



EBU Event Focus

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Welcome to this issue of Event Focus.

The competition calendar may seem a little quieter in the coming weeks, but there is still plenty to tell you about and to satisfy any craving for bridge you may have.



More information on any events mentioned can be found on our website. It's easy to enter any of the events by visiting <https://www.ebu.co.uk/members> and booking online through your personal members' area. You can also contact [Peter](#) or [Dawn](#) during office hours on 01296 317203/219 or by emailing comps@ebu.co.uk to enter or get further information.

Please don't forget to take a look at our [diary changes page](#) for any changes to the details of future events since the diary went to print.



EBU ONLINE GAMES

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday

The EBU hosts online games on Bridge Base Online on seven occasions during the week.

The schedule is:

Tuesday at 4pm
Wednesday at 4pm
Thursday at 4pm
Saturday at 4pm (with IMPs scoring)
Sunday at 4pm, 6pm and 9pm

The games are open to everyone (not just EBU members) and Master Points are awarded.

Monthly Competition

The player who accumulates the most BBO Masterpoints in our games in each calendar month will receive BB\$20. Second place will receive BB\$10.

The competition is open to everyone, including non-EBU members and those overseas, and hopefully gives an added incentive to those who play infrequently, or are thinking of playing for the first time.

A new competition started on 1st March, but you can join at any point during the month. You can also try to move up the overall point winners list, and whilst there is no prize for this there is significant kudos so in addition to earning EBU Master Points there is an incentive to take part even if you are not in the running for the monthly prize.



[Full information on the games](#)

[Monthly points list](#)

[All time points list](#)



THE CAMROSE

7 – 9 March 2014 – Manchester

Everyone is invited to attend the second weekend of the Camrose, held at the [Park Inn in Manchester](#). There will be a vugraph theatre, for which there is no entry fee, in which you can watch and support the two English teams.

Play begins on Friday evening and there is a morning and afternoon session on both Saturday and Sunday.

Ireland lead after the first weekend, with the English teams in 4th and 5th.



For more information and the full schedule [visit our website](#)

The 2013 Camrose winning England team



PORTLAND PAIRS

23 March 2014- multiple venues

A two-session Mixed Pairs event held at various venues around the country

This event is played in fifteen venues in England and Wales and is match-pointed over the entire field via the internet.

This is an ideal opportunity to play in a nationwide competition with only a minimal amount of travel required. Green points are awarded.

There are two sessions of 24 boards, starting at noon, and with a second session later in the afternoon.

Venues:

Bournemouth
Brierfield (near Burnley)
Bristol
Bury St Edmunds
Colwyn Bay
Darlington
Exeter
Richmond (London)
Sheffield
Solihull
Stamford
Steventon (Oxfordshire)
Tunbridge Wells
Welwyn Garden City
Young Chelsea BC (London)



[Locations of Portland Pairs venues](#)

[Full event information](#)

[Book here](#)



THE HUBERT PHILLIPS BOWL

2014/15 entries now open

Entries are now open for the mixed teams-of-four championships of England.

This mixed, teams-of-four championship is 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 4, 5 or 6 players, but only 4 players may play in any given match prior to the semi-final stage, and at no time may an all-male or all-female team be playing.

The scoring is by aggregate with honours counting, so this is an ideal tournament for new players to the game of duplicate from rubber or chicago bridge.

The event is a knock-out format, with a Plate competition for early losers so that all non-seeded teams play at least two matches. Teams are seeded in the Bowl competition so that every team entering is guaranteed at least one match before meeting a seed.

The draw for the early rounds is regionalised to try to help keep travelling distances small.



Former EBU chairman,
Hubert Phillips.

[Full competition information](#)



Schapiro Spring Foursomes

Entries are now open for the Schapiro Spring Foursomes. With entries limited to 64 teams please enter soon to avoid disappointment. Event and entry information, including the current entry list, can be seen [here](#).

Green Point Events

On Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th March there are various Green Pointed events held around the country. These are organised and run by individual County Bridge Associations, and there are events in Guernsey, Manchester, Ipswich, Bath, Derby (a Leicestershire event), London, Chester, Maidstone and Luton.

See [the EBU Calendar](#) for links to the relevant CBA website.

EBU Blue Point Holidays

We are pleased to be offering five EBU Blue Point Bridge Holiday events in 2014. This is in response to the demand from members for a more social & friendly environment to play and earn national ranking master points.

We hope that these Blue Point holidays can either be a stepping stone towards playing in our Congresses, or simply a fun bridge holiday. As such they are not intended for seasoned bridge congress-goers: they are aimed primarily at those who are below a Jack in the NGS and below the rank of Regional Master. These events therefore may not be suitable for most recipients of Event Focus, but we hope that you will know someone who may be interested and will pass this information on to them.

The first holiday is in County Durham starting on 17th March. For more details [visit our website](#).

Improvers Events at Future Congresses

At some of our future congresses we will be holding 'Improvers Events' for those who are less experienced and would like a relaxed introduction to congress bridge.

Our Easter Congress will include an improvers event, and others will be added to the calendar in the near future.

For more details please [email the Competitions Department](#) or ring 01296 317203/219

Standby Volunteers

We would always like to hear from pairs who are willing to act as standby at our events, especially for Swiss Pairs competitions.

Both the directors and the players are very grateful for the role played by standby pairs and your generosity would be much appreciated.

We ask that you attend the competition and if you are required to play then you would receive free entry to the event. If you are not required then reasonable travel expenses will be paid.

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Gordon@ebu.co.uk



We hope to see you at one of our events in the not too distant future.

Best regards,

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