education & Development (see page 8).

Autumn Pairs - Monday 7th to Friday 11th September 2015

Spring Pairs - Tuesday 3rd to Thursday 5th May 2016

Autumn Pairs - Monday 5th to Friday 9th September 2016

British Simultaneous Pairs

Autumn Pairs – Monday 5th to Thursday 8th October 2015

Winter Pairs – Monday 4th to Thursday 7th January 2016

Spring Pairs – Monday 4th to Thursday 7th April 2016

Summer Pairs – Monday 25th to Thursday 28th July 2016

Autumn Pairs – Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th October 2016

Bridge England Simultaneous Pairs

The event is held to raise funds to aid performance in our international teams.

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd February 2016

Club Stratified Simultaneous Pairs

Results are stratified into four categories, with Master Point awards for the top third in all categories. See <http://goo.gl/2wbK5y> for more details.

Monday 14th to Thursday 17th March 2016

Students National Simultaneous Pairs - See page 39

Other Simultaneous Events

ECATS run simultaneous events on behalf of the European Bridge League and the World Bridge Federation, as well as various other events including the Children in Need Simultaneous Pairs (6th & 9th to 12th November 2015).

Enquiries for these events should be addressed to Anna Gudge at:

01787 881 920

anna@ecats.co.uk

www.ecatsbridge.com

One-day County Green Point Events

These events are organised by the counties in association with the EBU. Events may be Pairs or Teams, Multiple or Swiss, playing 48 or 49 boards over two sessions. The precise format, including the level of permitted agreements, is at the discretion of the county. Please check the county's website for details of their events (see page 18). Some counties will also announce the details in English Bridge in the form of either an advertisement or an inserted leaflet mailed to members in the appropriate catchment area.

Dates and Venues for Season 2015/16

Other events may be added after the diary has gone to print. Please check the EBU calendar for any additions.

Starting time is usually 1.00pm, with an approximate finishing time 8.30pm to 9.00pm. Check with the county for the schedule.

26th September 2015	Cumbria/Westmorland, Derbyshire, Essex/Hertfordshire, Surrey
27th September 2015	Cumbria/Westmorland, Derbyshire, Essex/Hertfordshire, Surrey
5th March 2016	Leicestershire, Manchester, Wiltshire/Avon
6th March 2016	Bedfordshire, Kent, Merseyside & Cheshire, Wiltshire/Avon
20th March 2016	Isle of Man
21st May 2016	Northamptonshire, Sussex
22nd May 2016	Hants & Isle of Wight, Kent, Merseyside & Cheshire, Warwickshire
18th June 2016	Berks and Bucks, Leicestershire
19th June 2016	Bedfordshire, Berks and Bucks, Dorset
23rd July 2016	Essex/Hertfordshire, Nottinghamshire, Gloucestershire/Herefordshire,
24th July 2016	Dorset, Essex/Hertfordshire, Gloucestershire/Herefordshire, Manchester, Nottinghamshire, Sussex

Entry fees are at the discretion of the County Association. Entry forms are obtainable via the organising County Association.

Master Points

In Swiss events of 7-board matches, 0.25 Green Points per match won, 0.13 for a draw; for 8-board matches, 0.28 Green Points per win, 0.14 per draw; plus bonus ranking awards to the top one-sixth of the field.

In multiple teams events, Green Point awards based on rounds won.

Full details of Green Point awards are contained in the current Master Points & Licensing Handbook, via www.ebu.co.uk/masterpoints

County Associations may apply to host up to two one-day Green Pointed events in any calendar year. If any County Association wishes to convert one or two one-day events within an existing annual congress into a Green Point event, they should apply in writing to the EBU Tournament Committee at Aylesbury. A number of counties have taken advantage of this arrangement and award Green Points for events at their congresses. These congresses are:

Bedford	12th - 13th September 2015
Cornwall	18th - 20th September 2015
West of England	2nd - 4th October 2015
Felixstowe	3rd - 4th October 2015
Malvern	24th - 25th October 2015
Lancashire	24th - 25th October 2015
North East	6th - 8th November 2015 (prov.)
Middlesex	28th - 29th November 2015
Midland Counties	8th - 10th January 2016
East Anglia	5th - 6th March 2016
Cumbria	18th - 20th March 2016
Norfolk	1st - 3rd April 2016
Devon	8th - 10th April 2016
Shropshire	9th - 10th April 2016
Cheltenham	30th April - 1st May 2016
Yorkshire	4th - 5th June 2016
Oxfordshire	11st - 12th June 2016
London	16th - 17th July 2016

These details are correct at the time of going to print. Any changes or additions will be shown on the EBU calendar - www.ebu.co.uk/calendar

Further details on the congresses are available on the relevant County website.

International Events

The World Team Championships

Chennai, India

26th September - 10th October 2015

England will be represented at the World Championships by three teams - the first time in the current history of the event that a European country has been represented in all events.

The Open, Women's and Senior teams will be competing for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Bowl respectively.

The European Champions Cup

Horwood House, near Milton Keynes

11th - 14th November 2015

England will host this competition, in which the winners of the major domestic competition of Europe's twelve leading countries will take part. Spectators will be welcome to attend. Information will be available on the EBU website.

Other events

8th - 10th January 2016	Camrose Trophy - 1st Weekend, Ireland
19th - 21st February 2016	Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer, Scotland
4th - 6th March 2016	Camrose Trophy - 2nd Weekend, Wales
15th - 17th April 2016	Lady Milne Trophy, Northern Ireland
20th - 22nd May 2016	Teltscher Trophy, Scotland
June 2016 (dates tbc)	European Team Championships (venue tbc)
3rd - 13th August 2016	World Youth Team Championships, Parma, Italy

Trials

Details of the trials to represent England in international events can be found on the EBU website via www.ebu.co.uk/internationals and also circulated via the Event Focus newsletter.

Premier League



The Premier League is used as the Open trials for the Camrose team.

1st wknd	12th - 13th September	Manchester BC
2nd wknd	31st October - 1st November	Coventry & North Warks BC
3rd wknd	6th - 7th November - 1st Div	Young Chelsea BC, London
	7th - 8th November - 2nd Div	Richmond BC, London

Information on entries for 2016 will be available on the EBU website via www.ebu.co.uk/internationals and circulated via Event Focus newsletter.

Senior Trials

European Senior Trials stage 1: 18th - 20th December 2015, Solihull
European Senior Trials stage 2: 22nd - 24th January 2016 (prov), venue tbc
Teltscher Trophy Trials: 5th - 7th February 2016, Solihull

Women's Trials

Lady Milne trials: 22nd - 24th January 2016, venue tbc.

Competition Venues

EBU Accommodation Booking Service (ABS)

The ABS is operated by Bridge Overseas and aims to provide a comprehensive service that is quick and easy to use, and provides accommodation for EBU events at some of the best negotiated rates, whether at the host hotel or other hotels in the town. It will hopefully make our congresses easier and more affordable to attend.

To book contact Bridge Overseas on freephone 0800 0346 246, or visit: www.bridgeoverseas.co.uk/English_Congress_Events.html

Accommodation will be available via the ABS for the following events:

Autumn Congress	Seniors Congress
Tollemache Qualifier	Northern Year End Congress
National Teams Congress	Tollemache Final
Ranked Masters Pairs	Northern Easter Festival
National Pairs Final	Crockfords Final
Southern Midweek Congress	Corwen Trophy
Pachabo Cup	Northern Midweek Congress

In order to take advantage of the reduced rates offered by this service, you will be asked to pay a £25pp deposit at the time of booking, with balance due 6 weeks before the congress date, which includes insurance against the collapse of the hotel or booking agent. You will also be able to protect your booking against cancellation by paying a £5 fee – please note that this payment is optional.

The EBU does NOT receive any payment from Bridge Overseas for the accommodation provided via this method at the above congresses. Hotel bedrooms may not be available before 3.00pm on the day of arrival.

Venues for EBU Competitions and Congresses

Billericay: First Class Bridge Academy, Suite 60, Barleylands Craft Village, Barleylands Road, Billericay, Essex CM11 2UD. www.firstclassbridge.com

Birmingham: Holiday Inn Birmingham Airport, Coventry Road, Birmingham, B26 3QW. Tel: 0871 663 9007. <http://tinyurl.com/ld5yh3w>

Bournemouth: Christchurch Bridge Club, Bournemouth Indoor Bowl Centre, Kings Park Drive, Kings Park, Bournemouth, BH7 6JD. Tel: 01202 394439. www.bridgewebs.com/christchurch

Marsham Court Hotel, 3 Russell Cotes Road, Bournemouth, BH1 3AB. Tel: 01202 552111. www.marshamcourthotel.co.uk

Bradford: Bradford Bridge Club, 8 Mornington Villas, Bradford, BD8 7HB. Tel: 01274 543100. www.bradfordbridgeclub.org

Brierfield: Brierfield Bridge Club, 2 Clitheroe Road, Brierfield, Nelson, BB9 5PT. Tel: 01282 694175. www.bridgewebs.com/brierfield

Brighton: Hilton Metropole Hotel, Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2FU. Tel: 01273 775432. <http://tinyurl.com/axnqcs>

Travel & Accommodation information at www.ebu.co.uk/brighton

Bristol: Bristol Bridge Club, Grenville Hall, 99 Oldfield Rd, Hotwells, Bristol BS8 4QQ. Tel: 0117 929 1846. www.bristolbridgeclub.co.uk

Bury St Edmunds: Great Barton Village Hall, Elms Close, Great Barton, Bury St. Edmunds, IP31 2NR. Tel: 01284 787527. <http://goo.gl/umsJXH>

Clayton-le-Moors: Dunkenhall Hotel, Blackburn Road, Clayton-le-Moors, Blackburn, BB5 5JP. Tel: 01254 426800. <http://tinyurl.com/yhztngp>

Cyprus: Athena Beach Hotel, Poseidonos Ave, 8101 Paphos, Cyprus. Tel: 357 2688 4300 www.athena-cbh.com

Darlington: St George's Bridge Centre, Alexandra House, 343 Whessoe Road, Darlington, DL3 0RW. Tel: 01325 360340. www.stgeorgesbridge.co.uk

Eastbourne: Winter Gardens, Compton Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4BP. Tel: 01323 415500. www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk

Exeter: Exeter Bridge Club, Isca Centre, Summer Lane, Whipton, Exeter, EX4 8NT. Tel: 01392 462833. www.exeterbridgeclub.co.uk

Guernsey: La Trelade Country House Hotel, Forest Road, St Martins, GY4 6UB. Tel: 01481 235454. www.latreladehotel.co.uk

Harrogate: The Old Swan Hotel, Swan Road, Harrogate, HG1 2SR. Tel: 08446 932 964. <http://goo.gl/t9PKet>

Hove: Avenue Bridge Club, 15 Third Avenue, Hove, BN3 2PB. Tel: 01273 775752. www.bridgewebs.com/avenue/

Ilkley: Craiglands Hotel, Cowpasture Road, Ilkley, LS29 8RQ. Tel: 01943 430001. www.craiglands.co.uk/

Jersey: Westhill Country Hotel, Mont-a-l'abbe, St Helier, JE2 3HB. Tel: 01534 723 60. www.westhillhoteljersey.com

Leatherhead: Leatherhead Leisure Centre, Guildford Road, Leatherhead, KT22 9BL. Tel: 01372 377674. <http://tinyurl.com/yk8dfmd>

London: Portland Club, 36 Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5JN. Tel: 020 7930 0444. Nearest tube: Green Park.

Royal National Hotel, Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0DG. Tel: 020 7637 2488. <http://tinyurl.com/3k47xtc> Nearest tube: Russell Square.

Young Chelsea Bridge Club, 54 Goldhawk Road, London, W12 8HA. www.ycbc.co.uk Nearest tube: Goldhawk Road

At the time of going to print it is anticipated that the club will relocate to these premises in July 2015. For confirmation visit www.ycbc.co.uk or call the EBU on 01296 317203

Loughborough: Loughborough Grammar School, Burton Walks, Loughborough, LE11 2DU. Tel: 01509 233233. www.lesgrammar.org
Loughborough University, Loughborough, LE11 3TU. Tel: 01509 222222. www.lboro.ac.uk

Manchester: Manchester Bridge Club, 30 Palatine Road, Withington, Didsbury, M20 3JJ. Tel: 0161 445 3712. www.manchesterbridge.co.uk

Milton Keynes: Horwood House, Mursley Road, Little Horwood, Milton Keynes, MK17 0PH. Tel: 01296 722100. www.horwoodhouse.co.uk

Oxford: The Oxford Belfry Hotel, Milton Common, Thame, OX9 2JW. 01844 279381. <http://tinyurl.com/nnzx6b3>

Peterborough: Cresset Centre, Rightwell, Peterborough, PE3 8DX. Tel: 01733 265705. www.cresset.co.uk

Peterborough Bridge Club, New England Complex, Lincoln Road, Peterborough, PE1 2PE. Tel: 01733 342885. www.peterboroughbridge.info

Holiday Inn Peterborough West, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough, PE3 6SG. Tel: 01733 289988. <http://tinyurl.com/nxz3yuh>

Rhodes: Amathus Beach Hotel, 100 Iraklidon Avenue, Ixia, 85101 Rhodes, Greece. Tel: +30 22410 89900. www.amathusrhodes.com

Richmond: Richmond Bridge Club, The Old Pavilion, Cambridge Park Bowling Club, Cambridge Park, Twickenham TW1 2PG. Tel: 020 8892 2170. www.richmondbridgeclub.com
Nearest station: St Margaret's (Network Rail)

Scarborough: Scarborough Spa, Scarborough Spa Complex, South Bay, Scarborough, YO11 2HD. Tel: 01723 376774. www.scarboroughspa.co.uk

Sheffield: Sheffield Bridge Club, 6 Thornsett Road, Sheffield, S7 1NA. Tel: 0114 255 0844. www.sheffieldbridgeclub.co.uk

Solihull: West Midlands Bridge Club, 909 Warwick Road, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3EP. Tel: 0121 704 9633. www.westmidbridge.co.uk

Stamford: Stamford Bridge Club, McKenzie House, Exeter Gardens, PE9 2RN. Tel: 01780 757789. www.stamfordbridgeclub.co.uk

Steventon: Steventon Village Hall, The Green, Steventon, Abingdon, OX13 6RR. Tel: 01235 834015. www.steventon.info/villagehall.html

Stratford-upon-Avon: Holiday Inn, Bridgefoot, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6YR. Tel: 01789 279988. <http://tinyurl.com/p5o7fpf>

Torquay: Riviera International Conference Centre, Chestnut Avenue, Torquay, TQ2 5LZ. Tel: 01803 299992. www.rivieracentre.co.uk

Tunbridge Wells: Tunbridge Wells & Counties BC, 40 London Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1DL. Tel: 01892 530739. www.twbridgeclub.co.uk

Welwyn Garden City: Welwyn Garden City Bridge Club, Gosling Sports Park, Stanborough Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6XE. Tel: 01707 333959. www.wgcbridge.org.uk

West Bromwich: Park Inn Hotel, Birmingham Road, West Bromwich, B70 6RS. Tel: 0121 609 9988. www.parkinn.co.uk/hotel-birminghamwest

Wimbledon: Wimbledon Bridge Club, Kenneth Black Memorial Hall, 56a Worple Road, London, SW19 4EY. Tel 020 8947 0147. www.wimbledonbridgeclub.co.uk
Nearest station: Wimbledon (District Line & Network Rail)

Wroxton: Best Western Wroxton House Hotel, Wroxton, Banbury, OX15 6QB. Tel: 01295 730777 www.bw-wroxtonhousehotel.co.uk

Aug-Sep 2015

31 Monday WEEK 36

MY PH UK

1 Tuesday

SK

2 Wednesday

3 Thursday

4 Friday

5 Saturday

6 Sunday

Father's Day (Australia, New Zealand)

BG

Crockfords Cup and Plate Finals -
Birmingham

Isle of Man Congress - Douglas

September 2015

EBED Autumn Sim Pairs	WEEK 37		Monday	7
			BR CDN L USA	
			Tuesday	8
			MT	
Confiance Guernsey Congress and Seniors Congress - Guernsey			Wednesday	9
			Thursday	10
Bedfordshire Congress - Milton Keynes			Friday	11
			Saturday	12
Premier League - 1st weekend - Manchester				
			Sunday	13

September 2015

14 Monday WEEK 38

15 Tuesday

SK

16 Wednesday

MY MEX

17 Thursday

18 Friday

SA

19 Saturday

SA

20 Sunday

SA

Cornwall Congress - Bude

Confiance Guernsey Congress and Seniors Congress - Guernsey

September 2015

WEEK 39

Monday 21

GH J MT SA

Tuesday 22

BG EG J SA UAE

Wednesday 23

EG GH J NG PH SA UAE

Thursday 24

EG IND ID MY NG PK SA SGP ZA TR UAE

Friday 25

EG PK SA TR UAE

Saturday 26

EG PK SA TR

Sunday 27

CHN SA TR

World Team Championships -
Chennai, India
One Day CP events -
Cumbria/Westmorland, Derby,
Essex/Herts, Surrey

Sep-Oct 2015

28 Monday WEEK 40

CZ HK TW

29 Tuesday

30 Wednesday

1 Thursday

CHN CY HK NG

2 Friday

CHN IND

3 Saturday

CHN D

4 Sunday

Felixstowe Congress - Felixstowe

Great Northern Swiss Pairs - Leeds

West of England Congress - Weston-super-Mare

World Team Championships - Chennai, India

October 2015

12 Monday WEEK 42

AR BR CDN CO J E USA

13 Tuesday

14 Wednesday

EG ID MY UAE

15 Thursday

16 Friday

17 Saturday

18 Sunday

Bridge Overseas Congress - Rhodes

Blue Point Holiday - Chilworth, nr Southampton

Autumn Congress - Peterborough

October 2015

<i>Blue Point Holiday - Chilworth, nr Southampton</i>	WEEK 43	Monday 19
		Tuesday 20
	Wednesday 21	
		<div>HK</div>
	Thursday 22	
	Friday 23	
		<div>HINDPKTH</div>
<i>Lancashire Congress - Bolton/Blackburn</i>	<i>Malvern Congress - Worcester</i>	Saturday 24
		<div>PK</div>
		Sunday 25
		British Summer Time ends

Oct-Nov 2015

26 Monday WEEK 44

A IRL NZ

27 Tuesday

28 Wednesday

CY CZ GR

29 Thursday

TR

30 Friday

31 Saturday

FIN SI S

1 Sunday

Daylight Saving Time ends (USA)

A B HR F H I LT L PE PH PL SK SI E

Premier League - 2nd weekend - Coventry
Really Easy Weekend - near Milton Keynes

November 2015

WEEK 45

Monday 2

BR | CO

Tuesday 3

J

Wednesday 4

RUS

Thursday 5

Friday 6

Saturday 7

Sunday 8

Remembrance Sunday

Seniors Congress - Birmingham

North East BA Congress - Gateshead (TBC)

Premier League - 3rd Weekend - London

Children in Need
Sim Pairs

November 2015

9 Monday WEEK 46

PK

10 Tuesday

MY SGP

11 Wednesday

B F PL USA

12 Thursday

13 Friday

14 Saturday

15 Sunday

BR

Children in Need Sim Pairs

EBL Champions Cup - nr Milton Keynes

November 2015

WEEK 47

Monday 16

[CO] [MEX]

Tuesday 17

[CZ] [SK]

Wednesday 18

[LV]

Thursday 19**Friday 20**

[BR]

Saturday 21**Sunday 22***Tollemache Cup Qualifying Round -
Birmingham*

November 2015

23 Monday WEEK 48

AR J

EBL Sim Pairs

24 Tuesday

25 Wednesday

EBU AGM

EBL Sim Pairs

26 Thursday

USA

27 Friday

28 Saturday

29 Sunday

Middlesex Congress - Barnet

American Fall Nationals - Denver

December 2015

7 Monday WEEK 50

AR TH

8 Tuesday

AR A CO I MT PE P E

9 Wednesday

10 Thursday

TH

11 Friday

12 Saturday

MEX

13 Sunday

MT

Gold Cup Finals - Solihull

December 2015

WEEK 51

Monday **14**

Tuesday **15**

Wednesday **16**

ZA

Thursday **17**

Friday **18**

Saturday **19**

Sunday **20**

Senior European Trials (1st Stage) - Solihull

December 2015

21 Monday WEEK 52

22 Tuesday

23 Wednesday

EG J NG UAE

24 Thursday

BG CZ DK EE H ID LV LT MY PK PH SK

25 Friday

Christmas Day

26 Saturday

Boxing Day

27 Sunday

Northern Year End
Congress -
Clayton-le-Moors
Year End Congress -
London

Monday **28**

Year End Congress - London

Northern Year End Congress -
Clayton-le-Moors

Tuesday 29

Wednesday 30

PH

Thursday 31

LV PH TH

Friday **1**

New Year's Day

Saturday **2**

NZ RO

Sunday **3**

January 2016

4 Monday WEEK 1

NZ | RUS | Scotland

5 Tuesday

RUS

6 Wednesday

A | HR | CY | FIN | GR | I | PL | RUS | SK | E | S

7 Thursday

EG | RUS

8 Friday

RUS

9 Saturday

10 Sunday

British Winter Sim Pairs

Midland Counties Congress - Solihull

Camrose Trophy, 1st Weekend - Ireland

January 2016

WEEK 2

Monday **11**

CO J

Tuesday **12**

Wednesday **13**

Thursday **14**

Friday **15**

Saturday **16**

Sunday **17**

National Teams Congress - Birmingham

January 2016

18 Monday WEEK 3

USA

19 Tuesday

20 Wednesday

21 Thursday

22 Friday

23 Saturday

24 Sunday

RO

Lady Milne Trials - venue TBC
Senior European Trials (2nd Stage) - TBC

January 2016

WEEK 4

Monday **25**

EG

Tuesday **26**

AUS IND

Wednesday **27**

Holocaust Memorial Day

Thursday **28**

Friday **29**

Saturday **30**

Sunday **31**

February 2016

1 Monday WEEK 5

MEX

2 Tuesday

3 Wednesday

4 Thursday

5 Friday

PK

6 Saturday

7 Sunday

TW

Bridge England Sim Pairs

Bridge Overseas Congress - Cyprus

Senior Trials for the Teltscher Trophy - Solihull

February 2016

WEEK 6

Monday **8**

AR BR CHN HK ID MY NZ PH SGP SI TW

Tuesday **9**

Shrove Tuesday

AR BR CHN HK MY P SGP TW

Wednesday **10**

Ash Wednesday

BR CHN HK MT TW

Thursday **11**

CHN J TW

Friday **12**

CHN

Saturday **13**

CHN

Sunday **14**

St Valentine

Tollemache Cup Final - West Bromwich

February 2016

15 Monday WEEK 7

USA

16 Tuesday

LT

17 Wednesday

18 Thursday

19 Friday

20 Saturday

21 Sunday

Harrogate Spring Congress - Harrogate

Junior Camrose/Peggy Bayer - Scotland

February 2016

WEEK 8

Monday **22**

[TH]

Tuesday **23**

[RUS]

Wednesday **24**

[EE]

Thursday **25**Friday **26**Saturday **27**Sunday **28***Ranked Masters Pairs - Birmingham**Masters Pairs -
various venues*

Feb-Mar 2016

29 Monday WEEK 9

TW

1 Tuesday

St David (Wales)

2 Wednesday

3 Thursday

BG

4 Friday

5 Saturday

6 Sunday

Mothering Sunday
(UK, Republic of Ireland)

One Day CP events -
Beds, Kent,
Merseyside &
Cheshire, Wilts/Avon

Young Bridge
Challenge -
Loughborough
One Day CP events -
Leics, Manchester,
Wilts/Avon

East Anglia Congress - Ipswich

Camrose Trophy, 2nd Weekend - Wales

March 2016

WEEK 10

Monday **7**

[GH]

Tuesday **8**

[RUS]

Wednesday **9**

[ID]

Thursday **10**Friday **11**

[LT]

Saturday **12**Sunday **13**

Daylight Saving Time begins (USA)

*American Spring Nationals - Reno**National Pairs
Regional Finals -
various venues*

March 2016

14 Monday WEEK 11

CY GR

15 Tuesday

H

16 Wednesday

17 Thursday

St Patrick (Ireland)

IRL N'IRE

18 Friday

19 Saturday

MT

20 Sunday

One Day GP event -
Isle of Man

Portland Pairs -
various regional
venues

Cumbria Congress - Bowness

Club Stratified Sim Pairs

American Spring Nationals - Reno

March 2016

WEEK 12

Monday 21

CO J MEX ZA

Tuesday 22**Wednesday 23**

PK

Thursday 24

AR CO DK N PE PH E

Friday 25

Good Friday

CY GR

Saturday 26

AUS HK

Sunday 27

Easter Day

British Summer Time begins

*Easter Festival of Bridge - London**Northern Easter Festival - Ilkley*

Mar-Apr 2016

28 Monday WEEK 13

Easter Monday

Easter Festival of
Bridge - London

29 Tuesday

30 Wednesday

31 Thursday

MT

1 Friday

CY

2 Saturday

AR

3 Sunday

Norfolk Congress - Norwich
Really Easy Weekend - Wroxton

April 2016

British Spring Sim Pairs	WEEK 14		Monday	4	
			CHN	HK	TW
			Tuesday	5	
			Wednesday	6	
			TH		
			Thursday	7	
Devon Congress - Torquay			Friday	8	
			Saturday	9	
			PH		
			Sunday	10	
	Staffs and Shrops Congress - Telford				
Portland Bowl Semi-Finals/Finals - London					

*Devon Congress - Torquay**Staffs and Shrops Congress - Telford**Portland Bowl Semi-Finals/Finals - London*

April 2016

11 Monday WEEK 15

12 Tuesday

13 Wednesday

TH

14 Thursday

TH

15 Friday

TH

16 Saturday

17 Sunday

National Pairs Final - Birmingham
Lady Milne Trophy - Scotland

April 2016

WEEK 16

Monday 18**Tuesday 19****Wednesday 20****Thursday 21**

BR

Friday 22

DK

Saturday 23

St George (England)

TR

Sunday 24*The Lambourne Jersey Festival of Bridge - Jersey*

Apr-May 2016

25 Monday WEEK 17

AUS EG IT NZ P

26 Tuesday

27 Wednesday

NL SI ZA

28 Thursday

29 Friday

BG CY GR J

30 Saturday

BG

1 Sunday

May Labour Day

BG EG GH GR LT RO

Cheltenham Congress - Brockworth

Schapiro Spring Foursomes - Stratford-upon-Avon

The Lambourne Jersey Festival of Bridge - Jersey

Schapiro Spring Foursomes - Stratford-

Monday **2**

EBED Spring Sim Pairs

Tuesday **3**

JPL

Wednesday 4

J LV UAE

Thursday 5

A B DK FIN F D ID J L NL N S CH TH

Friday **6**

BG

Saturday 7

Sunday **8**

World Red Cross Day
Mother's Day (USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand) **CZ** **F** **SK**

**Garden Cities
Trophy Regional
Finals - various
venues**

May 2016

9 Monday WEEK 19

CO | RU | S

10 Tuesday

11 Wednesday

12 Thursday

13 Friday

14 Saturday

HK

15 Sunday

DK | EE | FIN | NL | N | PL | S

May 2016

WEEK 20

Monday **16**

A B D K F D H L N L N C H

Tuesday **17**

N

Wednesday **18**Thursday **19**

T R

Friday **20**

T H

Saturday **21**

M Y S G P

Sunday **22**

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Seniors Camrose (Teltscher Trophy) - Scotland

One Day GP events -
Northants, SussexOne Day GP events -
Hants & IOW, Kent,
Merseyside &
Cheshire, Warks

May 2016

23 Monday WEEK 21

CDN

24 Tuesday

BG

25 Wednesday

AR GH

26 Thursday

A BR HR PL

27 Friday

28 Saturday

29 Sunday

NG

Spring Bank Holiday Congress -
Stratford upon Avon

May-Jun 2016

Spring Bank Holiday Congress - Stratford upon Avon	WEEK 22	Monday	30
			CO UK USA
		Tuesday	31
		Wednesday	1
		Thursday	2
			I
WBF Simultaneous Pairs		Friday	3
Corwen Trophy - Birmingham Yorkshire Congress - Harrogate		Saturday	4
			MY
		Sunday	5
			DK LT

June 2016

6 Monday WEEK 23

CO IRL NZ S

7 Tuesday

MT

8 Wednesday

9 Thursday

CHN HK TW

10 Friday

P

11 Saturday

12 Sunday

PH

Southern Midweek Congress - Bournemouth (TBC)

Oxfordshire Congress - Oxford

Pachabo Cup - Birmingham

June 2016

WEEK 24

Monday 13**AUS** **RUS****Tuesday 14****Wednesday 15****Thursday 16****ZA****Friday 17****Saturday 18***One Day GP event -
Berks & Bucks, Leics***Sunday 19***One Day GP events -
Berks, Berks &
Bucks, Dorset*

Father's Day (UK, Republic of Ireland, USA, Canada)

GR **RO**

June 2016

20 Monday WEEK 25

AR CY GR RO

21 Tuesday

22 Wednesday

HR

23 Thursday

EE LV L

24 Friday

EE LV LT

25 Saturday

Armed Forces Day (UK)

HR FIN SI S

26 Sunday

Garden Cities
Trophy National
Final - Solihull

Really Easy Weekend - Bournemouth (TBC)

Jun-Jul 2016

WEEK 26

Monday 27**Tuesday 28****Wednesday 29**

[MT][PE]

Thursday 30

[SA]

Friday 1

[CDN][GH][HK][SA]

Saturday 2

[SA]

Sunday 3

[SA]

Riviera Congress - Torquay

July 2016

4 Monday WEEK 27

CO SA USA

5 Tuesday

CZ SA SK TR UAE

6 Wednesday

CZ EG GH IND ID LT MY NG PK PH SA SGP TR UAE

7 Thursday

EG ID MY NG PK SA TR UAE

8 Friday

AR EG PK SA UAE

9 Saturday

AR EG SA

10 Sunday

SA

Eastbourne Summer Seniors Congress - Eastbourne

July 2016

WEEK 28

Monday 11**Tuesday 12**

N°19E

Wednesday 13**Thursday 14**

F

Friday 15**Saturday 16***London Congress (venue TBC)***Sunday 17**

July 2016

18 Monday WEEK 29

J

19 Tuesday

20 Wednesday

CO

21 Thursday

B

22 Friday

23 Saturday

EG

24 Sunday

One Day CP events -
Dorset, Essex/Herts,
Gloucs/Hereford,
Manchester, Notts,
Sussex

One Day CP events -
Essex/Herts,
Gloucs/Hereford,
Notts

American Summer Nationals - Washington

July 2016

<i>American Summer Nationals - Washington</i>	<i>British Summer Sim Pairs</i>	WEEK 30	Monday 25
			Tuesday 26
			Wednesday 27
	<i>Scarborough Summer Festival - Scarborough</i>		Thursday 28
			PE
			Friday 29
			PE
			Saturday 30
			Sunday 31

August 2016

1 Monday WEEK 31

[CDN](#) [IRL](#) [CH](#) [Scotland](#)

2 Tuesday

3 Wednesday

4 Thursday

5 Friday

[HR](#)

6 Saturday

7 Sunday

[CO](#)

Junior Teach-In - Loughborough

World Youth Championships - Italy

August 2016

World Youth Championships - Italy Northern Midweek Congress - Clayton-le-Moors	WEEK 32	Monday	8
		Tuesday	9
			SGP ZA
		Wednesday	10
		Thursday	11
			J
		Friday	12
			TH
		Saturday	13
		Sunday	14
			PK

August 2016

15 Monday WEEK 33

ARABCOHRCYFGRINDILTLMTPLPROSIE

16 Tuesday

17 Wednesday

ID

18 Thursday

19 Friday

20 Saturday

EEH

21 Sunday

PH

The Summer Meeting
(inc Really Easy and Seniors Congresses) - Eastbourne

August 2016

WEEK 34

Monday 22

Tuesday 23

Wednesday 24

Thursday 25

Friday 26

Saturday 27

Sunday 28

The Summer Meeting (inc Really Easy and Seniors Congresses) - Eastbourne

Aug-Sep 2016

29 Monday WEEK 35

PH SK UK

30 Tuesday

PE TR

31 Wednesday

MY

1 Thursday

SK

2 Friday

3 Saturday

4 Sunday

Father's Day (Australia, New Zealand)

Crockfords Cup and Plate Finals -
Birmingham

World Bridge Games - Wroclaw, Poland

Isle of Man Congress - Douglas

September 2016

WEEK 36		Monday	5
		CDN L USA	
		Tuesday	6
		BG SA	
		Wednesday	7
		BR SA	
		Thursday	8
		MT SA	
		Friday	9
		SA	
		Saturday	10
		EG SA UAE	
		Sunday	11
		EG GH NG PH SA UAE	

World Bridge Games - Wroclaw, Poland

EBED Autumn Sim Pairs

Confiance Guernsey Congress and Seniors Congress - Guernsey

Bedfordshire Congress - Milton Keynes

September 2016

12 Monday WEEK 37

EG IND ID MY NG PK SA SGP TR UAE

13 Tuesday

EG PK SA TR UAE

14 Wednesday

EG PK SA TR

15 Thursday

CHN SA SK TW TR

16 Friday

HK MY MEX

17 Saturday

18 Sunday

Cornwall Congress - Bude

Confiance Guernsey Congress and Seniors Congress - Guernsey

World Bridge Games - Wroclaw, Poland

September 2016

WEEK 38

Monday **19**

J

Tuesday **20**Wednesday **21**

GH MT

Thursday **22**

BG J

Friday **23**

SA

Saturday **24**

ZA

Sunday **25**

One Day CP events -
Cumbria/Westmorland, Derby,
Essex/Herts, Surrey

Sep-Oct 2016

26 Monday WEEK 39

27 Tuesday

28 Wednesday

CZ

29 Thursday

30 Friday

1 Saturday

CHN CY HK NG

2 Sunday

CHN EG IND ID MY UAE

Felixstowe Congress - Felixstowe

Great Northern Swiss Pairs - Leeds

West of England Congress - Weston-super-Mare

October 2016

10 Monday WEEK 41

AR | CDN | HK | J | TW | USA

11 Tuesday

IND | PK

12 Wednesday

BR | PK | E

13 Thursday

14 Friday

15 Saturday

16 Sunday

Bridge Overseas Congress -
Lake Garda (TBC)

October 2016

WEEK 42

Monday 17

CO

Tuesday 18**Wednesday 19****Thursday 20****Friday 21****Saturday 22****Sunday 23**

H

Autumn Congress - Peterborough

October 2016

24 Monday WEEK 43

NZ TH

25 Tuesday

26 Wednesday

A

27 Thursday

28 Friday

CY CZ GR

29 Saturday

MY SGP TR

30 Sunday

British Summer Time ends

Lancashire Congress - Bolton/Blackburn

Malvern Congress - Worcester

Oct-Nov 2016

WEEK 44

Monday 31

IRL SI

Tuesday 1

A B HR F H I LT L PE PH PL SK SI E

Wednesday 2

BR

Thursday 3

J

Friday 4

RUS

Saturday 5

FIN S

Sunday 6

Daylight Saving Time ends (USA)

Seniors Congress - Birmingham

November 2016

7 Monday WEEK 45

CO

8 Tuesday

9 Wednesday

PK

10 Thursday

11 Friday

B F PL USA

12 Saturday

13 Sunday

Remembrance Sunday

November 2016

WEEK 46

Monday 14

CO

Tuesday 15

BR

Wednesday 16**Thursday 17**

CZ SK

Friday 18

LV

Saturday 19**Sunday 20**

BR

**Tollemache Cup Qualifying Round -
Birmingham**

November 2016

21 Monday WEEK 47

MEX

22 Tuesday

23 Wednesday

J

24 Thursday

USA

25 Friday

26 Saturday

27 Sunday

American Fall Nationals - Orlando

Nov-Dec 2016

American Fall Nationals - Orlando	WEEK 48	Monday	28
			AR
		Tuesday	29
		Wednesday	30
		St Andrew (Scotland)	PH RO
		Thursday	1
			RO
		Friday	2
			GH UAE
		Saturday	3
			UAE
		Sunday	4

December 2016

5 Monday WEEK 49

TH

6 Tuesday

FIN E

7 Wednesday

8 Thursday

AR A CO I MT PE P E

9 Friday

AR

10 Saturday

11 Sunday

EG NG UAE

December 2016

WEEK 50

Monday **12**

ID MY MEX PK TH

Tuesday **13**

MT

Wednesday **14**Thursday **15**Friday **16**

ZA

Saturday **17**Sunday **18**

December 2016

19 Monday WEEK 51

20 Tuesday

21 Wednesday

22 Thursday

23 Friday

J

24 Saturday

BG CZ DK EE LV LT SK

25 Sunday

Christmas Day

Dec 2016-Jan 2017

WEEK 52

Monday 26

Boxing Day

[MY] [SGP]

Tuesday 27

[AUS] [GH] [HK] [NZ] [UK]

Wednesday 28**Thursday 29****Friday 30**

[PH]

Saturday 31

[LV] [PH] [TH]

Sunday 1

New Year's Day

*Year End Congress - London**Northern Year End Congress - Clayton-le-Moors*

January 2017

2 Monday WEEK 1

AUS GH HK J MY NZ RO RUS SGP ZA TW TH UK

3 Tuesday

NZ RUS Scotland

4 Wednesday

RUS

5 Thursday

RUS

6 Friday

A HR CY FIN GR I PL RUS SK E S

7 Saturday

EG

8 Sunday

Camrose Trophy, 1st Weekend - England

British Winter Sim Pairs

Monday 9

CO J RUS

Tuesday 10

Wednesday 11

Thursday 12

Friday **13**

Saturday 14

Sunday **15**

January 2017

16 Monday WEEK 3

USA

17 Tuesday

18 Wednesday

19 Thursday

20 Friday

21 Saturday

22 Sunday

National Teams Congress - Birmingham

January 2017

WEEK 4

Monday 23**Tuesday 24**

[RO]

Wednesday 25

[EG]

Thursday 26

[AUS] [IND]

Friday 27

Holocaust Memorial Day

[TW]

Saturday 28

[CHN] [HK] [ID] [MY] [PH] [SGP] [TW]

Sunday 29

[CHN] [HK] [MY] [TW]

Jan-Feb 2017

30 Monday WEEK 5

CHN HK MY SGP TW

31 Tuesday

CHN HK TW

1 Wednesday

CHN TW

2 Thursday

CHN

3 Friday

4 Saturday

5 Sunday

PK

Bridge Overseas Congress (provisional - venue TBC)

February 2017

Bridge Overseas Congress (provisional - venue TBC)	WEEK 6	Monday	6
			MEX NZ
Bridge England Sim Pairs (provisional)		Tuesday	7
Bridge England Sim Pairs (provisional)		Wednesday	8
			SI
		Thursday	9
		Friday	10
			MT
Tollemache Cup Final - West Bromwich		Saturday	11
			J
		Sunday	12

February 2017

13 Monday WEEK 7

TH

14 Tuesday

St Valentine

15 Wednesday

16 Thursday

LT

17 Friday

18 Saturday

19 Sunday

Harrogate Spring Congress - Harrogate

Junior Camrose/Peggy Bayer - Ireland

February 2017

WEEK 8

Monday **20**

USA

Tuesday **21**Wednesday **22**Thursday **23**

RUS

Friday **24**

EE

Saturday **25**Sunday **26***Ranked Masters Pairs - Birmingham**Masters Pairs -
various venues*

2016

January					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31
Wk	53	1	2	3	4

February					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	
Wk	5	6	7	8	9

March					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	
Wk	9	10	11	12	13

April					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	
Wk	13	14	15	16	17

May					
Mon		2	9	16	23 30
Tue		3	10	17	24 31
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thu		5	12	19	26
Fri		6	13	20	27
Sat		7	14	21	28
Sun	1	8	15	22	29
Wk	17	18	19	20	21 22

June					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	
Wk	22	23	24	25	26

July					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31
Wk	26	27	28	29	30

August					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	
Wk	31	32	33	34	35

September					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	
Sun	4	11	18	25	
Wk	35	36	37	38	39

October					
Mon		3	10	17	24 31
Tue		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thu		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	2	9	16	23	30
Wk	39	40	41	42	43 44

November					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	
Wk	44	45	46	47	48

December					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	4	11	18	25	
Wk	48	49	50	51	52

2015

	January					February					March					April					
Mon	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		
Tue	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		
Wed	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		
Sun	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		
Wk	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	14	15	16	17	18
	May					June					July					August					
Mon	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31		
Tue	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25			
Wed	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		
Thu	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	
Wk	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	27	28	29	30	31	31	32	33	34	35	36
	September					October					November					December					
Mon	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		
Wk	36	37	38	39	40	40	41	42	43	44	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	

2017

	January					February					March					April					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		
Wed	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		
Thu	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		
Fri	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		
Sat	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	
Wk	52	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	11	12	13	13	14	15	16	17
	May					June					July					August					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		
Sat	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		
Sun	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		
Wk	18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26	26	27	28	29	30	31	31	32	33	34	35
	September					October					November					December					
Mon	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		
Tue	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		
Wed	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		
Thu	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	
Wk	35	36	37	38	39	39	40	41	42	43	44	44	45	46	47	48	48	49	50	51	52

2015-2016 Planner

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
1 T	1 S	1 T
2 F	2 M Wk 45	2 W
3 S	3 T	3 T
4 S	4 W	4 F
5 M Wk 41	5 T	5 S
6 T	6 F	6 S
7 W	7 S	7 M Wk 50
8 T	8 S	8 T
9 F	9 M Wk 46	9 W
10 S	10 T	10 T
11 S	11 W	11 F
12 M Wk 42	12 T	12 S
13 T	13 F	13 S
14 W	14 S	14 M Wk 51
15 T	15 S	15 T
16 F	16 M Wk 47	16 W
17 S	17 T	17 T
18 S	18 W	18 F
19 M Wk 43	19 T	19 S
20 T	20 F	20 S
21 W	21 S	21 M Wk 52
22 T	22 S	22 T
23 F	23 M Wk 48	23 W
24 S	24 T	24 T
25 S	25 W	25 F
26 M Wk 44	26 T	26 S
27 T	27 F	27 S
28 W	28 S	28 M Wk 53
29 T	29 S	29 T
30 F	30 M Wk 49	30 W
31 S		31 T
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER

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JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
1 F	1 M Wk 5	1 T
2 S	2 T	2 W
3 S	3 W	3 T
4 M Wk 1	4 T	4 F
5 T	5 F	5 S
6 W	6 S	6 S
7 T	7 S	7 M Wk 10
8 F	8 M Wk 6	8 T
9 S	9 T	9 W
10 S	10 W	10 T
11 M Wk 2	11 T	11 F
12 T	12 F	12 S
13 W	13 S	13 S
14 T	14 S	14 M Wk 11
15 F	15 M Wk 7	15 T
16 S	16 T	16 W
17 S	17 W	17 T
18 M Wk 3	18 T	18 F
19 T	19 F	19 S
20 W	20 S	20 S
21 T	21 S	21 M Wk 12
22 F	22 M Wk 8	22 T
23 S	23 T	23 W
24 S	24 W	24 T
25 M Wk 4	25 T	25 F
26 T	26 F	26 S
27 W	27 S	27 S
28 T	28 S	28 M Wk 13
29 F	29 M Wk 9	29 T
30 S		30 W
31 S		31 T
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH

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APRIL	MAY	JUNE
1 F	1 S	1 W
2 S	2 M Wk 18	2 T
3 S	3 T	3 F
4 M Wk 14	4 W	4 S
5 T	5 T	5 S
6 W	6 F	6 M Wk 23
7 T	7 S	7 T
8 F	8 S	8 W
9 S	9 M Wk 19	9 T
10 S	10 T	10 F
11 M Wk 15	11 W	11 S
12 T	12 T	12 S
13 W	13 F	13 M Wk 24
14 T	14 S	14 T
15 F	15 S	15 W
16 S	16 M Wk 20	16 T
17 S	17 T	17 F
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19 T	19 T	19 S
20 W	20 F	20 M Wk 25
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22 F	22 S	22 W
23 S	23 M Wk 21	23 T
24 S	24 T	24 F
25 M Wk 17	25 W	25 S
26 T	26 T	26 S
27 W	27 F	27 M Wk 26
28 T	28 S	28 T
29 F	29 S	29 W
30 S	30 M Wk 22	30 T
	31 T	
APRIL	MAY	JUNE

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JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
1 F	1 M Wk 31	1 T
2 S	2 T	2 F
3 S	3 W	3 S
4 M Wk 27	4 T	4 S
5 T	5 F	5 M Wk 36
6 W	6 S	6 T
7 T	7 S	7 W
8 F	8 M Wk 32	8 T
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22 F	22 M Wk 34	22 T
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24 S	24 W	24 S
25 M Wk 30	25 T	25 S
26 T	26 F	26 M Wk 39
27 W	27 S	27 T
28 T	28 S	28 W
29 F	29 M Wk 35	29 T
30 S	30 T	30 F
31 S	31 W	
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
1 S	1 T	1 T
2 S	2 W	2 F
3 M Wk 40	3 T	3 S
4 T	4 F	4 S
5 W	5 S	5 M Wk 49
6 T	6 S	6 T
7 F	7 M Wk 45	7 W
8 S	8 T	8 T
9 S	9 W	9 F
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12 W	12 S	12 M Wk 50
13 T	13 S	13 T
14 F	14 M Wk 46	14 W
15 S	15 T	15 T
16 S	16 W	16 F
17 M Wk 42	17 T	17 S
18 T	18 F	18 S
19 W	19 S	19 M Wk 51
20 T	20 S	20 T
21 F	21 M Wk 47	21 W
22 S	22 T	22 T
23 S	23 W	23 F
24 M Wk 43	24 T	24 S
25 T	25 F	25 S
26 W	26 S	26 M Wk 52
27 T	27 S	27 T
28 F	28 M Wk 48	28 W
29 S	29 T	29 T
30 S	30 W	30 F
31 M Wk 44		31 S
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER

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31 T		31 F
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13 T	13 S	13 W
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15 S	15 T	15 F
16 S	16 W	16 S
17 M Wk 29	17 T	17 S
18 T	18 F	18 M Wk 38
19 W	19 S	19 T
20 T	20 S	20 W
21 F	21 M Wk 34	21 T
22 S	22 T	22 F
23 S	23 W	23 S
24 M Wk 30	24 T	24 S
25 T	25 F	25 M Wk 39
26 W	26 S	26 T
27 T	27 S	27 W
28 F	28 M Wk 35	28 T
29 S	29 T	29 F
30 S	30 W	30 S
31 M Wk 31	31 T	
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER

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Czech Rep.	Koruna	420	+1	.cz
Denmark	Krone	45	+1	.dk
Estonia	Euro	372	+2	.ee
Finland	Euro	358	+2	.fi
France	Euro	33	+1	.fr
Germany	Euro	49	+1	.de
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Hungary	Forint	36	+1	.hu
Ireland, Rep. of	Euro	353	GMT	.ie
Italy	Euro	39	+1	.it
Latvia	Euro	371	+2	.lv
Lithuania	Euro	370	+2	.lt
Luxembourg	Euro	352	+1	.lu
Malta	Euro	356	+1	.mt
Netherlands	Euro	31	+1	.nl
Poland	Zloty	48	+1	.pl
Portugal	Euro	351	GMT	.pt
Romania	Leu	40	+2	.ro
Slovakia	Euro	421	+1	.sk
Slovenia	Euro	386	+1	.si
Spain	Euro	34	+1	.es
Sweden	Krona	46	+1	.se
UK	Pound	44	GMT	.uk
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	Pound	44	GMT	.uk
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Conversions

Metric Conversions

To convert	Into	Multiply by
Inches	Millimetres	25.4
Millimetres	Inches	0.03937
Inches	Centimetres	2.54
Centimetres	Inches	0.3937
Feet	Metres	0.3048
Metres	Feet	3.281
Yards	Metres	0.9144
Metres	Yards	1.094
Miles	Kilometres	1.609
Kilometres	Miles	0.621
Pounds	Grammes	453.6
Grammes	Pounds	0.002205
Pounds	Kilogrammes	0.4536
Kilogrammes	Pounds	2.2046
Gallons	Litres	4.546
Litres	Gallons	0.22

Clothing and Shoe Sizes

All size equivalents are approximate and are subject to drift from established standards and the effects of vanity sizing. Care should therefore be taken when using them. Glove sizes are the same in every country.

Men's Suits and Overcoats

American	36	38	40	42	44	46
British	36	38	40	42	44	46
European	46	48	51	54	56	59

Women's Suits and Dresses

American	8	10	12	14	16	18
British	10	12	14	16	18	20
European	38	40	42	44	46	48

Shirts

American	14	14½	15	15½	16	16½	17
British	14	14½	15	15½	16	16½	17
European	36	37	38	39	41	42	43

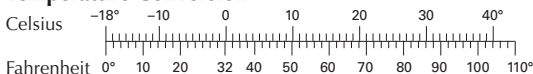
Men's Shoes

American	7½	8	8½	9½	10½	11½
British	7	7½	8	9	10	11
European	40½	41	42	43	44½	46

Women's Shoes

American	7	7½	8	8½	9	9½
British	4½	5	5½	6	6½	7
European	37½	38	38½	39	40	40½

Temperature Conversion



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