



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EBU TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD AT AYLESBURY OFFICES ON TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2004**

<b>Present:</b>	Margaret Curtis	Chairman
	Max Bavin	Chief Tournament Director
	Heather Dhondy	
	Philip Mason	EBU Vice-Chairman
	Malcolm Oliver	
	Addis Page	
	Paul Spencer	
	Terry Collier	General Manager (until item 6)
	Nick Doe	Secretary

- 1. Apologies for Absence**

Tom Bradley	EBU Treasurer
Alaine Hamilton	
Denis Robson	EBU Chairman

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting (18<sup>th</sup> November 2003)**

**2.1 Accuracy**

The minutes were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**2.2 Matters arising**

**2.2.1 Master Points – Green-pointed County Pairs events (item 4.2.2)**

The Committee noted that it appeared to have minuted two contradictory decisions in September 2002 and May 2003, providing that the awards should be capped at 6 and 7 Green Points respectively. It decided that the maximum award should be 7 Green Points rather than 6.

**2.2.2 Spring Foursomes (item 4.2.9)**

The Committee noted that the sponsorship, from Mrs Helen Schapiro, had now been made public. It comprised an annual sum of £2,500, to be used solely to enhance the prize fund (i.e. to provide prizes in excess of the standard 20% of entry fees), plus an additional £500 to contribute to the costs of using pre-duplicated boards. The new arrangements would apply immediately, i.e. from this year's event.

**2.2.3 Replacement for Members' Yearbook (item 5)**

Mr Collier gave further details of the new diary. It would be the same size as the present diary with a similar cover design to the present *Yearbook*. Most of the general information about the EBU that was currently in the *Yearbook* would be included, although much of it was to be re-written. The

information relating to specific competitions would be presented much as hitherto, and it appeared (by means of a mock-up presented to the Committee) that even in the smaller format the information was satisfactorily legible.

The Committee noted that the final press date was to be in mid-April, with delivery promised for early July, in time for circulation with the August edition of *English Bridge*. There would be a cover price and the print run would be sufficient to provide a free copy for each member and a small additional stock for sale.

#### 2.2.4 *Isle of Man Congress (item 9.1)*

Mr Bavin reported that a new venue was being built on the island, which might prove suitable when it was completed. In the meantime he considered it appropriate to remain at the existing hotel, and the Committee agreed.

#### 2.2.5 *Gerard Faulkner Salver Final (item 9.9)*

The Committee noted that the complaint about the refreshments provided had not come from the players involved, who had apparently been perfectly satisfied. News of the complaint had apparently found its way back to the caterers concerned, who believed that they had done all they had been asked to do. The Committee considered that an apology to them was in order.

The Committee noted that Mr Faulkner had raised a query about the prize fund, which had in fact been in accordance with the usual scale (i.e. 20% of entry fees).

#### 2.2.6 *National Newcomers Pairs (item 12)*

The Committee noted that about one in three Counties were to hold a heat, with a small number planning to hold two. Mr Page had agreed to write a commentary. A query was raised about prize scales, and it was agreed that the Counties (who were setting the entry fees) were free to make their own decisions about heat prizes.

Mr Page considered that the 5000 Master Points cut-off for eligibility was a deterrent for many players who had far fewer than that figure.

#### 2.2.7 *Regulations (White Book) (item 13)*

The Committee noted that it was now planned to publish a small print run in hard copy, but this would have to await completion of the index.

#### 2.2.8 *Age qualification for veterans (item 16.2)*

The Committee noted that a query had been raised as to the scope of the decision. It confirmed that the new age qualification should apply across the board to all competitions for which it was relevant, with effect from the playing season 2004/05.

The Committee noted that it was not yet known whether the EBL was to follow the WBF's lead with regard to raising the age qualification for Seniors.

#### 2.2.9 *Possible Congress in the South-West (item 16.5)*

No venue had yet been found, and it was suggested that the Counties in the relevant area might like to make suggestions. Mr Collier confirmed that he would raise the point at his forthcoming meetings with some of the Counties concerned.

### **3. Tournament Accounts**

Accounts covering the period to December were tabled. They showed a result slightly ahead of budget. This was due to a variety of factors, rather than a consistent increase in entry numbers.

#### **4. Tournament Reports**

Mr Bavin reported verbally.

##### **4.1 *NICKO Final***

This had been played in two 24-board sessions a week apart, and Acol (Middlesex) had defeated New Amersham (Berks & Bucks).

##### **4.2 *Tollemache Cup Qualifier***

35 Counties had been represented, which was about normal. The event had gone well, and the hotel (which had been criticised in the past) seemed to have improved somewhat.

##### **4.3 *Year-End Congress (London)***

The average attendance had been 91 tables (down 7). The biggest event was the teams (at 125 tables) and the smallest the Men's, Women's and Mixed Pairs (81½ in aggregate). It was noted with some concern that the Women's Pairs was now much smaller than the Mixed. The Committee noted a suggestion that it was a deterrent that one session of the Swiss Pairs was played on the first evening.

##### **4.4 *Year-End Congress (Blackpool)***

The average attendance had been 72 tables, which was slightly down.

Mr Bavin drew attention to an interesting problem in getting the results posted on the internet when non-EBU staff run a tournament and the EBU office is not open on the following day. At present it is necessary to rely on the goodwill of EBU staff to come into the office out of hours. The Committee thought that it should be possible to make better arrangements, and agreed to request provision of internet-compatible computers at such events, which it was believed could be achieved for a relatively modest outlay.

##### **4.5 *Silver Plate Final***

This had been played in mid-January, and the result, after an appeal, had been a win for Dan Crofts' team over Catherine Draper's.

##### **4.6 *National Swiss Teams***

The entry at 78 teams had been a trifle disappointing, although it was acknowledged that last year's 99 had been surprisingly high. Mr Bavin had not yet found an alternative venue for 2005, so the event would remain at Leeds despite the high cost. Mr Oliver suggested a venue in the Sheffield area, and Mr Bavin agreed to investigate the possibility for 2006.

##### **4.7 *Estoril Congress (including consideration of future arrangements for the Overseas Congress)***

The event had been very successful with 55 tables in play, and all the arrangements had seemed to go well.

The Committee noted that the Board had considered the future of the Congress and that a site visit to a possible venue in Tunisia was already planned. Mr Collier explained that the Board had considered the matter because it was intricately bound up with the question of travel sponsorship; it had not taken the matter out of the Committee's hands. There had been some problems with the arrangements for all four Overseas Congresses held in collaboration with the existing sponsor, and a deal with a new travel sponsor is being considered. The Board was aware that there had been problems in the past with the prospective new sponsor, but none had been recent.

The players in Estoril had been given the opportunity to express their opinion on where next year's Congress should be. Unfortunately there were problems with price and/or availability of accommodation in the two most popular destinations, namely Tenerife and Majorca. It was noted

that some Jewish people appeared to be unhappy about Tunisia, although it was believed that that feeling was not universal. A return to Cyprus was a possibility if Tunisia were not considered suitable.

Mr Collier indicated that the Congress sponsors, Baker Tilly, had some concerns, and he would be reporting to them following the visit to Tunisia. It was agreed that in order to progress matters he and the Chairman would liaise as necessary.

#### **4.10 National Women's Teams (including consideration of future arrangements)**

The event had gone well, and the venue (the Bromsgrove Hilton) had been very good apart from some problems with check-in to bedrooms. The answers to a questionnaire about future venue, date and format had produced a significant majorities in favour of the new date, the three-day format and the present venue, and it was agreed to seek to stay in Bromsgrove in February for the foreseeable future.

The Committee noted that the present starting time is somewhat anomalous, and agreed Mr Bavin's suggestion of an evening (7.30 pm) start in future. This would permit 9 x 7-board matches in the qualifying groups if the entry was up to capacity at 40 teams, which the Committee considered quite satisfactory.

### **5. Development Plan – new events**

Mr Collier reported that a meeting had been held some weeks ago to discuss an expansion of the programme of social bridge events. Numerous ideas had been considered, and it was hoped to stage up to 50 events each year. These would include masterclass-type events, including the return of Ron Klinger and a series with Andrew Robson. There would also be further theatre and National Trust events and some charity events. It was unlikely that these events would constitute any realistic clash with events sponsored by the Committee. However, the Committee felt that it would be helpful for both it and the Counties to be kept informed of the details and the numbers attending, as it hoped that new members attracted by such events would in time progress to County and more traditional EBU events.

### **6. Master Points**

The Committee noted that Master Points had been the topic for discussion at the January Council, where it had become apparent that there was considerable interest in modernising the scheme. A number of people who were not members of the Committee had expressed an interest in being involved, and Mr Mason had chaired a small working group exploring a number of options. It was noted that there had been a Master Points Sub-committee in the past, and it was agreed that it was appropriate for the working group to be established as a Sub-committee to consider possible changes and report back to the Committee.

There was considerable enthusiasm for greater use of the Gold Points scheme, such as by regular publication of running totals in an annual "race". It was agreed to consider detailed suggestions at the next meeting. Mrs Dhondy hoped to present a paper incorporating suggestions on behalf of the leading players.

### **7. One-day Green-pointed Joint Ventures and Green-pointed County Congresses**

#### **7.1 Amendments to Joint Venture schedule for 2004.**

The Committee noted that the proposed Staffs & Shrops and Yorkshire events (on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September, respectively) considered at the previous meeting had met with no objections from the neighbouring Counties concerned and had therefore been added to the schedule.

Mr Mason was concerned that Yorkshire had not been informed of the decision. Mr Doe was certain that he had sent Mr Mason an email, and suggested that it is preferable for anyone waiting for a response from Aylesbury to chase the person concerned rather than wait to raise concerns at the next meeting.

The Committee noted that since the last meeting the Chairman had approved an exceptional application from Hertfordshire to hold an event on a non-standard date in September (namely Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>), because of problems with the venue, outside the County's control, on the allocated date (Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>).

### **7.2 Amendments to Joint Venture schedule for 2005.**

The Committee noted that the proposed Staffs & Shrops event (on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June) considered at the previous meeting had met with an objection from the neighbouring County concerned and the application had therefore had to be declined.

The Committee noted that the proposed Yorkshire event (on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September) considered at the previous meeting had not met with an objection as such from the neighbouring County concerned, but that the County had asked that a decision be deferred until after September 2004, when the same combination of events was due to be held. As Yorkshire had no objection to the request, it was granted, and the proposed Yorkshire event is therefore to be added to the schedule only provisionally.

The Committee noted that since the previous meeting a late application from Gloucestershire for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July had been received and approved, there being no conceivable clashes with events already in the schedule.

### **7.3 Congress Option application**

The Committee noted that the expected application from Worcestershire had been received and approved. It was for a new Congress, to be called the Malvern Congress, to be held on the last weekend in October. As the application was for two Green-pointed events at the Congress, Worcestershire had withdrawn from the one remaining Joint Venture event which they had in the schedule, namely that in September 2005.

### **7.4 Applications for 2006**

The Committee considered a draft schedule for 2006, and noted that its construction had not proved as problematic as the previous year. Subject to discussions with one County as to a possible second event, which the Committee was happy to be resolved by Aylesbury office in consultation with the Chairman, the draft schedule was approved, as follows:-

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Double-headers</b>	<b>Saturday events</b>	<b>Sunday events</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Leicestershire London Manchester with Merseyside	None	Avon Bedfordshire Channel Islands
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Lancashire with Merseyside	Northants	Devon Sussex
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Gloucestershire with Herefordshire	Bedfordshire Kent Staffs & Shrops	Berks & Bucks
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Derbyshire Essex with Hertfordshire Lancashire with Manchester	None	Oxfordshire

30 <sup>th</sup> September & 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Nottinghamshire Surrey	None	Avon Hertfordshire Yorkshire
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### **7.5 Duplimate boards and other resourcing issues**

The Committee considered the responses from Counties to a questionnaire on access to and potential sharing of duplimate boards and duplimating facilities. It appeared that there was considerable willingness to help neighbours, although few Counties had the numbers of sets of boards which would be needed to service a Swiss event of the size of many One-day Joint Ventures. The Committee did not think that it was appropriate to pursue the idea of a National Resource Centre (or centres) at this stage. It was agreed to inform Counties of the detail of their neighbours' responses to the questionnaire.

### **8. Entry fees for the season 2004/05**

A draft summarising discussions between the Chairman and Mr Bavin, which closely followed overall parameters set by Mr Bradley as Treasurer, was tabled. It proposed increases of 4% in most entry fees, although a few events were to have their entry fees held at the present rate. The Committee approved the draft, subject to the need for the entry fee for the National Women's Teams to be adjusted to reflect the slight reduction in the length of the event, which the Committee was happy to leave to Mr Bavin.

### **9. Autumn Congress – format of Teams**

The Committee considered a paper from Mr Bavin, following on suggestions for a knock-out format from Mr Crowhurst. Mr Bavin had concluded that the proposed format did not achieve the intended effect of preserving interest for the teams unlikely to be in contention to win, and suggested that the choice was between keeping the present Multiple Teams format or switching to Swiss. The Committee was happy to leave the format unchanged for the moment, but would keep the matter under review.

### **10. Calendars**

#### **10.1 2004/05**

The Committee considered a final draft and approved it subject to one point which Mr Doe was asked to check. A copy is attached to these minutes.

#### **10.2 2005/06**

The Committee considered and approved a third draft, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

#### **10.3 2006/07**

The Committee considered and approved a first draft, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

### **11. Miscellaneous matters**

#### **11.1 County allegiance**

The Committee noted correspondence between a player, a County and Mr Bavin, and did not consider any further action to be required.

### **11.2 Tollemache Cup – possible computer scoring**

The Committee considered a suggestion that computer scoring should be introduced, and concluded that it was an excellent idea but not a priority, as the necessary software would have to be commissioned.

### **11.3 Easter Festival (London) – format**

The Committee considered correspondence from Mr Jagger suggesting an alternative format involving a three-session Pairs and a three-session Teams. The Committee thought that a longer Teams event within a Congress was worth considering, but doubted that it was appropriate for a London event, because a high proportion of players commute, and as a result 1½-day events do not appear to be popular. However, it was worth canvassing the opinion of the players at this year's event by means of an addition to the standard questionnaire.

### **11.4 Matches played privately**

The Committee considered correspondence from Mr Morgan suggesting that captains should be free to agree either to use pre-duplicated boards and/or to play more boards than the regulations specify. The Committee did not find merit in either suggestion.

### **11.5 NICKO – possible new trophy arrangements**

The Committee considered correspondence from the Chairman of Surrey C.B.A. asking for its reaction to certain proposals made by the family of the late Mr Lunn, a several-time winner of the NICKO. The Committee did not think the proposals appropriate, but agreed to write with thanks for the suggestion.

### **11.6 Pachabo Cup regulations**

The Committee considered further proposals from Hertfordshire C.B.A. The first was to change the order of priority which applies in the event that insufficient members of the County Championship-winning team are available for the Pachabo. Hertfordshire's proposal was that the runners-up should be eligible in preference to a combined team. The Committee did not consider that this would be appropriate, and declined to make any change. It was, however, happy to accede to the second proposal, namely to add a provision to make it clear that a County may set deadlines for the players to notify it of their availability or otherwise for the Pachabo.

## **12. Any other Business**

### **12.1 Knock-out draw procedure**

The Committee considered two suggestions from Mr Faulkner, arising out of the Gerard Faulkner Salver. The first was that all knock-out competitions should be drawn on the postcodes basis currently used for the NICKO, rather than the County basis currently used for all other knock-out competitions. Whilst it was clear that both the postcodes and County methods had their advantages and disadvantages, the Committee considered that the present balance was about right, and declined to make any change. The second proposal was that a provision should be introduced to preclude teams being drawn against each other in the early rounds of a competition if they had been drawn against each other in the early rounds of the same competition in the previous year. The Committee dismissed this as being an undesirable exception to the principle that the draw should as far as possible be random.

### **12.2 National Women's Teams - seeding**

Mr Bavin drew the Committee's attention to the fact that whilst the seeding for this event had traditionally been done by the Selection Committee, it had in practice been undertaken in recent years by Aylesbury office. The Committee thought that whilst the Selection Committee undoubtedly had knowledge of the top players, it was perhaps unlikely to be familiar with the

players who might be considered for secondary seeding in this event. It therefore confirmed that it was happy not to trouble the Selection Committee in future, and for Mr Bavin to undertake the seeding with the aid of any consultation he considered appropriate.

**12.3        *Trophies***

Mrs Dhondy asked whether the procedure for recall of trophies was working, as it appeared that there were fairly frequent instances of trophies not being available for presentation at the end of an event. Mr Bavin said that it had recently been decided to request return of trophies earlier than previously, and he would continue to monitor the position.

**12.4        *Name badges for TDs***

Mr Oliver asked whether it was possible to ensure that TDs always wore name badges at EBU events, and the Committee agreed that this was desirable.

**12.5        *Circulation of papers***

Mr Mason expressed concern at the late production of some of the more important papers for the present meeting, despite the schedule noted at the previous meeting. Mr Doe said that he and other members of staff at Aylesbury did their best, but the circumstances in the run-up to this meeting had been exceptional. He agreed with the Chairman's comment that a review of relative priorities might be helpful.





**EXTRACT FROM EBU DRAFT CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**Season 2004/05 (August to August)**  
**(including licensed events)**

(approved by Tournament Committee on 24 February 2004)



**2004**

**Aug**

1		Wessex Bridge Centre Open Swiss Teams	Poole
1 - 4		Jepson's Bridge Holidays Swallow St George Holiday	Harrogate
1 - 11		EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS	PRAGUE
8		Wessex Bridge Centre Open Swiss Teams	Poole
8 - 13		JM Taylor Ardington Hotel Bridge Break	Worthing
13 - 22		BRIGHTON SUMMER CONGRESS	BRIGHTON
15		Preston B.C. Preston Pairs	Preston
16 - 18		REALLY EASY CONGRESS	BRIGHTON
16 - 20		Bridge Overseas Hayling Island Holiday	Hampshire
16 - 27		Bridge Overseas Rhine Valley Holiday	Germany
22		South Bucks Bridge Centre Swiss Pairs	Burnham
24 - 30		Mind Sports Olympiad	Manchester
27 - 30		Bridge Overseas Ironbridge Bridge Break	Telford
28 - 31		Bridge Overseas Windsor Bridge Break	Maidenhead
29		Wessex Bridge Centre Open Swiss Teams	Poole

**Sep**

30 - 4	Sep	Jepson's Bridge Holidays White Swan Holiday	Alnwick
3 - 5		JUNIOR TEACH-IN	LOUGHBOROUGH
3 - 10		Bridge with Peter & Mary Lyme Bay Holiday	Devon
4 - 5		BEDFORD CONGRESS	CRANFIELD
9 - 12		ISLE OF MAN CONGRESS	ISLE OF MAN
10 - 13		Jepson's Bridge Holidays Mickleover Court Holiday	Derby
10 - 13		Bridge Bug Bridge Break	Eastbourne
11 - 18		Bridge Overseas Croyde Bay Bridge Break	Devon
12 - 17		Educational Leisure Netherwood Hotel Bridge Break	Grange-o-Sands
13 - 14		EBU AUTUMN SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
17 - 26		GUERNSEY CONGRESS AND SENIORS CONGRESS	GUERNSEY
18		Pegasus B.C. Swiss Teams	Banstead
18 - 19		OPEN TRIALS STAGE I	SOLIHULL
19		ONE-DAY EVENT	HERTFORDSHIRE
19		Bognor B.C. Mini Swiss Teams	Bognor
24 - 27		Jepson's Bridge Holidays Beverley Arms Holiday	Beverley
25		ONE-DAY EVENTS	DERBYSHIRE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, HAMPSHIRE
26		ONE-DAY EVENTS	AVON, CORNWALL, LEICESTERSHIRE, SURREY, YORKSHIRE

**Oct**

26		South Bucks Bridge Centre Swiss Pairs	Burnham
26 - 1	Oct	Bridge Overseas Woodcroft Tower Bridge Break	Bournemouth
1 - 3		WEST OF ENGLAND CONGRESS	WESTON-SUPER-MARE
2 - 3		OPEN TRIALS STAGE II	SOLIHULL
2 - 3		GREAT NORTHERN SWISS PAIRS	WARRINGTON
4 - 7		Triple B Holidays Riverdale Hall Bridge Break	Bellingham
9 - 10		WOMEN'S TRIALS STAGE I	SOLIHULL
10 - 13		Finchley B.C. Sandbanks Hotel Weekend	Poole
13 - 14		BGB AUTUMN SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
15 - 17		AUTUMN CONGRESS	BOURNEMOUTH
15 - 18		Jepson's Bridge Holidays Marston Victoria Holiday	Stratford
16 - 17		LEDERER MEMORIAL TROPHY	LONDON
17		South Bucks Bridge Centre Swiss Pairs	Burnham
23 - 30		Salisbury B.C. Autumn Bridge Weekend	Weymouth
23 - 6	Nov	WORLD TEAMS OLYMPIAD	ISTANBUL
25 - 29		Bridge Overseas Isle of Wight Bridge Break	Isle of Wight

<b>Oct</b>	30	-	31	MALVERN CONGRESS	BRANSFORD
<b>Nov</b>	5	-	7	SENIORS CONGRESS	DAVENTRY
	5	-	8	Educational Leisure Lodore Hilton Bridge Break	Keswick
	5	-	8	Bridge Bug Bridge Break	Eastbourne
	6	-	9	Bridge Overseas Chadwick Hotel Bridge Break	Lytham
	7			South Bucks Bridge Centre Swiss Pairs	Burnham
	12	-	14	NEBA CONGRESS	ALLENSFORD
	13	-	14	WOMEN'S TRIALS STAGE II	SOLIHULL
	15	-	19	Educational Leisure Wentworth Hotel Bridge Break	Aldeburgh
	18	-	28	(AMERICAN FALL NATIONALS)	ORLANDO, FLORIDA
	19	-	20	Pegasus B.C. Congress	Banstead
	19	-	22	Triple B Holidays Beverley Arms Bridge Break	Beverley
	19	-	22	Jepson's Bridge Holidays Petwood Hotel Holiday	Woodhall Spa
	20	-	21	MIDDLESEX CONGRESS	HARROW
	21			Bognor B.C. Mini Swiss Teams	Bognor
	27	-	28	TOLLEMACHE CUP QUALIFIER	COVENTRY
	29	-	2 Dec	EUROPEAN INTERNET SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
	29	-	3 Dec	Bridge Overseas Woodcroft Tower Bridge Break	Bournemouth
<b>Dec</b>	3	-	6	Salisbury B.C. Christmas Party	Weymouth
	3	-	6	JM Taylor Millstream Hotel Bridge Break	Chichester
	10	-	12	SBU GOLD CUP CONGRESS (ASSUMED)	PEEBLES
	10	-	13	JM Taylor Millstream Hotel Bridge Break	Chichester
	11	-	12	GOLD CUP FINALS (PROVISIONAL)	PEEBLES
	12			South Bucks Bridge Centre Swiss Pairs	Burnham
	17	-	19	JUNIOR CHANNEL TROPHY	ENGLAND (TBA)
	24	-	2 Jan	Bridge Overseas Ironbridge Bridge Break	Telford
	27	-	30	YEAR-END CONGRESS	LONDON
	28	-	30	YEAR-END CONGRESS	BLACKPOOL
	29	-	1 Jan	Jepson's Bridge Holidays Mount Hotel Holiday	Scarborough
<b>2005</b>					
<b>Jan</b>	7	-	9	CAMROSE FIRST WEEKEND	SCOTLAND
	9			GOLD CUP R1 (PLAY-BY DATE)	PLAYED PRIVATELY
	10	-	12	BGB WINTER SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
	14	-	16	EBU ONLINE PLAYERS CONGRESS	HINCKLEY
	22	-	23	NATIONAL SWISS TEAMS	LEEDS
	29	-	30	NATIONAL WOMEN'S AND MEN'S PAIRS	COVENTRY
	29	-	30	JUNIOR CAMROSE WEEKEND	WALES
<b>Feb</b>	4	-	10	EBU OVERSEAS CONGRESS (PROVISIONAL)	TUNISIA (PROVISIONAL)
	12	-	13	TOLLEMACHE CUP FINAL	WEST BROMWICH
	13			G.W. ARNOTT-DAVIDSON TROPHY QUALIFIER (PROVISIONAL)	LONDON, SHEFFIELD
	18	-	20	NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAMS	BROMSGROVE
	25	-	27	SPRING CONGRESS	HARROGATE
	26			GOLFPRINT REGIONAL FINALS	VARIOUS
<b>Mar</b>	4	-	6	CAMROSE FINAL WEEKEND	NORTHERN IRELAND
	5	-	6	RANKED MASTERS PAIRS	DAVENTRY
	10	-	20	(AMERICAN SPRING NATIONALS)	PITTSBURGH
	12			ONE DAY EVENTS	AVON, KENT, MERSEYSIDE & CHESHIRE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
	13			GOLD CUP R2 (PLAY-BY DATE)	PLAYED PRIVATELY
	13			ONE-DAY EVENTS	BEDFORDSHIRE, CHANNEL ISLANDS, LEICESTERSHIRE, LONDON, MANCHESTER, WILTSHIRE
	18			LORDS V COMMONS (PROVISIONAL)	LONDON
	18	-	20	CORNWALL CONGRESS	NEWQUAY
	18	-	20	CUMBRIA CONGRESS	BASSENTHWAITE
	19			GOLFPRINT NATIONAL FINAL	SOLIHULL
	19			YOUNG BRIDGE CHALLENGE (INC SCHOOLS CUP) (PROVISIONAL)	LOUGHBOROUGH
	20			NATIONAL PAIRS REGIONAL FINALS	BRADFORD, BRISTOL, LEATHERHEAD, PETERBOROUGH, SOLIHULL
	20			NATIONAL NEWCOMERS PAIRS	COUNTIES
	20	-	21	ISLE OF MAN CONGRESS	DOUGLAS

<b>Mar</b>	25		G.W. ARNOTT-DAVIDSON TROPHY FINAL	LONDON
	25	- 26	UNDER-25 PAIRS	LONDON
	25	- 27	EASTER FESTIVAL	BLACKPOOL
	25	- 28	EASTER FESTIVAL	LONDON
	26		UNDER-19 PAIRS FINAL	LONDON
<b>Apr</b>	3		PORTLAND PAIRS	VARIOUS
	13	- 15	BGB SPRING SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
	15	- 17	LADY MILNE TROPHY	ENGLAND (TBA)
	15	- 17	NORFOLK CONGRESS	KING'S LYNN
	15	- 17	TORQUAY CONGRESS	TORQUAY
	16	- 17	NATIONAL PAIRS FINAL	WEST BROMWICH
	22	- 1 May	JERSEY FESTIVAL AND SENIORS CONGRESS	JERSEY
	23	- 24	PORTLAND BOWL FINALS	LONDON
	23	- 24	TELFORD CONGRESS	SHREWSBURY
	29	- 1 May	CHELTENHAM CONGRESS	CHELTENHAM
	29	- 3 May	SCHAPIRO SPRING FOURSOMES	STRATFORD
<b>May</b>	7	- 8	CROCKFORDS CUP FINAL	WEST BROMWICH
	11	- 12	EBU SPRING SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
	13	- 15	WEEKEND V SWEDEN (PROVISIONAL)	SWEDEN
	14		ONE-DAY EVENTS	MERSEYSIDE & CHESHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
	15		ONE-DAY EVENTS	BEDFORDSHIRE, DEVON, HAMPSHIRE & IOW, LANCASHIRE, WARWICKSHIRE
	21		GARDEN CITIES REGIONAL FINALS	BRADFORD, BRISTOL, PETERBOROUGH, RICHMOND
	28	- 30	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY CONGRESS	BOURNEMOUTH
<b>Jun</b>	3	- 4	WORLDWIDE SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
	3	- 5	YORKSHIRE CONGRESS	HARROGATE
	4	- 5	CORWEN TROPHY	WEST BROMWICH
	11	- 12	PACHABO CUP	WEST BROMWICH
	18		ONE-DAY EVENTS	KENT, NORFOLK, OXFORDSHIRE
	18		GARDEN CITIES NATIONAL FINAL	COVENTRY
	18	- 2 Jul	EUROPEAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (PAIRS AND TEAMS) (ASSUMED DATES)	TBA
	19		ONE-DAY EVENTS	CUMBRIA, HEREFORDSHIRE, SUFFOLK, SUSSEX
	24	- 26	SUMMER CONGRESS	SHREWSBURY
<b>Jul</b>	2	- 3	JUNIOR TRIALS (UNDER-20S) STAGE I (PROVISIONAL)	LONDON
	2	- 3	JUNIOR TRIALS (UNDER-25S) STAGE I (PROVISIONAL)	LONDON
	8	- 10	SUMMER SENIORS & VETERANS CONGRESS	EASTBOURNE
	9	- 10	JUNIOR TRIALS (UNDER-20S) STAGE I (PROVISIONAL)	MANCHESTER
	16		ONE-DAY EVENTS	DERBYSHIRE, ESSEX, LANCASHIRE
<b>Jul</b>	16	- 17	OPEN TRIALS STAGE I (PRE-QUALIFYING)	TBA
	17		ONE-DAY EVENTS	GLOUCESTERSHIRE, HERTFORDSHIRE, LONDON, MANCHESTER, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
	21	- 24	NORTHERN SUMMER CONGRESS	SCARBOROUGH
	21	- 31	(AMERICAN SUMMER NATIONALS)	ATLANTA
	25	- 26	BGB SUMMER SIM PAIRS	CLUBS
	25	- 4 Aug	EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS (ASSUMED DATES)	TBA
	29	- 31	JUNIOR TRIALS (UNDER-25S AND UNDER-20S) STAGE II (PROVISIONAL)	LOUGHBOROUGH
<b>Aug</b>	12	- 21	BRIGHTON SUMMER CONGRESS	BRIGHTON
	15	- 17	REALLY EASY CONGRESS	BRIGHTON
	22	- 1 Sep	WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (ASSUMED DATES)	AUSTRALIA (PROVISIONAL)
	26	- 28	JUNIOR TEACH-IN	TBA

## Notes

1 EBU and international events (including approved Green-pointed County Congresses) are shown in block capitals. Other licensed events are shown in lower case.

2 Changes to EBU and international events (including approved Green-pointed County Congresses) since the last draft approved by the Tournament Committee are shown marked by a black bar to the left of the details of the event.



**EXTRACT FROM EBU DRAFT CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**Season 2005/06 (August to August)**

(approved by Tournament Committee on 24 February 2004,  
 with minor subsequent amendments)



**2005**

<b>Jul</b>	25	-	4	Aug		European Youth Championships (assumed dates)	TBA
<b>Aug</b>	12	-	21			Brighton Summer Congress	Brighton
	15	-	17			Really Easy Congress	Brighton
	22	-	1	Sep		World Junior Championships (assumed dates)	Australia (provisional)
	26	-	28			Junior Teach-in	TBA
<b>Sep</b>	3	-	4			Bedford Congress	Cranfield
	3	-	4			Women's Trials Stage IA (Lady Milne Trial)	Solihull
	8	-	11			Isle of Man Congress	Isle of Man
	10	-	11			Open Trials Stage IIA	Solihull
	12	-	13			EBU Autumn Sim Pairs	Clubs
	16	-	25			Guernsey Congress and Seniors Congress	Guernsey
	17	-	18			Women's Trials Stage IB (Lady Milne Trial)	Solihull
	24	-				One day events	Avon, Derbyshire, Surrey
	24	-	25			Open Trials Stage IIB	Solihull
	25	-				One-day events	Cornwall, Hertfordshire, Leicestershire, Surrey, Worcestershire, Yorkshire (provisional)
<b>Oct</b>	1	-	2			Great Northern Swiss Pairs	Warrington
	7	-	9			West of England Congress	Weston-super-Mare
	8	-	9			Open Trials Stage IIIA (Teams Round-robin)	Solihull
	8	-	9			Women's Trials Stage IIA (European Championship Trial)	Solihull
	12	-	13			BGB Autumn Sim Pairs	Clubs
	15	-	16			Open Trials Stage IIIB (Teams Round-robin)	Solihull
	15	-	16			Women's Trials Stage IIB	Solihull
	21	-	23			Autumn Congress	Bournemouth
	22	-	23			Lederer Memorial Trophy (provisional)	London
	29	-	30			Malvern Congress	Bransford
	29	-	12	Nov		World Championships (Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup) (assumed dates)	TBA
<b>Nov</b>	4	-	6			NEBA Congress	Allensford
	4	-	6			Seniors Congress	Daventry
	17	-	27			(American Fall Nationals)	Denver, Colorado
	19	-	20			Middlesex Congress	Harrow
	26	-	27			Tollemache Cup Qualifier	Coventry
	28	-	1	Dec		European Internet Sim Pairs	Clubs
<b>Dec</b>	9	-	11			SBU Gold Cup Congress (assumed)	Peebles
	10	-	11			Gold Cup Finals	TBA
	16	-	18			Junior Channel Trophy	Belgium
	27	-	30			Year-End Congress	London
	28	-	30			Year-End Congress	Blackpool
<b>2006</b>							
<b>Jan</b>	6	-	8			Camrose first weekend	Northern Ireland
	8	-				Gold Cup R1 (play-by date)	Played privately
	9	-	11			BGB Winter Sim Pairs	Clubs
	13	-	15			EBU Online Players Congress	Hinckley
	14	-	15			Open Trials Stage IVA (Semi-finals)	TBA
	14	-	15			Seniors Trials (Semi-finals and final)	TBA
	21	-	22			National Swiss Teams	Leeds
	28	-	29			National Women's and Men's Pairs	Coventry
	28	-	29			Junior Camrose Weekend	Scotland
<b>Feb</b>	3	-	9			EBU Overseas Congress (provisional)	TBA
	11	-	12			Tollemache Cup Final	West Bromwich
	12	-				G.W. Arnott-Davidson trophy qualifier (provisional)	London, Sheffield

<b>Feb</b>	17	-	19	Open Trials Stage IVB (Final) (default date)	TBA
	17	-	19	National Women's Teams	Bromsgrove
	24	-	26	Spring Congress	Harrogate
	25			Golfprint Regional Finals	Various
<b>Mar</b>	3	-	5	Camrose final weekend	England (TBA)
	4	-	5	Ranked Masters Pairs	Daventry
	11			One-day events	Leicestershire, London, Manchester / Merseyside & Cheshire
	12			One-day events	Avon, Bedfordshire, Channel Islands, Leicestershire, London, Manchester / Merseyside & Cheshire
	12			Gold Cup R2 (play-by date)	Played privately
	17	-	19	Cumbria Congress	Bassenthwaite
	18			Young Bridge Challenge (inc Schools Cup)	TBA
	19			Portland Pairs	Various
	19	-	20	Isle of Man Congress	Douglas
	24	-	26	Cornwall Congress	Newquay
	25			Golfprint National Final	Solihull
	26			National Newcomers Pairs	Counties
	26			National Pairs Regional Finals	Bradford, Bristol, Leatherhead, Peterborough, Solihull
<b>Apr</b>	30	-	9	Apr (American Spring Nationals)	Dallas, Texas
	7			Lords v Commons (provisional)	London
	7	-	9	Lady Milne Trophy (provisional)	Republic of Ireland
	7	-	9	Torquay Congress	Torquay
	7	-	9	Norfolk Congress	King's Lynn
	12	-	13	BGB Spring Sim Pairs	Clubs
	14			G.W. Arnott-Davidson Trophy Final	London
	14	-	15	Under-25 Pairs	London
	14	-	16	Easter Festival	Blackpool
	14	-	17	Easter Festival	London
	15			Under-19 Pairs Final	London
	22	-	23	National Pairs Final	West Bromwich
	22	-	23	Telford Congress	Shrewsbury
	28	-	30	Cheltenham Congress	Cheltenham
	28	-	2	May Schapiro Spring Foursomes	Stratford
	28	-	7	May Jersey Festival and Seniors Congress	Jersey
<b>May</b>	6	-	7	Crockfords Cup Final	West Bromwich
	6	-	7	Portland Bowl Finals	London
	10	-	11	EBU Spring Sim Pairs	Clubs
	13			One-day events	Lancashire / Merseyside & Cheshire, Northamptonshire
	14			One-day events	Devon, Lancashire / Merseyside & Cheshire, Sussex
	20			Garden Cities Regional Finals	Bradford, Bristol, Peterborough, Richmond
<b>Jun</b>	27	-	29	Spring Bank Holiday Congress	Bournemouth
	2	-	3	Worldwide Sim Pairs	Clubs
	2	-	4	Yorkshire Congress	Harrogate
	3	-	4	Corwen Trophy	West Bromwich
	10	-	11	Pachabo Cup	West Bromwich
	17			One-day events	Bedfordshire, Gloucestershire / Herefordshire, Kent, Staffs & Shrops
	17			Garden Cities National Final	Coventry
	17	-	1	Jul European Teams Championships (assumed dates)	TBA
	18			One-day events	Berks & Bucks, Gloucestershire / Herefordshire
	23	-	25	Summer Congress	Shrewsbury
<b>Jul</b>	1	-	2	Junior Trials (under-20s) Stage I (provisional)	London
	1	-	2	Junior Trials (under-25s) Stage I (provisional)	London
	7	-	9	Summer Senior and Veterans Congress	Eastbourne
	7	-	9	World Junior Pairs (assumed dates)	TBA
	8	-	9	Junior Trials (under-20s) Stage I (provisional)	Manchester
	10	-	15	World Junior Camp (assumed dates)	TBA
	13	-	23	(American Summer Nationals)	Chicago

<b>Jul</b>	15		One-day events	Derbyshire, Essex / Hertfordshire, Lancashire / Manchester
	16		One-day events	Derbyshire, Essex / Hertfordshire, Lancashire / Manchester, Oxfordshire
	20 - 23		Northern Summer Congress	Scarborough
	24 - 25		BGB Summer Sim Pairs	Clubs
	28 - 30		Junior Trials (under-25s and under-20s) Stage II (provisional)	Loughborough
<b>Aug</b>	11 - 20		Brighton Summer Congress	Brighton
	14 - 16		Really Easy Congress	Brighton
	19 - 2	Sep	World Championships (Rosenblum, McConnell and Pairs) (assumed dates)	TBA

Notes

1. Changes since the last draft approved by the Tournament Committee are shown marked by a double black bar to the left of the details of the event.
2. Since the draft was approved by the Tournament Committee some changes to trials have been approved by the Selection Committee. Since details were available prior to circulation of the Tournament Committee minutes, they have been included. They are distinguished by a triple bar to the left of the details of the event.
3. Since the draft was approved by the Tournament Committee, the details of the One-day Green-pointed Joint Venture events also approved by the Committee at its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2004 have been added. These are not highlighted.



**EXTRACT FROM EBU DRAFT CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**Season 2006/07 (August to August**  
**plus September One-day dates)**



(approved by Tournament Committee on 24 February 2004)

<b>2006</b>			
<b>Aug</b>	11 - 20	Brighton Summer Congress	Brighton
	14 - 16	Really Easy Congress	Brighton
	19 - 2	Sep World Championships (Rosenblum, McConnell and Pairs) (assumed dates)	TBA
<b>Sep</b>	1 - 3	Junior Teach-in	TBA
	2 - 3	Bedford Congress	Cranfield
	14 - 17	Isle of Man Congress	Isle of Man
	16 - 17	Open Trials Stage I	Solihull
	18 - 19	EBU Autumn Sim Pairs	Clubs
	22 - 1	Oct Guernsey Congress and Seniors Congress	Guernsey
	30	One-day events	Nottinghamshire, Surrey
<b>Oct</b>	1	One-day events	Avon, Hertfordshire, Nottinghamshire, Surrey, Yorkshire
	6 - 8	West of England Congress	Weston-super-Mare
	7 - 8	Women's Trials Stage I	Solihull
	7 - 8	Great Northern Swiss Pairs	Warrington
	11 - 12	BGB Autumn Sim Pairs	Clubs
	14 - 15	Open Trials Stage II	Solihull
	20 - 22	Autumn Congress	Bournemouth
	28 - 29	Lederer Memorial Trophy (assumed dates)	London
	28 - 29	Malvern Congress	Bransford
<b>Nov</b>	3 - 5	NEBA Congress	Allensford
	3 - 5	Seniors Congress	Daventry
	11 - 12	Women's Trials Stage II	Solihull
	18 - 19	Middlesex Congress	Harrow
	23 - 3	Dec (American Fall Nationals)	Hawaii
	25 - 26	Tollemache Qualifier	Coventry
	27 - 30	European Internet Sim Pairs	Clubs
<b>Dec</b>	8 - 10	SBU Gold Cup Congress (assumed)	Peebles
	9 - 10	Gold Cup Finals (provisional)	Peebles
	15 - 17	Junior Channel Trophy	France
	27 - 30	Year-End Congress	London
	28 - 30	Year-End Congress	Blackpool
<b>2007</b>			
<b>Jan</b>	5 - 7	Camrose - first weekend (provisional)	TBA
	8 - 10	BGB Winter Sim Pairs	Clubs
	12 - 14	EBU Online Players Congress	Hinckley
	14	Gold Cup R1 (play-by date)	Played privately
	20 - 21	National Swiss Teams	Leeds
	27 - 28	Junior Camrose weekend	England
	27 - 28	National Women's and Men's Pairs	Coventry
<b>Feb</b>	2 - 8	EBU Overseas Congress (provisional)	TBA
	10 - 11	Tollemache Cup Final	West Bromwich
	11	G.W. Arnott-Davidson Trophy Qualifier (provisional)	London, Sheffield
	16 - 18	National Women's Teams	Bromsgrove
	23 - 25	Spring Congress	Harrogate
	24	Golfprint Regional Finals	Various
<b>Mar</b>	3 - 4	Ranked Masters Pairs	Daventry
	8 - 18	(American Spring Nationals)	St Louis
	9 - 11	Camrose - final weekend (provisional)	TBA
	10	One-day events	Various
	11	Gold Cup R2 (play-by date)	Played privately
	11	One-day events	Various



<b>Mar</b>	16 - 18	Cumbria Congress	Bassenthwaite
	17	Young Bridge Challenge (inc Schools Cup) (provisional)	Loughborough
	18	Portland Pairs	Various
	23 - 25	Cornwall Congress	Newquay
	24	Golfprint National Final	Solihull
	25	National Pairs Regional Finals	Bradford, Bristol, Leatherhead, Peterborough, Solihull
	25	National Newcomers Pairs	Counties
	25 - 26	Isle of Man Congress	Isle of Man
<b>Apr</b>	30	Lords v Commons (provisional)	London
	6	G.W. Arnott-Davidson Trophy Final	London
	6 - 7	Under-25 Pairs	London
	6 - 8	Easter Festival	Blackpool
	6 - 9	Easter Festival	London
	7	Under-19 Pairs Final	London
	11 - 12	BGB Spring Sim Pairs	Clubs
	13 - 15	Torquay Congress	Torquay
	13 - 15	Norfolk Congress	King's Lynn
	13 - 15	Lady Milne Trophy	Scotland
	21 - 22	National Pairs Final	West Bromwich
	27 - 29	Cheltenham Congress	Cheltenham
	27 - 6	May Jersey Festival and Seniors Congress	Jersey
	28 - 29	Telford Congress	Shrewsbury
<b>May</b>	28 - 29	Portland Bowl Finals	London
	4 - 8	Schapiro Spring Foursomes	Stratford
	9 - 10	EBU Spring Sim Pairs	Clubs
	12	One-day events	Various
	12 - 13	Crockfords Cup Final	West Bromwich
	13	One-day events	Various
	18 - 20	Weekend v Sweden (provisional)	England
	19	Garden Cities Regional Finals	Bradford, Bristol, Peterborough, Richmond
<b>Jun</b>	26 - 28	Spring Bank Holiday Congress	Bournemouth
	1 - 2	Worldwide Sim Pairs	Clubs
	1 - 3	Yorkshire Congress	Harrogate
	2 - 3	Corwen Trophy	West Bromwich
	9 - 10	Pachabo Cup	West Bromwich
	16	One-day events	Various
	16 - 30	European Open Championships (Pairs and Teams) (assumed dates)	TBA
	17	One-day events	Various
	23	Garden Cities National Final	Coventry
<b>Jul</b>	29 - 1	Jul Summer Congress	Shrewsbury
	6 - 8	Summer Seniors and Veterans Congress	Eastbourne
	7 - 8	Junior Trials (under 20s) Stage I (provisional)	London
	7 - 8	Junior Trials (under 25s) Stage I (provisional)	London
	14 - 15	Open Trials Stage I (Pre-qualifying)	TBA
	14 - 15	Junior Trials (under 20s) Stage I (provisional)	Manchester
	19 - 29	(American Summer Nationals)	Nashville
	21	One-day events	Various
	22	One-day events	Various
	23 - 2	Aug European Youth Championships (assumed dates)	TBA
	25 - 27	World Junior Individual	Nashville
	26 - 29	Northern Summer Congress	Scarborough
	27 - 29	Junior Trials (under 25s and under 20s) Stage II (provisional)	Loughborough
	28 - 4	Aug World Junior Camp	TBA
<b>Aug</b>	30 - 31	BGB Summer Sim Pairs	Clubs
	10 - 19	Brighton Summer Congress	Brighton
	13 - 15	Really Easy Congress	Brighton
<b>Sep</b>	31 - 2	Sep Junior Teach-in	Loughborough
	29	One-day events	Various
	30	One-day events	Various

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